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SECTION B



CUBAN NET ACES... Set for a tennis invasion of the U. S. are the above determined "racquet wielders" of the little Republic of Cuba. Top, Lorenzo Dodarse, left, and Ricardo Morales. Bottom, Jose Agüero, left, and Captain Rene Ruiz Herrera. Cuba's Davis Cup foursome arrived by air clipper at Miami, Fla.

"Trailer Vagabond" Tours Ft. McHenry Park, Maryland

By WARREN BAYLEY

For the benefit of visitors to this National Park, located on the Patapsco River bordering the busy waterfront of Baltimore, the National Park Service has compiled a complete account of its bombardment by the British in the War of 1812. Because of the importance of that battle in the outcome of the war, I believe you will enjoy reading something of that encounter.

After capturing and burning the city of Washington, the British fleet of more than 50 ships sailed into Patapsco during the evening of Sept. 11, 1814. A combined attack against Baltimore by land and water was planned. Early in the afternoon of Sept. 12, the Baltimore Brigade met the enemy on the North Point Road.

Here the British General, Sir

Robert Ross, was killed and his veteran army, composed largely of Wellington's invincibles, and of more than twice the strength of the American force, was held at bay for nearly two hours. Having well performed its mission of delaying the enemy, the Baltimore Brigade fell back for the more immediate defense of the city. The British army then advanced to within one mile of the American earthworks, there to wait for their fleet to force its way past Fort McHenry.

Marines Repulsed
While the land attack of the British was being checked, Major George W. Armistead, in command of Fort McHenry, with a force of 1,000 men, was awaiting the attack of the British fleet. On the morning of Sept. 13, the enemy fleet moved up the Patapsco in an attempt to push its

Here is City's Valuation Statement for 1939-40

Following is the itemized and compared valuation figures for the city of Torrance. It is upon the "Total Secured Roll Valuation" that all taxes are levied:

Torrance City Dist.	1939-40		1938-39	
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 1	No. 2
Value of Land	\$2,013,635	\$4,171,720	\$1,872,800	\$3,905,760
Value of Improvements	2,392,310	3,222,495	2,369,720	2,663,820
Value of Personal Property (ex. money)	3,679,640	3,305,075	4,249,245	2,850,445
Value of Money	4,225	420	3,670	45
Less Exemptions	\$138,170	\$41,225	\$118,295	\$35,130
Net Value (ex. Public Utilities)	7,951,640	10,658,405	8,377,140	9,384,940
Public Utilities (St. Bd. Equal)	1,088,170	1,512,840	1,107,710	1,630,310
Total Secured Roll Valuation	9,039,810	12,171,245	9,484,850	11,015,250
Solvent Credits	\$1,983,750		\$1,896,380	
Unsecured Real & Personal Property Valuation	216,185	1,606,515	219,860	514,530

Cabled Advice Offered Hitler By Abe Pickus

CLEVELAND, O. (U.P.)—"Danger is ahead! Action is imperative!" reads the urgent message received by Congressmen from Abe Pickus, self-appointed "peace ambassador" who writes, telephones or cables Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Neville Chamberlain or President Roosevelt at critical moments to save, he believes, the peace of the world.

Latest chummy cable to Hitler from Pickus, a war veteran:

"Roosevelt more popular than Wilson with American people. Few old feeble-minded Congressmen objecting to Roosevelt foreign policy count little."

"Slaves never cooperate; easily licked. English always cooperate. Next war borderline Berlin instead Rhine. My advice, settle disputes around table instead battlefield. Wake up, Boss Hitler—remember Kaiser's experience."

On a previous occasion Pickus called Hitler by telephone. Hitler listened a moment and hung up.

Paste Tested as De-Icer
LONDON (U.P.)—A paste for protecting the wings of air liners from the effects of ice accretion is being perfected in a wind tunnel here.

way past Fort McHenry. In addition to innumerable round shot and rockets, the British hurled more than 1,500 bombs weighing over 250 pounds each into the fort, but failed to create the havoc they had expected.

The bombardment lasted continuously for more than 25 hours. The critical point of the struggle came at about one o'clock on the morning of Sept. 14 when the British tried to land 1,250 marines, carrying scaling ladders, in the rear of the fort.

This movement was discovered, however, and the converging cross-fire from the fort and shore batteries forced them to abandon the attempt.

Birthplace of Anthem
It was during the bombardment of Fort McHenry that Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the Star-Spangled Banner. He had left Baltimore some days before on a ship carrying a flag of truce to intercede for the release of a friend who had been captured by the British.

Key was detained by the British on board the small American vessel while the attack was launched. From this point he could watch the lurid spectacle of the British fleet throwing a continuous stream of shot, bombs and rockets into Fort McHenry.

At the first faint light of dawn he saw that our flag was still there, which meant that the attack had failed. In the exultation of the moment he wrote the song which has become our national anthem.

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"Liberty" At Fair



Mrs. Jacqueline Zay, noted French sculptress, inspects the heroic statue of "Liberty" which she created in Paris for the French Pavilion at the California World's Fair, during a visit on Treasure Island. The huge figure graces a court in front of the building housing the French exhibit.

Handicraft Classes Hold Interest for 42 Adults Here

Many adults are using their leisure time to fabricate decorative articles while attending handicraft classes at the recreation center opposite the city park. Directed by Cora Bohrer and Earl Johnstone, handicraft instruction is offered from 4 to 10 p. m. Adults may work with copper, leather or wood and oil and water color painting and wood-carving are also taught.

Most popular with those attending the classes are copper fire screens and articles of furniture made with spoons. Mrs. Bohrer reports. At the present time 42 are enrolled in the groups.

Bay State Disappoints Optimistic Californian

BOSTON (U.P.)—At least one Californian is an optimist. A Sacramento resident wrote to the Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission: "Will you send me some information and a map and a dollar if you can spare it? Thank you." The commission reports that a booklet was sent, but the dollar—"certainly not."

Circus Proves Costly to Three Spectators Here

Nearly 3,500 people attended the "Ham and Eggs" circus held at the corner of Border and Carson streets last Thursday night. Staged under auspices of the Retirement Life Payments (\$30-a-week-for-life) association, the big tent attraction proved a good entertainment.

For three spectators, however, the circus proved costly. Two wheels, tires and tubes were stolen from Richard Fontaine's car while that Wilmington resident was enjoying the show.

A San Pedro woman reported the loss of a billfold, containing between \$55 and \$65, on the grounds, according to police and A. J. Spiers of San Pedro had his car stolen during the evening. He recovered the machine the next day in Santa Ana, police were informed.

Angeleno Hurt in P. V. Plunge

Earl Ebersole, 27, Los Angeles, suffered a possible fracture of the skull and spinal column early Sunday when his automobile failed to negotiate a curve while traveling north on Palos Verdes drive and rolled 200 feet down an embankment near the Paseo del Mar intersection, according to the county sheriff's office.

He was thrown clear of the car approximately 100 feet down the embankment after the machine had crashed over an eight-inch wooden curb at the edge of the road. Ebersole was taken to a Hermosa Beach hospital by deputy sheriffs who found him lying on the embankment.

Heir Forced to Spend All
ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (U.P.)—George Zug inherited \$800 when a relative died in Germany, so he went there to spend it because he could not take it out of the country.

GLORIFIED COUNTY FAIR SOUTHLAND'S CONTRIBUTION TO EXPOSITION YEAR



In expectation of a record-breaking attendance the 18th annual Los Angeles County Fair and Industrial Exposition will be staged this year on a more pretentious and more comprehensive scale than ever before. Marked by the dedication of two large new exhibit buildings and the unveiling of a 20-ton statue dedicated to the young farmers of America, the fair will throw open its doors at 10 o'clock Friday morning, September 15 and continue through October 1, with more than 50,000 individual entries in 30 major divisions distributed through the 50 exhibit buildings.

Youngs Visit Four Parks On 3,684-Mile Tour

On a two-weeks' motor trip that took them as far east as Denver and thru four national parks, Acting City Engineer and Mrs. Leonard Young and their two sons covered 3,684 miles, returning home last Saturday afternoon. Young immediately got out his ever-ready slide-rule and calculated that:

In consuming 208 1/2 gallons of gasoline, they got 17.65 miles per gallon on their vacation journey. Their car used exactly 10 quarts of oil.

The Youngs toured Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Zion Canyon and Estes National parks and while in Denver five days enjoyed a reunion with some of Mrs. Young's relatives. They also visited Colorado Springs and Manitou and stopped for a while at Young's ranch property near Vernal, Utah.

Growing Bird Mystifies
CRESTLINE, O. (U.P.)—The growing bird of Crestline has A. H. Wilson, its owner, mystified, and orthodox birds terrified by the baritone sounds it emits instead of chirps. It is 14 inches high and resembles a bittern.

MAY PASS TO RIGHT ON 4-OR-MORE LANE ROADS

Inglewood Caravan Due Here Aug. 16

A caravan from Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce will visit Torrance next Wednesday, Aug. 16, stopping in front of The Herald building at about 8:30 in the morning.

The group will present several entertainment numbers to publish the Inglewood Fiesta and Flower Show, to be held Aug. 19 to 26.

Oregon Marriage Costs Up
PORTLAND, Ore. (U.P.)—Oregon's new marriage law, requiring medical examination, brings the cost of marriage now up to \$13 a couple. The physical examination costs \$5 for each of the parties and the license \$3.

Wooldridge Writes

Discretion of speech is more valuable than eloquence.

Motorists on any highway with four or more marked traffic lanes will, on and after Sept. 19, be able legally to pass to the right of other cars moving in the same direction.

On that date an amendment enacted at the recent session of the Legislature will become effective, permitting such passing provided the highway has four or more marked lanes for moving traffic. Passing to the right on three-lane and two-lane highways will remain illegal, except when overtaking and passing a car which is making a left turn or has signalled intention of making such a turn.

Under present law passing on the right is lawful only upon city streets wide enough for two lanes of traffic in each direction. The difference between the rule on passing to the right in cities and the rule on passing outside cities has resulted in considerable confusion in the minds of motorists, many interpreting the city rule to apply outside.

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