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SECTION B

## Stroh Warns Arrests Loom for Awning Slashers, Fire Alarm Followers

Twentieth Anniversary of One of Greatest Gifts Ever Made to People of California



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On September 15, 1919, the trust indenture signed by the late Henry E. Huntington (above), establishing the Library and Art Gallery at San Marino bearing his name, was recorded in Los Angeles County. One of the most valuable gifts ever made by a citizen of California, it created a free research library, art gallery, botanical garden, and museum, which has already served hundreds of scholars and over 1,700,000 visitors.

### "Trailer Vagabond" Tours NAUVOO, ILLINOIS

By WARREN BAYLEY

It's hard to realize that this little town was, at one time, the largest and most influential city in the state of Illinois; that in the 1840s when Chicago was a village of less than 5,000, and Springfield, the new state capital, was a muddy little town recently planted on the prairie, that Nauvoo was a community of over 20,000 people. Harder to realize is that the total elapse of time from its beginning until its downfall, was a little less than seven years.

As the original stronghold of the Mormons in Illinois, it is not at all improbable that, had it not been for the murder of Joseph Smith which caused separation of the Saints into several different factions, Nauvoo today would be one of the major cities of the middle west and Salt Lake City would be a village.

For the past two days I have been visiting some of the old buildings and checking into the history of the events that preceded the mass migration of the Mormons under Brigham Young, in 1847. They constitute such an important part of the history of the middle west, that Nauvoo has been included in the American Guide Series, compiled and written by the Federal Writers' Project of Illinois, WPA.

#### Causes of Trouble

The lot of the Mormons, prior to their being harried out of Missouri in the winter of 1838-39, as told by the church historians, had been one of persecution. Joseph Smith had published the "Book of Mormon" and founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints nine years before, in New York. Born in 1805, of poor and unlettered parents, he had received, at the age of 14, a vision wherein an angel had warned him against joining any of the existing religious denominations, and had revealed to him that the Lord was soon to restore the Gospel.

In 1827 on the Hill of Cumorah, near Palmyra, New York, he dug up plates of gold on which were inscribed strange characters. Church history further relates that young Smith was provided with a pair of spectacles, the Urin and Thummin, by means of which he was able to translate the story inscribed on the plates. Dictating for months, he completed the lengthy "Book of Mormon" in 1829 and published it in 1830.

The first church was established at Fayette, New York, April 6, 1830, but it was not until headquarters were moved to Kirtland, Ohio, the following year, that appreciable gains were made in membership. In the same year, 1831, a branch colony was established in Missouri. Here began the long series of clashes which were to result in their being driven from the state. Smith and the remainder of the Kirtland Mormons joined the Missouri group in 1838.

Religious antagonism and fear of the political power of the Saints, who usually voted as a bloc, together with their anti-slavery attitude, were the causes of the trouble. After many pitched battles, Governor Lilburn Boggs issued an order to the militia, proclaiming that "the Mormons must be treated as enemies, and must be exterminated or driven from the State."

In the winter of 1838-39 they crossed the Mississippi into Illinois.

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### KNIVES USED ON 3 MORE STORE SHADES IN WEEKEND

Warning that he intended to prosecute to the limit of the law those young marauders who have caused several hundred dollars' damage by knifing store awnings during the past few weeks, Police Chief John Stroth said Monday that he is putting special details of officers on patrol of the business section.

"This form of malicious mischief has got to stop and we intend to see that it does," he declared. "Saturday night Whitney's bakery awning was slashed from end to end and Sunday night both Ed Schwartz clothing store and Gaston Aree's furniture store awnings were again cut."

"The cuttings are the work of grown boys—young men who jab knives in one end of the awning and then hold it there and walk to the other. The rips are difficult to repair and our merchants are justly aroused over the destruction of their property," Stroth continued.

**Promises Maximum Penalty**  
"While calling attention of whoever is committing these acts, I also want to let Torrance people know of a new order given all police officers and firemen this week. They have been instructed to issue court citations to all motorists who follow fire apparatus closer than 500 feet while the firemen are en route to a fire."

"Motorists should not park their cars within 500 feet of a fire, either. Last Sunday night when we had an alarm from the Coline Gasoline Refinery plant on Madrona, firemen and I were greatly hampered by the traffic caused by residents rushing to the blaze," Stroth concluded.

**No Damage at Fire**  
"Awning slashing" has evidently become a popular pastime because for the past three weeks, Saturday and Sunday nights have drawn regular reports of such depredations here. Police say this is one form of malicious mischief that cannot be laid to younger boys. Officers point out that such a marauder must be rather tall to reach up and jab a knife into the canvass and then run the blade the length of the awning.

Stroth's warning about following a fire truck resulted from the horde of cars that followed the city apparatus out to the Coline gas plant on Madrona south of Carson street Sunday night about 9:30 o'clock. Despite continued use of the siren, the police chief was hardly able to make his way thru the traffic that followed close behind the fire truck.

The Coline blaze was caused, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, by an overflow of gas vapor that became ignited on the west side of the boiler room. The fire was extinguished by the use of the C.C.M.O.'s Foamite chemical tank before any damage was done.

Australia's population December 31 totalled 6,929,691—3,504,389 males and 3,425,322 females, an increase of 63,101 for the year.

### 'Voice Mirror' Coming to Phone Exchange

One of the features of the "open house" to be held at the Torrance telephone building, 1266 Sartori avenue, during the Factory Frolic, Sept. 28, 29 and 30, will be the operation of a "voice mirror."

This unusual instrument has won wide interest at the two world's fairs in San Francisco and New York and an exact replica of the "mirrors" on exhibition at those two places will be brought to Torrance.

It permits a person to hear how he sounds over the phone by "playing back" an ordinary conversation thru loud speakers after an interval of time. The telephone exchange will be open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. thruout the Frolic and a cordial invitation is extended to all residents and visitors to meet the telephone people and view the interesting equipment which handles phone calls.

### Reservoir Work Ends Flooding

Flooding of the business section in the 2000 block on Roosevelt highway in Lomita by water from the reservoir of the Chandler Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel company will be prevented by alterations completed this week, company officials said. The reservoir has been sunk approximately 25 feet below the level of surrounding ground.

Excavation of the reservoir midway up Narbonne canyon was started early in August following conferences between Chandler and Lomita Chamber of Commerce officials, regarding damage caused by the escaping water.

### Lomita Girl Missing Since Aug. 24

Last seen at her home, 25112 Cypress avenue in Lomita on the night of August 24, 18-year-old platinum blonde Virginia Pavlitski was reported missing Tuesday by her brother, Stanley, according to police. A report was immediately sent to the Los Angeles police "missing persons' bureau" and the sheriff's office. The girl may be working as a waitress in Los Angeles or Manhattan Beach, her brother said. She disappeared after being reprimanded about coming home late, police were told.

### Wooldridge Writes

No man resolved to make the most of himself, can spare time for personal contention.



UMBRELLA PLUS . . . Prime

Minister Neville Chamberlain takes his usual morning stroll in London equipped, not only with the famous umbrella, but also with a gas mask. War orders make the possession of gas masks mandatory.

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### It's Going to be Tougher on

## Traffic Ticket Scorners After Sept. 19 When New State Law Goes Into Effect

Traffic laws add another powerful link, effective Sept. 19, to the chain which is making evasion of court appearance for a traffic violation a serious matter. On and after that date, according to Chief E. Raymond Cato of the California Highway Patrol, drivers of motor vehicles who fail to appear in court and answer traffic violation citations will face additional severe penalties, including immediate suspension of their licenses.

To impress the necessity of appearing in court upon drivers who depend upon "tag fixers," "influence" or fictitious addresses to avoid warrant service, the legislature has decided to add a new penalty of \$500 fine and six months in jail for driving a motor vehicle when licenses have been suspended.

A charge of failure to appear may also be added to the court, thus making it necessary for the driver cited to answer three violations of the Vehicle Code.

The new provision was included in the new laws becoming effective Sept. 19, to give the California Highway Patrol a more effective weapon in dealing with a large class of drivers and chauffeurs who annually fail

to appear in court. Warrants previously were issued by courts for the arrest of motorists, who ignored a traffic citation for 15 days. Many thousands of warrants gave addresses which were vacant lots, filling stations, or places where the wanted motorist was unknown.

"The legislature has given us a powerful weapon to meet this large group of drivers who fail to answer court citations," said Chief Cato, "and we are going to bear down hard upon them."

**Automatically Suspended**  
"Faked addresses and other devices used to make service of warrants all but impossible should drop tremendously. In the future, drivers of motor vehicles who fail to appear and defend themselves will find that their driving privileges are automatically suspended 15 days after notice is received from the

court to which they were cited. "The California Highway Patrol will have a powerful weapon to use against motorists who now must face the severe penalty of driving with a suspended license. "Notice of the suspension is considered complete when it has been sent to the address of the violator as shown by our records."

#### BASKET PICNIC

The members of the Stephen A. Phillips Relief Corps, No. 148 are cordially invited to attend the Federation No. 3 basket picnic to be held in the city park, Monday, Sept. 18.

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