

DANCING DELUGE

Public dancing descends on Torrance with a vengeance this coming week and the next when two schools, one stream lined, and other Victorian, set up their cornets and bass fiddles on the stages of the Civic Auditorium and the McDonald Hall respectively. In the former building on Friday night, Oct. 8 and Saturday night, Oct. 9, one Carl Lewis will "present" Ray Dietrich and his Syncopated Swing Band in a night filled with blarney and blaring blue notes which is SWING and to which rhythms the younger girls and boys bend their bodies into distorted, pulsating creatures not unlike the inhuman antics of string-manipulated puppets.

Carl Lewis, promoter and press agent, hopes to make the dances weekly affairs. A special 30c per couple charge will admit Swing Disciples to the opening night.

Opening at the McDonald Hall on Carson street on Saturday night is another dance band whose name is a marvel of frankness. It is known as Ike and His Old Time Band. No subterfuge there. No attempt to mislead. Just Ike (which is just the same as saying "I'm a Washerwoman") and some of the boys who, though I've never heard them, I'll wager he really saw off some mighty fine old time tunes. Ike and his boys open with a free dance, hope to get the ball rolling for weekly shindigs come the next Saturday.

SKUNK TALE

Motoring up Western the other evening the headlights of the car picked out a very unusual sight for these here parts. At the crest of the hill just after you leave Western avenue's end there sprouted in the road's middle a skunk, a pretty little skunk with a snowy white stripe up his black back. Obviously only shortly before hit by a mechanical monster the poor skunk died with his boots on, suddenly and cleanly, had no chance to sweeten the ozone with the lovely odor for which he is so famous. He didn't even have a chance to fight back.

FALSE-FACE FACTS

With Halloween coming around this month Shop Talk readers should know something about the false-face industry as reported in Fortune this month. The U. S. does about \$350,000 worth of false-face business each year and five major houses do almost all of it. For the Halloween season these firms have been preparing all year and chief among them is the Dessart Bros. of Brooklyn.

All of Dessart's false faces are made of gauze or cambric, heavily starched and molded into faces in hot steel molds. From there they go to machines that stamp out the eyes and nostrils, then to girls who, with swift, deft strokes make a pirate, Chinaman or an Indian out of the same face.

Halloween accounts for better than 75 percent of the industries' yearly gross, though it used to be less when masquerades were popular throughout the year. Of all Halloween masks sold the kids buy almost 100 percent. Best seller are skulls, with witches and clowns next, followed by pirates, Chinaman, assorted Negroes and Pretty Ladies. The term "Pretty Ladies," Mr. Dessart admits is rather far-fetched but says they are the best he can produce for a dime.

SHOP TALK

SICK AND SAD

Today's Shop Talk brain storm is written from home where piles of Kleenex, bottles of Vapex and empty Citrate of Magnesia bottles verify the sad fact that Shop Talk's author is bodded down with the bloom-inist, blastin'ist cold ever cursed upon a human. Ye goede oldie typewriter was brought out by Editor Mike Straszler who set the machine down and promptly went off on a long blasphemous tirade anent the fact that he, too, was sniffing and blowing and that it was all my fault! I'm really sorry for Mike. I'm sorry for anyone who gets a cold. A cold is one of those things that comes from nowhere like a tornado, plays hell while it's here, and not a single individual out of the world's millions knows how to stop it from coming or how to get rid of it after it arrives. Like a tornado it has to pass of its own free will and accord.

And now my cold has developed to the stage where cigarettes, food (and even citrate) have no taste. My wife says (Continued on Page 6-B)

COUNTY OIL PRODUCTION SHOWS GAIN

New Rules for City's Buildings

A set of new rules and regulations governing the use of the Civic Auditorium and the kitchen facilities in the new Administration building was adopted by the city council Tuesday night at the suggestion of Councilman Robert J. Deininger. Former regulations pertaining to the Auditorium are continued and the additional rules govern the rental rates for kitchen service. The complete regulations follow:

1—Rental Rates, for Auditorium: \$10 minimum between hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.; \$15 minimum between hours of 6 p. m. and 1 a. m.; \$5 for use of public address system; \$1 per hour for rehearsals after 6 p. m.; 50 cents per hour for daylight rehearsals.

Ten dollars minimum for use of kitchen and equipment and an additional 10 cents per plate in excess of 100 plates. All breakage to be paid for by renters.

Subject to Change

Special events by permission of the council only:

2—Those renting or reserving the Auditorium or kitchen will be held responsible for any damage.

3—Reservations will be made in order of application at the city clerk's office in the city hall. Permanent reservations for regular meetings of lodges or similar organizations will not be accepted.

4—Positively no smoking permitted on stage at any time.

5—No one, excepting custodian in charge, is permitted to handle the equipment.

6—The city will allow no intoxicating liquor sold, served or consumed on Auditorium property.

7—All the above rules are subject to change without notice and the city is not responsible for lost articles.

Hamburger Now King Of the Sandwiches

ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—The one-time lowly hamburger has become Favorite Food No. 1 among America's sandwich munching public, according to a survey made by the National Restaurant association. Apple pie is the fastest selling pastry, coffee the most popular beverage.

Pool Developments Cited in Report

Development of two large new oil pools at Wilmington and El Segundo has increased the daily production in Los Angeles county to nearly 250,000 barrels daily, as compared with 183,372 barrels in February, according to a report with the board of supervisors today.

The factual data was cited by the county research bureau in recommending that the county assessor be authorized to employ an additional appraisal engineer, at a salary of \$225 a month, for the oil division of the office. Increase in production of oil in the county was given as 34.8 percent since February.

"The Wilmington field developed from 4,064 barrels daily production in February to 64,025 in August," the bureau's report stated. "This field now is producing 62,000 barrels daily, and as soon as certain restrictions on drilling are removed in Long Beach, development of this field will probably double the present production. However, the present area open for drilling is not fully developed, but has a potential 110,000 barrel daily production.

Has Huge Reserve

"Two wells have been brought in in the last two weeks, one 3,200-barrel well and one 7,000-barrel well. The Long Beach development when it does come will provide a higher quality of oil and probably a larger average production per well, because this part of the field will be closer to the apex of the oil structure. There are now about 200 wells in the Wilmington field.

"The El Segundo field, which also was developed during the last few months, had a daily production of 985 barrels per day in February and 11,310 barrels per day in August. Development of this field will be more orderly, in that all of the confines of the present field are owned by one company.

"The underground reserves of oil are estimated usually from 700 to 1,500 barrels per daily barrels produced. Taking a 1,200 barrel average, it would indicate that the present production comes from an oil reserve in the Wilmington area of an approximate 75,000,000 barrel pool. The El Segundo production would indicate a pool of 14,000,000 barrels.

"These statistics indicate the problem confronting the assessor. Before next March it will be necessary to survey these

Gas Tax Parley Called by County

City engineers of the various cities in the county are to be asked to confer with County Road Commissioner George Jones to work out a legal means whereby Torrance and all other cities shall receive all of their gasoline tax funds direct from the state.

Supervisor John Anson Ford, who said he was tired of listening to Los Angeles city councilmen wrangle about the funds they claimed were due the city from the board of supervisors, made the proposal.

The supervisors recently agreed to allocate available gasoline tax funds to the cities on the basis of population and mileage. The cities receive some gasoline tax funds direct from the state now on the quarter-cent per gallon basis, but a portion of the funds collected by the state is allocated at the discretion of the supervisors.

Ask Jury Probe

"I have felt for the past two years that the cities are entitled to more gas tax than they now get," Ford said. "I feel that the legal yardstick to measure distribution should give proper weight to population, road mileage, assessed value and car registration.

"The horse and buggy provision that the supervisors determine where gasoline tax should be spent inside of cities should be repealed so that city governments alone will be responsible for such expenditures.

Meanwhile the county grand jury was asked to investigate statements assertedly made on the floor of the Los Angeles city council that the supervisors had wasted gasoline tax funds in the purchase of "sour bonds," of special assessment districts.

Jones Now Is Co. Engineer

Alfred Jones, county surveyor, henceforth will also be the official "county engineer," under an ordinance on the books of the county board of supervisors this week. He will continue to perform the same duties as heretofore and there will be no change in his salary.

TO TAP NEW OIL FIELD

Work is to be started shortly by the Standard Oil company on the extension of its Torrance-El Segundo pipe line to the new Wilmington field, it was disclosed this week.

The company plans to buy crude oil at the new Wilmington field, pipe it to its huge El Segundo refinery, where it would be refined for market.

Standard officials said they proposed to pay a minimum price of 75 cents a barrel at the new Wilmington field, or slightly less than the 80-cent minimum at Torrance. The maximum price paid at Torrance, on some of the better wells, is \$1.05.

County Polio Cases Fewer Than Average

Polio, infantile paralysis, the disease about which there is apparently the greatest public concern at present, showed no increase over the previous week, and continued to stand lower than the average figure for corresponding weeks in the past five years, the county health department reported today.

If an epidemic is coming westward, it has not yet shown any signs of arriving, and the usual season of high incidence is rapidly passing the weekly report stated.

fields and establish a method of equalizing the assessments on the many properties involved," investigator Pierce Fazel wrote the report.

AMERICAN FARM GIRL CHAMP



Nellie Goodhart, 16-year-old Norwalk, Cal., girl, is shown at left after winning the title of "American Farm Girl Champion" at the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona. She competed in butter churning, hay pitching, corn husking and milking contests.

Aid to Migrants Report Sought

Referring to an opinion handed down by Attorney General U. S. Webb some time ago, Supervisor Leland M. Ford of the Fourth district has asked the county charities department for a specific statement as to whether any migratory people were being aided by the county.

Webb's opinion stated that "many of the people flocking into California are suffering from infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis, trachema, dysentery and similar ailments, all of which are a menace to the people of this state, and stating that these people are not entitled to institutional or medical care in the county because of lack of residence."

Ford asked Supt. Rex Thomson of the charities department to state "whether we are extending aid to any such cases." He cited the high costs of extending aid to tuberculosis cases in the county.

Auditor's Annual Report Received

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett informed Mayor William H. Tolson and members of the city council Tuesday night that the city auditor's (C. J. Rambo) report following the end of the fiscal year on June 30 had been received. The report was approved and ordered filed.

Golf Tabulator Used

BOSTON (U.P.)—Tim O'Toole, a movie executive, makes sure his opponents won't cheat him at golf. He gives his caddy an automatic tabulator, and asserts the difference between an opponent's written score and the amount on the machine makes a good score itself.

No Nudist

BERKELEY, Cal. (U.P.)—California boasts of at least one man who isn't going nudist. He broke into the warehouse of the Mobilized Women, equipped himself with a complete outfit of clothes and left a note saying: "Thanks, I ain't going naked for nobody."

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