Catch-up on Your Reading

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THE STRICKLANDS by Edwin Lanham: "Built of the very soil of the Oklahoma hills—with hill-billies, share croppers, Indians, Negroes and politicians—all in the strange mixture that makes Oklahoma the strangest and most interesting of states" is this novel. It is a social document which ought to do'so much to make Americans vividly conscious of the situation of our poorest farmers as all other protests to date. This story of an Oklahoma "red head" who was not vicious but could not keep out of trouble and his family, warm and loyal, will hold the reader's attention through its fast moving events. But it is more than this, it is the story of a family, understandable human beings, fighting for themselves and their own—the story of thousands of Americans.

ABEL DAYTON by Flannery Lewis: It is a vivid and penetrating story of youth—the story of Abel Dayton from his boyhood spent in a lonely railroad junction in Southern California through his adolescent years into maturity. Slate Water Hollow is a lonely place — where Abel's father is the telegraph operator and Charley Jackson works the night shift. These two make up Abel's world until, riding the freight each day, he goes to school in the little town of Farley. Then we view the bewildering, sometimes brutal, inevitable experiences which turn the hesitating boy into a man with the confidence which comes from having faced the world early.

HERITAGE OF AMERICA — Edited by Henry S. Commager and Alice Morr's: We are lucky in getting better source books on American history all the time. Reports of people who saw the thing happen when it happened are at last coming to be known by more of us. The Heritage Of America begins with Lief Erieson's voyage to Vinland and ends with an extract from "We, too, are the people." Careful selection, judicious and skillful historical knowledge have bridged the gap between those two with rich and vivid material.

IRON BREW By Stewart H. Holbrook: There have been many books on the technological side of steel and iron, but until now, none that depicted the color and romance of the human factors as those industries developed. Here is a rousing history of mine forge and foundry—"the saga of mine boss and drift crew—car stripper and lake freighter; the early steel barons and the roles they played."

FOUR PART SETTING By Ann Bridge: The author who delighted us with "Peking Picnic," "Illyrian Spring" in Dalmatia and "Enchanter's Nightshade" in Italy, has returned from the country she first portrayed — Peking—and the danger filled mountains beyond it. The author writes in sparkling style a story of adventure and human psychology brilliantly mixed. An English girl remaining away from a wrecked marriage visits her cousins in the diplomatic service in Peking. The intimacy brought on by the hardships and beauties of an inland journey create emotional changes and reactions in all the characters and carry the reader with absorbing interest through to the solution of the problems.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY By A. A. Milne: This is the story of Milne, the boy, since he was very young; of his early student days and struggle to become a writer and his experiences as editor of Punch. Gay, amusing and whimsical is the account of the writing of his many noted works—his famous plays "Dover Road" and "Mr. Pim Passes By" as well as his stories for children which have become classics. It is a most satisfying glimpse behind the scenes of "Christopher Robin" and "Winnie the Pooh."

Vice President Garner walked to and from a school house three miles from his home when he was a barefoot boy.

Santa Claus may have a tough time this year during his trip to Europe. Some of those nervous little nations may mistake him for a hostile balloon.

Century Mark is His Ambition

Torrance Herald Photo.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM M. HALL
. . . 93 and 87 together nearly 70 years

"Most people say they would never want to live their lives over again. Now I'm different. I'd like to live it all over again."

So spoke William M. Hall who celebrated his 93rd birthday recently. In a cozy little home at 1537½ 261st street in Harbor City with California sunshine streaming in between flowers and green shrubs, Hall paid the greatest possible tribute to his charming wife of 87 years to whom he has been married nearly 70 years.

Straight, slender, clear-eyed with a thick thatch of white hair, the man who was refused for service in the Union army 75 years ago as too frail-looking looks forward to his 100th year. He has a brother in Washington who has nearly reached that age and a sister lived to be 99

Substitutes Pie for Cake

Born near Columbus City, Iowa, he married Aurelia Knight of that city. For years he followed the profession of interior decorator in Iowa and Lincoln, Nebraska. Seven years ago he and his wife came to Harbor City and now nothing would induce them to go back to snow and ice again.

Uniting with the Christian church as a young man, his home and church work seem to be his only secret for a long and happy life. He likes people. He enjoys the world and reads his daily papers without glasses.

On his birthday his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hall of 1537 231st street had a family birthday dinner which also honored the 73rd birthday of Mrs. Harriett Shellebarger of Wilmington, an aunt of Mrs. O. K. Hall. Those present were Mrs. R. W. George of Wilmington, Mrs. Shellebarger, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hall and family and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hall.

And instead of a birthday cake, the honoree, who isn't a cake-eater, had his favorite pumpkin pie.

"I hope you'll live to be as old as I am and enjoy life as much" was his farewell to the reporter.

INTEND TO WED

Ernest R. Treloar, 21, of 1908 Andreo avenue, and Marjorie E. Warthan, 19, of 650 Border avenue, applied this week for a marriage license.

Thomas O. Moffatt, 26, of 1824 259th street, Lomita, appeared at the county marriage license bureau this week with Catherine Schwartz, 23, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and filed notice of intention to marry.

Lizza Seeks Site for Fireworks Plant

Pat Lizza, owner of the fireworks plant which was destroyed by explosion and fire Feb. 8 in North Redondo Beach near Torrance, is expected to yield to the wishes of residents in the area and locate his new plant in some place far removed from dwellings. Lizza told the Redondo Beach city council late last week that he wanted to locate on an old fox farm site in North Redondo Beach.

People

what they're doing

Joyce Bever, granddaughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bever**, 1512 Acacia, is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Badley, accompanied by their son, **Harold**, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McRae at Cherry Valley. They also visited Palm Springs, enjoying the vista of almond blossoms enroute.

T. J. Bishop and daughter **Anita** of Los Angeles visited relatives and friends in Torrance Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Watson and children, **Lery** and **Jarvis**, spent the week-end with Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M O. Pann at Riverside. They attended the wedding anniversary dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Pann Saturday evening

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Smith and son **Bernard** of 2014 Torrance boulevard spent Sunday at Palm Springs.

Police Seek Man for Annoying School Girls

Altho he did not molest the children or speak to them, a man described as about 35 years old, wearing a small moustache and "very dirty and ugly," annoyed and frightened a small girl and her sister yesterday while the youngsters were on their way home from Perry school in North Torrance.

According to police, the man persisted in driving his car beside them, stopping when they stopped and speeding up when they ran down a street to their home. A license number was obtained and police are conducting an investigation to learn his identity and reasons for his actions.

Little Maids Halted Jiggling Pennies Out of Machine

Two little girls discovered last Saturday that if they jumped up and down on a public weighing machine in front of a local store, pennies would come popping out — pennies good for candy.

So they were leaping up and down on the machine for all it contained until police, summoned by a local merchant, put a stop to their "racket."

Amid tears they returned the pennies they had extracted back into the strong box of the machine and were allowed to go their way — minus some extra candy.

The highest number of cattle ever reported in the United States was in 1934, when there were 74,300,000 head.

Seven Patients Enter Hospital

Seven patients, including three children, were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

Bobby Fresenius, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fresenius of Lomita, yesterday for a tonsillectomy; Roberta Wolfe, nine, of Redondo Beach, Tuesday for an appendectomy, and David Howard, 11, of Palos Verdes Estates, Tuesday for an appendectomy.

Miss Edith M. Benner, Hermosa Beach, Monday for surgery; Mrs. Mary Price, 1919 Andreo avenue, Saturday for medical treatment; Miss Harriet Unger, Manhattan Beach, last Thursday for an appendectomy and Raymond Ward, Redondo Beach, Tuesday for surgery

Cat Wails Over Missing Ship

ALAMEDA (U.P.) — Peter, a big cat that has made its home aboard the freighter Santa Cruze Cement for many years, had the misfortune while wandering about the docks to miss the sailing. When the pet discovered the ship had sailed it set up such a cater-wauling that officials of the company placed it in charge of a kennel keeper until the ship gets back.

"Public Notices"

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Torrance Hospital Association will be held in the Nurses' Home, 1416 Cota Avenue, Torrance, on Thursday, March 14th, 1940, at 1:30 p. m.

TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,
Donald Findley, Secretary
Mar. 7

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Fierce attended "Gone With the Wind" at Los Angeles Sunday.

Mrs. George Robinson of Oklahoma is a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson, 1313 Beech.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and D. A. Murphy spent the week-end at Palm Springs.

Mrs. Frank Manley spent the week-end with friends in Culver City.

Miss Norma Patterson spent the week-end with friends in Alhambra and Palm Springs.

Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, accompanied by Mesdames Bess Myers, Baker Smith and Fan Wilkes spent the weekend at Palm Springs.

Three presidents of the United States died on the nation's birthday, July 4. John Adams, Jefferson and Monroe. One was born on July 4. Calvin Coolidge.