

Ten Speeders Picked Up; Fined; One Jailed

During the past week speeders have been shown very little consideration both by the motor cops and Police Judge King, who are doing everything in their power to put a stop to excessive speeding within the city limits.

Of the ten cases that have come before the judge, nine were fined an aggregate of \$105, and one, a flagrant case of disregard of both speed laws and traffic regulations, was given an alternative of a one hundred dollar fine or five days in jail, the young man accepting the latter alternative.

The young man whose prison term expired Tuesday is named James Fite, and is said to live in Long Beach. Arriving in Torrance accompanied by a sixteen-year-old female companion, who was driving a big Hudson speedster, the girl "stepped on the gas" on Carson street and when overtaken by Officer Stanley was going a trifle better than fifty-two. When arrested it was found that the car was without license number, and the young woman without a driver's permit.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF TORRANCE NOTES

Woman's Club of Torrance will hold its regular meeting in Catholic Hall, Monday, February 19, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Henderson will read a paper on "Books and Library Work in General." The balance of the program will be appropriate for Washington's Birthday.

Another nice thing about wearing an old overcoat is you don't have to worry about somebody stealing it.

Alleged Bad Check Passer Arrested

Anyone having accepted and now holding a check or checks signed by Carl Lake, a former painter of Torrance, and who have discovered that said check or checks are worthless, will confer a favor on the local authorities if they will communicate with City Marshal Anderson or Police Judge King between now and next Monday.

A complaint against Lake was issued June 17 last charging him with issuing worthless checks and later a charge of embezzling an automobile from Rahm & Son, was issued. In the interim the accused had disappeared and until recently no trace of the missing man had been found.

Within the past week word received that he was in Shreveport, La., and an officer will be sent there from Torrance to bring him here to face two charges.

Requesting that the matter be given the greatest publicity, Judge King, who is anxious to secure as much evidence as possible in the case has asked this paper to make the request that all outstanding checks, signed by Lake, be brought to his office before the departure of the officer for the south.

Miss Vergil Pratt, who is attending the Bible Institute in Los Angeles, passed the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Pratt.

Mrs. Frank Sammons attended the Reciprocity Day meeting at the Sierra Madre Woman's Club, Monday.

A Vermont editor says one of the delights of living in his town is that people have sympathy for you in your trouble, and if you haven't any trouble they go out and hunt up some for you.

McADOO SEEKS OIL

William G. McAdoo is one of the latest operators to enter the Long Beach oil field.

Mr. McAdoo's introduction to Signal Hill will come at what is known as the Y. W. C. A. acreage, Augusta street and Wilnot avenue, where he has seven and a fraction acres under sublease, with an agreement to drill not less than four wells and start the first one within ninety days.

The lessee is Attorney Roland S. Waffield, who dealt with the Y. W. C. A. officials. The Y. W. C. A. obtained, it is understood, a large bonus for signing the lease, and will receive 17 per cent of the yield as royalty. Mr. Waffield also receives a royalty.

DEFEAT FREE SEEDS

Another effort to have Congress provide funds for the distribution of free seeds by its members failed February 13, the house agriculture committee, on a tie vote, refusing to report out a bill by Representative Langley, republican, Kentucky, proposing an annual seed appropriation of \$500,000.

"VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

A FAMOUS CASE OF "FATAL BEAUTY."

THE name Helen of Troy brings to our mind's eye a woman young and slender and of surpassing beauty. As a matter of record she had red hair and was forty years old when she started on her great adventure. But all the ancient world agreed that Helen was its finest ornament. Although she lived 3,000 years ago her fame still endures.

When Helen was a little under twenty, her father, Tyndareus of Argos, found his palace filled with almost every kinglet and princeling in Greece, demanding her hand. He foresaw that no matter where her choice fell, there would be future trouble. So he bound all of them to an oath that they would protect the hearthstone of the favored sutor.

Helen made a strange selection. Menelaus, king of Sparta, a plodding, middle-aged man. He took her off to his palace and after a while many things were said about her. But the two lived in seeming contentment for twenty years. Then came Paris, son of Priam, from the great city of Troy. He was young and handsome. It had been foretold that his city would be destroyed through him. Helen promptly "vamped" the stranger guest.

They fled one night for his ship and sailed for Troy. Menelaus mourned her as one distracted and called on Tyndareus to make the nobility of Greece fulfill its promise. Off they went, in 1,200 ships, to the city of Troy, standing near the present-day Constantinople.

The Trojan war lasted ten years without result. Helen had long since tired of Paris. Then he was brought back dying from a night sortie. "Long ago, dear," he said, "we were glad—we who never more shall be together. Will you kiss me, once? It is ten weary years since you have smiled on me. But, Helen, say farewell with your old smile."

She kissed him, he died, and soon afterward she wed his younger brother, although all Troy reviled her for bringing upon it such a war. One day the Greeks apparently sailed away and great was the rejoicing. But the besiegers left behind their famous wooden horse, which the Trojans mistook as an offering to Neptune for a safe passage home. They brought the horse into the city. That night a secret door in the horse was opened and Helen led those within to the gates, which they unfastened to the returned Greeks. An indescribable slaughter followed and the city was burned.

Helen went back to Sparta as the wife of Menelaus. When he died the women rose against her and she fled to Rhodes, whose queen had lost a son in the Trojan war. And she had poor Helen publicly hanged.

MICKIE SAYS

HEY, FOLKS, LISSEN! I'M OUT 'TAY LOOKIN' FER MONEY, SO IF YA SEE ANY BELONGIN' TO US, PLEASE RUN IT IN! WE DONT KEER FER 'TH' DERN STUFF BUT WE GOT T' HAVE IT 'T' KEEP THIS GREAT FAMILY JOURNAL COMIN' TO YA! AN PLEASE MENTION MY NAME!



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SOUND DEATH KNEEL OF DETOUR
IN NEW PROCESS OF BUILDING
Laying Pavement Over Half of Roadbed at One Time, Leaving Other Half Open to Traffic.

Elimination of the "detour bogey," the bane of every touring motorist's life, is seen as the successful outcome of recent experiments in what may be termed "split crown" construction of concrete roads.
The new method lies simply in laying paving over but half of the roadbed at one time, keeping the remaining half open to traffic as the work progresses. This method has been found particularly effective in rough and hilly country where detours are practically impossible, but urgent appeals from automobile owners who have experienced the torture of detouring by night, may bring it into general use.
Co-operation Essential.
Careful co-operation between the motoring public and the contractor is, however, essential. By stationing responsible guards at each end of the open strip, traffic may be sent over the route, first in one direction and then in the other, without danger.
Great care must be exercised by the contractor in order to avoid settlement of dust particles on the freshly-laid paving. In order to insure the proper curing of the concrete it is necessary that he keeps the unpaved side of the road well sprinkled at all times. Failure to do this would affect the concrete to an extent that might cause "scaling" in later years.
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