# S. W. Highways Group Urges La Brea Work

Improvement of La Brea avenue thru the Baldwin Hills "bottleneck" was urged by 18 members of the Southwest District Highways association attending a dinner-meeting last Thursday night here. Secretary Leonard Young was instructed to write the board of supervisors regarding this project and ask immediate action.

With President William H. Tolson presiding, the association transacted several other business matters and adjourned early to visit the Factory Frolic "gay-way" along El Prado. The group endorsed the proposal to construct a bridge over the storm drain channel on Carson street in Long Beach and received a communication from the San Antonio Diagonal Improvement association which is also backing this much-needed improvement.

The Diagonal group is launching a campaign to reinstate an arterial highway from Long Beach to Pomona, via Bellflower and Norwalk, with the board of supervisors. Southwest members P. R. Mowry of Inglewood and W. A. Curl of Hawthorne were named to represent the association at all Harbor District Chambers of Commerce highway meetings in the future.

The next meeting of the Southwest group will be in Hawthorne, Oct. 25.

# United's Opening Said Successful

Nearly 400 comb, mirror and nailfile sets were presented to women calling at the new United Cut Rate Drug, corner of Sartori avenue and El Prado on the formal opening of that metropolitan establishment last Friday. On the following day, Manager Frank Garbe announced that 150 more visited the store and asked for souvenir gifts. Because the supply was exhausted the first day, Garbe and his sales force gave them cards which they may redeem for the gifts when an additional order of the sets is received this weekend.

"Our opening was a distinct success," Garbe said Monday, "and I believe that was due to our full-page advertisement in last Thursday's Torrance Herald. We received many compliments on the arrangement of our store and the wide variety of stock carried."

The United entertained Factory Frolic crowds Saturday by the broadcast of new records and "spot announcements" of its opening sale features over a public address system.

# Many New Clubs at Narbonne High

Among the new clubs added to Narbonne high school this year are the Archery club sponsored by Miss McCabe, Beginners' Harmonica sponsored by Miss Mutch, Junior High Home Arts club for seventh graders sponsored by Mrs. Hilda Peterson.

The Junior Red Cross which was discontinued last year is revived again with Miss Williams as sponsor. A Technicians club for boys is sponsored by Mr. Isbell and Mrs. Metz. A Tumbling club has been organized by Mr. Sutcliff and a Tennis club for girls started by Miss Richardson.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.



LEARNS 'CP' FEATURES . . . Mary Beth Hughes, talented screen player, is shown above studying the booklet that explains in detail all of the 22 certified performance features of the modern gas range. The model pictured with her is clock-controlled, such as is offered in the big gas range campaign now in progress here.

All six local gas range dealers are offering 'CP' gas ranges in a number of types now. For a limited time only the local firms are giving a $30 Grayson automatic clock with the 'CP' ranges at no additional cost.

The Torrance firms in the sales campaign are Star Furniture Co., National Home Appliance Co., Sam Levy Department Store, El Prado Furniture Co., La Mode Furniture and the Torrance Plumbing Co.

# Chief and Judge Going to Convention

Police Chief John Stroh and Police Judge Robert Lessing will leave Sunday for San Francisco where they will attend the annual convention of the International Association of Police Chiefs, Oct. 9 to 13. The city council at its last meeting allowed their expenses for the trip.

### Prisoner's Experiment Wins

SAN JOSE (U.P.) — Gerald Lewis, 23, prisoner in the county jail, has turned scientist. Someone gave him a pigeon's egg and exposing it to an electric light bulb for three weeks he hatched it.

# *Sportsmanship Award Is Won by Narbonne High*

Narbonne high school was recently awarded the Marine League League Sportsmanship trophy for its excellent manners on the part of spectators and players alike in all sports last year. The presentation was made at an assembly by Principal Thomas Elson of Torrance high school. The trophy will remain in the Narbonne show case for one year and a smaller award was given the Lomita school for a permanent possession.

### Stork Cheats New Hospital

ATWATER, Cal. (U.P.)—Attendants at a hospital here were preparing busily for the institution's first maternity case when the stork stepped in and cheated them. A girl was born to Mrs. Clyde V. Jones in the family car as her husband drove up to the hospital door.

### Chinese Veteran Alone

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (U.P.) —Gum Gong, a Chinese World War veteran, has the distinction of being the only man of that nation now living in Nebraska who served with the Allies.

# "Trailer Vagabond" Tours Thomson, Illinois

By WARREN BAYLEY

In the event this column does not appear in your local paper for a few weeks, do not be alarmed as I will merely be confined with a minor case of "horseshoeitis." At the present time, altho I cannot as yet get my shoes on without assistance, I am convinced the disease will not prove fatal; a fact which has afforded me no enjoyment during the last few days.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with this dread disease, and who wish to avoid all possible chance of contracting it, let me give a few words of explanation. But first—a word of warning.

The germs are everywhere; there is no place in the United States where you are immune. Up to 10 years ago they were confined mostly to the rural areas but of late they have spread into the cities and are especially prevalent at gatherings such as state and local fairs, picnics, church meetings, etc. In fact, unless something is done the victims will soon total more than the total victims of all other diseases combined.

### Result of 'Melon Day'

The first indication of illness is an insane desire to pitch a horseshoe at an iron peg some 40 feet away. This desire will no doubt be incited by watching a group of other gentlemen enjoying the same pastime. But do not be misled—beware—don't listen to their pleas for you to join them. Speed in high gear in the opposite direction or you, too, will be a victim.

In the event you do not heed the above warning and decide to take a chance, here are two simple rules to follow: First—wear a sweat shirt with short sleeves. As the game is played in the sun you will thus be able to get a beautiful case of sunburn. Second—pitch continuously for an eight-hour period. If you are able to get out of bed the next day without the help of three people you are a physical wonder. Personally, I don't belong in that class.

The above observations are the result of my attending a celebration known as "Melon Day" at Thomson, Illinois. This little village is the center of several thousand acres of land which are especially adapted to raising watermelons. Each year the growers have a celebration and serve free melons to one and all.

### Free Watermelons

In the beginning it was purely a local get-together but of late years its fame has spread into several states. It's surprising how far folks will go for a piece of free watermelon.

Games of every description are provided for entertainment but the horseshoe pitching tournament is the main attraction. Say what you will, it's a real game. I'm going back again next year, providing the soreness has left my body so I can get about without help.

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### Masher Realizes Error

EMERYVILLE, Cal. (U.P.)—It cost a masher just $25 for making the mistake of picking a policeman's daughter as an object of his attentions for an acquaintance and automobile drive.

# *Five Injured In Crash and Bike Accident*

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Harmon's machine was badly damaged in the front, while Mrs. McKnight's car was struck on the right side.

### Aged Bicyclist Hit

She claimed in her report of the accident: "I smelled liquor on (Harmon's) breath" but the investigating officer's report made no mention of liquor, merely stating that "Harmon's car was caved in and he did not see the other car until too late."

A 56-year-old bicyclist, Simon Vartanian of Gardena, was injured Friday afternoon at Gardena boulevard and Arlington avenue when struck by a machine assertedly driven by J. M. Fleming, address unknown. Vartanian told police several hours later after he had received medical attention that the motorist merely "threw down a business card" and then sped away from the scene.

The card had the name of J. M. Fleming stamped on it and was printed with the name of an Inglewood firm. Gardena police are investigating. Vartanian suffered injuries to his left foot, right shoulder and the right side of his head. He was taken to a doctor's office by Albert Berris of Crenshaw boulevard.

# Kiwanians Going to Oakland Meet

President Dean Sears and C. T. Rippy will represent the Torrance Kiwanis club at the California-Nevada district convention in Oakland next week. They plan to leave Saturday with their wives for the session which will be held Oct. 11 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears plan to be away two weeks while he takes his annual vacation. They will visit relatives and friends in central and northern California after the Kiwanis gathering.

# *"Free Publicity" Attempt Halted by Police Here*

Accused of distributing handbills advertising his Los Angeles store in the Civic Auditorium during the Factory Frolic, L. R. Allen, 40, of 1911 Plaza del Amo, was arrested late Friday night for violation of the city's handbill ordinance.

He was released on his own recognizance to appear Oct. 5 for trial. However, his wife appeared in his behalf before Judge Robert Lessing Monday morning and entered a plea of guilty.

Judge Lessing suspended a $25 fine for two years. The arresting officers said that Allen was "attempting to cash in on the Frolic by getting a lot of free publicity with his handbills."

### INDIAN ENTERTAINERS

Chief Eagle Wing and his wife will present an Indian program at Narbonne high school tomorrow afternoon.