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The parents of Master Mervin Jones of Lomita, who came up missing last week when he left school Wednesday afternoon and walked the entire distance to Compton, sleeping out in the open Wednesday night, with no food and not dressed any too warm, can feel justly proud of this youngster. Only seven years old, he showed a bravery that is rarely found in children of his age. Mervin said he did not cry. He went without food from Wednesday noon until the afternoon of the next day, and finally gave way only when human endurance could not be taxed further, at the home of Mrs. Loraine in Compton, where he was found late Thursday night. Some day his bravery may be exemplified in other directions when he becomes older, and many expect great things of this boy when he matures to manhood.

A BOY AND HIS MOTHER

There are times in the lives of all mothers when they feel that it is going to be impossible to continue the struggle which is necessary in order to keep their children studying industriously.

The world has need of positive natures, and Buddy has gotten where he is positively against anything which takes exertion on his part. Then mother collapses, and the boy wins out against mother and eventually grows up to turn the tables and say, "Why didn't you make me?" If you are one of those big boys blaming mother for what you think she ought to have insisted upon in your early education, remember that your mother wanted to keep her boy's friendship, so she gave in, she was sweet and wanted to keep you sweet. She didn't know what your attitude would be in later life, so she gave up. It is a question every mother has to settle in the light of what she knows of her boy, but you can talk this over with the boys you know and maybe you can make some boy realize that a man makes himself, and some mother will thank you for holding up her hands in the daily struggle.

AUTO SHOW AT LONG BEACH

Long Beach is going to stage an Auto Show April 4-9.

It is going to be worth going miles to see. Unusual features have been planned and the ambitious program outlined by the Long Beach Auto Trades Association promises every phase of enjoyment and education that can properly be embraced in an automotive exhibition.

The show will be held at Sixth and Atlantic streets, where 291,000 square feet of floor space will be under cover for this exhibition.

The dates selected for the show are the same that have been set aside for Long Beach Prosperity Week, when the business men of Long Beach will put on special displays to visualize the progressivism and prosperity of the queen of the beach cities.

A number of fifty and twenty-five foot redwood trees are to be brought from the Santa Cruz forests on special freight cars to make a sylvan setting for the Auto Show.

Every well known car made in America will be on the floor of the Auto Show and a number of imported models will be on display.

WORTHY OF PRAISE

The spirit of loyalty that has always existed in this section, was more forcibly brought out last week than ever before when the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, recent arrivals from Utah, was reported missing. The same words of commendation may equally be said of Torrance and Harbor City, for both those towns joined the searching parties of Lomita and worked diligently alongside with each other in their efforts to locate the missing boy. The Boy Scouts of Harbor City were put on the trail, and A. B. Rozell donated his large truck and aided materially in helping out. Prof. Barnette of the Torrance schools had twenty or thirty boys out all day Thursday and that city did everything possible to help.

IDAHO AND UTAH PICNICS

Here's to all the people from Utah and Idaho with a warm invitation to come right out to Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Saturday, March 26, and spend the day with old friends. Bring your basket dinners with you. Hot coffee will be supplied.

STREET GRADING DELAYED

Street grading, filling in and leveling off of lots on the Hammerton Subdivision was temporarily delayed this week when Coy Farquhar was forced to stop operations on account of the recent heavy rains. However, the grading was resumed today and considerable showing is already being made.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

(By a Torrance Mother)

Grandma, tell us a story, a real bed-time story. "I think we will all sleep better, and dream sweetly, too."

Well, I'll tell you about a disobedient little chicken that was always getting himself into trouble and misleading others. Old Mother Yellow Neck had a lovely brood of twelve downy little chicks but one pert little rooster we will call Billy, set himself up as an independent sort of a fellow that wanted the best place in the shelter and the best of the food placed before them and he was very hard to control. One day Mother Yellow Neck spied a hawk in the nearby forest and she told her chicks they must not play outside of the enclosure any more for that hawk is a great big enemy of chickens and if he comes how he will surely make a dinner of you. But Big Billy as they called him, got tired of his close quarters and started off down the shady walk, while the other chicks screamed after him to come back, but Billy's answer was "nothing doin'" hawk is far away.

"So he skipped off in a trice," Scolding mother's good advice.

He scented the flowers, and picked up a bug or a worm and thought how foolish it is to stay cooped up in such close quarters when there is such a big world full of good things for everybody. He began to feel tired and wanted to rest under the downy wings of Mother, so he started home to tell what a fine time he had had in the forest. When all of a sudden he heard his mother's signal of danger and when he started to run but down came the hawk and grabbed him up. As he was flying away with Billy, poor Mother and brood could hear his cries for help, but it was too late. He was getting his reward for disobedience. Now isn't that just like little children who don't like to mind their mothers? Do you know that good children make good men and women? And bad ones make trouble for themselves and their friends.

Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Now children go to bed and remember, "The disobedient chick." "Be good and you will be happy."

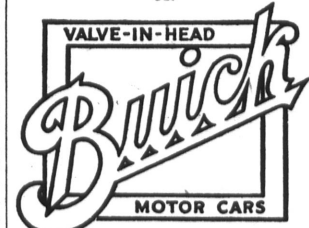
OIL MAN ASKS COURT TO**INVALIDATE INCORPORATION**

The following taken from the Montebello News shows what might have happened to Torrance had she gone ahead with the first incorporation procedure, on account of an irregularity in the advertisement of the petition. The same action that threatened Torrance is being made at Montebello as follows:

"Notice was served Sunday on the city trustees of Montebello that an application will be made by Walter P. Temple, Montebello oil magnate, to the attorney general for permission to file quo warranto proceedings in the superior court against the city of Montebello, in which the validity of the incorporation of this place is attacked.

"Mr. Temple, in his complaint, declares that the incorporation proceedings of Montebello were irregular in that the notice of hearing on the incorporation of the place before the board of county supervisors was unsigned, unauthorized and hence insufficient."

The above question of regularity was noted by the supervisors in the incorporation proceedings of Torrance in its first petition and to avoid future complications, they ruled there should be no election held until a new petition had been properly filed, which was done and the election was set for April 19, 1921, when Torrance will decide whether she will govern herself or not.

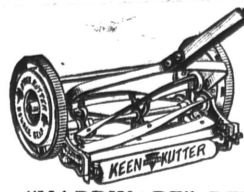
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