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HUNGRY BIRDS . . . Dr. J. H. Hull feeds some of the homing pigeons which he raises at his home, 1730 Hickory Ave. He raises them as a hobby and frequently has them fly home over long distances. He owns about 25 of the birds, several of which have won certificates for speed in flight.

Local Residents Own Varied Pets

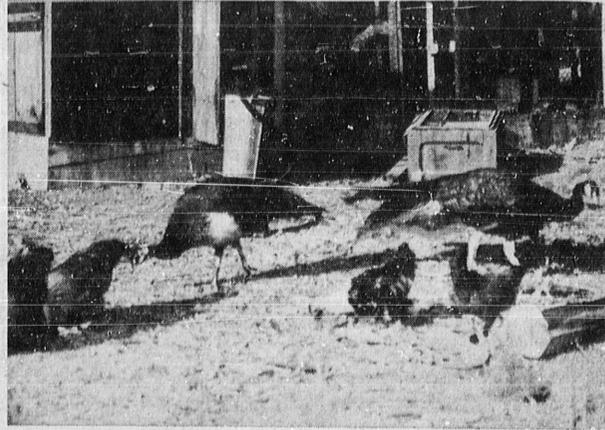
Although dog is supposed to be man's best friend, the people of Torrance have lots of other good friends too. Dogs lead the list of pets here, with cats, horses, rabbits, and parakeets following. Some residents have unusual pets too, however.

Homes Fly Home
Robert Tait, of 21205 S. Main St., probably has one of the most varied collections of unusual animals—three monkeys, a fox, a raccoon, and a parrot—which he keeps for his own amusement. One of the monkeys likes to ride on the back of the fox, who does his best to shake off his passenger.

Unfriendly Pet
The Ted Drake family, of 5016 MacAfee Rd., has a very unfriendly, but interesting pet—a baby alligator, which is now only about a foot long, but will grow someday to a length of 25 to 30 feet. Drake doesn't plan to keep him that long, but wants to watch him grow.

Another unfriendly little fellow lives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burk, of 5104 Zakon Rd. He is a tiny Gila monster which they found scrambling around on their front porch. Since he is poisonous, the family keeps its fingers away from him as they watch him develop.

On the other hand, the John A. Shidler family, of 371 Camino de las Colinas, has a small kinkajou, or South American honey bear for a pet. The little animal, a playmate of the children, likes to climb on anything available.



COCKS OF THE WALK . . . Disdainfully eating their food among the lowly chickens are these two peacocks, owned by Robert Parrish, of 11202 S. Shearer St. Parrish raises the birds as a hobby and formerly kept many other birds of all varieties. This is molting season for the lordly birds, which sometimes have multi-colored tails up to six feet in length.

Thieves Take Large Milk Bottle Signs

Thieves made off with two six-foot signs in the shape of milk bottles. Mrs. Edna Morgan, of Morgan Dairy Farms, 20361 Earl St., reported to sheriff's deputies Monday. The two signs both had the name, "Morgan's Dairy" printed on them in large letters, she said.

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SMALLEST "PET" . . . One of the smallest "pets" in captivity is this baby Gila monster which Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Burk, of 5104 Zakon Rd., found on their front porch. Studying the tiny animal are Donna Burk, Rosemary McClune, and William Earl Burk. Gila monsters are, generally very rare in this area.

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Business Loans at Highest Point Since Record Reached in 1953

New York banks' business loans, in a steady seven-week rise from mid-July, are back on the high ground they occupied at the end of 1953. This is major business news for many an enterprise and its workers far from the metropolis. The period between Labor Day and Christmas contains half the year's business for many companies—perhaps most companies which deal in perishables and semi-durables—and this good start in September is a good omen for a record year.

As is usual when demand is insistent, loans are costing more each month. The Federal Reserve banks, one by one, are raising the charges they make to their members on borrowings secured by the members' customers' notes. However, despite the tightening in money rates, business continues strong and active. The best opinions are that the Federal Reserve Board index of industrial activity will be higher in the next several months because new orders for manufactured goods are coming in at a high rate. Everyone seems to feel that with an election year coming in 1956 nothing will be done to disturb business activity, and that the administration will do no more than apply mild restraints intended to make the boom last as long as possible, if at a somewhat lower level.

SIGNATURE OF PLENTY—One of the striking accomplishments of our postwar decade of prosperity has been the multiplication and upgrading of writing instruments. More people are writing with better tools than ever before in history.

Just in statistics, the writing instrument business has risen from a \$100-million-a-year to a

\$300-million-a-year sales volume since V-J Day. Perhaps more important, says Craig R. Sheaffer, chairman of the board of W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co., leader in domestic writing equipment sales, is the fact that pens and ballpoints are graded and suited to their users as never before.

"For 30 years after the lever-filling fountain pen was invented in 1913," said Sheaffer recently, "changes in fountain pens were merely improvements on that basic design. Now we have new and radically different writing tools. These include ballpoint, the one-stroke pneumatic fountain pen, the Shorkel, and the cartridge pen."

THINGS TO COME—A daylight enlarger turns microfilm back into full-sized copies. . . . Attachments for your portable food mixer will turn it into a buffer, sander or polisher. . . . A new light switch turns like a doorknob instead of flipping up and down. That's supposed to make it last longer. . . . Toy plastic wheelbarrow, shovels, sprinkling cans and flower pots are rigid enough for realistic use and flexible enough not to bruise their small owners if they fall over them. . . . Strawberry instant pudding is now available in addition to standbys like chocolate, vanilla and butterscotch.

SLIMMING FOODS' GAINS—Tillie Lewis, pioneer in low-



FOXY-BACK RIDE . . . "Lucky," the ring-tailed monkey, gets a free ride on the back of an unwilling fox owned by Robert Tait, of 21205 S. Main St. The two animals share a cage with a raccoon. Tait also owns two other monkeys and a parrot, all of which he keeps in cages at his business.

calorie food canning, has updated her predictions of growth for the industry. Whereas a few months ago she predicted a sales potential of \$200 million for the industry within the next four years, now she says this level will be attained by the end of 1956.

"Forty-one million Americans who have weight problems are beginning to do something about them," declares Mrs. Lewis. "At the same time, they are providing the nation's fruit and vegetable growers with a costless insurance policy against diet-inspired cuts in food purchases." The Stockton, Calif., food packer explained that while fruits and vegetable growers had been in danger of losing large potential sales because of dieters' fevers of overweight, new lines such as her Tasti-Diet low-calorie foods made it possible for the overweight person to eat as much as he wished, and still escape the penalty

of a swelling waistline. "The 37 kinds of Tasti-Diet food," she said, "take the will power out of dieting by providing exact equivalents of sugared foods' texture and taste, and are nutritionally safe."

STEEL PARADOX—Every day business stresses the demand for steel by various metal-working industries. Yet after week steel statistics show the industry functioning at less than capacity. By contrast, in 1950 and 1951 it was not unusual to see figures showing the industry producing at more than 100 per cent of theoretical capacity.

The explanation is the changing "mix" as the steelmen call it, of the demand. Total capacity is calculated as all the ingots and castings the industry can pour in a week. If all these forms of steel aren't in demand in the proportion the industry is set up to supply them, idle capacity and unsatisfied demand exist side by side. Just now, there's capacity for unwanted heavy castings.

BITS OF BUSINESS—Metropolitan New York set a seven-month record for construction this year with \$1,541 million in contracts. . . . Total energy output for the electric utility industry was 10,906 kilowatts in the Aug. 27 week, a near record. . . . A total of 1978 corporations were formed in the state of New York in July.

Garden Class Announced

The Adult Education Division of the Centinela Valley Union High School District announces that there is a new class offered this fall in home gardening and landscaping at 3132 W. 145th St. (first street back of Leuzinger High School) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30.

This course is designed to meet the needs of those interested in plants and the beauty which may be had by proper planting and care. This covers instruction in planting, maintenance, vegetable and flower gardens, shrubs and trees given in a friendly and informal manner.



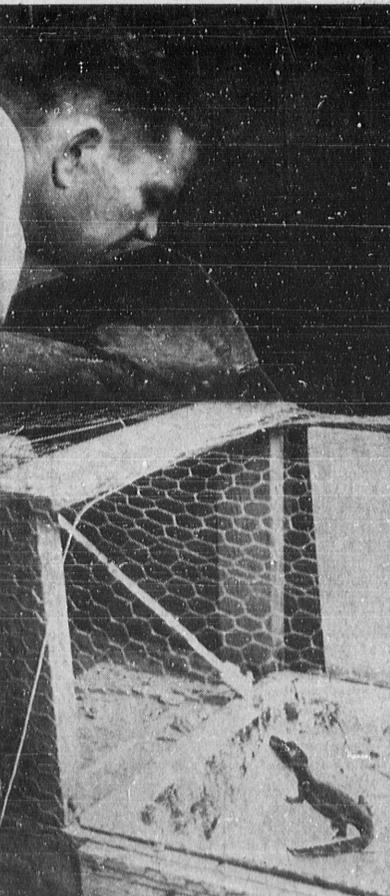
TOP CARRIERS . . . Winners in the HERALD vacation subscription contest were these carrier boys. Elmer Pratt went to Mare Dela (left), of route 53, who won a bicycle. Other winners, shown with their prizes are Bill Staff, route 49, second place; Jimmie Moody, route 15, third place, and Steve Dixon, route 109, fourth place.



FEEDING "KINKY" . . . One of the most unusual pets in the city lives at the home of Judge and Mrs. John A. Shidler, of 317 Camino de las Colinas. Here, Mrs. Shidler and her daughters Nita Lou and Margaret, watch as their kinkajou, or South American honey bear, consumes an orange.



FINE FURRID FRIEND . . . Mrs. Claude Ferrel, of 724 Calle de Arboles, shows off one of her husband's prize chinchillas. He has a basement full of the little beasts, which he raises, mostly for pleasure, but may some day make a full-time business. Raising chinchillas for coats requires several years to get good quality fur.



LITTLE, BUT JUST WAIT . . . Ted Drake, of 5016 MacAfee Rd., takes a look at his baby alligator, which is about 10 months old. A gift of his brother, the little animal will eventually grow to a length of 25 to 30 feet. Drake plans to get rid of the animal when it gets too big for his back yard cage.