

Trio Paid Birthday
 The people of the United States actually have more to fear from automobile accidents than the British have from bombs. Recent figures from England show a death loss of 29,000 as a result of nine months of bombing, while automobile and other fatalities in the United States in the same period were more than 72,000.

Study of metals used in aircraft construction is a major project of the bureau of standards, department of commerce. Yoder will be at the marimba.

REVOLT IN PROSPECT
 Suppression of freedom is the first indication of slipping authority. New repressions in Hitler-held areas tell of coming revolts.

DERISION WASTED?
 The derision with which the people have treated pensions for congressmen does not appear to have sunk deep. Else by this time the act would have been repealed.

Targets for Camera Shooters



A Los Angeles hotel has created a tropical heaven for shutterbugs, replete with South Seas vistas, in which glamorous movie starlets like these girls stroll. It's a happy hunting ground for the camera fans. Seated is Ann Morley. From left: Penny Martin, Marjorie

Wild Rumors of 'Gas Attack' Draw Severe Censure by Officials

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 Stroth in the form of a telegram from the County Defense Council.

Well knowing that such an order could easily be misinterpreted by Wardens and the populace alike if it were carried out at that hour, Stroth waited until about 9 a. m. before notifying Chief Warden Hallanger of the duty for his force.

Print Future Instructions
 "I feared that the instructions, if given verbally, might be garbled or exaggerated by either the Warden or householder," Hallanger said, "and I did not want the assignment. However, I well knew that if I did not call my Wardens by phone and get them on the job, I would be the worst criminal in the world in event of a gas attack—I would be rightly blamed for any injury—it would be the story of Pearl Harbor all over again."

"In giving the instructions to the wardens over the phone, I emphasized that the information was precautionary only. I tried to be as explicit and concise as possible but from what followed I learned a lesson: Never again will the Torrance Air Raid Wardens issue information to local residents that is not in writing. We'll have our messages printed in the future. Then, if residents persist in jumping to alarming conclusions the blame will be theirs alone," Hallanger declared.

The police telephone rang constantly Sunday afternoon as scores called for more exact information about the "gas attack." Telephone lines leading out of the city also hummed with the information that ranged from "a gas attack is starting here" to "a gas attack is coming in two days—a week—or tomorrow."

Panic Is Contagious
 The panicky wave of misinformation did not sweep the entire city—only in spots. Along 220th and on Gramercy the rumor was thick, the western part of the city was also another hotbed, while some Walterians were likewise aroused. There were isolated fertile fields for the gas-gossip.

Substance of the whole uneasy episode is this, according to both Stroth and Hallanger: Torrance people are just as brave and resourceful as those anywhere in the United States but they should not let themselves be influenced by rumor, a disease that is the peer of all contagion. Torrance people should and must rely on their Air Raid Wardens, who have

El Dorado Parking Ban to Undergo More Investigation

A proposal by Police Chief John Stroth to ban parking of cars on the south side of El Dorado between Arlington and Cota avenues, to permit easy access to the rear entrance of Torrance Memorial hospital at all times was held over Tuesday night by the city council for further investigation.

Councilman Vern Babcock declared, "I won't go for that" in objecting to the 24-hour parking ban that would not permit members of the First Christian church to park adjacent to the edifice. El Dorado, a narrow street, has few houses fronting on it, Stroth pointed out and these all have parking areas on Arlington. Portola and Cota avenues. When cars are parked on both sides of the street it is impossible, the police chief said, for machines to pass.

"This would constitute a serious hazard in event of an emergency when the hospital must receive injured persons thru the rear or ambulance entrance," Stroth said.

No parking will be permitted around the CBS-KNX transmitter station at Hawthorne Blvd. and 100th st., the city council ordered Tuesday night. The parking ban on Hawthorne will extend 1100 feet north of 190th st. and on 160th for a distance of 1600 feet east of Hawthorne. The "no parking" signs are to be furnished by KNX, according to Police Chief John Stroth.

Marine League Tracksters Get But Eight Places In All-City Finals

Marine League track and field performers did not fare so well in the All-City preliminaries last Saturday, athletes from the local circuit being held to eight places in tomorrow's finals.

San Pedro, dual and league champions in all three divisions, managed to get but three places in the finals. Narbonne got three with Torrance and Banning each getting one.

Roger Glumace of San Pedro, who won his heat of the Class C hurdle event in much better time than other heat winners posted, and McDonald of Narbonne who copped first in his heat of the 880, will carry the Marine league burden Friday.

Barney Henderson, Narbonne's ace hurdler, qualified in the varsity lows but was shut out in the highs. Jack Hedges of Banning and Martinez of San Pedro won places in the mile while Biller and Cable, Narbonne pole vaulters, qualified in that event.

Smith, Class B hurdler from Torrance, won the right to enter the finals in that event to conclude the Marine league showing for the day.

League finals, concluding event of the 1942 prep schedule, will be held Friday in the Coliseum.

Correspondent



H. E. L. Friday, United Press representative in New Caledonia, poses with some native boys. U. S. has dispatched armed forces to New Caledonia, a Free French possession in South Pacific flanking American supply line to Australia.

Mrs. Watson New Selective Service Board Clerk

Approval of the appointment of Mrs. Doris Watson as clerk to Selective Service Board No. 280, succeeding Carl Marsteller, who resigned to join the Army, was being awaited by members of the local board today. Mrs. Watson has been connected with the board here since Nov. 1, 1940.

Chairman Carl Steele nominated her for Marsteller's post and also recommended to Selective Service officials in San Francisco that Mrs. Naomi Bonnell be named deputy clerk. Miss Florence A. Conzee has replaced Mrs. Bonnell in the survey now in progress of the industrial occupational questionnaires filled out by men who registered in the last sign-up.

Steele also announced that he has asked Attorney C. T. Rippe to succeed Kenneth Hughes, who has enlisted in the Volunteer Officers' Training Corps. Hughes has been serving as government appeal agent.

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Ex-Janitor Given Long Probation

John Sokolis, former Fern avenue school janitor who was convicted of a morals offense against a local schoolgirl, was placed on 10 years probation today on condition that he serve one year in the county jail.

Superior Judge Clement Nye

P.T.A. Council Will Install at San Pedro

The annual breakfast of the Lomita-San Pedro Council will be held Friday, June 19, at 9:30 a. m. at the First Methodist church, San Pedro. Mrs. Joseph Hook, 10th District parliamentarian, will install Mrs. J. J. Millard, president-elect and officers of the council for the ensuing year. Mrs. G. D. Pitts asks that reservations be made with her by June 18.

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