Wooldridge Writes

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Courteous driving is a reflection of character. (Contributed)

United States families were divided among home owners and tenants in the ratio of 14 to 15 in the 1930 census.

Brennan's Son is Star Bowler

One of the outstanding keglers in Culver City is Lloyd Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brennan of 812 Cota avenue. Recently he led Tommy Ryan's Diner squad to a 3-1 win over Westwood Village in the Culver City Merchants Bowling league.

Brennan, who is a film technician at the M.G.M. studios, set a new league series of 662 including a classy 269 game while his teammates aided in collecting a high game of 1,013 and a high series for the night of 2,893.

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Social Activities

SALLY MARIE VENABLE IS NOW 7 YEARS OLD

Diminutive little Sally Marie Venable is now seven years old. However, until 4:30 o'clock last Monday afternoon she was only six—at least, that was the way she saw the situation. For not until she had actually cut her first piece of birthday cake, at the magic hour of 4:30, did she concede the extra year. But now that she's done it, she's really quite proud of herself. And this is how it all happened:

From 2:30 to 4:30 she and a group of her little school friends, including Patsy Brown, Arlene Godman, Betty Douglas, Pauline Ban, Mona Byrd, Jean Ludlow, Donna Turner, Lorna Isen, Julia Viellenave, and her sister, Carol, had been enjoying the host of sportive house and garden games which her mother, Mrs. Shelby Venable, had planned for the occasion. And yet, throughout the whole time, Sally Marie was noticeably restless. She was probably eager to get to the cake cutting.

But, when that time actually arrived for all her eagerness, she could hardly wield the knife for there, right in front or her, arranged in unusually logical precision on the top of the cake, were six sparkling-eyed doggies, all sorts of fluffy kittens, chubby little cubby bears, great big elephants, and so many of Sally's other favorite little animal friends that she fairly gasped for joy when she realized that was what one little girl got for being seven years old. Another cake, decorated with dainty pink and yellow rosebuds, just didn't stand a chance at Sally Marie's seventh birthday party.

REDWOOD MEMORIAL

The state of California has received a contribution of $20,000 from U. S. Senator Jesse H. Metcalf of Rhode Island and his wife for purchase of a memorial tract of redwoods in this state.

VETS' GET LIFT

All veterans who were enrolled in the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps or the student army training corps 30 days prior to Nov. 12, 1918, are entitled to the veteran's preference in state civil service examinations.

Torrance to Figure In Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council Meet

Invocation and "moments of magic" by the Rev. F. T. Porter of Torrance, formal welcome by Mrs. Oda Vans, principal of Bandini school, San Pedro, formerly principal of the Fern avenue school, rhythmical bagpipe music by members of the Canadian Pipe Band, Palos Verdes Post No. 77, and a host of other entertainment features will combine to make "Father's Night" of the Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council, at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, Nov. 30, at the Bandini Street school, San Pedro one of the most sparkling events on the council's 1939 social calendar. In charge of the event, and master of ceremonies for the occasion will be E. P. Howe, president of the Father's Forum.

Preceding the entertainment, a brief business session will be held with Mrs. S. C. Murray of Walteria, council president, presiding. Principal address of the evening will be delivered by the Rev. W. W. McKennye of the harbor city.

Concluding the program, Miss Edna Tennant, drama instructor of Dana Junior high school, will present a group of her pupils in a short playlet, Clarence Isaacson will give a reading in keeping with the theme of the evening, Mrs. W. R. Fluke and Mrs. O. P. Abrams, accompanied by Mrs. E. Richards, will sing a vocal duet, and Mrs. E. Van Korlarr will play a group of accordion selections.

Dance Students Delight Audience

Virginia Crandell's skill as a dance teacher was well demonstrated recently when she presented 20 of her pupils at the Winter recital of the Torrance Conservatory of Music, 2087 Torrance boulevard, at the high school assembly hall.

Perhaps the outstanding contribution to the interesting program was a Mexican scene featuring Patty Jo Moore, Shirley Cox and Helen Stitt. Frances Perry's jump rope solo was a highlight as were Janet Lewellen, Shirley Carr and Beverly Wernette's dancing. Carol Jacobs and Dawn Perry, two very young dancers, received much applause.

DOUBLE-HEADER SUNDAY

The Torrance-Lomita Indians will play the Walker Roofing nine in a double-header Sunday afternoon at the city park diamond.

TROUBLESOME TEENS PUT THROUGH PACES

The Misses Beverly Roland, Edna Lukes, Elaine Foster, Barbara Evans, Peggy Neff, Ann Kinnison and Jean Yoder considered themselves really "put through the paces" last Tuesday afternoon when they became official members of the "Troublesome Teens," a social organization for subdebs of Torrance, by going through comic, informal initiation rites of the group.

In addition to being obliged to wear their clothing half inside out and half backwards throughout the day, the neophytes were also forced to perform fetes of "unusual" calisthenics and simple gymnastics in the downtown shopping areas of Torrance.

Following the initiatory ceremonies, refreshments were served new members at the home of Marcella Smith, scene of the major portion of the initiation services.

At the short business session presided over by Connie Fernley, president, which brought the meeting to a close, plans were made for the group's Christmas basket fete, and a definite schedule set for their sewing bee which will inaugurate their dressing dolls program to assist the work of the Torrance Relief Society. In charge of the initiation ceremonies were, in addition to Connie Fernley, Irene Findley, and the hostess-for-the-day, Marcella Smith.

JOE'S NEXT . . . Here's Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavyweight, as he arrived in New York to prepare for title bout Feb. 9 with world heavyweight champ Joe Louis. He weighs 205 now, expects to hit 195.

Community Stock Auctions Rise in N. Y.

ITHACA, N. Y. (U.P.)—Community livestock auctions have increased rapidly in number, according to Prof. W. M. Curtiss of the department of agricultural economics at Cornell University. Last year more than 35 were operating in 24 central New York counties, he said.

The number of animals handled at each sale varies from 14 at the smallest to 700 at the largest. The average, Prof. Curtiss said, was 186, of all classes of livestock.

Carelessness in working on disabled vehicles parked on highways of the state resulted in 176 persons being injured and 24 deaths in 1938, says department of motor vehicles.

FIRST TIME TOGETHER . . . John Garfield and Priscilla Lane are co-starred together for the first time in "Dust Be My Destiny," which opens Sunday at the Grand theatre, Torrance.

"The Women," Showing at Lomita Theatre, Is Swift-Moving Drama

Skilfully blended as to comedy, drama and pathos, "The Women," starring Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell, opened last night for an engagement of three days at the Lomita theatre.

Based on the Broadway stage success by Clare Boothe, the drama has lost none of its effectiveness in being transcribed to the screen. It moves swiftly and surely against eye-filling and spectacular sets and not until the final fadeout does one realize the total absence of men from the screen.

The role of Mary Haines was a happy choice for Norma Shearer. Her performance is outstanding for its brilliance and versatility.

Equally interesting is the performance turned in by Joan Crawford who assumes the role of a definite "heavy" for the first time in her screen career. As the siren, Miss Crawford does an outstanding piece of work.

Sure-fire for comedy, honors, Rosalind Russell as the gossipy Sylvia Fowler, brightens every moment in which she appears on the screen with her running mate, Phyllis Povah, drafted from the original stage production for the role. Mary Boland and Paulette Goddard provide another top comedy team. In the case of situations, however, the hair-pulling contest between Miss Russell and Miss Goddard may easily be awarded the palm.

JOAN CRAFORD, NORMA SHEARER and ROSALIND RUSSELL

"TUG-OF-LOVE" PARTICIPANTS . . . Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll, adventurer and career girl, respectively, are subjected to what might be termed a "tug-of-love" by four-year-old Carolyn Lee in this scene from the new comedy romance, "Honeymoon in Bali," which comes tonight to the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne. Carolyn, cast as a waif, does her best to bring Fred and Miss Carroll together.

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BUYS GUERNSEYS

Mrs. L. R. Quinn, proprietor of a dairy here, has purchased two registered Guernsey cows from D. O. Brant of Canoga Park. The stock is registered with the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough, N. H.

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Two Theatres Aiding Scouts with Benefits

Seven Boy Scout troops in this area will share in the benefit shows to be given at the Grand and Torrance theatres next Tuesday night, Nov. 28. The Scout units will receive a generous percentage of the box-office receipts for their troop funds and so most of their members are now busily engaged in selling tickets for the screen performances.

Troops participating in the double-benefit night are located in Torrance, Lomita, Walteria, Keystone and Hawthorne, it is announced. At the Grand theatre, the screen bill will be "Honeymoon in Bali" and "Dust Be My Destiny."

The Torrance theatre will show "Tex Rides With the Boy Scouts," a production made thru the cooperation of the Boy Scout headquarters and with Scouts in the cast, and "The Buccaneer."

SIX BABIES BORN HERE

Six babies were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William L. DuFrane, Redondo Beach, Monday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Closus Fowler, 22018 South Western avenue, Torrance, Nov. 16;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kemble, Alhambra, Nov. 16;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Lieb, Manhattan Beach, Saturday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parker, Gardena, last Friday, and

A son to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thomas, 1635 Cedar avenue, Monday.

All-Stars Beat Philly Giants in 11th Last Night

A good-sized crowd of baseball fans enjoyed an extra Thanksgiving treat last night when they saw a top-notch ball game at the city park between Steve Mesner's All-Stars and the barnstorming Philadelphia Royal Giants, a colored team. The All-Stars won in the 11th inning, 13 to 12, when Larry Barton cracked out his second home run of the evening.

The Giants had a first-sacker that was the star of the game. That player lived up to his nickname of "One Wing" with his sensational one-handed stops.

Detective Gets His Man, But It's Close Shave

RENO, Nev. (U.P.)—Detective Sergt. Andy Williver "got his man" although it required a close shave.

He was certain that a man with a two-years' growth of whiskers on his face was the man wanted for a series of hold-ups at Oakland, Cal., but those whiskers did constitute a camouflage. So Williver just took the man into a barber shop and ordered a close shave. Then, sure enough, out from behind the mass of hirsute adornments that was disguising him there slowly emerged the real features of the man he was looking for.