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Torrance School Notes

TORRANCE HIGH

Woodshop classes under the direction of Mr. William Burk, instructor, are building the ceiling for the stage set to be used in the senior class play, "The Thirteenth Chair," to be given on Friday, December 13.

The ceiling is not permanent, and may be used in other sets for future use.

A roll of tickets, each bearing the name of Torrance high school, has been purchased. These tickets will be used as gate tickets for admission to athletic events, auditorium door sales, candy and ice cream tickets, and for other school purposes where tickets are necessary.

Furniture for the new science hall, the new cafeteria and other departments is being delivered this week. By the end of the week it is expected to have the [illegible] all in.

The printing d[epartment] the direction of M[r.] ens, recently pri[nted] for use among t[he] are now at work.

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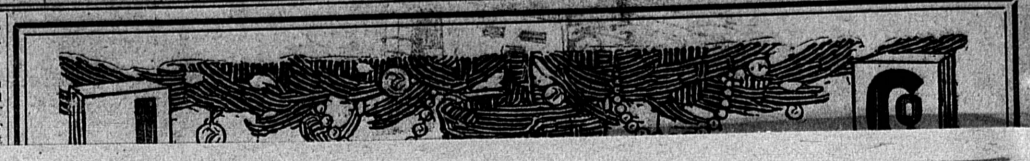
Views of the school published in the annual last year, were mounted and presented to the Chamber of Commerce recently for use in their office. The pictures were a gift



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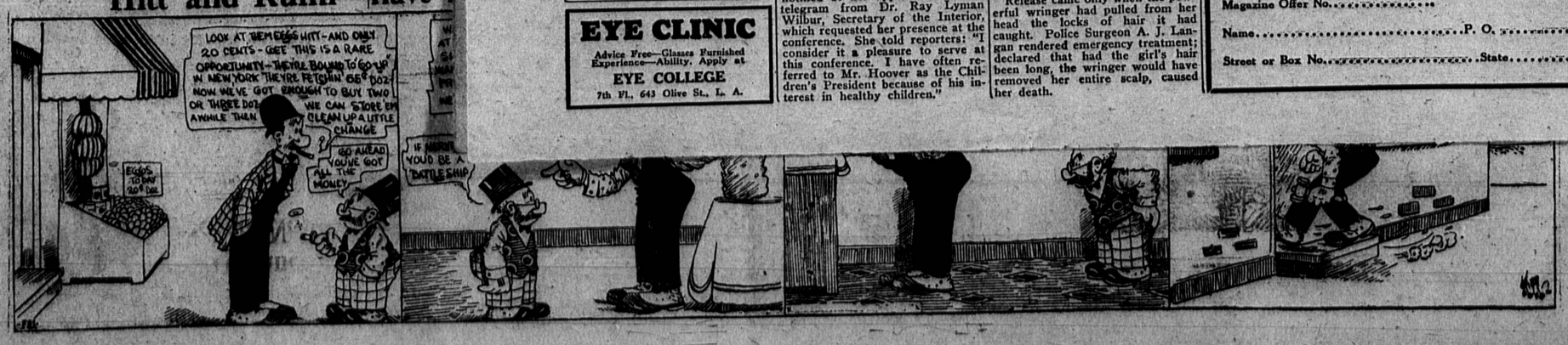

People

Last Man

Old Esteban Falari, regardless of his Spanish name, is an Indian. But no ordinary Indian is he. Esteban enjoys the distinction of being the last living remnant of the Santa Ynez Mission Indians, the last of the so-called Southern California Santacota Indians. He alone knows the secret rites of the now almost extinct tribe; he alone represents the finality of a tribe which died out as civilization approached.

Old Esteban lives meagerly in the mountain fastnesses above the Santa Ynez River (Santa Barbara County). Every two or three months he loads a scrubby packhorse, saddles his own mount and rides into civilization to purchase supplies. Last week on one of his customary jaunts, old Esteban was riding down through the rocky Santa Ynez river-bed when suddenly he was seized with a severe pain. In agony he dismounted, but in doing so fell, broke his thigh, and could not move. His horses, unfaithful, wandered away, left him to the mercy of a hot sun, a thirsty death. And there old Esteban, 80 years of age, lay for two days until by chance he was discovered. Now the aged Indian, last of the Santacotas, not downhearted, lies in a plaster cast at a Santa Barbara hospital, recovering from broken bones and exposure.

Lord Godiva

In Ventura last week, street strollers opened their eyes wide, gaped, blushed, looked away. Along the main street was driving Oil Worker Burt Hake, entirely nude; his body a mass of raw flesh, livid, scared. To the threshold of the Big Sisters Hospital he reeled, then collapsed. He was put on the operating table, lay there inert, moaned, groaned. He told attendants: "Tell my wife I probably won't be home tonight;" then gasped, later died.

Oil Worker Hake had been operating a huge gasoline oil shovel in the La Conchita field; was set afire by explosion. He had extinguished the flames on his body; had done a hectic Lord Godiva to Ventura, twelve miles away.

Angle-worms

Basic in economics is the law of supply and demand. Alhambra's R. B. Bilkosky may not be well-versed in economics, but he knows worms are necessary for fishing, are in great demand among fishermen. So four years ago he started an angle-worm farm; has since supplied millions of crawling, juicy worms to thousands of fishermen throughout the country.

Angle-worm Farmer Bilkosky maintains an experimental station, applies his findings to worm culture. Last week he revealed that a worm should not be marketed before it has attained its second birthday, that if properly shipped and intelligently fed, a worm will live five months; that worms may be cut into as many as seven pieces, and each piece continue to live.

But Farmer Bilkosky is reticent about his angle-worm farm, prefers not to discuss it; fears perhaps that the worm may some day turn.

Back-Patter

"Universal-Minded" Bertrand Russell, British scholar-author-educator-lecturer, last week visited in Pasadena; answered newspapermen's queries. He opined: Men fight because they hate, because they are afraid, not for economic reasons. Most important to world betterment are healthy bodies, virile minds; most dangerous to world happiness are poor digestions, inadequate gland functionings, since they are direct cause of hatred, indirect cause of world turmoil.

The Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact, suggested remedy for international warfare, was labelled by Genial Philosopher Russell as a "worth while gesture," as nothing more than that. He continued: World improvement can only result from international government, from perfected individuals; of major importance, too, are business organization, intelligent marriage.

To improve the world, fear and hatred must first be eliminated, opined "Universal-minded" Russell; he told of his Beacon Hill School in England, where 20 youngsters, ranging from three to nine years in age, are being personally guided to manhood, womanhood by himself and Helpmate-Authoress Mrs. Bertrand Russell.

During his Pasadena visit, Philosopher Russell also spoke to the California Institute of Technology student body; was introduced by Mathematician-Professor Eric T. Bell as "perhaps the possessor of the only universal mind of modern times." Genial Thinker Russell smiled benignly, later patted himself, fellow philosophers on the back; said the physicist is now catching up "with the philosopher ... The physicist is saying the things the philosopher has been saying for years."

Safety First, Doles

The name of Pilot James E. Doles was scarcely known, virtually unheard of before last week. Now, in Southern California, the name Doles is a name associated with heroism. For last week, not long after the T. A. T. air liner had come to a disastrous end, Pilot Doles tilted the wings of a huge Western Air Express passenger plane eastward from Alhambra to Albuquerque. Twenty-four hours overdue, an anxious public scented another disaster; Western Air Express, who thus far never lost a passenger's life, hoped against hope. Then out of a fog of uncertainty came news that the plane and passengers were all intact, that Pilot Doles, running into a snowstorm, had picked out a flat spot among the New Mexico mesas, and had landed. To Doles went the plaudits of thousands, the gratitude of the Western Air Express.

As the storm blew around him, Doles was compelled to "fly blind." Thus calm, vigilant, for safety's sake, he dipped through the snowflakes, and on a level stretch brought his plane to a slightly jolting stop. When Doles climbed from his cockpit to survey the landscape, he saw a deserted cabin, one-roomed, drafty, dreary. There, while the storm swept the plains, the passengers spent the night. Next morning they ate a breakfast of boiled eggs and hot biscuits cooked by one Mrs. Mason who had walked five miles through the snow to offer aid.

Meanwhile the storm abated, and Pilot Doles, still vigilant, little worried, took advantage of the temporary lull and left the ground just as the storm increased its fury and snowed great billows of snow. The plane then headed back for Los Angeles, arrived safely, relieved wide-spread anxiety.

Women

Gil's Mother

Sprightly, somber-garbed, a septuagenarian last week nimbly landed in Los Angeles, paid her respects to the city. An aviation enthusiast, she commented at length on her liking for air flights. One of the most outstanding of Mexican women, she refused to comment on Mexican politics; only smiled proudly when Mexican President Porter Gil was mentioned.

The woman was Senora Adele Portes Gil, 73-year-old mother of President Gil. Her visit to Los Angeles was unofficial, ostensibly for sight-seeing. She was accompanied by Mayor and Senora Luis Farell; remained three days, then flew home again to Mexico City.

Kudos for Angeleno

Highly honored was the Los Angeles County Health Department last week. Reason: Dr. Anna E. Rude, for five years director of the Bureau of Maternal and Child Hygiene, had been requested by President Hoover to be present at the White House Conference this month on child health and protection.

Dr. Rude's selection to serve on the committee of public health administration was construed by the County as a recognition of its child hygiene program which has brought about an infant mortality rate lower than that of the United States as a whole. While assembled at the White House, the health committee will consider child health needs, will discuss child hygiene programs.

Native Californian, Dr. Rude was notified of her appointment via a telegram from Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, which requested her presence at the conference. She told reporters: "I consider it a pleasure to serve at this conference. I have often referred to Mr. Hoover as the Children's President because of his interest in healthy children."

Miscellany

Sprinkler

At Huntington Park, Mrs. Ruby Batterson, while doing the family washing, brushed her skirts against an open heater, caught fire. Dashing into her rear yard, she spied a sprinkler playing on the lawn next door, squatted over it, extinguished the flames.

Jail-Breaker

In Santa Ana last week, 20-year-old Leo Earl Bailey, cow-boy garbed stranger, broke into—not out of—jail. He told Deputy Sheriff Don Mozley he was wanted in Edmore, Michigan; pleaded for arrest. He charged himself with nonsupport, wife-beating, bogus check passing, automobile stealing. Deputy Sheriff Mozley, soon tired of hearing Bailey's self-calumny, wearily arrested him, started an investigation.

Jaw

In North Hollywood, a fortnight ago, the weather was unbearably hot. Exasperated, one Mrs. Mary R. Trexler wanted to yawn, opened her mouth wide, wider. The yawn completed, she tried to close her mouth, could not do it. Rushed to the Emergency Hospital, physicians found she had dislocated her jaw, remedied the injury, sent her home; advised her to yawn more judiciously in the future.

Shimmying Anaheim

In Anaheim, the now-obsolete "shimmy," Gilda Grey's gift to Terpsichore, is not yet passe. Housewives do it; so do their families, even their homes. But unwillingly, it seems, for last week Anaheim residents brought a damage suit against the city; declared that a power generating plant kept nearby residences and residents constantly quivering. Superior Judge Marsh heard the evidence given by Plaintiff Mrs. Johanna Timme; then announced he would hold a "shimmying session," would take his entire court to observe this phenomenon, later would sift evidence.

Climatic Divorce

In San Francisco, one Guy C. Leonard surveyed the wind-swept, befogged city, wrinkled up his nose distastefully. Then he deserted his wife, Bay City enthuhiast, there employed as a stage company's "hello" girl. Deserted Wife Leonard shrugged her shoulders, last week told Superior Judge Moran that her husband had left her two years ago because he did not like San Francisco's climate. She was granted in interlocutory degree of divorce.

Now in Southern California is climate- discriminating Guy Leonard; in balmy Bell he lives, is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Chewed

At Los Angeles last March, Barber Alphonzo Brigantino, angered over an automobile collision with Garageman Harry Wilson, and with no weapons available, resorted to his teeth; bit and chewed Garageman Wilson's nose, lips, fingers; wife Rosa wielded a milk bottle. Garageman Wilson sued for $22,100 damages for the loss of an index finger and a lip. Defendants Brigantino filed a cross-complaint, asked $25,000 damages; pointed out that Plaintiff Wilson is a big, burly brute, used to battling, while Tonsorial Artist Bringantino knows nothing of fighting, is adept only with a razor. Amused, Superior Judge Archibald last week heard the cross-complaint, granted Plaintiff Wilson's request for postponement; took the case under advisement.

Severed Tresses

To bob or not to bob. So cogitated 15-year-old Ruth Speirs of San Pedro, now residing in Los Angeles. She decided in the affirmative, commissioned a barber to sever her tresses.

Last week Ruth Speirs rejoiced at her decision. Accidentally, her hair was caught in the rolls of a power clothes ringer; her head pulled nearer and nearer the rolls as her mother found herself unable to turn off the electric current.

Release came only when the powerful wringer had pulled from her head the locks of hair it had caught. Police Surgeon A. J. Langan rendered emergency treatment; declared that had the girl's hair been long, the wringer would have removed her entire scalp, caused her death.

Endangered

In Upland last week former British soldier M. A. Miller came nearer death than he had on the battlefields of France. As he drove across the Santa Fe Railroad tracks, a supporting rod of the traffic gate crashed through the top of his machine, struck him severely on the forehead, the cheek; inflicted painful injuries. Taken to the San Antonio Community Hospital, Veteran Miller surveyed his wounds, recalled his war exploits, laughed sardonically.

Sports

Prep Football

Football in the Southern Counties last week brought forth many a classy team but resulted in a series of lop-sided scores. On the average the pre-game favorites were victorious.

¶ At Riverside, local citizens watched with dismay the repeated onslaughts of a visiting Pomona team on the Riverside eleven which resulted in a decisive 33-0 victory for the visitors.

¶ At Orange, the home team easily defeated the Gardena High gridders, 42-0.

¶ Two Banning teams met with varying fortunes. One, successful, scored two touchdowns over San Jacinto and triumphed 13-0; the other, not successful, doggedly fell back before Jordan High and finally succumbed, 21-0.

¶ From Kern County the Bakersfield team traveled southward to Covina, put up a classy performance, but not so classy as Covina. Score: Covina 7, Bakersfield 0.

¶ The Tustin boys were too good for Anaheim's team, and although Anaheim scored twice, Tustin scored four times, making the score 26-12.

¶ Narbonne, smoothest team in the Marine League, gave its backfield men an afternoon of romping. So hard did they romp that Narbonne romped over Jacob Riis High, 33-0.

¶ Ventura High ground out a prominent milestone on its own field, when, for the first time in seven years, it defeated Oxnard, neighboring rivals, 8-0 and eliminated them as a contender for the county championship.

¶ Finishing in an exhibition of breath-taking plays, Beaumont made extra certain a game it had already sewed up earlier in the play. Score 20-6.

¶ Redlands and San Bernardino put on an exciting exhibition in a game which San Bernardino won 7-0.

¶ Santa Barbara High brought down a powerful eleven to play Glendale High. It was so powerful that Glendale failed to score while its opponents were running up a count of 26.

¶ Fans at the Downey-Citrus game received their money's worth when the two teams fought all afternoon with neither gaining appreciable advantages. Citrus had a better kicker than Downey and won by that margin, 7-6.

¶ Oilmen triumphed over Orangemen when Excelsior was beaten by Huntington Beach, 19-0.

¶ To win its game against Burbank meant much to Whittier, for it had been undefeated all season. Therefore, with great gusto, Whittier determinedly set about trimming Burbank, 26-7.

¶ Torrance was not performing excellently when it was trampled upon by Washington to the beat of 53-0.

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