LOMITA NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. Christianson of Anaheim on Sunday.

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The new home of Geo. Tripps on the Wilmington-Redondo Boulevard is nearly completed.

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Mrs. Lottie Blackburn of Lemon street left Tuesday via Santa Fe for Martinsville, Indiana, where she will visit her mother for several months.

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Miss Arline Abrams of Los Angeles was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peightal of Arizona street.

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As a token of their sympathy, the members of the Bluebird Society presented Miss and Ruth Argo with a beautiful boquet of pink roses during her recent illness.

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E. Amburg is constructing a fine new garage which will be completed the latter part of the week.

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Mrs. Ella B. Miller and son, L. B. Hallet, were Glendale visitors Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris of Brethren street, Lomita, who recently purchased an interest in a dairy near Long Beach, report they are well pleased with their new business venture.

WANT FANCY WORK

Mrs. L. B. Collins, chairman of the "Fancy Work Booth" at the Lomita Fair, June 10-11 ,requests donations for this sale, proceeds to go toward the school benefit. The time is getting short and those who wish to aid in this particular line of work should get their donation to the school as soon as possible.

LOMITA CHURCH NOTES

The text for the morning sermon was, "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass." We have in this psalm the problem which has perplexed God's people in all ages. Why do the wicked often prosper while the righteous struggle with poverty? The full answer is not given. The psalmist, however, finds that the prosperity of the wicked is short and in the end the righteous are rewarded. The teaching of Jesus concerning God as our Father and the promise of the life to come gives a fuller answer to our faith.

"I believe in the holy Catholic Church." This Article of the Apostles' Creed was the theme of the evening sermon. The word Catholic does not here mean Roman Catholic, It means universal, and includes all who love the Lord and confess their faith publicly in Him. It excludes only those who do not accept Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and Master and Friend.

The music of the morning was helped by two extra selections. The Junior choir sang with interest a hymn of their choice. Mrs. Groves was heard with heartfelt attention in the familiar solo, "The Holy City," which she sang with much expression.

Next Sunday, May 29, will be observed as Patriotic Sunday both morning and evening, with a Praise service in the evening.

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Patriotic Sunday At Lomita Church

Patriotic Sunday will be observed at the Lomita church Sunday, May 29, morning and evening. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Willacy, with Mrs. Thistle as organist ,is rehearsing music for the day. Veterans of the Civil War, of the Sprnish-American War and of the Great War are especially invited to attend. There will be a Praise Service in the evening.

MRS. HAWKINS IS DEAD

Following an illness of a month's duration, the death of Mrs. Anna Hawkins, the beloved wife of James W. Hawkins, a prominent resident of West Weston street, Harbor City, occurred on May 20. Mrs. Hawkins was sixty-two years old. She was born in Courtland, Canada, and came to California about two years ago.

The funeral was held from the residence, 2237 Weston street, on Monday at 1 o'clock to the church of Our Saviour on Rose avenue, San Gabriel. The service was conducted by Rev. John Atwill. Interment was in San Gabriel Cemetery. The Cleveland Funeral Parlors were in charge.

A delegation from the Lomita Comedy Company attended the funeral services in a body, and Mrs Thos. Willacy sang very sweetly.

BIRTHDAY PARTY THURSDAY

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson of Orange street Thursday evening in honor of Miss Anne Walker of Pasadena. A beautiful birthday cake was baked at the Globe bakery with the honoree's name across the top. The room was beautifully decorated with sweet williams, honeysuckle, white roses and asparagus fern. Supper was served and various card games indulged in later.

MANY MOVING

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dawson and family have moved into their Flower street home and rented their Pennsylvania street property to Chas. Riley and family, who immediately took possession. R. H Maddox of Anaheim will move back to their former home, where the Riley family's formerly lived on Eshleman.

POULTRY

DUCK RAISING IS PROFITABLE

Pekins Are Most Popular Breed for Production of Meat and Runners for Eggs.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

Although ducks do not appear to be as well adapted as chickens as a source of income to average farm conditions, yet many farmers are finding duck raising profitable as a side issue to their other farm operations. The demand for table ducks in the cities seems to be on the increase.

The period of incubation for ducks' eggs is 28 days, except for the Muscovy duck, which is 33 to 35 days. The eggs may be hatched either naturally by hens or ducks or artificially in incubators. Strong, fertile eggs are a prime essential to good hatching and are obtained only from stock properly mated and kept under the best possible conditions to secure health and vigor. Eggs from overfat breeding stock do not usually produce a large percentage of strong ducklings. Pekin and Indian Runner ducks rarely sit; consequently, if natural methods of incubation are to be used the eggs are usually hatched under hens. Duck eggs should be washed if dirty, for it does not appear to injure their hatching qualities.

Before setting a hen dust her thoroughly with insect powder. In applying this powder hold the hen by the feet, with her head hanging down and work it thoroughly into the feathers, giving special attention around the vent and under the wings. Sitting hens should be fed whole or cracked grains, such as corn or wheat. Place 9 to 11 ducks' eggs under a hen depending on her size and the season of the year, using the smaller number of eggs in cold weather and the larger number in warm weather. Confine the hens at hatching time and do not disturb them until they become restless, when it may be best to remove the ducklings that hatched first.

Hens must be well cared for in hatching ducks' eggs, as the period of incubation is a week longer than that of hens' eggs. It usually takes duck-

Hens Make Good Mothers for Ducklings.

lings from 24 to 48 hours to hatch after they pick the shells; therefore it is advisable to allow the hen to get off the nest for feed and water when the first ducklings pick the shell and then confine her to the nest until the hatching is over. Ducks' eggs need more moisture than hens' eggs at hatching time, as it takes the ducks much longer to get out of the shell. Poultry specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture advise, therefore, that the eggs should be sprinkled liberally with warm water previous to hatching.

All duck eggs should be tested at least twice during incubation, preferably on the seventh and fourteenth days, and the infertile eggs and those with dead germs removed. Dead germs in duck eggs decompose very rapidly and are often detected by their odor and should be removed from the incubator.

Duck eggs having pure white shells can be tested as early as the fourth or fifth day and the infertile eggs sold to bakers for use in the kitchen.

Ducks are much easier to brood artificially than chickens, but they may also be raised under hens successfully. If raised by the latter method, it is advisable to confine the hens and allow the ducklings free range, as the hens are apt to wander too far away with their broods. Ducklings which are to be sold as green ducks are not usually allowed much range, but are fed heavily and forced for rapid growth. The ducklings which are to be kept for breeding should have the web of their feet punched, using a different number of punch marks for each year so that their age can be readily determined.

SELECT EGGS FOR SETTING

Avoid Those That Are Abnormally Small and Poorly Shaped—Stick to One Color.

Eggs that are abnormally small and poorly shaped should not be used for incubation; neither should eggs that have thin or very porous shells, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. If possible, eggs should be set when fresh, and it is never advisable to use for hatching eggs that are more than two weeks old. One of the quickest ways to obtain uniformity in the off spring is to select uniformly good-sized eggs of the same color.

GOOD HIGHWAYS

FEDERAL AID FOR HIGHWAYS

Approval Given for 855 Projects Up to September 30, 1920—Western States Lead.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

Federal aid for the construction of 9,630 miles of national highways has been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. Up to September 30, 1920, approval had been given for 855 projects, which form links in one or the other of the 24 marked trails which have been laid out by private associations to cross the country from East to West and North to South.

The mileage which will be constructed with federal aid on each of the several trails is shown in the following table:

Name of Highway.	Length Federal aid approved projects. Miles.
Dixie Highway	895
Ozark Trail	294
Yellowstone Trail	43
Bankhead Highway	962
Meridian Highway	67
National Oil Trails	85
King of Trails	474
National Parks Highway	64
Theodore Roosevelt International Highway	42
Jefferson Highway	60
Lincoln Highway	76
Old Spanish Trail	51
Mississippi Valley Highway	22
Dixie Overland Highway	26
Jackson Highway	10
Pacific Highway	18
Roosevelt National Highway	31
Colorado to Gulf	2
Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean	3
Atlantic Highway	14
Miscellaneous	45
Total	9,639

The extent to which federal aid has been applied to the trails varies in the different states. Naturally, the Western states are using much more of the federal apportionments in developing roads of this character than the Eastern states. This is due to the fact that the routes in the Eastern states already had been improved to a large extent before the roads were selected by the pathfinders. This was not true in the West, where long stretches of the selected roads were still in an unimproved condition when they were designated.

Nevada leads in its use of federal funds on roads of this character. Eighty-three per cent of its entire mileage of approved federal-aid roads lies on one or the other of the trails which cross the states. On these roads Nevada will spend 90 per cent of the federal money which has been granted to her.

Indiana is a close second, with 80 per cent of its entire federal-aid mileage and 83 per cent of its money aid

Building a Federal Highway in Virginia.

applied to the construction of the trails; and Oklahoma, with 76 per cent of its mileage and 81 per cent of its federal funds, is not far behind.

Florida takes the lead in the percentage of its funds which will be used for trail building, with 94 per cent of its federal allotments so applied; but this amount will be spent for only 56 per cent of the mileage which has been approved in the state.

In addition to the above, the states of Illinois, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Washington are each using 50 per cent or more of their federal money for the upbuilding of the trails.

Life of Concrete Road.

The life of a good concrete road should be at least twenty years and it would seem that this country could afford to spend a large sum of money in the development of such highways if the money were put into roads which will last at least twenty years under motortruck traffic. Experts here and abroad believe that the concrete road is good for much longer than twenty years.

Intelligent Understanding.

If we are to have an improvement in the roads, then the improvement must come from an intelligent understanding of the problem.

Poor Roads No Hindrance.

In spite of the absence of suitable roads, there are now between 400 and 500 automobiles in Guatemala.

Salary of Engineers.

Chief highway engineers of California and New Jersey are paid at the rate of $10,000 a year.