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BANK SCHOOL SAVINGS REACH HIGH MARK

Fifty-one thousand, two hundred and thirty-nine School Savings bank accounts with \$1,031,695.58 on deposit in Los Angeles banks is the record of the Los Angeles public schools on January 1, 1928. This has been achieved mainly by encouraging children to save for a definite purpose and to open savings accounts at the bank, making their own deposits like grown-up folks, using the same sort of passbook used by adults. These are "honest-to-goodness" accounts—not the penny-by-penny variety, showing on January 1, 1928 an average of \$20.13 per account.

Just five years ago the Los Angeles Banks School Savings Association was organized to function in the city schools as a special department of education for the purpose of assisting the schools in saving through a deposit system. The Los Angeles plan is one in which all banks in the community may participate, sharing alike in expense and results. It relieves principals and teachers of bookkeeping and handling money and brings pupils in direct contact with the banks and banking methods. It supplies pupils with attractive coin safes for the accumulation of small change and places them on their honor to save.

The subject of thrift and school savings was introduced into the schools after carefully working out an organized program that fits the problem of the girl and boy. It has taken an important place in the curriculum of all junior high schools in the city and approximately 235 elementary schools, whose principals, teachers and thrift committees are following through. Correlation of thrift with all other subjects of the course of study is the basis of thrift instruction in the Los Angeles schools rather than the "drive", "campaign" or "thrift week" idea.

The banks are serving a commendable purpose and serving it well, with principal and teacher co-operation, by establishing in the fertile young minds a solid foundation for thrift. They are starting the young folks of the city on the road to financial independence by instructing them in the ways of the growing bank account in order that in the future they may not be victims of poverty or lose what money they have through ignorance of the means and advantages of banking their savings.

One of the most important things about the Los Angeles plan of school savings is that it is character building. Every one who understands children will agree that it is difficult to make the average wide-awake youngster enthusiastic about putting his nickels and dimes into a bank as against spending them uselessly. But that is just what this plan overcomes. It arouses in children a deep sense of pride and satisfaction in the possession of a school savings bank account. However, the Los Angeles plan of school savings is not an any sense an advertising scheme to induce children merely to put their money into a bank instead of

spending it for candy at the corner store. It is a thorough study of thrift in all its phases. It encourages pupils to work for the money they receive instead of harassing their parents for it. It encourages them to spend wisely, to save part but not necessarily to hoard all. Thrift, as taught in the Los Angeles schools, advocates the proper use of time and talents, respect for private and public property, and the proper conservation of natural resources. These are some of the ideals which the school savings department is helping to instill in girls and boys.

Quoting Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, superintendent of schools, Los Angeles, "The compelling motive for saving, whether of one's own product or that produced by others, should be the saving of human energy. The essence of the sin of waste lies in the fact that human energy has been expended to no purpose. Some one toiled that some one else might destroy or throw away the results of that toil, or some one has toiled to produce something worthless.

"The great aim and scope of the public schools today is to prepare its students for usefulness in life and to make of them accepted citizens. There is nothing that will be of more paramount value to them than to know how to save and take care of their resources, as well as to know how to spend them judiciously."

Touring California

Travel Notes of Interest and Western Highway Information Furnished by the National Automobile Club

Gallup, New Mexico, located on the National Old Trails route, may be said to be the strategic center of the Indian country of the southwest and motorists over this highway could spend several days sightseeing in this district, according to information received from the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. Eighty-five miles northwest of Gallup, near Chin Lee, Arizona, is Canyon de Chelly, with its two tributary canyons, Del Muerto and Monument. It is about forty miles long and is the true home of the prehistoric cliff dwellers in all their colorful glory. Among the cliff ruins most widely known are the White House, Antelope Ruins and Mummy Cave. Canyon de Chelly possesses additional interest inasmuch as in the valleys are thousands of peach trees, dating from early Spanish times and which belong to the Navajos who may be seen living in these canyons in the same primitive fashion that they lived centuries ago when the Spaniards first came. About sixty-five miles south of Gallup is the Perpetual Ice Cave and this natural wonder is a cave in an old lava flow in which is an immense body of ice. The face of the ice is from 12 to 15 feet thick and extends back into the cave for several hundred feet. Scientists are at a loss to account for the presence of this body of ice as the mouth of the cave is practically the same width as the cave. In the same vicinity is the cave known as the "Breath of the Devil," the opening of which is small and into which the air is sucked by some unknown force and then violently expelled. 49 miles southeast of Gallup near the irrigated valley of Ramah is the Inscription Rock on whose face is cut the records of explorers and pioneers. El Morro is its other name and the first explorer who carved an account of his expedition thereon was Onate, in 1606, 95 miles north of Gallup lies Pueblo Bonito, one of the largest and most impressive of all the sharper curves between San Luis Obispo and Santa Margarita and construction work is now under way on two of these curves about three miles north of San Luis Obispo.

Extensive work is under way on realignment of bad curves throughout San Luis Obispo County, according to information received from the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. Four of the sharpest curves between Paso Robles and Templeton were recently replaced by long radius curves, making easy alignment over this portion of the road. Plans are well under way for the elimination of practically all of the sharper curves between San Luis Obispo and Santa Margarita and construction work is now under way on two of these curves about three miles north of San Luis Obispo.

About 2 1/2 miles of the San Diego-El Centro Highway near the foot of the Mountain Springs grade was destroyed by floods several months ago, necessitating a temporary road through the sand bottom of the wash. While this temporary road has served its purpose during the winter months, it is in danger of being destroyed by further floods. A new road bed is being reconstructed to replace the road that was destroyed and the line is being changed to eliminate the flood hazard and to cross the San Diego and Arizona railroad tracks at a better place for an undergrade crossing.

Widening and drainage work is under way on the Kern River Canyon highway to Walker's Pass. Preliminaries are well under way toward improvement of the Freeman-Bakersfield road, including widening and straightening of the present road, Weldon to Walker Pass, and relocation, Walker Pass to Freeport.

The following report of road conditions in Soledad Canyon is supplied by the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club: A very good graded dirt and gravel road is had from Mint Canyon to Lang. From this point to Acton numerous stream crossings are required but they may be negotiated without difficulty. A good wide dirt road is then traversed to Mint Canyon.

On the route between Seal Beach and Serra Station, pavement is followed through Huntington Beach and Newport Junction to Laguna. A very good oiled gravel road then extends to Serra Station except for a very short stretch of oiled dirt located at the wash entering Serra.

A contract was recently awarded for the grading of a road from Cross Junction to Olinda, a distance of 2 1/2 miles. This improvement, on a direct relocation, will eliminate a great many abrupt turns. From the north end of the oiled macadam road north of Bishop to the Inyo-Mono County line, distance 5.85 miles, surfacing with decomposed granite is nearing completion and this stretch will be oiled next season.

On the Carbon Canyon road between Chino and Fullerton, pavement is had for about 3.8 miles, followed by a very good gravel section to the Orange County line. One mile of the latter section is rough dirt which is poor during and immediately after rains. A very good narrow macadam road is traversed to Olinda, and pavement into Fullerton.

Care should be exercised in parking cars under trees for any length of time. According to L. G. Evans of the National Automobile Club many trees exude a resinous gum from the foliage as well as from the trunk and branches. With the movement of the trees by the wind tiny particles of this gum are thrown into the air and settle in the immediate vicinity. The pepper tree of California is especially noted for the amount of gum it throws off in this way. When once this substance has dried on a varnished surface it is next to impossible to remove it.

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The Light Opera company of Al Malukah Shrine is presenting "Boccaccio" at the Shrine Auditorium this week.

"Boccaccio" was first produced more than two decades ago in Italy, and won instantaneous favor from the critics and music lovers of that country. It was brought to America by the Gerstes Opera Co., of which Mme. Emma Gerstes was the prima donna. It duplicated in this country the sensational success won in its native land and was for many years included in the repertoire of the Grand Opera Company, Metropolitan Opera Co., Duff Opera Co., as well as other numerous organizations; it was also produced at the old Tivoli in San Francisco. The last known revival of this delightful opera was made by Charles H. Dillingham for Fritz Scheff about fifteen years ago.

The music composed by Franz Von Suppe is considered the very best ever written by the famous composer of the ever popular "Poet and Peasant" overture. The score is full of tuneful melodies and the dialogue effervescent and witty. The part of "Boccaccio" a novelist, hated by the populace for his truthful writings will be sung by our popular prima donna Charlot Woodruff. As a boy she will present a striking figure. Mr. Errolle as the Duke of Paterno will sing two beautiful numbers, one of which "Paquita" a beautiful Spanish ballad was composed by Buzzi-Peccia for and dedicated to the late Enrico Caruso who passed on without opportunity of presenting it in public. The composer turned it over to Mr. Errolle, then a member of the Metropolitan corps of artists, with the request that he should not permit it to pass into other hands so long as he lived.

Mr. Templeman, husband and the comedienne Messrs. Powell and Cherry are suitably cast as is also Miss Bird in the part of "Flaminette." The cast is still further augmented by the first appearance of Bernice Morgan, a contralto of established reputation brought on from New York by Al Malukah Temple for the part of "Peronella." Miss Mershon will be a valuable acquisition to our light opera aggregation for the balance of the season.

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