

County Museum Opens New Wing

A new paleontology wing to house prehistoric fossils and bones at the County Museum in Exposition Park is completed and is being occupied, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week.

On Hahn's motion, the Board of Supervisors accepted work of the contractor, the Ray Wilson Co., as meeting "all plans and specifications."

"This important addition to the museum will provide an area for research and treatment of remnants of ancient creatures, such as the sabre-

toothed tiger, dinosaurs, mastodons and mammoths," Hahn said.

THE WING, added to the fourth floor of the Museum, has been officially named the William Sheffler Wing in honor of the secretary of the Museum Board of Governors.

Sheffler, 4731 Angeles Vita Blvd., was a key figure in obtaining a \$130,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C., greatly offsetting construction costs.

Plans are under way for dedication ceremonies Nov. 6, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Museum to the public.

HONORED guests will include Mr. Sheffler, Dr. J. T. Spencer, program director of the National Science Foundation, and Captain G. Allan Hancock, who made his first gift of fossils from the La Brea Tar Pits to the Museum in 1913.

Hahn, chairman of the Los Angeles County Museum De-

partment on the Board of Supervisors, cited the new paleontology wing as another step in making the Museum one of the greatest in the United States.

"This facility will not only enhance the cultural value of the museum, but will provide an excellent study laboratory for science students of nearby colleges, such as USC, UCLA, and Pepperdine," he said.

He pointed out that more than 500,000 elementary and secondary school children visited the Museum last year.

Opinions of Others

"Twenty-four million bushels of grain would more than fill all the space in the hulls of liners Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, France and United States. It would seem to be impossible to lose 24 million bushels of grain, but the government did it. And now the Agricultural Department assures us that it doesn't matter, anyhow."

—Portland, (Ore.) Journal of Commerce

"It's no wonder that today's teenager is mixed up," says the North Dakota Safety publication, published monthly by the North Dakota state highway department. "Half the adults are telling him to 'find himself.' And the other half are admonishing him to 'get lost!'"

—Enderlin, (N.D.) Independent



REPUBLICAN FIESTA . . . "Bus" Turner, president of the South Bay Young Republicans, and club member Gloria Smith purchase Mexican arts and crafts from Olvera Street to help publicize the Barry Goldwater Rally to be held Sept. 16 in Dodger Stadium. The rally will fall on Mexican Independence Day and Senator Goldwater has asked that it be designated, "Republican Fiesta."

Pinworms Infect Large Numbers Of School Pupils

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M.D., County Health Officer

It is estimated that about 20 per cent of the people in the United States are infected with pinworms, which are sometimes called seatworms. When one member of a family is infected, chances are good that the infestation will spread to everyone in the household.

Though not a serious malady, this intestinal infection can be very debilitating and disturbing, particularly if proper medical treatment is delayed.

The infection is spread by soiled hands. Children of school age are the individuals most often infected, which is understandable as they so frequently handle objects that are more or less common property. Once infected, the child will soon be the means of spreading the infestation throughout the family unless meticulous care is taken to prevent it.

Pinworms are thin and threadlike organisms that are usually about one-half inch in length. The eggs of the worm enter the body through the mouth and hatch out in the duodenum before moving on to the small intestine and the large bowel. In about 2 to 5 per cent of cases, the worm enters the appendix and produce the symptoms of appendicitis.

From egg to egg, the cycle lasts from 15 to 18 days. The male worm is excreted, but the female migrates to the exterior of the body and deposits eggs around the anus. Itching causes the individual to scratch, and the ova of the worm may be forced under the finger nails.

THE EGGS are then easily transmitted to the mouth by way of the hands or ingested with food that the hands have spread by contact with sheets, towels, or clothing that harbor pinworm eggs. The eggs may be found in contaminated dust that settles on furniture or elsewhere around the house and may therefore be inhaled, whereupon they are often mixed with saliva and swallowed. Once in the duodenum, the

reproductive cycle of the worm begins.

The most common symptom of infection is itching around the perineal region and the anus. Disturbed sleep, fretfulness, loss of appetite and weight, and paleness are among the other signs of infestation.

THE CHIEF factor in control of pinworms, other than immediate medical treatment, is scrupulous cleanliness. Recommended procedures include thorough washing of the hands with soap and water before eating or handling food and after any visit to the toilet. Fingernails should be kept short and clean.

Scrupulous attention must be paid to housekeeping, and frequent changes of undergarments, bedding, towels, and any other articles that come in direct contact with the body, is advised. When only one person in the home is infected, the toilet seat should be scrubbed after use by the patient.

Strict supervision of personal hygiene is essential if preventive measures employed or treatment are to be successful. This is especially true in the case of children. There are no existing regulations that require children to stay home from school when infected with pinworms, but it is considered desirable that they do so, or attend only when under medical care.

A pamphlet giving additional information on pinworms will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Public Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa, Los Angeles 12.

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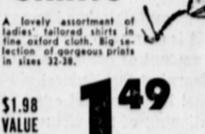
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