Police, Firemen Selling Ducats for Vaudeville Show

Promising a vaudeville show of exceptional attractions, Torrance police and firemen are busy selling tickets these days for their third annual stage entertainment Friday night, Nov. 17, at the Torrance theatre.

Ten high class vaudeville acts and an orchestra have been obtained for the show's two performances that night, the first at 7 o'clock and the second at 9:30 p. m. All net proceeds from the ticket sale (at 50 cents per ducat) will be placed in the police and fire department's relief fund.

Local Woman Hurt in Wilmington Crash

Mrs. Grace Lehman of 1622 West 216th street, was listed by doctors at the Wilmington emergency hospital as a victim of an auto accident in that city early Sunday morning. She is reported suffering from an eye injury, a lacerated finger, cut on the cheek and possible brain concussion.

She was hurt when a car driven by John L. Whitney of the same local address struck a power pole at 12:30 Sunday morning. Whitney, told Wilmington police he momentarily dozed at the wheel, received cuts about the right hand, including a severed tendon. The crash occurred near McDonald avenue and Anaheim boulevard.

FIGURES IN INDIAN DRAMA . . . Myrna Loy, Tyrone Power and George Brent are featured in the gripping screen version of Louis Bromfield's best-selling novel, "The Rains Came," which opens Sunday at the Grand theatre.

Driver of Bantam Auto Harassed by Jokesters

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. (U. P.)—John Subatch parked his bantam-type automobile in front of the town office building while he went inside to pay his taxes.

On leaving the tax collector's office, he almost stumbled over his machine. Someone had carried the car into the building and deposited it in the corridor.

People
what they're doing

Last Sunday Mrs. M. A. Mackley returning from New York City to her home in San Francisco stopped enroute to visit at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kresse** on El Prado.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gossiaux of 1962 Andreo avenue have as their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Gossiaux of Puyallup, Washington.

Gus Bray, who was quite ill last week, has returned to work at the National Supply.

Mrs. Kennison and daughter **Ann** have moved back into their home at 2002 Andreo avenue after having recently returned from Arizona.

Saturday afternoon **Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell** of 1104 Amapola will be among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cushing in Alhambra at a radio football party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears returned last Friday night from a two weeks' trip through the north. One of the highlights was the Kiwanis convention in Oakland.

Last Saturday **Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fernley** entertained a couple tables of cards at their home. Among those present were **Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lowen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtiss** and **Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Patterson.**

Aboard the Pegors' yacht, "Sonny Boy" Sunday on a pleasure trip were **Harriet Pegors, Betty Follis** and **Happy Dolley.**

Mrs. Lola Hoover, 1424 Acacia street went to a tea last Sunday in San Pedro with the Bay Section of the Business and Professional Women's club.

Horse Defeats Cyclist Over 16-Mile Course

HEREFORD, Tex. (U.P.)—The horse still is tops in this part of the country. One of them proved it when it beat a rider pedaling a bicycle over a 16-mile race.

The horse, with John Douglas Pitman astride him, won by approximately 150 yards in a race against Tommy Wilson who was pedaling the bicycle. The horse covered the 16 miles in 1 hour, 6 minutes and 12 seconds.

The accordion was invented in Vienna in 1829.

SHOP TALK
by RAY BROOKS

TORRANCE TWIT & TWADDLE

MAIL MAN MAULED

Shades of yesteryear busted loose early this week in the grotesque shape of an ancient Model T Ford that spewed its venom all over old timer L. W. Simmons, prop. of Central Garage, as well as purveyor of the post from the Earl Conner's Marcellina branch down to the P. E. station. Readers will remember how these immortal models, when cranked, would sometimes shake loose the hand brake, throw out the clutch, actually put the contraption in gear. Such an incident occurred to Simmons on a vacant lot in front of his garage the other eve when he was bent hell-for-leather to catch the Gallopin' Goose. Round & round Simmons chased his fire-eating Ford, finally flopped behind the wheel just as the rampant, roaring run-about rammed its radiator around a telephone post. With a deep sigh and a groan from its innards the Frolicksome Ford expired. But remembering that "the mail must go thru," Simmons promptly left his charge hitched to the post, marched off in search of another truck.

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MOSQUITO MENACE

What lately has been mistaken by Torrance citizens for gunnery practice by 16 inch rifles off San Pedro was in reality the combined swatting & slapping of the majority of the local citizenry as they strove to ward off the vicious attacks of hordes of meandering mosquitos that obviously fogged off the swamps & ponds during the recent hot weather, completely took over the city. In past years this condition has arisen many times. Always the townspeople have had to vigorously protest to the local health department to spray the ponds, eliminate the nuisance. Always a big beef was necessary before the health dept. turned a wheel. What's the matter with the health dept.? Don't the mosquitos bother them? Are their hides too tough? Why do they not do something BEFORE all the citizens lose nights of sleep and their good dispositions and are forced to plead for relief? Is not the elimination of the mosquito problem one of the duties of the health dept.? Maybe they're waiting until the frost gets them. Or maybe they are out after them with fly swatters.

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FELKER'S FACTORY

A most interesting chap to talk to is Max Felker, who, with his father, operates in Torrance one of the most unusual types of businesses in the country. The Felkers make diamond-studded saws, their chief product, as well as other abrasives and cutting machines. Max says their firm is the biggest importer of industrial diamonds in the U. S., that they sell their saws (used to cut metals, glass, tile, etc.) all over the world. Right now they have an order for England, with shipment held up by the much-discussed embargo. These saws, says Max, will not harm your finger if pressed against the blade while it's spinning at top speed. But place against the blade any hard substance that offers resistance, and, whang, it cuts thru it like cheese. When Shop Talk accepts Mac's invitation to visit his plant (off Torrance Blvd. near Madrona) he will write more about this interesting business.

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HARDER'S HELP

Donning a natty blue General Petroleum uniform at Fred Harder's Sartori Ave. service station just recently was Fred's new helper, Ike McTee, whose nationality is very obscured. Ike is from Oklahoma along with "Mac" McBride, Ben Stewart and Gordon Northington. From the same town, in fact, and they know each other well . . . . so well that Ike married Northington's sister, is now in the family with two children to prove it. Ike has been in Torrance several months, has had almost 10 years experience with major oil companies, knows how to handle a lube gun. Good luck to you Ike McTee, and we wish you'd clear up that nationality question.

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NEW MERCHANTS—NEW STORES

Joining Jonnny Parker this week in the Quality Downtown Super Mkt. is Jimmie Yoshida, brother of old timer Roy Yoshida, operator of vegetable stands in both Quality Mkts. for several years. Jimmie, who formerly worked for Roy and who lately operated a stand in Alhambra, returns to Torrance to take over the downtown location and to help Johnny Parker (recently moved from across the street) put the Downtown Quality on a big volume basis. The way both guys are going after it this week—see page 2-A for big ad—(free publicity!) it looks as if they can do it. Lots of luck to you both.

HERE IS DOROTHY . . . Bringing to life the petite heroine of childhood's most famous storybook, Judy Garland plays the role of Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," Technicolor triumph of fantasy which opens tonight at the Lomita theatre.

ROMANCERS . . . William Holden and Barbara Stanwyck are the romantic duo who star with Adolphe Menjou in "Golden Boy," a stirring film opening Saturday at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne.

Paragraphics

One London report has it that Hitler might abdicate. And what Goerings-on that would precipitate!

—Greensboro (N. C.) Daily News

Bergdoll is one man who didn't profit by staying out of drafts.

Greensville (S. C.) Observer

Revised, to fit a streamlined and reckless age: The hand that rocks the boat rules the world.

—Thomaston (Ga.)Times

Senatorial eloquence on the horrors of war is but one of its minor horrors.

—Chicago Daily News

The fellow who called them easy payments doesn't know much about adjectives.

—Dallas Morning News

As light as some politicians' heads are, it's a mystery to us how they can keep an ear to the ground.

—St. Louis Star-Times

One fourth of the citizens of the United States pay no taxes, an authority notes, and one-fifth are in the employ of the Government. That still leaves eleven-twentieths who speak respectfully to policemen.

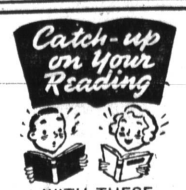
—Christian Science Monitor

There isn't much indication of neutrality over neutrality, whatever feelings may be about the war.

—Philadelphia Bulletin

"The modern girl is a spineless creature," declares an editor. He hasn't visited the beaches in some years, evidently.

—Washington Post



WITH THESE AT THE LIBRARY

GAMBLE'S HUNDRED by **Clifford Dowdy:** Set in a rather neglected period of Southern Colonial history, the author has shown us the Virginia Colony in the flux, that never-ending conflict between tidewater and back country; the rise of the great planters and defeat of the small farmer. This is a stimulating novel with sharply drawn contrasted characters and gives one a gripping convincing story of human beings.

DOWN WIND by **George Digby:** Readers who were charmed with the author's first story of his adventures, "Goose Feathers," will welcome this second chapter, which though not as romantic is equally adventurous. Digby develops into the "armchair adventurer's ideal delegate to cities and countries of the world." He keeps moving along, working at everything that comes to hand, journalism in China, rabbiting in Australia, nursemaid to prize rams, living the life of each profession as it comes to him. Information which he gives about cities and countries he visits can not be found in any guide book or other travel book.

WICKFORD POINT by **John P. Marquand:** In the new novel by the author of the 1938 Pulitzer prize winner, we find a character—indeed a whole group of characters—that anyone will recognize as having known at some time or other. Here is satire blended with sympathy that will be appreciated by any reader. The picture of Jim Calder and those incredible relatives the Brill Family of Wickford Point is a work of distinction and originality.