



WHEN NATION WAS YOUNG . . . Spencer Tracy, Robert Young and Walter Brennan are shown here in a tense moment—one of many—in the Technicolor film, "Northwest Passage," which opens Sunday at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne. The historical romance has been widely acclaimed for its power and fine characterizations.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WOMAN—20 to 30, for general housework, care of children. References: \$6 wk. Redondo 3-91.

ON FROLIC BOARD

Councilman John V. Murray, head of the recreation committee of the municipal board, was named to represent the city

NEWHALL ALL SET FOR BIG RODEO SUNDAY

With contestants arriving from all parts of the country, everything is completed for a spectacular day of thrills and action at the big 15th annual Newhall-Saugus Rodeo, Sunday, April 28. A new all steel grandstand has been erected just north of Newhall to the right of the main highway. Special attention has been given to allow unlimited parking space for automobiles.

Headed by Tom Mix, Buck Jones, Leo Carrillo, Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, Major Monte Stone, Andy Jauregui, Ralph M. Singer, Arthur C. Miller, Frank Muller, Bobby Clark and a host of western film stars, the Grand Entry Parade will be one of the most colorful pageants of early California ever staged in the west. Theme of the parade will be the early days of the West with riders garbed in the gay, colorful costumes of the Spanish days, cowboys and scoundrels.

Abe Lefton, well-known sports announcer who has followed rodeos from the Pendleton round-ups to Cheyenne, will describe the thrilling rodeo contests with his usual amusing manner. As a special feature, a certified milkmaid contest by certified beauties will be held to select the milk maid Queen of Hollywood.

Ten thousand general admission seats will be available the day of the event, it is announced by John R. Moss, manager. Advance reservations may be made at any time the Torrance Pharmacy.

Tuesday night on the general committee in charge of arranging the fourth annual Torrance Factory Frolic in September.



NO. 1 DANCE TEAM . . . Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell, who lay claim to the title of the world's greatest dance team, are co-starred in the entertainment plus musical film, "Broadway Melody of 1940," which opens Sunday at the Lomita theatre.

Tax Payments Set New High

Ninety-five per cent of the taxes levied for the fiscal year 1939-40 are believed to have been paid in prior to the April 20 deadline, it was estimated today by County Tax Collector H. L. Byram as his staff plunged into the task of opening thousands of letters and crediting remittances to the tax collector's books.

Byram's office was charged with levies totaling \$125,825,000 this year, and at the middle of the week \$106,082,000, or 84.2 per cent, had been put on the books. Last year on the corresponding date only \$96,900,000 had been credited on the books, amounting to but 78.55 per cent of the total to be collected.

"I fully believe we will collect more than 95 per cent of the total for the county government, all but five of the cities and for flood control and other special districts," Byram said. It will require two weeks or more yet to take all the remittances from the letters and credit them on the books.

Ben's Buzzing Bees Banished

A swarm of bees, estimated by an expert apiarist at close to 45,000, staged a "blitzkrieg" of no mean proportions at the home of Ben Stewart, 2308 Torrance boulevard, last Sunday.

The buzzing bees gathered on a bush and Ben, who operates a service station at 2172 Torrance boulevard with Partner "Mac" McBride, had visions of evacuating his family to a place of greater safety.

He called the police—but they didn't want any bees. He called the pound—but they advised contact with an expert beekeeper who later appeared and collected the invaders without suffering a single sting.

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Torrance Hi News Notes by ELIZABETH FISH

BOYS ACTIVE . . . "The Men-About-Active" Club at Torrance high school has really made a name for itself since it organized in September. To show they are not sleeping on the job, members are helping during Public Schools Week by having an information booth. The boys are going to sponsor a stamp drive next week and hope to make a big success of it. The stamps are to be given to war refugees in England. The committee is composed of Bill Moon, David Jacobs and Bob Lewellen, chairman.

AT BROADCAST . . . The "Teeners" had a very interesting meeting recently. After going thru the regular routine of the meeting they went to Long Beach to hear their favorite swing orchestra, led by Don Briggs, broadcast. Those who went were: Ann McNally, Vera Mae Weber, Margie Rusk, Ruby Benner, Virginia Zamperini, Ruth Pankey, Reba Mathews, Bobbie Leech and Donnie Robinson.

FESTIVAL SINGERS . . . Last Friday night the Madrigal singers were honored by being invited to sing for the Southern District Choral Festival at Occidental college in Eagle Rock. The Madrigals were one of 14 choirs to sing. The students had a "swell" time traveling to and from the festival by bus and hope to be invited next year.

ENJOY SINGERS . . . "Who wants to hear any old quartet?" was the by-word of the students this week. But now all students would like to hear one particular quartet again. That is the quartet from Chapman College in Los Angeles. The singers really "threw" themselves into their singing. Katherine Collins, soprano, also from Chapman, sang to much applause.

OODLES . . . It seems as if we have just oodles of perfect oral English students in T. H. S. Last week it was announced that all perfect oral speakers during the grammar week would have their names printed in this column. Because of the large percentage of students winning, this will be impossible. Instead, winners will have their names posted in the show case in the main hall of the school.

Cafe "Raid" Probe Dropped

When, for the fourth successive city council meeting, the hearing on the complaint of Clifford King and Inez Hunt, operators of a cafe on Cabrillo avenue, that they received unwarranted "publicity" as result of a visit paid their establishment early in March by Police Chief John Stroh was called Tuesday night, neither complainant appeared.

King had again been notified to be present and give his version of the incident, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said. No future date was set for a hearing of the matter and it is likely that the incident will be relegated to the history of political campaigns. The alleged "raid" was given considerable publicity in issues of a political sheet circulated here several weeks prior to the April 9 municipal election.



SAILORS IN STRAITS . . . Singapore and the romantic Straits mean just one more jam to Bing Crosby and Bob Hope in "Road to Singapore" with Dorothy Lamour which opens Sunday for four days at the Grand theatre.

Presidential Primary May 7 Fails to Warm Up Voters' Interest

Rental Office for Housing Project Opening May 6

Plans are nearing completion for opening of an application office for homes in the Harbor Hills Project, to be owned and operated by the Housing Authority of Los Angeles county above Lomita. The rental office will be opened May 6 in the north wing of the Narbonne high school.

Principal John L. Abbott is cooperating with officials of the County Housing Authority in the plans for tenant selection which will start with opening of the application office.

Construction is well under way on the Harbor Hills low-rent project, which will house 300 families upon completion. To qualify, families must be living in substandard or overcrowded homes because of their inability to afford better.

Council Acts on Improvements

Neighborhood improvements discussed at city council meeting Tuesday night included: Installation of two fire hydrants in the vicinity of Amice and Spencer streets to serve eight homes, a service station and a dairy; installation of a sodium vapor light at the intersection of Hawthorne and Torrance boulevard.

Replacement of an ornamental light standard, costing \$75, at Maple street and Torrance boulevard to replace one smashed by a motorist; investigation of the cost of installing sidewalks on Sepulveda avenue near Arlington avenue; appropriations of \$156.09 for material for alley repairs, \$102.12 for lamps for the ball park's flood lights, and \$229.18 for 170 cement water meter boxes for the municipal water department.

Steel Worker Aids Movie Production

His experience as a first helper in the Open Hearth at Columbia Steel qualified Len Cooper for a brief fling in the movies last week. He served as an assistant to the technical director filming a picture with a steel industry background at Universal studios.

Torrance Theatre

THUR. FRI. SAT. FREDRIC MARCH, CARY GRANT, JACK OAKIE "Eagle and Hawk"

DOROTHY LAMOUR, BOB BURNS, MARTHA RAYE "Tropic Holiday"

SUN. MON. TUES. GINGER ROGERS "Bachelor Mother"

TOGETHER WITH "3 SONS" with EDW. ELLIS and WILLIAM GARGAN WEDNESDAY 2 Mexican Features

By UNITED PRESS With California's presidential primary election only 12 days away, the contest for delegates to the Democratic national convention has yet to work up any great enthusiasm.

The only active candidate for the presidency to stump California so far is Thomas E. Dewey, the youthful New York district attorney who is seeking the presidential nomination, and he did not enter the running for the May 7 election.

The Republicans have only one slate on the primary ballot and that is unopposed, so the only competition of any sort for the coming balloting is on the Bourbon side.

Of the four Democratic tickets perhaps the least active campaigning has been done by the one supporting President Roosevelt for a third term. Gov. Culbert Olson is planning to make two radio addresses in behalf of the president's candidacy and other speeches and meetings are being arranged. The general attitude of the ticket's sponsors, however, is that they will win in a walk, hence the inactivity.

The conservative wing of the party, sponsoring Vice-President John Nance Garner for the presidential nomination, and the ultra-left wingers, organized on a ticket pledged nominally to Lieut. Gov. Ellis E. Patterson, have been trying to drum up some enthusiasm, and leaders of the Ham and Eggs pension plan are striving to hold their sizeable block of supporters together on a slate headed by Willis Allen, a promoter of the \$30 Thursday scheme.

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New Law Governs Firework's Sale

First applicant for a permit to sell fireworks here under the new state law is J. A. Evans of the Torrance Gift Shop at 1322 Sartori avenue who asked the city council Tuesday night for an inspection of his place of business by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

The new law provides that applicants for fireworks permits must first obtain a recommendation from the fire chief and then the council has the right to grant or deny the application. The council decided that it would not pass any ordinance limiting the sale of pyrotechnics between now and July 4.

Evans' request was granted providing the fire chief endorses the application.

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"Vigil in the Night" Carole Lombard—Briane Aherne
Sun. Mon. Tues. "My Son, My Son" Briane Aherne—Madeleine Carroll
"Shooting High" Jane Withers—Gene Autry

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HERMOSA BEACH

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FOX CABRILLO

SAN PEDRO Phone 4949
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"Laugh It Off" with JOHNNY DOWNS Wednesday May 1 2—Surprise Features—2 Big Jackpot Award

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