

## DETOUR

Col'm Under Construction  
By BETSY BYRNES

"Sing as you will, O singers all,  
Who sing because you want to sing!  
Sing any song and anyhow,  
But sing! Sing! Sing!"

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest singers, Enrico Caruso. The world was made much richer because he wanted to sing!

### QUESTIONS

Here's one for the musicians: What famous composer's name would be Joseph Green, if it were translated into English?

How did Santa Catalina Island get its name?

Oil wells are a common sight to us. When was the first oil well drilled, and where?

### TODAY'S PROVERB

"From those I trust, God keep me;  
From those I mistrust, I will keep myself."

## Noted Trapeze Artist, Resting In Walteria, Tells His Greatest Thrill—Far From Circus Big Tops

Plans Sales Event At Penney Store



HILLMAN LEE

Who announces that the J. C. Penney store here will conduct Dollar Days today, Friday and Saturday when some outstanding bargains will be offered to local shoppers. Lee has been working for the past two months arranging the specials that are advertised in this issue of The Herald. All of the stock offered is new and should prove exceptionally attractive to local residents.

## Movie-Makers Soil Selves On Oil Location

Actors Throng Well Site Off Sepulveda for Film Scenes

Enthusiastically, altho a bit gingerly, and in brand-new costumes carefully smeared with grease and grime, a strange oil crew worked the producing Weber-Butler well off Sepulveda boulevard two days this week. Their efforts were observed with keen amusement that aroused some salty observations by the regular crew.

The temporary workers were a group of motion picture actors, transported to the oil field location to "shoot" exterior scenes for Universal's forthcoming thriller, "The Wildcatter." While the Hollywood performers were here, two of the world's best ways of making money were side by side as the actors played with the huge wheeled equipment in the business of making a movie.

A large company of people, trucks, cameras, reflectors, ropes and wires was clustered around the well—most of which was apparently superfluous as the equipment saw little actual service. The movie-makers strolled around the well reading from the well-thumbed script books, memorizing their lines in between "takes." The busiest group were the camera men and the art crew, intent on getting just the right angles and the proper amount of grease spread over the flinching countenances of the actors.

## THREE LOMITA STUDENTS HURT IN COLLISION

Four persons were hurt Friday night when autos driven by Neil A. Cramer, 16-year-old Lomita schoolboy residing at 26047 Pennsylvania avenue, and John Joseph Maune, 42, of San Pedro, collided on North Gaffey street a mile south of Anaheim boulevard.

Maune was arrested on drunk driving and intoxication charges. He was treated in the receiving hospital for fracture of the right knee cap and other injuries, sent to the Los Angeles general hospital.

Young Cramer was treated for glass in the left eye. Edward L. Gibson, 16, schoolboy, 25934 Cypress avenue, Lomita, was treated for a bruise and laceration of the right leg. Miss Vivian Chandler, 16, schoolgirl, of Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, escaped with bruises and abrasions.

## FORMER GARAGE MAN RETURNS

Fred Boice opened a service garage at the Texaco station, corner of Carson street and Arlington avenue, this week. He is said to be a specialist in this work and operated a garage for several years until recently when he had to leave that business on account of his wife's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Boice then moved to Los Angeles where she could have medical treatments. Now they have returned to Torrance and Boice has taken over the garage department at the Diesel and Hansen station. He specializes on Willys Knight cars, but repairs all makes. The service garage also offers steam-cleaning, washing, polishing and battery work.

The acknowledged greatest "man on the flying trapeze" in circus history, Alfredo Codona, is taking a much-needed rest at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Adolph, of Walteria. Codona has several times narrowly escaped death swinging high and low under the big tops but his greatest thrill—so he said this week—was when he caught a 450-pound sea bass recently off San Pedro.

He has had more than the usual amount of "close shaves" while audiences all over the world gasped for breath at his daring performances—but none of these approached his battle with the giant fish.

"I almost collapsed when I saw that fish's head bob up out of the water. There's no greater moment in my life. Nothing gave me such a thrill as when I landed him," Codona said.

### To Serve as Director

Resting before circus season opens in a month or two, the great aerialist describes his circus performances of many years as "hard work and harder practice." The original Codona trapeze act, he said, started at San Pedro. His brother Lalo is now performing in Europe. Codona's second wife—his first was fatally injured in a circus performance about five years ago—left Walteria some 10 days ago for Florida to join Ringling Brothers' circus, which is soon to leave its winter quarters at Sarasota.

In April, Codona will rejoin the Tom Mix circus as a director, having temporarily given up trapeze work. He delights in fishing and while staying near here is constantly making trips to nearby beaches "so that I can get my fill before I have to go back to work."

### Hard But Interesting

Codona's fishing experiences have been acquired all over the world. Three years ago he fished for tuna from a commercial boat out of a Portuguese town. The method used by the Portuguese, he said, is the same as that of the San Pedro tuna fishermen.

"Circus life is hard but interesting," the flying acrobat said. "It holds you and it's hard to get away from. I'll settle down when I can no longer walk."

## More Than 50 Cited In Court During Past 3 Weeks

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pled not guilty before City Judge Robert Lessing. After a court trial he was found guilty. Once in a great while I have found a speeder who honestly admits he was going as fast as I clocked him."

### Bail-Fine Schedule

Most of those cited into Judge Lessing's court were ticketed for traveling in excess of the 45-miles-per-hour limit on the open highway. The fastest traveler stopped by Sergeant Ashton—and only after a considerable chase—was an Iowa motorist who hit 86 miles an hour at his best spurts.

Judge Lessing has been following the "bail schedule" in handing down fines. These range from \$5 to \$50 and the majority of cases, those involving speed in the 45-mile limit, paid according to the following tabulation: 45 to 55 miles, \$5; 56 to 65 miles, \$10; 66 to 70 miles, \$15; 71 to 75 miles, \$20; 76 to 80 miles, \$25, and 81 and over, \$50.

## 20-30 Flood Fund Sent Headquarters

A check for \$40, the Torrance 20-30 club's net proceeds from the benefit dance Feb. 13 for the benefit of the mid-west flood sufferers, was placed in the mail today addressed to the organization's state headquarters in Sacramento.

President Al Johnson reported the dance fund at the meeting last night. The 20-30 association will forward all club's gifts to the American Red Cross, he said. Charles Myers, sales manager for the Sealy Mattress company, addressed the club last night on his knowledge, as a former resident of Memphis, Tenn., of the flood disaster.

## Opens New Cafe



HERBERT C. ALLEN

Who has opened a new eating place at 1658 Carson street. He was formerly in business at 2087 Torrance boulevard. He specializes in chili, hamburgers, Texas tamales and Mrs. Allen's good coffee and home-made pies.

## ARMY PAYS TRIBUTE TO 30-YEAR VET

Former Torrance Resident Retires from Service at Fort Ceremony

Standing at attention beside Lieutenant Colonel Claude M. Thiele, post commandant, First Sergeant Amon S. Green of Headquarters Battery, Third Coast Artillery, reviewed his own battery and the entire 63rd Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) regiment last week. It was his farewell ceremony at Fort MacArthur because Sergeant Green, a former resident of Torrance, was retiring after 30 years' service in the army.

As the regiment marched past the old army non-commissioned officer a special light came into his eyes as he picked out his son, a corporal, parading by him at retreat. The retirement orders were read by Lieutenant B. S. Alexander, adjutant, and then Commander Thiele spoke in commendation of Sergeant Green and wished him well in his retirement.

"As dependable and faithful as they come," Col. Thiele described the veteran. Sergeant and Mrs. Green intend to remain at their home in San Pedro until spring when they will return to Pennsylvania, their native state.

## Want Property On Border Zoned

The Dominguez Land company requested the city council last Tuesday night to zone its property facing Border between 220th and 222nd street for residences only, restricting living facilities to not more than four families per dwelling. The request was turned over to City Engineer Frank R. Leonard and City Attorney C. T. Rippey, for investigation and report.

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## Gem's Curse Hits

Once-Famed Actress Who Lived in Lomita Between Marriages

News reports from Portland late last week concerning the detention of a woman identified as Mrs. John Smutz, 67, formerly famed May Yoie, actress and one-time wearer of the 44½ karat Hope diamond, proved of more than usual interest to old-time Lomitanos.

They recalled that the once great stage star, whose career began in a village church choir and soared into British royalty, lived at Rancho de Las Flores east of Narbonne avenue for several years in the early 1900's. The little home, almost hidden behind tall cypresses and shrubbery, still bears the romantic Spanish name.

Recently she was treated in Portland for a mental condition described in press reports as "delusions of grandeur." Her confinement—just another phase of the misfortune that has dogged her footsteps since, as Lady Hope, wife of Lord Francis Hope, heir to the Dukedom of Newcastle, she dared wear the fateful Hope diamond.

Actor Claims Paternity  
Old-time Lomitanos remember the glamorous stage star as a kindly woman who lived in that community several years, apparently out of touch with the world and romance that figured so strongly in her life. She was in retirement and, as near as can be ascertained, between marriages. Following separation from her titled husband in 1902, Miss Yoie married Capt. Bradley Strong, whom she divorced in 1910. Later she married her present husband, John Smutz.

Authorities in Portland cared for her pending arrangements by her husband in Boston. The claims of Robert Thomas, movie

PENSION CLUB GROUP MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT  
The McGroarty (pension) club, No. 17 of the southwest 17th Los Angeles district will hold a regular meeting Friday night at 109th and South Broadway in the Democratic hall. A program of entertainment and a talk by President George Highly will be given, followed by cards and refreshments. All are invited to attend.

Fewer Women Have Flu  
PASADENA, Calif. (U.P.)—Statistics kept at local hospitals indicate that flu attacks more men.

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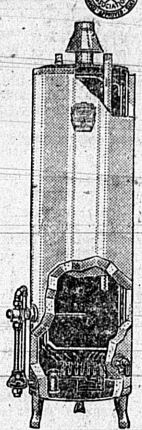
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