School Saves Landmark

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (U.P.) — A monument to the earliest supervised education in the state, Arizona's first school, a cement plastered log house, will stand untouched as workmen tear down some of Prescott's oldest buildings to make way for a new high school and gymnasium.

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In Defense of the Eucalypti

by the petition circulator said it,—"Young man, where is your romance? No, I'll not sign your petition!"

It's such a trifling job to fix an uprooted sidewalk. We know because we just cut off the root of an offending pepper tree and mended the walk in less than an hour. Have you ever noticed the many patched places on the sidewalks in the older sections of Pasadena? Yet no beautiy-loving Pasadenan,—home of the Rose Tournament,—would think of chopping down a precious tree. If wealthier cities, with countlessly more trees than Torrance, value them so dearly, how can we afford to sacrifice them? Let's keep them all and plant more!

LIBRARY REFERENCE ADVISOR RETURNING HERE MONDAY

Do you want to know how to weld metals? Do you want to know how steel is made? Or do you have other different problems in the fields of science and industry which could perhaps be solved by the advice of the thousands of experts available to you through the resources of your local library?

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian announces that Eugene D. Hart, Technical reference librarian of the Los Angeles County Public Library, will again be present from 7 to 9 p. m., Monday, Jan. 16. Hart will assist patrons who may have particular interests or needs in the fields of science and industry.

The Technical reference department of the County Public Library answers thousands of requests each year from patrons of the county branches for information on the many and varied phases of such subjects as agriculture, engineering, medicine, building, and business.

It has supplied the needs of a great many county residents for dependable and useful information about their various problems and interests. All branch borrowers who have practical problems in their occupations or avocations are urged to take advantage of Hart's visits.

Attack on Trees Recalls Drastic Trimming in '30

The latest attack on the eucalyptus trees bordering El Prado Park recalls the summer of 1930 when street department workers "barbered" the stately growths to mere stumps of limbs. At that time The Herald was conducting a contest to determine the "poet laureate of Torrance."

One of the entrants was Mrs. Roxie Sleeth, now this newspaper's society reporter. She contributed "Eucalyptus," a poem inspired by the sight of the drastically-trimmed trees. As the years rolled on, the eucalyptus trees regained their former glory and today they are more beautiful than ever.

The Herald herewith re-prints Mrs. Sleeth's poem in the hope that those "sentinels of Torrance" may survive the latest move against them:

EUCALYPTUS

Stately and beautiful they stood
Outlined against the sky,
They were the admiration
Of every passer by.

Their hearts are full of sorrow
Their heads bowed low in shame.
Oh wondrous eucalyptus
Proclaim your right again.

Brave hearts cannot be broken,
By every crushing blow.
But gain new inspiration,
More beautiful to grow.

Lift then your heads to Heaven—
Send branches forth anew,
Be again our sentinels
Torrance is proud of you.

Sense of Humor Golden

OAKLAND, Cal. (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Creel Jones, celebrating 50 years of happy married life, gave as their formula: "a sense of humor."

Hospital Has Many Patients

Thirty-three patients, the largest number in several months, are confined at Torrance Memorial hospital, it was learned today. Eight of them are new babies. The others are:

Margaret, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shawger, entered last Wednesday for an appendectomy and was well on the road to recovery when she was released yesterday morning. Leonard, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Young of 2355 El Dorado, underwent an emergency appendectomy Tuesday night and is reported greatly improved today.

Mrs. Mary Bassett of Monrovia, was received Tuesday for medical care; John Cavanaugh of Redondo, suffering from a fractured leg entered last Saturday; Mrs. Berdina Miller, 1808 Sepulveda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schipper who operate a dairy at that address, entered last Wednesday for surgery.

Mrs. Kataleen Mitchell of Gardena is recovering from pneumonia. She entered Sunday. Alfred Maberly, well-known 81-year-old resident at 1716 Martina, was received last Wednesday for medical care. Silverio Rios, 2236 203rd street, applied Friday for medical treatment; Harry Smith, Hermosa, was injured last Thursday when his car slipped from a jack while he was repairing a tire and fell on him. He is making a good recovery.

Morton Schipper, 16-year-old Redondoan, entered Saturday for an appendectomy; Mrs. Thelma Valot, also of Redondo, applied Sunday for medical care, and Emil W. Woolsey of Palos Verdes entered Monday for surgery.

Masons Select Torrance for Home

After touring many states and having an opportunity to select their residence from almost any part of the U. S., Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Mason are moving this week to 2108 Arlington avenue, Torrance. The Masons, noted for their bell-ringing performances, have traveled this country for six years.

Sunday night, with the church filled to capacity, the Masons closed a most successful engagement at the First Baptist church. They will use their Torrance residence as a headquarters in subsequent visits to churches thruout the west.

Protests Grow As N. Y. A. Takes Over Huge Hermosa Beach Hotel

Indignant and heated protests of Hermosa Beach residents that last week led that city's council to consider filing a temporary injunction to prevent the establishment of the National Youth Administration dormitory for some 500 needy boys and girls in the large Hermosa Biltmore hotel increased this week as objections reached Washington, D. C.

The western states director of the NYA is now in Hermosa Beach hearing the objections of the citizenry and Congressman Leland M. Ford telegraphed from the nation's capitol that he would do all he could to oust the Federal administration from tenancy of the hotel. Senators Hiram Johnson and Sheridan Downey have also, it is reported, joined to protest the occupancy of the building by the NYA.

Investigate Lease

Those objecting to the announced plan of the NYA to convert the hotel into a dormitory, base their protests on the fact that a city as small as Hermosa Beach, cannot cope with whatever problems may arise from the use of the building as a recreation camp. They assert they do not object to the NYA as a cultural force but are emphatic in opposing the "dormitory camp."

The hotel, originally owned by the L. A. Athletic club, was later sold to a syndicate of Hermosa business men. It has been leased by the U. S. government for the NYA until June 31, 1939. About 20 students, teachers and Mel Coombs, general NYA supervisor, moved into the structure this week.

Hermosa's city attorney is investigating the leasing of the property on instruction of the city council. He was asked to determine whether occupancy of the building would violate a zoning ordinance. Service clubs of the community using the elaborate seven-story hostelry for meetings have been notified by officials of the sale. The dormitory has long been a shoreline mark and the center of social life of the south bay, though at times considered an unprofitable investment by past owners.

According to E. J. Cummings, state supervisor of residential projects for the NYA, the hotel will be used only as a dormitory and recreation site for the NYA as all classrooms are located in the Macey Street school in Los Angeles. The school, he said, has been deeded to the NYA by the county board of education.

In its classrooms are taught many vocations that serve to prepare the young men and women for a definite place in the world. Director Cummings said that those being brought to Hermosa Beach are definitely a superior type. They have been chosen out of 6,000 applicants and are considered the cream of Southern California's NYA timber.

NYA men and women, all between the ages of 18 and 25 years, are first certified by the state relief administration as worthy of aid before they are even considered. Personnel investigators then probe into the applicant's history and learn vital facts that are of material benefit in choosing that person's vocational training.

Council Rejects El Prado Tree Destruction

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or shrubbery because of the shade and falling leaves and because the roots of the trees absorb the moisture from the soil. The trees are too old to crop back. Their roots would continue to absorb all the moisture and break up the sidewalks. Cropped trees are unsightly. At best, cropping of the trees would not solve the problem but would provide only temporary benefits. Smaller, more practical trees should be substituted. In this way the fine appearance of El Prado would not be impaired."

El Prado's trees have survived several such moves in the past to root them out and destroy the beautiful vista that street provides. When they were drastically trimmed a number of years ago, public indignation ran high until it became apparent that the sturdy growths were regaining their natural contours and plumage.

Out of "Desert" Class

Many residents have told The Herald that those who would sacrifice the eucalyptus trees have overlooked the time it takes to develop trees to take their places; that the accusation that the eucalyptus are "dirty" and hamper growth of lawns and shrubbery could be held against many other varieties of trees, such as the pepper and the acacia.

In the past the city council, which has jurisdiction over the El Prado trees as well as all others located in parkways and along fronts of lots, has been adverse to wholesale destruction of trees.

The officials understand that Torrance has escaped the usual barren appearance of "desert" cities solely because of its landscaped streets and parks.

Museum For Umbrellas

NOVARA, Italy (U.P.)—A museum for umbrellas and parasols of all periods and all nations is soon to be opened here.

Stroh Distributes Large Calendars

A large colored reproduction of the graphic "Stop This Killing!" poster depicting an officer holding a child-victim of a reckless driver, is featured on 1939 calendars being distributed here by Director John Stroh of the public safety department. Several local firms cooperated in paying for the calendars which are being issued to business houses and schools.