

VISIT ARTESIA

LOMITA.—Members of the Royal Neighbors lodge went to Artesia last night to attend a party given by the various lodges of the district. The Lomita group presented a play, the "Lomita Grammar School," as their part of the entertainment.

New Captain At Sub-Station No. 3

Captain Walter M. Hotz, former inspector of sub-stations, was placed in charge of the sheriff's sub-station No. 3, located at 10817 So. Vermont avenue, this week. Captain Hotz replaces Captain John Neighbors, who has been transferred to another detail.

Torrance Theatre Phone 132

LAST DAY - TODAY, February 9 JACK HOLT in

"MAN AGAINST WOMAN"

ALSO—Selected Short Subjects

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 11

JAMES CAGNEY in

"Hard to Handle"

ALSO—OUR GANG COMEDY

Cartoon Travelogue Fox News

FREE! — Friday 20 Dollars in Gold — FREE! All Seats 15c till 5 P. M., Saturday and Sunday

SUNDAY and MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - 13

Robert Armstrong and Constance Cummings in

"BILLION DOLLAR SCANDAL"

ALSO—Laurel and Hardy Comedy

All Seats 15c Till 5 P. M. Sunday

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY February 14 - 15 - 16

Barbara Stanwyck in "Bitter Tea of General Yen" Sidney Fox in "Afraid To Talk"

ALSO—Selected Short Subjects

THEY TRIED BULLETS... WHEN BRIBES FAILED...

Advertisement for 'The Billion Dollar Scandal' featuring Robert Armstrong and Constance Cummings. Includes promotional text like 'He Mustn't Talk!', 'My Honor Involved!', 'Buy Him Off!', 'The Public Mustn't Know..', 'Shut Him Up—Forever!', and 'A Lot of Money!..'. Theatrical details: TORRANCE THEATRE Sun. and Mon., Feb. 12-13.

Millionaire Ruins Romance, Causes Swindle Expose

Robert Armstrong, in what is reported to be the best role of his career, heads the cast of "The Billion Dollar Scandal," an expose of a gigantic swindle, directed by Harry Joe Brown, which shows at the Torrance Theatre, Sunday and Monday, February 12 and 13.

Armstrong portrays Fingers Partos, who learned message by way of the prize ring, went to prison for some minor offense, and came out to become masseur and gym teacher for a wealthy banker named Masterson and his associates. Playing stock tips he overhears in his gym class, Fingers makes a fortune, and then because his younger brother falls in love with Masterson's daughter, Masterson breaks him.

With revenge as his motive, Fingers listens to the suggestion of a powerful newspaper editor that he tell for publication the details of a nation-wide swindle he overheard Masterson plotting. His disclosures make him the man of the hour, saviour of a people and the nemesis of Masterson and his millionaire crook associates.

In addition to Armstrong, the cast includes Frank Morgan as Masterson; Constance Cummings as Masterson's daughter; James Gleason as Ratsy, pal of Fingers; Warren Hymer as the Kid, another pal; Olga Baclanova as Anna, Fingers' girl; Irving Pichel as the newspaper editor.

"The Bitter Tea of General Yen," Coming to Torrance Starting Tues.

A man she hated one minute—and admired the next... who moved her from pity to scorn... who set every vibrant chord in her soul tingling with strange, forbidden emotions. That was General Yen.

A woman who was emotionally dead until she was thrown into the turbulent vortex of warring China... who was slowly freed from the New England conventions that made her a prisoner to herself for years... who felt love for the first time, love that stormed her heart, swept her soul. That was Megan Davis.

A crucible in which fate stirred the boiling emotions of these two people, a man from the East, a woman from the West, drawn together by a magnetism that breaks all barriers of convention, race and custom. That is "The Bitter Tea of General Yen," which Columbia presents at the Torrance Theatre, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 14, 15 and 16.

Two such characters as the inscrutable magnetic General Yen and the propriety-bound Megan Davis, which Barbara Stanwyck and Nils Asther portray in this outstanding film unfolded in modern China taken from the best-selling book by Grace Zaring Stone, which may be seen for the rare in the pages of fiction.

Work On Lomita Boulevard Will Be Started Soon

Supervisor Quinn Assures Committee of Speedy Action

LOMITA.—A committee of three representing Harbor City and Lomita, who appeared before the board of supervisors Tuesday to present petitions for the immediate improvement of Lomita boulevard in those towns, met with encouraging response from Supervisor John R. Quinn of the fourth district, who assured the representatives that favorable action would be taken and work started on the highway within a few days. Work will commence at the east end of the section which is to be improved.

Action on Lomita boulevard has been delayed for a year because of the presentation of petitions to do the work as an assessment project at the expense of the property owners. This proposition met with strong opposition, and a year's delay was obtained. Recently new petitions were circulated to have the work done as a county project, the property owners to donate the amount of land necessary to widen the highway.

The Voters' League, which has been backing this project, expresses its appreciation of the cooperation of citizens of Lomita and Harbor City in putting the proposition over, and pledges the assistance of the league in making any and all projects which are vital and a benefit to the community.

Voters League To Elect Officers Tomorrow Nite

Important Business Meeting Will Be Held at the V. F. W. Hall

LOMITA.—Important business will confront the members of the Voters' League, at its meeting to be held tomorrow night, February 10, at V. F. W. hall. Officers for the ensuing three months will be elected and several resolutions will be presented for adoption.

Reports of county delegates on the progress of organization, its purpose and aim, will be heard. Delegates have been meeting each Monday night at Belvedere Gardens where last Monday night a number of members of the state assembly were in attendance. Plans for unemployment and welfare relief were laid before them.

A measure providing for a five-day week, with a five-hour day at a minimum wage of \$5 per day, is being introduced for legislative action.

This week about 200 men have been called from Lomita for work on various projects. All men who are in need of work who are not registered voters, are requested to get in touch with Mrs. E. C. Erickson, deputy registrar of voters, after which they may register for work with Charles M. Smith, who is in charge of the unemployment register in Lomita. It is expected that more work will soon be available.

Collections On Second Half Taxes Pass Million Mark

Collections on the second half of real property taxes are less than 2 per cent behind the collections for the corresponding period last year, it was disclosed today by W. O. Welch, county tax collector.

Sometimes this week Welch expected second half collections to pass the \$1,000,000 mark. The \$800,000 mark was passed Saturday, and daily collections average between \$15,000 and \$20,000, according to W. O. Ashcroft, chief bookkeeper.

Torrance residents are reminded that second installment taxes have been due and payable since January 20. The percentage of collections at the end of last week was 52.7 per cent, as compared with 52 per cent for the corresponding day last year. April 20 is the last day to pay second half taxes to escape a five per cent penalty.

Torrance Army Man Returns From Hawaii

Private Samuel L. Bone, son of Mrs. Minnie B. Rose, Torrance, California, is now at Fort McDowell, California, awaiting his reassignment to some U. S. Army post near the west coast after having served with F Battery, 64th Coast Artillery, U. S. Army, Fort Shafter, Hawaiian Islands.

Private Bone enlisted in Los Angeles, California, December 2, 1930, for coast artillery. He has been in the Hawaiian Islands for the past two years and expects to be discharged from the army in about a year. While in the islands, Private Bone had the opportunity to visit many points of interest, including the famous Waikiki Beach and the world renowned active volcano on the island of Hawaii, the largest of the Hawaiian group.

BENEFIT DANCE

LOMITA.—Royal Neighbors Lodge will give a benefit dance on Wednesday evening, February 15, at the L. O. O. F. hall. Funds from this affair will go toward the relief of a needy family. Dancing and cards will furnish diversion. Prizes for both first and second men's and women's high score in 500 and pinocle will be given. Refreshments will be served.

Excess Storm Water Problem In Gardena

Request of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce that the city of Los Angeles take care of a series of drainage conditions at 164th street, between Estrella and Orchard avenues, was being considered today by the public works committee of the Los Angeles city council.

Heavy rains of the past few weeks have caused a considerable amount of storm water to accumulate north of the school grounds. The chamber's complaint was forwarded to the board of public works along with a letter from Councilman A. E. Henning.

Under the plan of the Los Angeles city engineer, the council is asked to appropriate \$1000 for grading work on the south side of 164th street. Upon this appropriation now hinges the solution to the problem, according to Councilman Henning.

Artist, Well Known Locally, Exhibits At Palos Verdes

Considerable interest is evinced in the announcement of the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association that Hubert Stowitz's pictures, representing the Java Theatre Arts, accompanied by marionettes, shadow puppets and painted theatre cloths, will be on exhibit at the Palos Verdes art gallery from February 14 to March 12, with opening reception on the evening of the 14th.

Mr. Stowitz, well known locally, is the brother of Mrs. P. S. Venable of Redondo Beach, and has shown previously both at the art gallery and at the Los Angeles museum, where his pictures of Vanishing India created much favorable comment prior to their European showing. These Japanese pictures have just returned from European showings and are exhibited now for the first time around Los Angeles.

At Torrance - February 17 and 18



James Dunn, El Brendel and Boots Mallory have the principal characterizations in "Handle With Care," the new romantic screen play from the studios of Fox.

Water Wagon Caught Fire

PORTLAND, Ore.—(U.P.)—Portland's water wagon street flushing system might be "all wet" in every sense of the word, but it wasn't wet enough last night when one of the wagons caught fire and it was necessary to call out firefighters to extinguish the blaze.

Japanese Held Up; Chrysler Sedan Is Stolen; Later Found

Four men driving an old Essex sedan, held up Wada Muramoto Japanese, residing on Hickman street near Electric, Friday, February 3, and robbed him of a blue Chrysler sedan, two overcoats, and 50 cents in cash.

Muramoto was returning home when he saw the Essex parked in front of his house. As he drove up, two men left the car, and while one held him under a gun the other searched him and took possession of the coats, a fine chin-chilla which he was wearing, and another overcoat which was in his car.

The men then searched Muramoto's house but apparently took nothing. The two were described as being Americans, 20 to 23 years old. Description of the other pair who remained in the car, was not obtained. The quartet departed, taking Muramoto's car with them. The affair was reported to sheriff's substation No. 3. Later, on Monday, February 6, the machine, abandoned, was found in Long Beach.

HARBOR DISTRICT CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce are meeting today and this evening at Kerekhoff hall, on the U. of C. campus at Westwood.

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