

Jewish Fast Day Observed This Week

Saddest and most tragic day of the Jewish calendar was the Ninth of Ab Fast Day, which was observed from sunset last Monday evening until sunset, Tuesday night.

Commemorating the destruction of the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem by the Babylonians and again by the Romans, this year's observance was especially significant with war clouds hovering over the Holy Land.

Services were held at various Jewish institutes.

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This is no time for GREEN HANDS

In these critical times our country is spending billions for defense. But a sound defense, fortified against the Fifth Column, must begin at home. The District Attorney's office, coordinated with other departments, is now our advance guard, maintaining a vigilance against un-American activities.

Today—more than ever before—this office is too important for inexperienced hands.

Judge by Past Performance

For the past 12 years District Attorney Buron Fitts has earned a reputation for integrity and efficiency, unparalleled in the United States.

Official records show that Buron Fitts has made a steady increase in the ratio of felony convictions while he has steadily reduced the cost per conviction. For two years prior to his taking office, these costs were 83% higher than they are today.

Retain the experience, ability, efficiency we now have in this office —Be American—Vote American—

Re-elect BURON FITTS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
AUG. 27th
CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT BURON FITTS



Judge L. E. Birdzell—Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota and national authority on banking law and estates, who has just arrived in California to join the Bank of America as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer.

County Tax Rate Lowered One Cent

Los Angeles county's general tax rate will be adopted by the Board of Supervisors August 20, and will be \$1.4873 on each \$100 of assessed valuation—one cent below last year's tax rate.

This was announced by the supervisors yesterday as they sent a telegram to County Manager Wayne R. Allen, calling him back to Los Angeles for a budget conference August 19 before the tax rate is adopted formally.

Supervisors announced definitely that the tax rate will be cut one cent, and that economies in the county's 1940-41 budget will make the reduction possible.

State Aid For The Needy Blind Greatly Simplified

A simplified procedure for the eligibility of needy blind persons to state aid will be inaugurated for all new blind cases in Los Angeles county beginning September 1, according to the county charities department.

Under the new system all documentary evidence need not be sent to the state, as at present. Instead, complete evidence of eligibility is to be retained by each county in the state. This saves filling out innumerable forms, certifying each applicant for aid, and saves handling of many papers by the board of supervisors' department.

A similar system was applied to all Old Age Security cases in September of 1937, and the state social welfare board has favored extension of the simplified system to blind cases since then, according to a letter to the board of supervisors.

The state board reported that it had doled out a total of \$5,371,000 to aid the aged during the first seven months of 1940, another \$805,000 has gone to needy children, and another \$343,800 to needy blind. Old Age security checks, most of them for \$40 a month, went to 141,792 individuals, 42,359 children received state aid and 7,161 blind persons received aid from the state during the seven months.

Poll Gives Rawls Lead In Assembly Race

An impartial State election poll recently conducted by the Government Research Bureau at Sacramento, according to Walter B. Fawcett, director, gives John T. Rawls, former assemblyman, the lead over all other eight candidates for the Democratic nomination in the 68th assembly district.

The poll says, "John T. Rawls, (D) who served in the 1933 session appears to be the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination. As the registration is overwhelmingly Democratic (28,444 Demo. to 8998 Rep. in 1938) it is conceded the nominee of the Democrats will win."

As a layman and as a legislator, John Rawls has fought consistently and successfully for tax reduction, for economy in state government and for the welfare of the people.

He was the author of the first moratorium bill to prevent mortgage foreclosures on homes and farms in California. This bill is proclaimed by thousands of citizens as one of the finest bills ever to be passed by the California state legislature. Rawls also authored two later bills which extended the provisions of the initial moratorium.

Other noteworthy bills sponsored by Rawls when he last served in Sacramento include: one providing a new state constitution to simplify California's government, and another reducing judicial salaries resulting in an annual saving of \$100,000 for taxpayers. He constantly has fought for labor and the fishing industry.

As the first Democrat ever elected to the legislature from the 68th Assembly District, it is natural to find Rawls wholeheartedly in support of President Roosevelt and the Democratic platform. He served four years on the Democratic county central committee, and presided as chairman for two years on the State Democratic central committee. Rawls received a warm letter of endorsement from James A. Farley, postmaster general and chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Long Beach Motor Vehicle Office Closed Two Weeks

Issuance of drivers' and chauffeurs' licenses at the Long Beach office of the division of motor vehicles will be suspended between Aug. 24 and Sept. 16.

This was announced today by Dana J. Bullock, office manager, who explained the interruption in service is authorized by a department policy established in the interest of economy to allow examiners to take their vacations without hiring substitutes. Examiner service will be resumed in Long Beach Sept. 17.

The Los Angeles office at 3500 South Hope street and numerous others in the Southland, however, will be open during the vacation period.

Since the closing several months ago of the part-time San Pedro branch office of the division of motor vehicles, motorists have been obliged to go to Long Beach for license service.

MEET THE PROFESSOR



"Jiggs," star of Frank Buck's Jungleland, was recently given a try at some intellectual chores. Up until recently "Jiggs" had been limited to impersonations of various movie stars, a bit of harmonica playing, and an occasional spin on his tricycle. His big chance for self-improvement came as the result of a tour of the United States Steel Subsidiaries exhibit at the World's Fair in New York. At the steel exhibit "Jiggs" was invited to take up the role of guest lecturer. "Jiggs" responded very capably and is shown here pointing out an interesting steel fact to pretty Doris Hiller of the United States Steel Corporation.

New Home Open For Inspection All Day Sunday

"Honeymoon Cottage," an attractive Monterey type home that fits the needs of the average family, is being thrown open for public inspection all day Sunday, Aug. 18, by Edward G. Neess, builder and contractor, 1604 Gramercy avenue.

Located at 1514 Madrid avenue, "Honeymoon Cottage" is typical of a group of moderate priced homes now under construction by Neess that are planned to meet the needs of Torrance families with limited incomes. Full price of the attractive new home is \$3,350, which was built under rigid F. H. A. inspection and is being offered on liberal F. H. A. terms of \$350 down and approximately \$24 a month, which includes insurance and taxes.

Details of the home which will be open for inspection Sunday are given with a picture of the house in an advertisement printed elsewhere in this issue.

Beauty Shop Opens On Carson Street

With all of the latest and modern equipment, Mrs. Rose Carner, Monday of this week opened a new beauty shop, to be known as Western Village Beauty Shop, at 1652 Carson street.

Permanent waving and all general beauty work will be handled. Mrs. Carner stated, who has had some six years of beauty shop experience.

Civic League Questions Lee Geyer's Work

Speakers for Congressman Lee E. Geyer were challenged on Tuesday night, Aug. 13, at a meeting of the Civic League in Mayflower Hall, 75th and Hoover streets, to substantiate the claim made in Geyer campaign advertising that "in less than two years at Washington Geyer has secured more than \$23,000,000 for 17th Congressional District permanent improvements."

Occasion for the challenge was "Candidates' Night" at the League, and among the speakers was Mrs. Clara N. Colden, candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress in the 17th District.

"I do not believe in injecting personal criticisms into a political campaign," said Mrs. Colden, "but when statements are made that are at variance with facts, it is a duty to the public that they be corrected."

Continuing, Mrs. Colden said: "I would like to ask Mr. Geyer, and those who speak for him, what are these \$23,000,000 of permanent improvements he is said to have secured for this district. He cannot include in them the \$19,750,000 which the supplemental deficiency appropriation bill allocated, on June 11 last, for defense and other purposes at Los Angeles Harbor, because that bill was a Senate bill—and Mr. Geyer is not a Senator. Nor can he claim credit for the recommendation of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee, which was approved on June 3, that \$7,074,000 be appropriated for a new breakwater at the Harbor, because Mr. Geyer is not a member of the Rivers and Harbors Committee."

The Congressional Record, the speaker said, showed that Mr. Geyer at no time during these discussions had addressed the House in support of any of the Harbor improvement measures. As for other improvements in the district, she challenged the incumbent Congressman to name them.

Reduced admissions Adopted by New Theatre Manager

Reduced admissions but no lowering of the high standard of pictures at the Grand theatre, Torrance, and the Gardena theatre, Gardena, are announced by Stanley Tobin, newly appointed manager of the Grand Theatre-Gardena group of theatres operated by Mellinkoff and Milstein.

General admissions at the Grand in Torrance have been cut from 30 cents to 25 cents plus tax, with loges reduced from 40 cents to 31 cents plus tax.

At the Gardena, general admissions will now be 20 cents exempt from tax instead of 25 cents plus tax. Loges are 25 cents plus tax instead of 30 cents plus tax as formerly.

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Harvest

NEW YORK—The New York World's Fair quarter-acre wheat field, which cost about \$1,000 to plant and maintain for two years, was harvested recently. Its second 7-bushel crop was worth about \$6.33.

Brisk Recruiting

LOS ANGELES, (U.P.)—Peace time recruiting records for Los Angeles were broken during July, the Army recruiting headquarters reported today.

Rent that room for only 25c thru a want ad. Call Tor. 444.

Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experience.

Court Fines Independent Oil Companies

Following the lead recently set by four major oil companies, 20 independent companies and a trade association early this week entered pleas of nolo contendere before Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick to indictments charging them with conspiracy to violate the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Fines were at once imposed. Several days ago fines of \$4500 each on similar pleas were paid by Standard Oil, General Petroleum, Union Oil Company and the Shell Oil Company.

Judge McCormick, Los Angeles, imposed fines of \$1500 and \$1000 on the companies appearing yesterday.

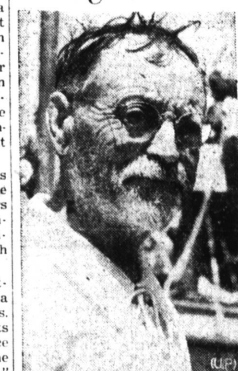
The Independent Refiners' Association of California was fined \$4500, as in the case of the four major companies. Fines of \$1500 each were imposed on the following companies:

R. R. Bush Oil Company, Camlin Oil Company, Ltd., Century Oil Company, Envoy Petroleum Company, Estado Petroleum Corporation, Hancock Oil Company of California, Kern Oil Company, Ltd., Mercury Petroleum Corporation, Olympic Refining Company, Triangle Oil and Refining Company and the Macmillan Petroleum Corporation.

Fines of \$1000 were imposed on the following companies:

Aromalene, Inc., California Oil and Refining Company, East West Refining Company, El Camino Refining Company, El Tejon Oil and Refining Corporation, Harbor Refining Company, Pan Pacific Oil Company, Rothschild Oil Company, Social Oil and Refining Company.

Saga of Sea



This 75-year-old British minister, Rev. John Antle, completed harrowing 347-day voyage in 40-foot auxiliary yacht Reverie, with one man to help him, from Falmouth, England, to San Diego. He expects to continue to Vancouver, B. C. His sails were ripped to shreds.

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Ship Shapes



Because war has driven U. S. ships off Atlantic, Los Angeles and San Francisco celebrated when U. S. Lines sent giant liner Washington to Pacific Coast to signalize restoration of big-league intercoastal service. San Francisco found everything, especially in luxury liner's swanky pool, in ship shapes. These squabbles from Aqueduct took dip. From top: Kay Shaw of Los Angeles; Arlene Osthoff, Seattle; Marie Martin, Portland, and Doris Bradley, San Francisco.

Suicide Feared

Relatives of a Los Angeles man who came to the South Bay District Saturday with the avowed intention of committing suicide yesterday asked Redondo police to aid in the search for the missing man.

Assistant Chief Lowell Hopkins of Redondo Beach said a description of the man had been sent to his office, but no trace of him has been found.

Local Contractors Awarded Huge State Road Job

A contract totalling \$216,772 was awarded to Basich Brothers, of Torrance, for road work in Santa Barbara county. It was learned early this week, through the Department of Public Works.

Project consists of grading and surfacing of 3.4 miles of State Route 2, between Tecolote Creek and Las Varas Creek, some 16 miles north of the city of Santa Barbara.

Work will start immediately, contractors said.

Technocrats To See Special Film

At the regular meeting of the members of Technocracy, Incorporated, to be held next Tuesday evening, at 1915 Carson street, starting at 8:00 o'clock, a special motion picture will be presented through the courtesy of Westinghouse, on "New Frontiers," L. K. Kelly, organizer stated today.

Dog's Estate Taxed

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—The state of California has assessed \$34.65 in state inheritance taxes against Buddy, a pet dog left \$25 a month by the will of Emma C. Hurd.

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