Latest statistics show the average length of life in Japan is 44 for males and 46 for females.

Of the total area of Iceland, six-sevenths is unproductive.

DRAMATIC DERELICTS . . . Clark Gable and Joan Crawford, co-starred in "Strange Cargo," which is now showing at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne, play two of the strangest roles they have ever depicted. Both are hunted creatures who work out their destiny in a dramatic and moving fashion.

JUST A COUPLE OF DAISY PULLERS . . . "She loves me—she loves me not—" It's a game Fred MacMurray and Melvyn Douglas play in the hectic new comedy, "Too Many Husbands," opening Sunday at the Grand theatre. And Jean Arthur refuses to reveal the answers. After all, when a girl has two husbands, she doesn't want to offend either one of them, now does she?

HERE THEY ARE . . . The Bumsteads, Penny "Blondie" Singleton, Larry "Baby Dumpling" Simms and Arthur "Dagwood" Lake compose the film version of that irrepressible family of radio and comic strip fame. Their newest of hectic domestic comedies, "Blondie on a Budget," opens Sunday at the Lomita theatre.

Food Stamp Store Closed on May 7

Because next Tuesday, May 7, is election day for the Presidential primary, the Federal food stamp store at 1215 El Prado will be closed all day, Manager L. H. Lowe announced. Relief clients are urged to make their purchases of Federal Surplus Commodities stamps in advance.

'Pay-off' Attempt In City Politics Hit by Citizens

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against the usurpation of our right to uninterrupted service of public officers as long as those officers are giving satisfactory service. We believe that generally speaking, the various departments of the city are being operated in an efficient manner. If reason for criticism exists, it is the American way to give the offending official an opportunity of conforming to the policies of the new administration.

"The ouster of officials for pure political reasons, however, cannot be tolerated in a community that has always had reason to be proud of the administration of its affairs. Such tactics strike at the very foundation of democracy.

"We urge most strongly that our rights as citizens be respected in this matter and that the Council refuse to support political chicanery.

(Signed)
"H. C. BARRINGTON
"W. R. McLEOD
"JOHN E. MILLER
"SAM LEVY
"DR. O. E. FOSSUM
"L. G. BARKDULL
"W. H. GILBERT
"H. R. LEE
"E. E. MURCHISON
"A. P. STEVENSON, M. D.
"WM. BAKER SMITH
"MAXINE BAKER SMITH
"HOWARD G. LOCKE
"F. L. PARKS
"F. D. LIPP
"W. I. LAUGHON, M. D.
"ED WAKELY
"GENE GRAVES
"WM. H. ROJO"

County Engineer to Make Alondra Park Debt Study

What is regarded as a big step toward the ultimate re-assessment of Alondra Park's debt-ridden Mattoon Act district was taken today by the county board of supervisors. The board added $32,440 to the county engineer's budget to provide for extra clerical services necessary to make a thorough study of all property in the district for the equitable spreading of the refunded debt.

The supervisors did not, however, vote the county's share from the general funds to cover half of the refunded debt or $318,000 of the remaining $663,000 in bonds against the Alondra Park district.

It is expected that the county engineer will begin his survey, which must ultimately stand a court test, in August and that the work will take from six to eight months. Final refunding of Alondra Park's Mattoon Act debt, which has proven an insurmountable barrier to the district's development, is expected within a year.

Five Patients Enter Hospital During Week

Five patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Mrs. Kathryn Klusman of 2018 Carson street entered yesterday morning following a fall from a car in which she suffered a fractured hip bone.

Mrs. Ruby Burmaster, Hermosa Beach, entered Sunday for surgery; Gerald Cox, 1016 Acacia avenue, who was injured in an automobile accident at Redondo Beach, was received Tuesday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Wilma Johnson, 712 Cota avenue, entered Monday for surgery, and Michael J. Reilly of Davidson City was received Sunday for surgery.

H.C. Legion to Initiate 40 at Session Tonight

With 200 per cent gain over its quota, the Harbor City American Legion Post will have a big time tonight when 40 new members will be initiated, one of the biggest initiations ever held in the Harbor area.

Crack drill teams from other posts will assist President Roy Brown in the rites and a number of guests will be present from other posts thruout the district. Afterwards there will be dancing and refreshments, with the wives and auxiliary members as guests of the Legionnaires.

The first printed book in the English language was turned out by William Caxton in 1477. It was called "Dictes and Sayengis of the Phylosophers."

San Bernardino county, California, is the largest county in the country. Its area is 20,175 miles.

HIS COUNTRY IS 'ON THE SPOT' . . . Because both Allies and Germany, now battling for control of Norway, covet Sweden's iron mines, the nation of 82-year-old King Gustav is "on the spot." Russia also constitutes a menace to Sweden. Gustaf is determined to stay neutral.

Normandie Dist. Meeting Called

A property owners' committee, working toward refunding of the Mattoon Act Bonds in the Normandie special assessment district announced this week that notification letters have been placed in mails to all owners of record in the district. These letters contain all information necessary to enable owners to do their part in completing the refunding.

Much work has been done since the attempt was started more than a year ago and, now the committee believes that, with the cooperation of the county authorities, a plan has been worked out that will result in clearing the district of the unpleasant "Mattoon" type of assessments with the least hardship to all concerned.

To fully acquaint all owners with details of the refunding arrangements a mass meeting is to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium Thursday evening, May 9, at 7:30 p. m. The committee invites all owners to attend, particularly any owners in the district involved who have not received letters of notification due to faulty addresses. Mrs. Ada Green is chairman of the committee and Ralph R. Perry is secretary.

The 3-cents-an-ounce rate on first-class mail is authorized by law only until July 1, 1941.

A New Hampshire man wants radio to ban war songs.

A charming custom that has become popular is the mother-daughter duplicate dressing. For play-time, May Good Housekeeping suggests muslin worn with little boleros. They wash beautifully and don't have to be ironed. Colors are turquoise, trillium rose, lupin blue or gladiola pink.

Two Babies Born Here During Week

Two babies were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Maeno, Hermosa Beach, last Thursday, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spicer, Manhattan Beach, last Friday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernand De Passe of 927 Arlington avenue, who was a premature arrival April 10, now tips the beam at four pounds. When born, the baby weighed but three pounds and eight ounces. She lost eight ounces the second week but now appears to have a firm grip on life. The baby is still confined in the incubator but may be released to go home within a week or so.

Belgium is the most densely populated country in Europe. There are about 710 persons to the square mile.

A Philadelphian favors putting old jokes under instead of on the ether.