

Mother-Children, Graduate

MONNETT, Mo. (U.P.)—High school diplomas will be awarded here this spring to Betty and Bob Crabb, 17 and 18, respectively, and their mother, Mrs. Ruth Crabb. Mrs. Crabb, wife of a minister, was unable to finish her high school work when a girl, so she took the course with her children.

Too Old for Cigarettes

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (U.P.)—When Edward Smith, Jr., was three he felt he was getting too old to smoke cigarettes, so he switched to cigars. His parents explained he has used tobacco since he was two and enjoys an after-breakfast smoke with his father.

Armored Shield May Aid Cops

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (U.P.)—Inexpensive armoring of all police cars is seen as a possibility in the bullet proof steel shield developed by Chief of Police Sabin D. Kane. The shield is held against the roof of the car when not in use and is dropped to guard the occupants while the glass is raised. A large auto manufacturer has been granted permission to use the device.

Lightning Disrobed Boy

GALLIPOLIS, O. (U.P.)—Lightning which struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dellely near here ripped part of the clothing off John Dellely, a son, and ignited it. The boy escaped serious injury.

Airplane Plant Offered Long Lease at Mines

With a 48-year lease offered by the Los Angeles city council as an inducement, the North American Aviation Corp., subsidiary of General Motors which has been inspecting various sites throughout the county, will locate at Los Angeles municipal airport, Inglewood, it appeared certain today. Aircraft factories now are located at United Airport, Burbank, home of the Lockheed factory; Santa Monica, where Douglas planes are made; Glendale, which has several, including a motor factory; Downey, which has the Kinner factory, and other cities. Central Manufacturing district was reported to have made a strong bid for the American plant, and other sites were inspected in the southwest corner of the county.

Between 500 and 1,000 men, most of them skilled mechanics, would be employed in the factory, according to the statements made to Los Angeles councilmen late last week by a company representative. Investment in the factory would amount to several hundred thousand dollars, it also was stated.

Next step is expected to await the opening of bids by the government late this month for a huge order of planes for the army air corps. Offer of Los Angeles city to extend the lease is expected to have an important bearing upon any bids the General Motors subsidiary company might make, and if the bid is successful, creation of the Los Angeles factory is expected to proceed immediately.

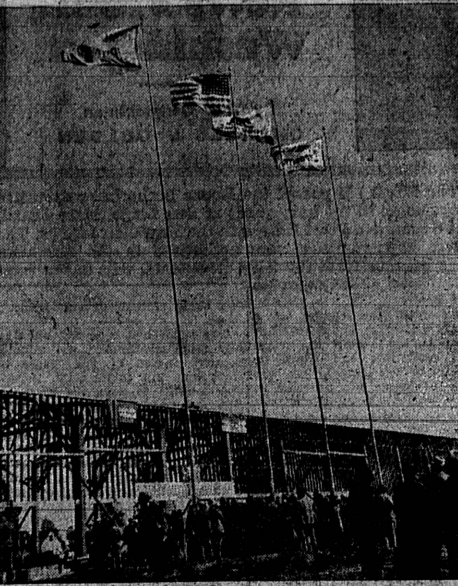
The Consolidated Aircraft Corporation has just taken bids for a factory 900 by 300 feet, in San Diego, understood to be contingent upon the forthcoming bids to be taken on army training planes.

Home Again



Andrew Bahr, Norwegian Laplander, arrived in Seattle, Washington, recently, back to "civilization" after leading a five-year drive of 3,000 reindeer from Western Alaska to the east shore of the Mackenzie river, 2,500 miles across the Arctic Circle.

HUGE FLAGS AND BANNERS MARK EXPOSITION SITE



High over the huge Pan-Pacific exposition auditorium Old Glory, the Bear State flag, and the banners of the National Housing Exposition designate the rapidly building home beautiful show opening May 18 at Beverly-Fairfax, Los Angeles.

In friendly competition with the builders, Clifford Henderson, managing director of the National Housing Exposition, is trying to fill the exhibit space faster than the Ford J. Travis Co. can erect the huge exposition auditorium. Reservation of exhibit space was over 70% complete this week while the central building of the housing show was taking shape with amazing speed.

"We'll have the 14 acres bulging with exhibits as spectacular as the entertainment," promised Mr. Henderson, "and there'll be something of absorbing interest every minute."

The magical transformation of the bare tract of land into the elaborate Exposition Center of Southern California at Beverly-Fairfax, Los Angeles, enters another stage this week. Half a dozen modern houses that will include the newest marvels for the home, many to be seen for the first time, start rising from the ground along the avenue of demonstration homes, one of the major features of the comprehensive home, beautiful show opening May 18.

Emergency Crop Loans Available To Farmers of Los Angeles County

State Supervisor R. D. Bone of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office at Salt Lake City states that applications for emergency crop loans to farmers in Los Angeles county are now being received by C. Newton Graves, with offices located on fourth floor, 741 So. Flower street, Los Angeles.

In accordance with the act of Congress authorizing loans, and regulations issued by Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit Administration, loans will be made to farmers who are unable to obtain elsewhere seed, fertilizers, supplies, feed, or the necessary credit to purchase such items. Loans will not be made to applicants who can obtain credit in the amount needed from any other source, including the Production Credit Association.

Any farmer who has the necessary security should apply to the Production Credit Association first. The Los Angeles county office of the association is located at 725 South Spring street, Los Angeles. If the association is unable to make him a loan in the amount needed the farmer will receive a statement to that effect and will be considered eligible to apply for a loan from the emergency fund.

The regulations provide that the largest loan to one farmer this year is \$500 and the minimum \$10, but no loan may be made in an amount greater than is actually needed to cover the cash cost of purchasing seed, fertilizers, supplies, feed, etc. Loans will be made for the purpose of growing and harvesting crops, for summer fallowing, for purchasing feed for work stock, but not for the purpose of purchasing livestock or machinery, or for the payment of debts or taxes.

Loans will be made only to applicants who are co-operating with the production control program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

As in the past, the security for an emergency crop or feed loan will consist of a first lien on the crop financed. A tenant must also give a first lien by getting the landowner to waive his claim in favor of the crop lien; but the landowner is in no way obligated for repayment of his tenant's loan.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be issued by the regional emergency crop and feed loan office at Salt Lake City, Utah, and not by the field supervisor.

Regulations require that applications for loans be filed in the county where crops are to be grown and county farm agents in other counties can give locations of loan office in each county.

AMERICAN INDIAN NOT VANISHING RACE

BERKELEY, Calif. (U.P.)—The American Indian is far from being a vanishing race—there are 250,000,000 full blooded Americans now living in the United States, however, has but 322,000 of them, or approximately one percent. More than 95 percent of the number live south of the Mexican border, according to E. W. Gifford, University of California extension division lecturer.

Center of highest culture of the race, he added, was NOT in the United States, but in Mexico, Central America and South America.

Local Residents Exceed Quota In Employment

City Falls Behind On Payroll Due From Metropolitan District

While Torrance residents received 11 more of the employment of the Metropolitan Water District during March than it was entitled to, the city still is nearly \$10,000 behind on the total of the accumulated payroll, according to a tabulation issued by the district offices in Los Angeles this week.

Employment fluctuates a few months to month, but it is the aim of the district to distribute it as equitably as possible, based on a cumulative assessment. Employees with Torrance as their legal address at time of employment were entitled to 1,003 of the employment offered last month, but received 1,114 percent, the table showed.

In dollars and cents, Torrance residents received \$3,848 of the total payroll of \$78,046 last month, but were entitled to receive but \$3,118, it was shown.

Eighty-four Torrance residents were employed on the project during March, whereas the quota for Torrance was but 73. There are a total of 6,718 persons employed from office workers and laborers to executives.

Air Official



Possible acceptance by Australia of American certificates of planes' airworthiness is forecast with the arrival of Captain E. C. Johnston in Los Angeles. He is director of civil aviation for Australia.

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ed a kitten? My own little puppy died at birth," she said sadly. "My folks gave me a hot water bottle to comfort me, and I did the best I could with it, washed it nicely, and snuggled it close up to me to keep it warm, but what a slippery old hot water bottle when I can have a nice furry little kitten to nurse. I am delighted with my new baby, even if it is not like my own dear chubby little child. It's cute and it loves me, and I am so happy I don't care what the neighbors think." And she grabbed her kitten as it toddled out of the basket and proceeded to wash it vigorously. "Goodbye, come up and see us some time."

"Lady," the handsome little bull terrier owned by Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, was inconsolable when her puppy died last week. As no other pups of a nursing age were available, Mrs. Higgins decided to try putting a kitten in the dead pup's place. "Lady" was delighted Friday night when she was presented with her "family" and immediately took full possession, to the consternation of the kitten, which is now old enough to know the difference between a dog and her own mother. "Lady," however, was so kind and loving that the strangeness wore off in a few minutes and the kitten and her foster mother settled down in "Lady's" basket as contentedly as if they were truly mother and child, and are now getting along wonderfully. The hot water bottle has been completely ignored ever since.



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RECREATION Department Notes
The class in show card writing, fancy lettering and art painting, supervised by Mr. Chas. Fritter, Recreation Center, is showing wonderful results. Mr. Fritter has samples of work done by the children and many of them are very fine. The paintings of birds, flowers, mountain scenes, etc., on glass are very interesting and beautiful and we suggest that anyone interested in art work visit Recreation Center, see this collection and meet Mr. Fritter. He will be very glad to explain the work and his method of instruction.

Last Saturday the Torrance Recreation department sponsored the first of a series of junior model aircraft contests at the Torrance ball park under the supervision of Alfred L. Paul, expert instructor in the building of model aircraft. A new and novel form of contest was staged for the boys, known as a "golf course contest." The contestants were required to fly their models around an eight-lap field, 120 feet per lap. The one completing the course in the least number of hops to be the winner of a valuable model airplane kit. Reg. Clark, of Torrance, was the winner in this event. Prizes were given for workmanship and care as to detail in the building of model planes. First prize went to Monty Spaulding of Torrance.

A model Sopwith Camel gave the audience quite a thrill when it went to an altitude of about 50 feet, circled the ball field, then flew out of the enclosure on to the lawn to the left. This model was in the air about three minutes. The war kite contest will be held Friday, April 19, at 2 p. m. Mr. Paul invites both children and adults to avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying a whole some and educational pastime by coming to Recreation Center any afternoon for instruction in model aircraft building.

Richard Stevens tells us that from April 18 to 24, a stamp exhibit will be put on the window of the Torrance Building and Loan Co. All persons interested in stamp collecting are urged to see this exhibit.

Last Saturday the Post and Cravens playground ball team played two practice games. In the morning they played the Ball Park team—score, Ball Park, 15; Post-Cravens, 3. In the afternoon they played Madrid playgrounds—score, Post-Cravens, 11; Madrid, 3. Tuesday the Ball Park team played Madrid. Batteries: Ball Park, Moser and Schmidt; Madrid, Perkins and Massey. Junior Richardson made two home runs, and Moser made one home run, one triple and one double for the Ball Park. Score, Ball Park 3; Madrid, 1. Supervisor and umpire for Ball Park, Frank Kuhn.

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