

A. & P. Grocery Sales Show Decline

Sales of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company for the four weeks' period ending January 25 were \$57,235,494. This compares with \$68,966,460 for the same period in 1932 and is a decrease of \$11,730,956, or 17.01%.

were estimated as \$71,394 this year, compared with \$95,427 in January 1932. This is a decrease in quantity of merchandise sold of 24,933 tons, or 8.08%.

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LAST TIME TODAY—February 16
Barbara Stanwyck in
"BITTER TEA OF GENERAL YEN"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY—February 17 - 18
James Dunn and Boots Mallory in
"Handle with Care"
with 1000 Kids—and

TOM MIX in
"Flaming Guns"
Also Selected Short Subjects

SUNDAY and MONDAY—February 19 - 20
"20,000 Years in Sing Sing"
with Spencer Tracy and Bette Davis
Also Selected Short Subjects

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
February 21 - 22 - 23
Fredric March and Claudette Colbert
"Tonight Is Ours"
Also George O'Brien in
"Robbers Roost"

The Perfect Movie Convict Acts Feels Like One



Spencer Tracy and Bette Davis as seen by the artist, in First National's stirring picture, "20,000 Years in Sing Sing."

"He's the perfect convict." An old stage trapper, Arthur Byron, was speaking of Spencer Tracy who was sitting in a cell at the First National Studios in North Hollywood, a replica of the death house at Sing Sing prison at Ossining, N. Y. Tracy was working in the production of "Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing," taken from the book by Warden Lewis E. Lawes, which will be shown on the screen of the Torrance Theatre, Sunday and Monday, February 19 and 20.

Mr. Tracy is supported by an able cast including Bette Davis, Arthur Byron, Lyle Talbot, Grant Mitchell, Warren Hymer, Louis Calhern and Sheila Terry. The story was adapted by Courtenay Terrett and Robert Lord.

Team Had Six All-Star Men

ASHLAND, Ore.—(U.P.)—Coach Hobson of the Southern Oregon Normal school does not lack big names in his basketball line-up. Six men on the squad were named on the all-state, all-star team when in high school.

Floyd Carpenter Four Times Winner of Cross Country

Floyd Carpenter, champion distance runner for Narbonne, who has won the right to have his name engraved on the Griffin trophy three successive years, repeated his exploit Tuesday by winning the annual cross country run which features the opening of the track season at this school.

Carpenter was closely pressed this year by Clinton Powers, who ran second, right on the heels of the winner.

One hundred and twenty-five boys took part in the affair. The senior division ran a two-mile course over the hills and dales of Lomita, while the junior division ran and walked around the cinder path at Griffin Field.

Mrs. Ida Bodley of Andreo avenue is visiting friends at Beaumont this week.

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Headliners Will Appear At Shrine Auditorium Circus

Shriners of this community and environs are dusting off the crimson fezzes in preparation for a trek to the Shrine auditorium in downtown Los Angeles on Monday evening, February 20, to attend the gala premiere of the Fourth Annual Shrine Circus.

Illustrious Potentate James E. Shelton and Director General Stanton A. Bruner are bringing to Los Angeles a coterie of circus headliners from all over the country, with more than 100 stellar performers destined to entertain, thrill and amuse nobles of Al Malakiah temple, their friends and the circus-loving public during the six days ending Saturday, February 25, while the annual midwinter festa will be in session. Two shows will be given nightly with holiday matinees on Wednesday, Washington's birthday, and on the closing Saturday.

East Vs. West Masterpiece Is Shown Last Time Today At Torrance

"The Bitter Tea of General Yen," a Columbia picture starring Barbara Stanwyck, will be shown tonight for the last time at the Torrance Theatre. The story is a screen version of the popular novel of the same name by Grace Zaring Stone. Nils Asther heads the cast opposite Miss Stanwyck. Walter Connolly, veteran stage star recently recruited for pictures; Gavin Gordon, Toshia Mori, Helen Jerome Eddy and Lucien Littlefield are other prominent names in important roles. Frank Capra, who made "American Madness," directed.

Patrons at the Torrance Theatre who have seen the picture during its showing here, pronounce it one of the outstanding film masterpieces of the year.

COMMANDERY MEETING
Eminent Sir Charles Thamer, Inspector for this district, will visit San Pedro Commandery No. 60 Monday evening, February 20. Knights Templar of the district are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at Point Firmin Masonic Temple, 730 West 10th street, San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarkson were dinner guests of Judge Georgia Bullock at her Pasadena home, Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray of Redondo Beach were also dinner guests.

Win Approval of Marriage



Fredric March, Allison Skipworth and Claudette Colbert, in a scene from the Noel Coward film, "Tonight Is Ours," bring a hectic wooing to a successful conclusion. The picture will be seen at the Torrance Theatre, next week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 21, 22 and 23.

Also on the same bill these three days, the Torrance Theatre offers George O'Brien in "Robbers Roost."

Holiday Excursions To Offer Low Fares

To accommodate travel over the Washington's birthday week-end, the Southern Pacific Company has completed plans for a double offering of dollar day excursions, according to word received here today.

In effect February 21 and 22, the first low-fare roundtrips are scheduled from all California stations to San Francisco in connection with the holiday celebration in the bay city. The Fields-Corbett championship boxing match and opening of San Francisco's war memorial will feature the festivities.

Following this two-day program, the company will have a three-day series of cent-a-mile roundtrips, February 24, 25 and 26, between all points on its lines in six western states. It was announced. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Golden Gate bridge, to be staged in San Francisco on February 26, will be an outstanding event in the West.

Excursionists will have until March 7 to complete their roundtrips in all cases, the announcement stated.

Desert Route Open To Big Bear Lake

The desert route to Big Bear Lake, via San Bernardino and Victorville, is open and in excellent condition, reports the touring department of the National Automobile Club. Chains are not required at this time. Approximately three feet of snow blankets the entire region surrounding the lake, making conditions ideal for winter sports.

The high gear road to the lake, which is via Waterman canyon and the Rim of the World, is not open at this time; however, snowplows are working steadily on the road and it is expected to be open to the public shortly.

Flare-up Between Players Is Cause of Knights Defeat

Mike McLean's Black Knights turned back a foreign-sounding invasion last Friday night, defeating the Slavs, a group of ex-high school canasta shooters, by a score of 37-25. The Slavs have recently organized and are pretty good but lack a little of the required finish in their teamwork.

On Wednesday night, February 8, the Knights lost to Santa Monica Y. M. C. A., 52-33. The game was played at Ocean Park.

J. Dunn, Torrance forward, and one of the opposing players, could not seem to get along. The situation finally became so tense that both players were removed from the game.

Without Dunn's services, the Knights, who had been having somewhat the best of it, lagged behind and finished on the short end.

Because of the unsatisfactory nature of the game a return match was scheduled to be played last night.

Lara, Ace Hurler For Torrance Bears Shuts Out Gardena

The Torrance Bears, fast Mexican team, defeated Gardena last Sunday by a score of 9-0 in one of the best games of the season. Lara, for the Bears, hurled a stellar game as usual. Heavy hitting on the part of Cruz, who got two three-baggers, Vidal, Abel, David, David, right field; Engel, first base; Cruz, second base; Lara, pitcher, and Benjamin, substitute.

Record Made, Man Believes

STEVENS POINT, Wis.—(U.P.)—Henry Densch, 25, of Linwood, believes he established a record of some sort when he skated down an icy road to Stevens Point from his home, seven miles away, in half an hour.

Ask Citizens To Aid In Curb of Bank Bandits

Sheriff's Office Want Reports On Moves of Suspicious Persons

Police officers and citizens in general of all communities in Los Angeles county are warned through a communication from Capt. Norris G. Stensland, chief of the robbery and burglary detail of the sheriff's office, to be on the alert to aid in the capture of alleged tunnel bank bandits, said to be preparing for operations somewhere in the county.

Capt. Stensland, in a letter to all departments and sub-stations of the sheriff's office, from which sources the information has been relayed to local police departments, says: "I am in receipt of information that would indicate that tunnel bandits are attempting to enter some bank in the county. There have been reported recently of valuable tools that can be used in drilling through dirt, cement and even steel, together with electric fans and wiring. The public is warned to take note of all persons moving into vacant houses and stores in the vicinity of banks, especially those with curtains down."

Any suspicious moves of this sort noted in Torrance or vicinity should be reported immediately to sub-station No. 3, 10817 South Yuma street, telephone Thornwall 1168-1169, Captain Walter Hotz in charge, or to the city police who will relay the information.

Tunnel bandits a few months ago were checked in their attempts to enter a Los Angeles bank from a vacant house in the neighborhood, but it is the opinion of the sheriff's office that the same, or a similar gang, is planning some raid.

Torrance banks are favorably situated as regards the depredations of tunnel bandits as they are located in a downtown district with no vacant stores closely adjoining. The vaults of both banks are fully protected by electrical devices not only on top and sides but underneath, which is the spot which tunnel bandits single out for attack.

Boy Officers And Merchants Rule Torrance

Boy Scouts were everywhere in Torrance on Saturday, when representatives of the three troops took over the reins of city government and business management in various stores.

Mayor George Bradford presided at a meeting of his council and put over a big business deal for the city, which, however, met with a reverse when Bankers James Coll and Weston Leech declined to furnish the necessary capital.

Police officers kept City Magistrate Roland Brown busy pronouncing sentence on offenders. W. T. Jones, hailed into court by three burly cops on a charge of failing to provide his ice truck with 1933 license plates, was assessed a fine of five cents, which was immediately placed to the credit of the candy fund. Jones promised to have the plates by Monday and asked for instructions as to the proper place to display them on the truck. Much thumbing of the penal code furnished by John Stroh was required before judgment could be passed, on this fine technical point. Full sentence in this case was suspended on the culprit's promise of good behavior. Jones, who is the Scouts district commissioner, stated that he was satisfied with the sentence and will not appeal.

Boy Scout week closed with a big parade on Saturday night and church attendance on Sunday. The Torrance Theatre had a large number of the uniformed Scouts as their guests at Sunday shows.

Scout Commissioner Jones, speaking for the various troops, expressed his and their appreciation to the city officials and Torrance business men for the way they entered into the spirit of the affair and their fine co-operation with the boys, on this occasion.

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