

Five Patients Enter Hospital

Five new patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Mrs. Thelma Brown, Lomita, last Wednesday for surgery; Sam Elliott, Hermosa Beach, yesterday for medical treatment; Mrs. Flora Junior, 836 Sartori avenue, Tuesday for medical care; Ramiel

House-cats were probably imported into Etruria by the Phoenicians.

The name "cattle" means property, and is related to the word "chattel."

China supplies 75 per cent of the world's commercial bristles.

McGehee, Redondo Beach, last Thursday for medical treatment, and Mrs. Frances Vandegrift, Redondo Beach, Friday for surgery.

Traffic Blockade Nets 32 Here and 9,784 in County

Torrance police aided Gardena officers in maintaining a traffic blockade at Riverside-Redondo boulevard one block west of Western avenue Saturday night as part of the county-wide checking system that netted nearly 3,000 arrests and 6,784 court citations.

Thirty-two citations were issued at the local blockade, maintained from midnight to 4 a. m. Sunday. A total of more than 400 cars were stopped by the officers who jailed three drunk drivers in the Torrance jail and arrested four others for being drunk in autos.

The Torrance department assisted Gardena police with the understanding that on the next blockade the officers from the adjoining city will perform the same service for Torrance police. The drive on illegal operators of motor cars was spurred by a rising auto accident toll.

Five hundred state, county and city officers participated in the drive, stopping 43,548 drivers at 36 checking stations during the four-hour campaign. Seventy-two drunken drivers were among those arrested.

One of the asserted drunken drivers picked up here was a Los Angeles newspaper photographer who said he had been sent out on an assignment to take pictures of the Torrance-Gardena blockade. He was lodged in the city jail and was scheduled to appear in the Inglewood justice court later this week.

Mrs. Kathryn Klusman of 2018 Carson street who fractured a hip bone in a fall, May 1, is making a good recovery at Torrance Memorial hospital.

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People and what they are doing

Mrs. Jesse Stark and Mrs. Juanita Holbrook of Los Angeles were visitors last Tuesday at the Theodore Cheesman home, 2118 Carson street.

Miss Jo Ann Cheesman entertained her former school mate, Jacqueline Jensen of Sargent, Nebraska at her home this week.

Mrs. Edward Rhone attended a delightful shower—held at the home of one of her sorority sisters at Glendale Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Max Felker, motored to Palm Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnstone were visitors at Boulder Dam over the weekend.

Mrs. O. E. Hall, who has been a patient at Torrance Memorial hospital, returned to her home last Wednesday.

Dinner guests at the W. H. Gilbert home Sunday were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Trousdale of Los Angeles. Later in the afternoon the Gilberts enjoyed the showing of Japanese dolls and floral arrangements at Terminal Island school.

Mrs. L. C. Burger spent several days at El Centro last week where she visited her daughter, Miss Alice Burger.

Miss Jean Burger and Mrs. W. H. Haslam motored to Fresno Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cuel entertained as their guest Sunday Mrs. Alice Frye of Santa Monica.

Mr. and Mrs. Verril C. Siler have moved into their new home at 916 Acacia street. Siler is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Fire Interrupts Torrance Visitors' Dinner at Capital

Midway thru their dinner at the Sacramento hotel in the state capital Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoover and their companions were forced to leave and finish their meal in another Sacramento eating place.

The reason for the mid-meal interruption was a fire in the hotel's kitchen. A number of other guests were forced to finish their dinners elsewhere because of the blaze that gutted the kitchen.

The Hoovers, accompanied by Nell Heuloth and Margaret Ecnemidis of San Pedro and Ethel Laprak of Inglewood were in Sacramento last weekend to attend the reception honoring the associate grand narrator of the Eastern Star. Hoover is associate patron and his wife, Lola, is associate narrator of the Torrance chapter.

Steel Plants Exchange Men

A number of Columbia Steel workers from the Pittsburg, Calif., plant "went to school" at the local steel mill this week to learn the intricacies of operating the three-high roughing and two-high finishing mills. Similar equipment will go into operation Monday at the Pittsburg plant.

While the northern workers were here, Bill Bremner, James Boucher and Charles Edwards from the Torrance plant were in Pittsburg helping install the new equipment. They motored north Monday night.

No new county has been created in New England since 1860.

Harry G. Banks, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Banks of this city, who graduates next month from Whittier college has accepted a position with the George Pepperrine home for boys at Girard. He intends to go into social service and probation work.

Mrs. Viola Shaw, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Guy at Parker Dam, returned to Torrance this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ferguson enjoyed a visit to Boulder Dam and Las Vegas last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woodington of Los Angeles visited at the home of Mrs. Janet Woodington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Woodington and son Charles visited with friends near Mojave Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Allen and daughters, Shirley and Beverly, former residents of this city, have returned to sell their home at 1911 Plaza, Del Amo.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McConlogue spent Friday and Saturday at Santa Barbara where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reinhart.

Mrs. A. H. Silligo, accompanied by Mrs. Willis M. Brooks and Mrs. L. J. Kilsten, enjoyed luncheon at Padua Hills Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McKinley and guest, John Rankaitus, enjoyed the S. P. picnic at Griffith park Sunday.

Miss Eleanor Smith spent the weekend at Bakersfield.

Mesdames May and Artelle McKinley attended a luncheon and shower in Alhambra honoring Mrs. Max Laird Saturday.

County Board Moves to Lift Alondra Debt

More than 25,000 property owners in the Fourth Supervisorial district today had reason to rejoice, Supervisor Oscar Hauge having won his long fight to get the board's approval of his plan for re-financing the Alondra Park district, which includes portions of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Gardena and various unincorporated areas.

Described by Hauge and others as "the most important issue before the county at the present time," this special assessment relief, for which a tentative allocation of \$317,500 has been made, will open large residential tracts for building.

The area of the district is approximately 9,000 acres and includes more than 20,000 separate parcels of land. Officially known as the A. & L. District No. 28, it is the largest district to be relieved by re-financing since the county adopted the policy of using gas tax funds for the aid of special assessment districts.

To Spread Assessment While the board has only tentatively allocated \$317,500 for the relief of the district, it has approved an expenditure of \$32,000 for use by the county assessor's office in spreading the assessment over the thousands of parcels of land affected.

It is expected to take the assessor's office eight or perhaps nine months to complete the enormous task of assessment adjustments, after the special assessment relief committee and the county surveyor's office have worked out the details of refunding.

Supervisor Hauge said that there are several important matters to be determined before refunding proceedings can be started. One of the first things

to be done, he said, will be to determine the price to be paid for the outstanding bonds and the disposition of the refunding bonds to be issued.

Year to Complete "Since portions of the district lie within the corporate limits of the cities of Torrance, Redondo Beach and Gardena it will be necessary to obtain the consent of the legislative bodies of these cities before a resolution of intention can be adopted," he explained. "Due to the size of the district and the time intervals of law between the steps in the proceedings, the refunding will probably require the major portion of a year to complete, following adoption of the resolution."

He said that this opinion was shared by the special assessment relief committee, of which Alfred Jones is secretary. The committee, which recommended the re-financing of the tract to the board, has been working in close cooperation with Supervisor Hauge.

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