

This is Mutiny! BUSY BEE LOAFS ON JOB

The traditionally busy bee did a little loafing in California during 1938 to fall more than 4,000,000 pounds behind the honey production he achieved in the previous year, a report from the state entomological service revealed today.

Total honey production for last year was listed at 16,003,500, pounds compared with 20,850,000 for 1937. The normal crop is considered to be 18,000,000 pounds.

Los Angeles county bees led in amount of honey produced, with 2,548,000 pounds gathered from 36,400 colonies.

Dancing Views Seen Changing

CHICAGO (U.P.) — Jitterbug dancing is "neurotic and unwarranted, and a letting out of excessive energy," but if it serves to break down American opposition to American men dancers it will have some value, according to Martha Graham.

Miss Graham, who composed and dances in "American Document," analyzed jitterbugs with an understanding mind.

"Jitterbug dancing is a product of the period," she said. "It will not extend beyond this period. It could not have existed at any other time."

Jitter Bug Reaction

"The jitter bug" grew out of people having a lot of leisure. It is a reaction to having to sit with nothing to do."

Americans, Miss Graham said, have an excess energy and "jittering" is one way of spending it. The jitterbug, however, has an opportunity to make a real contribution.

"If it breaks down opposition to American male dancers it might have some value," she said. "The public will watch Monte Carlo dancers because they are viewed as creatures from another world."

People Must Move

"But only this year, for the first time, have I succeeded in featuring an American male dancer in my company."

Dancing, Miss Graham said, is a form of expression able to conversation. You should dance only if you have something to say in the language movement.

"Jitterbug dancing, however, doesn't have to be understood. It only means that people must move," she said.

Change Schedule of R. R. Express Rates Here

The Railway Express Agency this week announced a new schedule of rates, effective April 15, according to William H. Bratton, local agent. Generally speaking, the new rates on shipments under 25 pounds have been reduced while those over 100 pounds have been increased from five to 10 percent. With some exceptions, rates on shipments between 25 and 100 pounds are unchanged.

Harbor Chambers Meeting Tonight

A number of local residents will attend the monthly dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at the Fraternal hall, 183 North Hawthorne boulevard, in Hawthorne. James L. Beebe, president of the Los Angeles chamber, will be the principal speaker. His subject will be "Community Development."

Entertainment will be provided by the Leuzinger high school orchestra and the Ballona Elementary school band.

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S. C. FLOWER INDUSTRY TOPS NATION 12 Million Annually Won from Rich Soil

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California produces more than 50 percent of the world's flower seeds and consequently stands unchallenged as the major flower seed producing center. Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and other Southern counties are responsible for the greater part of this valuable crop, producing approximately \$4,000,000 worth of seed each year, the county agricultural development reported today.

Few people, even here, appreciate the importance of Southern California's extensive flower industry, the department pointed out. Still a third branch of the floral industry which runs into nearly \$4,000,000 a year is the production of flower bulbs in Southern counties. Southern California is now credited with the production of more bulbs than all the rest of the United States put together.

Climate, Soil Responsible

The importance of the floral industry here may be attributed to the wide variety of both soil and climate which makes possible the successful production of plants from all parts of the world. The world's largest orchid nursery is located here, while both subtropical and temperate zone plants are common.

Gladioli, chrysanthemum and stock plantings for the cut flower trade are each in excess of 200 acres.

There are more than 50 acres each devoted to asters, delphinium, gardenias, gypsophila, larkspur, marigolds, ranunculus, snapdragons and sweet peas. At least 50 other flowers are raised for the commercial cut-flower trade and hundreds of other species are of course grown on a smaller scale.

Flower Bed Locations

Orchids are grown at Torrance, Sawtelle and Moneta and nearby, and at Torrance, Gardena and Venice are grown gardenias. Tulips are grown in large quantities along the coastal cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa and Redondo, as are narcissus and daffodils.

In the Dominguez hills south of Compton are grown marigolds and other annuals. Annuals also are grown in La Cresenta valley, in upper San Fernando valley adjacent to the site of Hansen dam and in other foothill communities. A large freesia farm near San Fernando was severely damaged by frost a few years ago and is not so extensive as it was. Ranunculus and delphinium also are grown near Pacoima.

Montebello has several large growers for the wholesale trade, including roses under glass. Florist plants, such as lilies, are grown there and at Sawtelle. Roses also are grown extensively around Puente. Cyclamen are

grown extensively near Sierra Madre. Downey boasts a large experimental bulb farm.

About 60 percent of the number of growers are Japanese, county agricultural inspectors estimate, and the other 40 percent are American, Italian, Greeks, Portuguese and Hollanders. Many of the Japanese specialize in bulb plants.

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**May Charge
Parking Fee
On Beaches**

Imposition of a 25 cent parking fee on county beaches during the summer season, to cover cost of supervising the parking, is being considered in the office of Wayne Allen, chief county administrative officer. It was learned at the Hall of Records this week.

Only two members of the board of supervisors had been consulted, it was reported, but a rough draft of a proposed ordinance to establish the fee was being prepared for submission to the board next week.

The ordinance was expected to specify that earned signs be posted describing the property and announcing the 25 cent fee "for the purpose of providing protection and convenience to the public."

**With the
OLD GRADS
of Torrance High**

An interesting meeting was held Tuesday evening in the high school music hall by the T.H.S. Alumni. Officers were nominated for next term after Presy Thomas McNeil introduced the ballot system of voting.

Plans were discussed for the Homecoming and Semi-Annual dance, which will be held in June. Watch for the exact date in this column where, thru the kindness of The Torrance Herald the T. H. S. Alumni will report their activities.

Any news will be appreciated. Mail it to the Alumni Editor in care of Torrance high school. The Alumni express their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. Derouin (Ethel Ward) in the loss of their little son.

**Report Cards Are
Being Issued**

Report cards are being issued to high school students here today and should be in the hands of parents by tomorrow. The grades are the result of the first 10 weeks' of school work in the second term. The concluding 10-week period of the 1938-39 school year begins Monday.

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"I KNEW HIM WHEN . . ." Intimate glimpses of world's great as recalled by Torrance residents

Mexico—land of strutting gaiters, languorous and beautiful senoritas, colorful costumes and lovely flowers, dashing seniors and old world manners . . .

"Nuts!" explodes Sergeant Frank J. Schumacher of the Torrance police department. "Here's my description of that country Mexico—land of fleas and filth, dirty peons and sand-crusted tortillas, desert mountains that'll break your heart, where the natives would rather lie to you than tell the truth—even when the truth wouldn't hurt them!"

"I soldiered in Mexico with 'Black Jack' Pershing in 1916-17 and believe that that expedition after the bandit Villa was no picnic!"

A "Real Soldier"

Sergeant Schumacher was a "private in the rear rank in the last set of four" in the famous old Seventh Cavalry from 1913 to 1920. His commanding officer was the late Col. Thompson, a fiery officer of the old school. General Pershing was in command of the Mexican Expeditionary Force that chased Villa without success from March 1916 to February 1917 thru the deserts and mountains of northern Mexico.

Schumacher insists that the U. S. Army had a number of chances to grab Villa but "always, just as we were in position to pounce on him and his Villistas, some orders would come thru stopping us." General Pershing, then 56 and 30 years out of West Point, was as irate over this interference as his men.

The local police officer remembers "Black Jack" as a "real soldier." He was tall and rugged of build, square-jawed and tanned a saddle-leather brown. He was a stern disciplinarian but you always could find him up in front where the going was toughest.

Lost Contact with Supplies

"My outfit patrolled the Yellowstone National Park in 1916 and I spent one winter snowed in there. When we were in the heat and sand of Mexico I recalled that snow-bound experience with considerable longing. Then we were transferred to the Mexican border. When Pancho Villa led a raid across the border to sack the town of Columbus, New Mexico, President Wilson ordered Pershing to lead us in a punitive force into Mexico to capture that outlaw."

As the expedition was about to start, Pershing received word that his quarters at the Presidio of San Francisco had burned and that his wife and their three little daughters had perished in the fire. A son, Warren, was the only survivor of that tragedy.

The Mexican expedition traveled hard and fast on the heels of the Villistas. In fact, Schumacher says that it went so fast that it lost contact with the wagon trains carrying food, ammunition and other supplies.

Christmas in Sandstorm

"Then we had to 'bushwhack' about the country. We ran out of everything. Why, I've seen men walking up and down the company lines of an evening offering \$5, \$10 and even \$20 for a sack of Bull Durham, \$10 for a pack of cards and couldn't make a buy. We wore out our clothes and used blankets and hides. Some of the men wore out their boots and had to make coverings for their feet out of green hides that they never took off until they were cut from their feet when we returned to the states."

"We made one ride of 182 miles in 22 hours in the saddle. It was a tough life for all of us—including the Ninth Cavalry of colored boys, the 16th Infantry and our 'Flying Squadron' of the Fifth and Eleventh Cavalry. We were about 100 miles out of Columbus on Christmas Day, 1916, when we tried to celebrate in the worst sandstorm I've ever seen."

On returning to the States in February, 1917, General Pershing said goodbye to the men he had led on that fruitless pursuit and a few months later was selected by President Wilson to command the American Expeditionary Force to France—an army which was to grow into the greatest number of American troops ever assembled. He sailed in May, 1917.

Trained War Recruits

From then on, his career blossomed and his long training proved its worth on the battlefields of France. Today, nearing 79 years of age, he is president of the American Battle Monuments Commission and spends much of his time in France attending to the work of that organization.

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Ban Solicitors of Pension Bills From Co. Wards

County Counsel J. H. O'Connor this week upheld the action of Supt. William H. Harriman of the county general farm in prohibiting solicitors with political petitions from circulating petitions for "ham and eggs" among patients in ward buildings.

In some instances, Harriman said he learned, the circulators were signing petitions for some of the patients, for various reasons, one solicitor explaining that the mental condition of some of the patients made them unable to sign.

The so-called "ham and eggs" petitions, containing 150,420 names, have been filed with Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr and now are being checked for validity. Promoters of the plan propose to pay clerical persons \$30 every Thursday, the money to be raised from a three percent tax on income.

"Buildings or wards are considered as homes of the patients at the institution," Harriman said, and O'Connor upheld him. One solicitor claimed he was being deprived of his state rights. A county ordinance prohibits solicitation in any manner or for any purpose in any building or in or on any premises owned, leased, managed or controlled by the county, whether in unincorporated or incorporated territory.

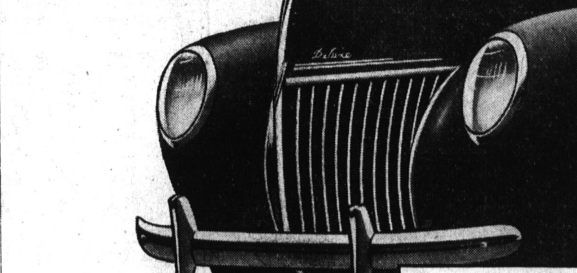
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