PLENTY OF NAMES

The school census taker stopped at a little hut in the mountains of Kentucky, and addressing the mother of an unusually large flock of children, said:

"Madame, I am taking the school census. How many children have you between the ages of six and—"

"Lemme see," she broke in; there's Katy an' Mary an' Annie an' Lucy an' Carrie an' Rob an' Jake an' Will an' Harry an' Jim an'—" She paused for a breath and her caller made haste to say:

"Now, madam, if you could just give me the number—"

"Number?" she snapped; "number? We ain't commenced numberin' yit, thank ye. We ain't run out o' names."

Touched

"Which is the most delicate of the senses?" asked the teacher.

"The touch," said young Jones.

"How's that?" asked the teacher, and young Jones explained: "Well, when you sit on a pin you can't see it, but it's there."

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. C. H. Mueller is adding a garage to his property on Carson street.

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William H. Twomey, assistant P. E. agent, has gone to San Francisco for a month's vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paxman picnicked on Signal Hill Sunday.

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"Hardware" Reeve—Fireworks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rappaport returned Friday evening from a combined business and pleasure trip to San Frangcisco.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerculff and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mueller dined in Long Beach Sunday, afterwards attending the evening performance at Loew's theatre.

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A group of friends left Sunday morning for a fishing trip. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, Mr. Geo. Parr and friend. All of Mr. Malone's friends have ordered trout for breakfast next Sunday morning.

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"Hardware" Reeve—Fireworks.

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Mr. Cannon of Gardena and William Sykes left Redondo at three o'clock Sunday morning for a fishing trip. They hooked a big haul of mackerel.

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A family reunion dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs Wm. C. Harris of Vista Highlands Friday evening. Those who enjoyed the dinner were Mr. C. H. Harris, Mr. J. H. Harris, Mr. Hillman Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Harris and son, Russell.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Tonkins of Lomita, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and family of Torrance, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Salverson of Fullerton Thursday evening.

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"Hardware" Reeve—Fireworks.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross and Mrs. Ross, Sr., and Miss Minnie MacLoud spent June 11 and 12 at Glenn Ranch.

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Mrs. McNeil of Andreo avenue who has only recently returned home from the Seaside Hospital, is slowly improving and is now able to sit outside.

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Hubert Jessup from Anderson Indiana, visited his cousin, W. C. Jolly Thursday. He will spend the summer at Camp Baldy and enter Claremont College in the fall.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Anderson drove to Lankershim Sunday to buy apricots. They met with disappointment, as the blossoms and small fruit were frozen in the spring and there is no crop.

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Hattie Titus, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Titus of Keystone Acres, passed away last week from typhoid fever.

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Dorothy Hastie is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Zada Hastie, and aunt, Mrs. F. L. Parks, of Andreo avenue.

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Mr. C. H. Harris is the father of Mr. William C. Harris, who just arrived from Jackson, Tennessee, to make his home in Vista Highlands. Mr. J. H. Harris will leave June 26 for a visit among relatives and friends in Jackson, Tennessee. He will return in two months.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ross, Mrs. Ross, Sr., Miss Minnie MacLoud of Gramercy avenue, Mr and Mrs. F. H. Clark and family of Andreo avenue, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salverson and Marquita of Fullerton and Mr. and Mrs. C. Huddleson and family of Brea formed a party to Laguna Beach Sunday. They had a picnic dinner on the beach and a real jolly day was spent at this popular resort.

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"Hardware" Reeve—Fireworks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Von Hagen of Gramercy avenue were in Pasadena Sunday.

GO TROUT FISHING

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tolson drove to Pasadena Saturday evening and with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. John Goetz motored to Sespe Creek on Sunday. They left at three in the morning, arriving at their destination at seven. They climbed the mountains and went trout fishing. They came back by the way of Oxnard and stopped at Saticoy to see Mrs. Tolson's sister, Mrs. J. L. Peralta, and came back through the Santa Susanna Pass.

"Hardware" Reeve—Fireworks.

P. T. A. MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Association of Torrance met Wednesday to perfect plans for their booth in the Fiesta. The ladies in charge will be pleased to have all, possible, turn in articles of plain or fancy work at the earliest time convenient, articles to be left at Tolson's Express office on Cabrillo avenue. It was decided that nothing would be sold higher than one dollar.

NEAR SURPRISE

A surprise party was given on Saturday evening to Douglas Collins, of Spurlin Court. They say he wasn't really surprised, but nevertheless, every one had a merry time. Those who attended were Helen Neill, Virginia Watson, Marie Patton, Helen Tiffany, Mary Jessome, Annette Davidson, Katherine Burmaster, Gwendolyn Miller, Douglas Collins, Dewey Quigley, Linues Adams, Ralph Beall, Karl Von Hagen, Raymond Davis, Kingsley Tufts, Harold King and William Munn.

"Hardware" Reeve—Fireworks.

SELL SAN PEDRO STORE

Paige & Trefy have sold their San Pedro Grocery Store and Mr. Trefy has moved to Torrance. He will become associated with Mr. Paige in the new store in the Burkhardt Building.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Canal Street, Wilmington
Rev. Thos. P. Swift, Rector

At the eleven o'clock service next Sunday morning there will be a special service of a patriotic order, at which time the address will be one that will appeal to all Americans of whatever faith or creed, as it will deal with the symbolism of the flag—the Red, White and Blue. Patriotic hymns will be sung and all citizens will be welcomed.

The following will be the order of service:

Processional Hymn — Onward Christian Soldiers.
Regular order of morning prayer.
Venite—Robinson.
1st Lesson—Genesis 49.
Te Deum—Van Boskerck.
2nd Lesson—Acts 14.
Benedicite—Anon.
Sermon Hymn—Our Fathers God to Thee.
Sermon—Symbolism of the Flag.
Patriotic Hymn—The Star Spangled Banner.
Offertory, Violin Solo, Kipling's Recessional.
Prayers and Benediction.
Recessional—O God Our Help in Ages Past.

Needed Soap

First Office Boy—"I told the boss to look at the dark circles under my eyes and see if I didn't need a half day off."

Second Office Boy—"What did he say?"

First Office Boy—"He said I needed a bar of soap."

GETTING NO PLACE

"No, sah, Ah doan't neber ride on dem things," said an old colored woman looking in on the merry-go-round. "Why, de other day I seen dat Rastus Johnson git on an' ride as much as a dollah's worth an' git off at the very same place he got on at, an' I sez to him, 'Rastus,' I sez, 'yo' spent yo' money but whar yo' been?'"—Boston Transcript.

HOME TOWN HELPS

TO STANDARDIZE ROAD SIGNS

Warnings and Directions Are to Be Simplified for the Benefit of British Motorists.

Many motorists in the United States will envy the system of road signs about to be put in effect by the British ministry of transport. Standardization of the signs and their position is the object in view.

Sign Warning British Motorists of Approach to School.

The British countryside, like our own, has been festooned with a varied series of signs of warning and direction. Motor car clubs and advertisers have posted their own placards regardless of others on the spot. The confusing information presented has resulted in a certain amount of disregard of the signs.

Definite proposals have been laid down in regard to height, color, position of arms, inscriptions, etc., of directing posts, and they are to be applicable throughout England. An example is the red triangle, which is a danger signal. Beneath the triangle is some clear symbol to be used to indicate the particular kind of danger to be guarded against, with lettering beneath the symbol. Thus, a representation of the flaming torch of learning, beneath the red triangle, will warn the motorist of the approach to a school.

Quaint signs now found on English lanes, in spite of the charm they have, according to the plan will have to be sacrificed to the fact that after all a road is a means by which one goes from one place to another, and that any aids to that purpose should be adopted.

GARDEN WORK MEANS HEALTH

Benefits of Cultivation, Even of Small Plot, Have Been Proved to Be Many.

Community gardens have been encouraged in the city of Philadelphia for the last twenty-three years, primarily as a means of helping people to help themselves.

The same class of work has been carried on in other cities for shorter periods of time, with an equal degree of success and satisfaction, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

The original object in every case was to help the people to provide food at home, but incidentally and unexpectedly a number of other benefits which in their way have proved of greater value than the original purpose have developed.

These have to do with the health and pleasure of the families of the gardeners as a result of their outdoor exercise and contact with nature.

A game of golf is all right as a constitutional for those who can afford it. The number, however, who play golf is small as compared with the thousands of those who take their exercise and outdoor life cultivating gardens.

The cultivation of the garden also has the advantage that it adds to the wealth of both the gardener and the nation.

The Small Town.

All America is watching the small town, studying it, interpreting it, seeking through it to discover the depths and intimacies of national life, asserts a high school principal in Virginia. It seems that whereas the small boy still imagines the city as the place containing the "great big things" of the world, yet when he attains intelligent and experienced manhood he continues to return to the village for the "really" big things which denote the nation's true character. Several years ago, says the principal, even New York forgot Broadway to listen to the broken silences of Spoon river, and the dramas and novels engaging the attention of the most serious of the metropolitan critics of today are those dealing with the problems of the Main street village. The country community is no longer obscure.

Proper School Grounds.

When provision has been made for the different playground activities the attention should be turned to the beautifying of the school grounds by means of planting trees and shrubs. This planting should be made for protection, such as a windbreak on the sides from which the prevailing winds blow, and for shade in the early days of summer or fall. It will be necessary to set the trees some distance from the school building, probably 75 or 100 feet distant, in order to give room for the playground apparatus. All planting should be kept close to the boundary lines and the foundation of the building.