

Tony Aabel Restores Antique Car Model

In this day of power-steering, torsion-level ride and numerous automatic gadgets, there would seem to be little demand for a car with no self-starter, huge tires requiring 75 pounds of air pressure, ordinary leaf springs and a gear-shift which is not only automatic but operated exactly opposite to every other one ever made.

Lawrence "Tony" Aabel, El Camino college student, has such a vehicle, a 1915 Dodge touring car, and he wouldn't take any amount of money for it, although it cost only \$150.

Collects Antiques
Aabel is an antique car collector, and he is restoring the vintage vehicle to its original appearance by his own efforts. The project takes him on a continual round of junk-yards, looking for authentic replacement parts.

The car itself was in remarkable state of preservation when Aabel bought it, and he has done almost nothing with the motor, except to add a new fan belt. Unable to find a belt of the proper flat design, he simply took a belt from his wardrobe and had it stitched together for use on the car. As for the rest of the motor, "as long as it runs, I'm not going to mess around with it," he says.

Aabel has so far replaced the wheels and tires, which had been supplanted with modern ones by a previous owner. Next on the restoration agenda are upholstery, which he will do himself as he has done all the other restorative work, and a new paint job.

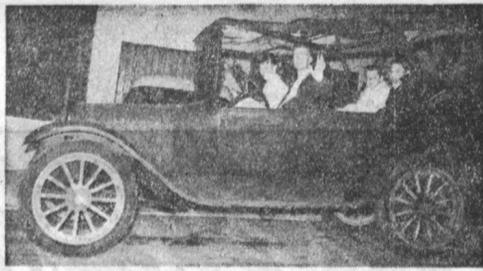
Economical
Gasoline economy is very good with the four-cylinder engine, and Aabel has had to use only two quarts of oil in the two years he has had the machine. Tire-changing with the huge tires poses quite a problem. "It takes about two hours, if you know what you're doing," he reports.

The touring car, an expensive "luxury" car in its day, embodies many features considered to be ultra-modern, such as recessed-hub steering wheel, green-glass shades over the head-lamps, to prevent road-glare, and a 12-volt electrical system.

The restoration job has been assisted by an operator's manual Aabel found in the car, which lists every part and details its operation. This, plus the advice and suggestions of fellow collectors have made possible the work done thus far, without specialized auto mechanics training on Aabel's part.

Looking beyond his present project, Aabel plans someday to restore an even older car. In answer to the oft-asked question, "How does it run?" he replies, "The speedometer has readings up to 55 mph, but I've never had it over 30, and at that, it rattles and shakes like something awful, but it runs."

Aabel, first in alphabetical order of El Camino's 6800 students, is a resident of Hermosa Beach.



41 HORSELESS BIRTHDAYS

Forty-one birthdays have been observed by El Camino College freshman Tony Aabel's touring car. A member of the Horseless Carriage club, Aabel resurrected the 1915 model vehicle from a Hermosa Beach junk-yard and restored it to running order.

EC Forensic Team Wins Debate Award

Edison Co. Gives Wiring Danger Signs

Is your "housepower" adequate to meet today's and, even more important, tomorrow's needs?

According to G. L. Blanchard, district manager for Southern California Edison company, there are more than 20,000,000 homes in the United States today which have obsolete or under-capacity wiring facilities. And the figure is growing steadily, he warned.

Obviously, Blanchard said, there is a definite limit on how well people can "live better electrically" if their houses are wired by 1920 standards.

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If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," there is not enough housepower to carry the increasing load imposed on home circuits by modern appliances, not to mention those that are still being developed, the Edison district manager declared.

Everyone gains when a house is rewired. The architect and builder have a product that is more in demand; bankers are more desirous of extending loans on such a house; and the buyer is assured of being able to "live better electrically."

Moreover, it was pointed out, the adequately wired home will have a better sale or rental value both today and tomorrow.

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who has been named to head the newly created Compton district.

Bradbeer began his telephone career as a groundman. Progressing through various commercial assignments, he was appointed manager of the San Pedro exchange in 1952.

Hamm started with Pacific Telephone as an installer. Subsequent assignments included those of test deskman in 1950 and installation foreman in 1952. In his most recent assignment he served in the Los Angeles headquarters as area personnel supervisor.

Pvt. Birren Ends Course

Army Pvt. John R. Birren, son of Richard B. Birren, 503 E. 141st st., Hammond, Ind., recently was graduated from the fire control instrument repair course at the ordnance school, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

The 12-week course trained Birren to inspect, adjust and repair binoculars, telescopes and fire control instruments.

Birren entered the Army last December and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. Son of Mrs. Alice D. Huddleston, 4833 Carmelyst. Torrance, Calif., he attended El Segundo high school.

A SNEER is often the sign of heartless malignity.—Lava-ter.

Winning two of three individual trophies and top debate awards, El Camino college's forensic teams emerged from recent competition at Los Angeles State college with the Pacific coast championship.

Two hundred students, representing 12 junior colleges from the western states participated in the event, which was conducted by Phi Rho Pi, national junior college forensic fraternity, on the Ramona campus of LA State.

Lewis Carlino of El Camino captured the championship trophy in oratory, while classmate John Fraser won the corresponding award in the impromptu division. The third individual championship was claimed by Betty Jo Huggans, representing East Los Angeles Junior college. Her win was in the extempore division.

Other finalists from El Camino in individual competition were Miss Gerrie Laidlaw, third place in the tournament in impromptu, and Miss Jackie Major, fourth in same division.

In achieving the Pacific coast debate championship, El Camino's team of John Fraser and Dick Rusth received the unanimous decision of nine professional speech judges in the eight rounds in which they participated. Five preliminary rounds preceded the quarter, semi, and final rounds of competition for the victorious pair.

Teamed with Carlino, Mike Young also reached the quarter finals in debate.

El Camino's four first-place winners received gold medals for their performances, while the college is in possession of two individual event trophies and a debate trophy for the coming year.

Also participating in the tournament were debate teams George Herrera and Lewis Goodkin, who won three of four debates, and Miss Major and Miss Laidlaw, who won half of their debates.

According to Forensics Coach John Dobbin, the Phi Rho Pi tournament is the most significant tournament of the year for college forensics.

Dobbin, an Inglewood resident who taught in Lynwood prior to coming to El Camino four years ago, has been largely instrumental in developing the college forensics program to championship status in the two years of its existence on campus.

Wading Pool Planned for Scott Park

Approval of schematic plans and preliminary designs for a children's wading pool at General Scott park in the Wilmington area was given by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Preliminary plans approved by the Supervisors, Chace said, call for a children's circular spray pool and necessary perimeter walks.

Also to be provided, according to Chace, are benches and a covered trellis shelter for spectators. The shelter will be roofed over by various sizes of plastic and perforated metal discs, the Supervisor announced.

In addition to the other improvements, Chace said, the preliminary plans call for necessary filter equipment as well as landscaping around the entire project.

The approval by the Board of Supervisors of the preliminary design, Chace declared, means that the County Engineer will be able to finish the plans and make them available for bid to contractors within the next three months.

Receives Degree
Stewart E. Westcott of Torrance received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Oregon at the June commencement ceremonies.

Vets Have Opportunity For Diplomas

High school diplomas will be issued by Torrance Evening high school to qualified veterans who successfully pass a battery of five General Educational Development Tests, and complete one semester of both U.S. History and U. S. Government. These tests cover English, mathematics, general science, social studies and reading ability.

Classes will start in September and the tests will be given to eligible students at a date to be announced later. Veterans interested in enrolling for the fall semester should contact the Adult Education Office of the Torrance Unified School District immediately at 2200 West Carson street, or phone FA. 8-2272 afternoons and evenings.

Non-veterans who wish to obtain a high school diploma should contact the Adult School principal at the above number. Transcripts will be obtained from schools formerly attended and full credit given for high school work already completed, and where applicable, for work experience.

No adult classes will be held during the summer. A schedule of classes to be offered in September will be mailed to persons requesting this information.

NG Company To Return With Bridge

On return from summer camp, the local National Guard unit (Bridge Co. E) will bring with them a full scale model of the widened steel trestle bridge (floating), according to Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander.

This bridge is actually part of the authorized equipment of the company. It has rubber pneumatic floats and steel trestle members which will transport a fifty ton tank.

The bridge is valued at \$250,000 and requires a truck crane for assembling. The local unit will not only draw its bridge but also such other equipment as a truck crane, a D-7 dozer with 20-ton tractor and trailer, and additional bridge trucks.

Operators are being sent to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia this July for an eight week course in operating heavy equipment, so that they may return to their local unit and train other operators.

Sermon Topic

Pastor Karl Oelschlagel, of the Park View Lutheran church, will speak this Sunday on the subject, "Do You Have A Christian Marriage?"

Greek Theatre To Present Outstanding Attractions

A varied and outstanding program of major theatre attractions was announced this week by managing director James A. Doolittle of Los Angeles' non-profit Greek Theatre Association, now entering its fourth successful season at the outdoor Greek Theatre in Griffith park.

A pre-season event will open the theatre early this year on June 23 with Victor Borge in his unique, one-man show "Comedy in Music," which recently completed 107 highly successful weeks on Broadway—an all-time record for a solo performer.

Varying his program almost nightly according to his capricious whims, Mr. Borge will give seven performances at the Greek Theatre closing June 29. It will be his only Los Angeles appearance.

The scheduled summer season will begin July 2, with America's great singing star Harry Belafonte returning to the Greek Theatre after his brilliant performance in "Three for Tonight" last summer. He appears in the new dance and music drama "Sing, Man, Sing," which has been staged specifically for his versatile talents.

New songs and ballads will be introduced to Southern California for the first time. A total of thirteen consecutive performances will be given, closing July 14.

The famed Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, with stars Alicia Alonso and Igor Youskevitch, follows with four completely different programs of the world's most famous ballets from July 16 through the 28th. Concluding the season will be two light operas, produced for the Greek Theatre Association by James Doolittle. They are Sigmund Romberg's romantic light opera "The Student Prince," being presented July 30 through August 1, and Victor Herbert's most famous operetta "The Red Mill," August 13 through August 25. Their casts will include such famed stars of song and dance as the Metropolitan's Brian Sullivan, Elaine Malbin, Hans Conried, prima ballerina Maria Tallchief with Andre Eglevsky, and many others.

Mail orders for tickets are now being accepted. Further information can be obtained by calling NOrmandy 3-1285.

Local Men Enter For Ranch Merit

Four leading Torrance poultry ranchers are among the early entries in the 1956 Poultry Ranch Merit Award contest sponsored each year by the Poultry department of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau.

The four local poultry ranchers are K. L. Christofferson, 3516 Emerald, Leo Radford, 3440 Emerald, Leonard H. Radford, 3430 1/2 Emerald, and Charles Rubin, 304 West 223rd street.

Christofferson is the Los Angeles County chairman of the event and was also one of the 29 award winners in the 1955 competition which covered the entire Los Angeles County area.

Another local entrant is John Lindeberg, P. O. Box 501, Harbor City, a first-time entry. They are among the more than 60 entries already received from all parts of the county.

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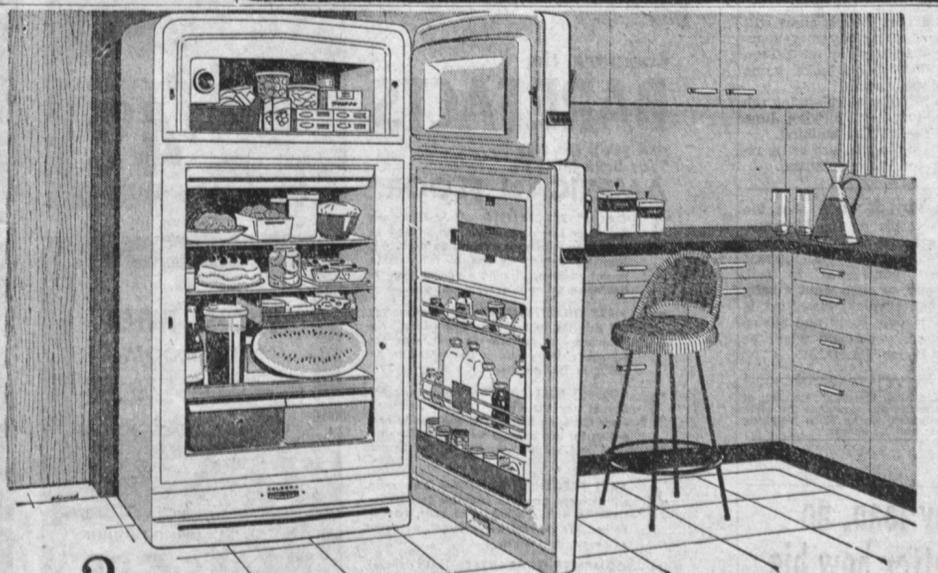
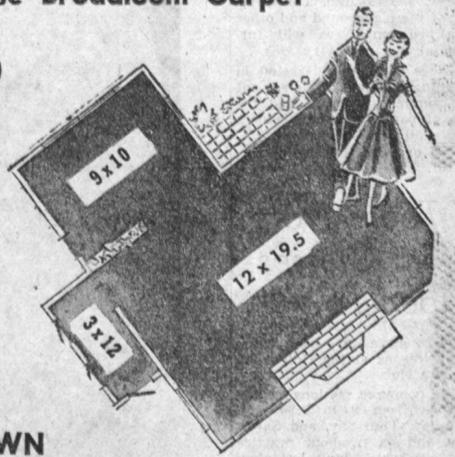
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BEN A. HAMM

GEORGE BRADBEER

Telephone Co. Makes Appointments

Appointment of George Bradbeer to district commercial manager and Ben A. Hamm as district plant superintendent was announced this week by Pacific Telephone.

The district includes San Pedro, Wilmington, Torrance, Lomita and Avalon telephones. In his new assignment Bradbeer will be responsible for business office operations for 65,000 telephones in an area of over 132 square miles.

He succeeds Evelyn L. Jones.

LT. CULLEEN IN KOREA

Army 2d Lt. James F. Cullen, 22, whose wife, Helen, lives at 9258 Birdvale dr., Downey, Calif., recently arrived in Korea and is now a member of the 24th Infantry Division.

The 24th is one of two American divisions stationed in Korea. It was the first U. S. unit to fight in the Korean conflict.

Lieutenant Cullen, son of Mrs. Mayme Cullen, 424 W. 214th st., Torrance, arrived overseas from an assignment at Fort Benning, Ga. He entered the Army in March 1955.

Cullen was graduated from Banning High School in Wilmington in 1952.

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