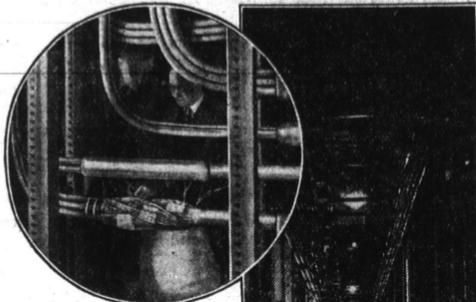


Biggest Vault Provides for Voice Paths for Years to Come



Half a million conversations will go flashing every day through more than three score telephone cables concentrated in the largest cable vault in the world, far below the street level, when the Newark, N. J., dial center building is opened for service in May. And these cables occupy only about one-tenth of the space which has been provided for cables to meet the expansion of telephone service in the Newark area during the next several decades. At the right is one bay of the cable vault, 194 feet long and 22 feet high, with cables running overhead; above is shown F. E. Shafer, division construction supervisor, splicing the final pair of wires in the last telephone cables now in place. The cables range in size from the largest now manufactured, containing 3,636 wires (1,818 "pairs" of circuits) to a cable containing only 101 pairs. The total number of voice paths in the present installation is 72,623, and the weight of the cables on the racks in the vault is nearly fifty tons.

Keeping Up With Torrance High

A most interesting meeting of the Girls' League was held Friday. The president, Ruth Wilhelm, presided and reports were made by Jean Wheaton, secretary, and Dorothy Stevenson, treasurer. The announcement was made that girls will not be required to wear uniforms after May 31. The business meeting adjourned and a short program followed, consisting of talks by Ruth Wilhelm and Jean Wheaton concerning their trip to the Girls' League convention at Riverside on April 30. Music was furnished by Joy Fossum, who played two piano solos, and Marje Belasco sang two solos, accompanying herself.

A surprise party was given Bertha Hurman, Thursday, May 12, by members of her class during the roll call. Miss Mills, the advisor, brought two beautifully decorated cakes.

New ideas have been suggested for a class gift to be given by the seniors. Among these are orchestra pit curtains and a painting for the library.

Senior announcements arrived Friday. The students in the journalism class are to begin work at once on the senior edition of the school paper. The graduates look forward to this issue of the paper and the students are showing much enthusiasm concerning it.

The monthly meeting of the Scholarship Society was held Friday. The topic of where they should go on "Ditch Day" was discussed and it was decided to go to a candy factory in Los Angeles and then to Exposition Park for a picnic.

Wednesday, at the regular senior high sing, the students were afforded the privilege of listening to Jane Julian, orator from Long Beach Polytechnic high school. Miss Julian delivered the oration which won her fourth place at the Southern California finals, held in Broyard auditorium, May 6. Students were liberal with their praise of her speech.

The Latin Club held its annual banquet last Thursday. The members of the club all came dressed in Roman costumes which consisted of a tunic and toga. Lillian Frazer, president, gave an invocation to the gods. This was followed by talks on the Olympics by Myron Nightingale, Helen Smith and Cieta Neville. A delightful menu had been planned and the banquet was a huge success. Novel place cards graced the tables. The Olympics was the motif carried out in the decorations.

The Alumni A Cappella Choir, which meets each Tuesday evening, has proved itself a success. The members have chosen to call the group the Eschen A Cappella Choir in honor of their director.

Gene Says Report Is Exaggerated

Gene DeBra of the DeBra Radio Company, who was reported last week as being laid up in bed because he had fallen off a roof and injured his back, declared this week that the report was in some respects greatly exaggerated. Gene said that he would like to have it understood that he is in the radio business and is not in competition with steeplesacks, flapole sitters or other gentry who climb on roofs in the pursuit of their trades, consequently he did not fall off a roof.

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at Narbonne High School

Appropriately in keeping with the times, the A9 classes at Narbonne have chosen the Olympic idea for the theme of that biggest event in the life of a junior high student—the A9 banquet. Thursday evening, May 26, is the date of the banquet, which will be held in the school cafeteria.

All the decorations are to be carried out in the Olympic colors of red, white, and blue. Miss Mutch, mathematics teacher, has been chosen the patroness and Mr. Comrada, vice principal, the patron. Committees are now at work planning the menu, games and other entertainment.

"Resolved: That the Hawaiian Islands should be granted their independence" is the question that members of Narbonne's advanced public speaking class are planning to debate some time in the near future.

Thelma Lucas and Mickey Mulhern will uphold the affirmative, while Robert Stock and Mike Yelovich will take the negative side. Another group of students from this class, under the direction of their coach, Miss Holloway, are working on the question. "Resolved: That capital punishment should be abolished." Helen Clark and Fred Hamilton will take the affirmative side and Mildred Robertson and Claude Omohundro the negative.

Baseball pitching and batting, volley ball serve, basketball throw for accuracy, and soccer kick for distance will be some of the decathlon events in which junior high girls will take part on May 25, the day of their first annual field day. Mrs. McKeown will be in charge, assisted by several girls from the senior high.

Introduce Bill to Levy Tariff Imported Tuna

Output of Oriental Canneries Has Greatly Increased, Says Congressman Swing

Representative Swing today introduced a bill fixing a tariff of two cents a pound on imported fresh tuna and prescribed that the ad valorem duty on canned tuna should be paid on the United States valuation.

During the last two years the Japanese fish interests, with the support of their government have greatly increased their output of canned tuna, Mr. Swing declared, shipping much of it to this country to be sold in competition with the fish canneries of the United States. The Japanese have been favored in this movement by the fact that their government has gone off the gold standard, which, in addition to the low costs of production in Japan make the import duty a nominal one. The same situation is said to exist to a lesser extent on Mexican packs of tuna.

The present tariff rate on canned tuna was made under conditions which made the duty a fairly effective protection for home industry. Today Japanese and Mexican canned tuna threaten to take the American market, Congressman Swing was informed by the fish industry of Southern California at whose request he has introduced the bill.

A similar complaint arises from the fishing industry which finds itself in sharp competition with frozen Japanese tuna brought here free and sold at a price below what American fishermen can op-

HOSPITAL NOTES

George Leech, operated upon last week, is reported to be rapidly improving.

Mrs. S. H. Woehler, 1752 Border avenue, entered the hospital for a minor operation on Monday, May 16.

Ann Gilmore, 11 years old, daughter of Edgar S. Gilmore, 3325 Paseo del Campo, Palos Verdes Estates, was treated for a wrist fracture, Friday, May 13. The little girl fell from the saddle while horseback riding.

Gene Garner, 2948 Palm street, Lomita, entered the hospital this week for the removal of tonsils.

Ora O. Coombs, 1755 Union avenue, Moneta, was treated for an infected hand and was released from the hospital Monday, May 16. Mr. Coombs is a radio performer, heard playing banjo and guitar, over KGER.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Becker, 1866 Plaza del Amo, on Monday, May 16, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Jimenez, 2355 254th street, Harbor City, on Monday, May 16, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Thorton, 1516 Carson street, on Thursday, May 12, a boy.

erate on. The huge fleet of tuna clippers, representing an investment of \$6,000,000 is reported to be tied up at Southern California docks, because of the foreign competition which they are unable to meet.

Congressman Swing has presented the case to the United States Tariff Commission in connection with canned tuna, and asks that the duty be increased.

Motorists Warned to Observe Law On Fire Hazard

SACRAMENTO.—Members of the California Highway Patrol have been instructed by their chief, E. Raymond Cato, to enforce strictly the section of the law prohibiting the throwing of lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes from moving motor vehicles during the coming fire hazard season.

Cato instructed the officers to arrest any persons caught throwing such material from cars and to charge them with a violation. Officers patrolling forest roads leading to public recreation areas were urged particularly to see that the law is not violated.

The order of the patrol chief was issued after conferences with Merritt B. Pratt, state forester, in which the co-operation of the state traffic police in preventing and fighting fires was pledged. Cato also called attention in his order to the need of strict enforcement of the law along highways paralleling grain fields.

Clean-Up Drive Makes Jobs

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(U.P.)—A "Clean Up" campaign here resulted in more than 3,000 odd jobs for unemployed men. Civic organizations co-operated in the campaign.

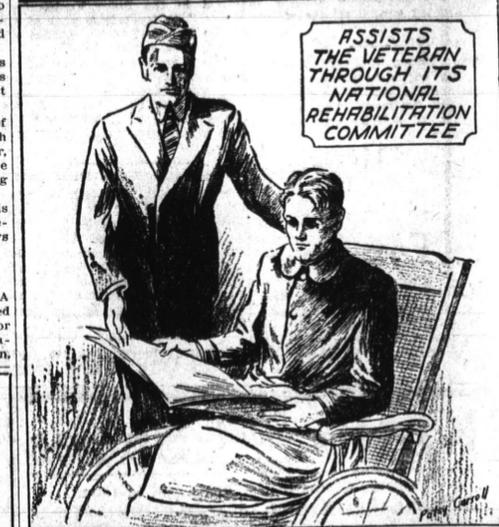
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"But what will you do with the old suits, Sam?" we asked. "Why that's simple, I'll give them to the Torrance Relief Society. They have plenty of fellows on their list who would be glad to wear them," replied Levy.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

It is not too late to join the English and Economics classes. Two new students came in this week, Mrs. Bagby and Miss Howe. The English class is no receiving grammar and correct speech.

Next Monday evening there will be a discussion of Social Insurance, including old age pensions and unemployment insurance. Fred Barrett, a member of the class, who has lived in many lands, will give a talk on the dole in England, New Zealand and Australia.

Mrs. John Young reports a most enjoyable time as the guest of Olive Robinson at a Mother-Daughter banquet given by the "Gleaners," an organization of the Latter Day Saints church.

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