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SECTION B

School Board Again Bans Use of Local Playgrounds

Lack of Attendance Is Given as Excuse

Although it saw fit to throw open 146 other school playgrounds for the enjoyment of children and adults this summer, the Los Angeles City Board of Education failed to include any school in Torrance in its summer recreation program.

As a result if Torrance residents and their children wish to participate in the diversified program of arts and crafts, music, drama, story telling, camping and hiking, they must travel to Gardena, Lomita, South Gate or other units of the far flung Los Angeles City School District.

In these communities supervised playgrounds will be operated week days from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. A number of the playgrounds will be open nights.

Same Old Excuses
Each year for the past four years, Mayor William H. Tolson has endeavored to get Torrance school playgrounds included in the list, but each year he has

been given one excuse or another. He was either "too late in applying" or "the budget would not permit the expenditure."

This year, Tolson states that early in May he again requested that Torrance school playgrounds be kept open during the summer, but he was again informed by school officials that "previous efforts to operate playgrounds in Torrance had not attracted sufficient attendance," and that the "list had already been made up."

"I'm convinced," said Mayor Tolson, "that even if we applied in January, we wouldn't get on the list."

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Lomita Chamber Picks Directors

Principal John L. Abbott of Narbonne high school, and James H. Wood, bank manager, have been elected directors of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce to serve with seven former directors who were re-elected. Abbott and Wood succeed Monroe Gamby and Dr. Trevor W. Bullock.

Those re-elected were Frank L. Buker, Coy F. Farquhar, E. M. Mosher, Martin Pedersen, Hugo F. Schmidt, Marion Welch and Secretary H. H. Halladay. Hugo Schmidt is the retiring president. A new leader is to be chosen this week.

MOVIE UNIT HERE

A motion picture outfit from Republic Pictures Corp., filmed a number of scenes for a "Dick Tracy" thriller along East Road beyond Western avenue Saturday morning.

High Sierras Fishing Trip Provides Some Unscheduled Thrills for Local Sextet

Broncos, bafflement, bears and burns—in the order named—provided highlights of a week-end outing in the High Sierras enjoyed by six local men, one of whom—Baker Smith, the jeweler—was baffled when he wandered all one night looking for the camp and contacted the bears in his search.

Smith suffered no ill effects from his all night hike but Dr. R. A. Bingham is nursing a pair of badly sunburned legs because he plied the streams attired in brief shorts.

Two other members of the party likewise reported minor mishaps: B. J. Scott had considerable difficulty in remaining in the hurricane seat aboard an unbroken horse and took several headers en route to his cabin on Kings River.

Bob McNally tried to ride Scott's cayuse on the way out and was promptly pitched off.

The horse galloped down the trail forcing him to join Scott, Dr. Bingham, Don Mitchell and Guy Kelley in hiking back to their car.

Fished Too Long

"Baker Smith kept his head better than any man I ever knew who became lost in the woods," Scott, leader of the party, said yesterday. "He was calm and collected and did not get rattled even when he almost bumped into a bear and had to back away from two others, one of whom was a mother bear engaged in giving her cubs a bath in a stream."

The jeweler found fishing so good that he waited too long before starting back for the Scott cabin. He was caught by darkness and some wild cattle had obliterated the faint trail that he planned to take en route back to camp. But he packed his fish

and equipment all night long and as dawn was breaking he made the cabin.

"It was a real experience," Smith said. "I thought all along I'd arrive at some kind of habitation but towards dawn I was beginning to have doubts about that. The bears gave me a thrill—to say the least. One of them was standing up when we saw each other. We looked each other over for what seemed to be several minutes and when he gave no indications of moving

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Wooldridge Writes

Drudgery in some form underlies every performance that is of any worth.



THEY SWING IT BETTER THAN WPA DID . . . Because New Deal Democrats in Congress could not swing continuation of WPA's Federal Theatre Project, these dancers in the FTP's hugely profitable "Swing Mikado" at San Francisco world's fair were stranded. Private sponsorship was sought. Show reportedly netted \$2,000 weekly.

"Trailer Vagabond" Visits Dinosaur Nat'l. Monument

To travelers of a scientific mind, this place is a veritable bonanza. To others who are not quite so interested in prehistoric reptiles, I would advise waiting five to seven years before making their visit. By that time the government will have completed its project and you will be able to look through glass windows and see the actual skeletons of those monsters that inhabited our country 150 to 200 million years ago.

Dinosaur National Monument is located in northeastern Utah on Highway 40 between Salt Lake City and Denver. Unless someone has previously told you of its location or, unless you are on the alert, you will pass it by as its only marking is a small sign by the highway which marks a side road and reads "Dinosaur Quarry—7 miles."

It embraces an area of 380,000 acres, through which winds the Green River on its way to the Colorado. There are more than 30 canyons in its confines, many of which are unexplored, and are reputed to have great beauty. Roads are under construction and before many years travelers will be able to drive into the back country and see scenery that will rival other parks of the west.

Flood Trapped Animals
The "Quarry" is, of course, the main point of interest at the present time. It embraces about an acre of ground and was first opened in 1907. For the following eight years it was the scene of operations of many scientific parties from various parts of the

world. In 1915 it was declared a National Monument and since that time all operations have been under the supervision of the National government. In late years much work was done by transient labor; a camp being located near the quarry. It has also been a WPA project and will no doubt be completed as such.

Up to the present time over 900,000 pounds of Dinosaur remains have been removed and it is believed there are several times that many pounds remaining. The smallest complete skeleton removed measured nine inches in length and was fully developed. The largest was 84 feet in length and is now in the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The "Quarry" is actually a small knoll which at one time was a basin through which flowed a stream that was popular as a watering place for animals. It is believed that a terrific flood swept these animals into this basin which accounts for so many skeletons being found in such a small area. At present time a cut has been made through this knoll leaving perpendicular sides of about 50 feet in height.

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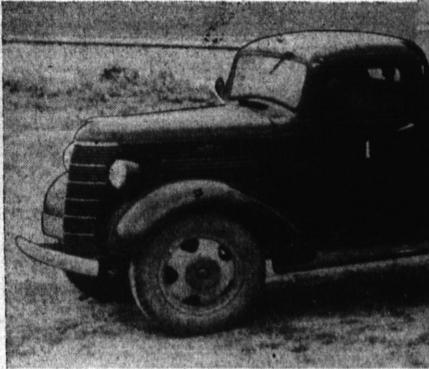
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