Ricksha Men Upset Traffic

SHANGHAI (U.P.)—Shanghai's 38,000 ricksha pullers gave the

Townsend Club Activities

By BETH PAIGE

Last Friday evening's pot-luck dinner was well planned and served cafeteria style by Mrs. Nourse and her assistants. We had quite a number of visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. French and Mr. and Mrs. Sellers from Los Angeles, and Fred Calloway of Santa Monica.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellers contributed some welcome duets. The lovely baskets full of flowers were contributed by Mrs. Bowen.

International Settlement traffic courts more work than all other Shanghai drivers and pedestrians combined.

Grand Reviving Super-Thrillers

Wendell "Smitty" Smith, manager of the new Grand theatre, expects to "pack 'em in" next Saturday and Sunday when he brings back two of the most thrilling movies ever made—Paul Muni and George Raft in "Scarface" and Robert Donat in "The Ghost Goes West." Both pictures enjoyed tremendous popularity when first released several years ago. "Scarface" is packed with drama and tension of the late gang wars while "The Ghost Goes West" is a super-thriller mystery drama full of spooks and eerie situations.

Mrs. Johnny Parker was called suddenly this week to her home in Gettysburg, Pa., by the illness of her mother.

SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

BALLROOM BALLAD

Back in Torrance for the fourth summer is Murielle Zabelle, dancing teacher par excellence. No jitter bugging, no shagging, no Susie Qing, Madame Zabelle sticks to the finer, more basic art of tap and ballroom dancing. Under her tutelage children learn to appreciate rhythm, walk and dance gracefully, cease falling over their own feet. Summer classes are now being held in the Legion Hall on Monday afternoons. Proud parents are invited to send along their progeny, should remember that many of the world's most prominent people went to dancing schools when they were youngsters.

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OFF THE RECORD . . . . . **Alden Smith,** imminent optometrist, says that it's harder for a man to see a lush blonde out of the corner of his eye than it is to see a brunette, especially if the blonde is wearing a red dress and the brunette is decked out in black & white . . . . . Says that colors are perceived best when focused by the eye at the center of the retina . . . . . colored objects far to the side are less easily distinguished than are black & white objects . . . . . (this accounts, do doubt, for the fact that Alden married a decided brunette. He just can't SEE blondes! But some can and WOW!) . . . . . **Chick Curtiss,** Dominguez Lander, is passing out seegars this week in celebration of the birth of another child . . . . . his second. Primed was Chick to call the child Charles III, but a slight slip-up occurred, had to rename it Katherine II . . . . . Also busting with pride is brand new papa **Howard Tucker,** bookie over at Ed Thompson's Chevrolet garage . . . . . Howard's wife recently had a baby girl . . . . . (that reminds me . . . . . I just can't remember getting any seegar in celebration thereof . . . . . I must look into that!) . . . . . Another seegar is due from **Johnny Rogers,** of the Chili Parlor, whose spouse had a child just recently . . . . . (I must make a list of all the stogies due me!) . . . . . **John Ellwood,** prop. of the dress shop of the same name; says that all the smarter women's wash frocks are now coming from the East. Claims that Los Angeles manufacturers, one time leaders in the business, have turned their plants into sports wear & slack houses, can't make dresses to compete with the East's cheaper labor . . . . . we've heard of gasoline wars, cleaning wars and other types of industrial wars but now comes a new kind of war . . . . . a Sausage War. Local markets are selling Wiener, salami, etc. at ridiculous prices all because the sausage makers are sore at each other. Now's a fine time to have a picnic or a wienie bake . . . . .

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SPEEDY SHAVER

How long does it take a man to shave himself with an electric shaver? Such is the crux of the contest now being held by Les Prince of the Beacon Drug in co-operation with the Gem Razor Co., makers of a new electric shaver, the Gem-Lectric. On the morning of July 1 a man will shave his puss with a Gem-Lectric at the office of the company and in the presence of impartial judges. At 12 noon of that day a telegram will go to all dealers giving the exact shaving time. To enter this contest just drop into the Beacon register your moniker together with your guess in minutes & seconds. The closest guess gets a $12.50 Gem-Lectric free! Each dealer is giving away a shaver so a local winner is positively guaranteed.

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RACING RUMBLES

We are indebted to Columnist Frank P. Clarkson, of the Van Nuys News, for the following interesting chit-chat about Hollywood Park in Inglewood:

At Inglewood race track the judges require jockeys to whip their horses at least three times during the race, or else not once during the entire season. If the owner or the trainer of the horse objects to the use of the whip, the officials bow to his wishes and will not permit the whip to be used on that animal in any race at any time. Three uses of the whip are required to prevent jockeys from holding back their mounts. A friend tells us that when he attends the races at Inglewood he always goes to the turn at the head of the stretch as most of the races are won or lost as they come off the turn into the stretch, and one sees more clever work by the jockeys at that point than at the finish. Friday he was standing in his favorite spot and the horse that entered the turn in fourth place came off the turns in the first place with a lead that brought him home the winner. Needless to say there is a track inspector at that turn to prevent any shenannigans.

Southern California Now Receiving Boulder Dam Power Via Edison

Boulder Dam Power yesterday was linked with the Southern California Edison company's million horsepower hydro and fuel-electric generating system when the first of a series of 110,000 horsepower Edison generators at the dam was put into service.

Ceremony was entirely lacking as the big machine went into routine operation. The regular crew of Edison power-house operators which will staff the Boulder plant put the machine "on the line." The new unit had been on test run for several days and performed perfectly. An electrically operated valve, controlled by a push-button, was opened and the waters of the Colorado River held in leash in Lake Mead behind massive Boulder Dam went to work to generate more electric power for Southern California.

Energy generated at the dam is brought into the Edison system over the new 223 mile, 220,000 volt transmission line which extends from the power house at the dam to the Edison receiving station at Chino, near Pomona.

Has 27 Stations

The Boulder Dam plant is the 27th of the Edison's system of power generating stations and the newest generator at Boulder is number seventy in the series of operating units. The company's total generating capacity was brought to 1,278,000 horsepower with the completion of the first Boulder Dam Unit. With Boulder, there are now 23 Edison hydro-electric plants, extending from the Big Creek-San Joaquin River plants in the High Sierra to the Mill Creek plants in the mountains of San Bernardino county. The total hydro capacity is now 769,000 horsepower. Reinforcing this far-flung hydro-electric generating system are four fuel-electric plants of 508,000 horsepower capacity in the three plants of the Long Beach Steam Station and an internal-combustion plant.

"The completion of the first series of generators for the Southern California Edison company at Boulder Dam provides the company with a triple-source generating system and further strengthens and safeguards the electrical power supply for its Southern and Central California territory," Fred B. Lewis, vice president and general manager, said today. "Power now being delivered from the dam is being supplied to the distribution system in the eastern portion of our territory—the eastern section of Los Angeles county, Orange county and San Bernardino county. This releases an additional supply of energy from the Big Creek-San Joaquin River hydro system and other hydro plants for the coast and San Joaquin Valley portions of our service area. The fuel-electric generating plants are, normally, a source of reserve, or 'stand-by' service."

The Edison Boulder Dam-Chino 220,000 volt transmission line provides the company with its fifth major 220,000 volt line, and the sixth, from Chino to Stanton, in Orange county, is now being built. Expenditures of approximately $4,500,000 have been made by the company to build its Boulder Dam line and Chino receiving station facilities. An additional $2,500,000 will be spent for the extension of the Boulder line service to a new station at Stanton. This latter system will be served by the second Edison unit to be installed at Boulder Dam, to be ready for operation in October of this year.

Miss Elaine Newman, niece of **Jack Dabbs,** manager of the Torrance theatre, arrived Tuesday from St. Louis for an indefinite visit with her uncle and Mrs. Dabbs at 1750 Andreo. She recently graduated from Ashlan Elementary school and the trip was a graduation present.

People

what they're doing

The **Misses Winifred** and **Irene Hassard** of 1342 Engracia have returned from a vacation trip to the San Francisco Exposition.

Mrs. Harriett Leech, 1614 Amapola avenue, left Sunday to spend several days at Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Jones will have as week-end guests at the Glen Ranch cabin **Mr. and Mrs. George Peckham, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy** and daughter **Norma, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte** and daughter, **Nancy Ann.**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell, 1104 Amapola avenue, attended a party honoring Mrs. Doris Jungers in Los Angeles, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson and daughter, **Virginia Jean,** who for the past year have resided at 1915 Andreo avenue, have moved to Los Angeles.

Fred B. Billings, uncle of **Mrs. W. H. Gilbert** and Mrs. Lola B. Douglas, a cousin from Stowe, Vermont, arrived at the **Gilbert** home, 1631 Acacia avenue, today.

Mrs. M. B. Litsey and Mrs. George Owen, mother and grandmother of **Ellis Owen** of Lafayette, Indiana, arrived in Torrance Tuesday and will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Corder returned last week from a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Corder's parents in Nebraska.

4 Girls Born at Hospital

Four baby girls were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. A daughter, their second, was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss of 1321 Engracia by Caesarian section Monday. She weighed eight pounds 12½ ounces and has been named Katherine Claire.

Other new arrivals were: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDonald of 1433 West 233rd street, last Friday—named Darla Maxine;

A daughter, Jo Anne Marie Emma, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bogner of Gardena, last Friday, and,

A daughter, Claire Ann Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Douglas of Redondo Beach, last Saturday.

Church Youth Rallies Here

Several hundred young people gathered at the Civic Auditorium Monday night for a Bay District rally of Christ's Ambassadors. Mrs. Gladys Butterfield, secretary of the Walteria Assembly of God, recorded delegates from San Pedro, Wilmington, Long Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Compton, Willowbrook, South Gate, Hynes, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Watts and Torrance.

Rev. Charlotte Shook of the host Walteria church and Ethel Mae Wilson, local president, participated in the rally. Truman Hudson of Bellflower, division president, presided.

"Lost" Boy Sees Film Thrice

LORAIN, O. (U.P.)—Thirteen-year-old Robert Lee Kinney didn't arrive home from the theatre. His worried mother called police. "I liked the show so much I saw it three times," Robert told police.

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Lawrence L. Benton, Jr., 23, 719 Cota, Torrance, and Erma ell Smith, 18, also of Torrance.