Cutting It Short

The Coast Guard Academy is located at New London, Conn.

New York's first army maneuvers ran into a quarantine, and of all things—German measles.

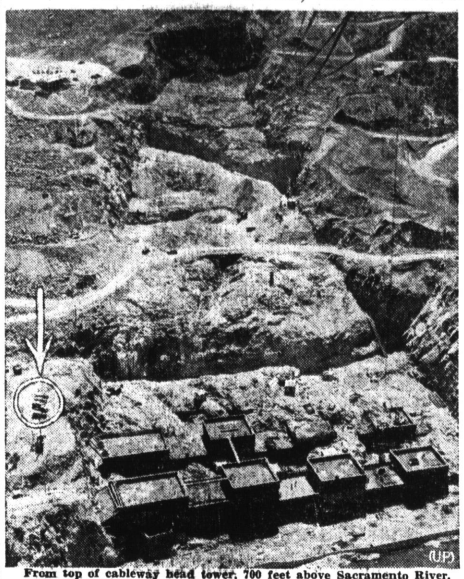
The Island of Jamaica is a British possession.

The Indian population of Arizona is increasing at about twice the rate of the white population.

The population of Switzerland is slightly more than 4,000,000.

The Ohio state employment service is 50 years old.

A Great Dam Rises, in Blocks



From top of cableway head tower, 700 feet above Sacramento River, this is way embryo Shasta Dam looks after 40,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured. Six million cubic yards will be poured, under supervision of U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, in 50-foot square blocks which are raised in alternate rows in successive five-foot lifts. There are five trucks in arrow-marked circle at left, incidentally.

Mrs. John Salm and daughter Eleanor left this week for a month's visit with Mrs. Salm's mother, Mrs. George Lubergen, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

. . . this Week in the NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hoffman and **Mrs. Rachel Reid** of 1612 Post avenue enjoyed a weekend trip at San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Laughon have returned from a vacation spent at Crater Lake, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. They were accompanied home by Miss Edna Mae Richards, daughter of Seattle friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miles, accompanied by their children, the **Misses Eileen, Lorraine** and **Joe** and Mrs. Della Moon, mother of Mr. Miles, returned last week from a two weeks' vacation at Stockton, Kansas, where they visited with relatives. Enroute east they visited Zion, Bryce Canyon and on their return the party stopped at Grand Canyon.

C. W. Sutherland of San Francisco is a guest at the Erwin hotel.

Miss Yvonne Jones of Carnegie, Okla., is a guest this week of her sister, **Eileen Jones.**

Mrs. Faye Shifflet and son Billy and Miss Theo Classen of Delano are house guests of the **J. H. Burchetts** this week.

Richard Preston and N. Nelson of Nebraska are guests this week of **Duane Shultz** at the Erwin hotel.

Ceremonies Mark Start of Lomita Storm Drain Job

Ceremonies inaugurating construction work by WPA on the first unit of the $1,269,000 Lomita storm drain, one of the largest WPA undertakings in Los Angeles this year, were held at Lomita boulevard and Normandie avenue yesterday afternoon. Supervisor Oscar Hauge, WPA Administrator Herbert C. Legg, County Engineer Alfred Jones, Norman Gardiner, president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, and others spoke.

Musical portion of the program was supplied by the Mexican Tipica orchestra of WPA Music Project, with Raquel and Lucinda, Spanish dancers, performing in costume.

Employing nearly 500 WPA workers for three months, the first unit of the huge project will cost $434,893, and will parallel Lomita boulevard from Bixby Slough north of Vermont to President avenue in Lomita. Nearly a mile of concrete tunneling, large enough to drive a small car thru, will be constructed, with connecting sewers, street resurfacing and other work.

Sponsored by Los Angeles county, the Lomita project represents a unit of the $3,766,555 county-wide WPA program for improvement of flood control and drainage facilities. It has been estimated that nearly three years will be required for its completion.

Oddities

It must be an eerie feeling for the map-maker, having an international boundary move while he is drawing it.

British, Dutch and French possessions in South America cover 208,812 square miles and have a population of 545,440.

Nearly all the world automobile speed records were set on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah.

Bath water in arid southwest Africa is "rented" at 25 cents a gallon and thereafter is used to water plants.

Enough salt underlies more than 7,000 square miles of Ohio's area to meet easily requirements of all the world.

A mirage seen recently in the vicinity of the Thousand Islands was the first reported in the area in 17 years.

Ants are rated the hardest working creatures in the world. Yet they find time to attend picnics.

Only two of the seven democratic presidential nominees of this century—Wilson and Roosevelt—were elected.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE . . . Clifton A. Hix who is seeking nomination for Congress is well known in Torrance and Lomita. Long active in veteran affairs, Hix has served as Americanism chairman and chairman of the National defense for the Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion, as well as commander of the San Pedro Post and the L. A. County Council.

Bitterly opposed to all forms of subversive activities attempting to undermine American democracy, Hix has spent the last ten years studying and fighting those groups whose principles are contrary to America's well being. He is strongly supported by Dr. John R. Lechner, well-known director of the Legion's Americanism Educational League.

Emotional Life of Child Dependent On Parent Love

LOS ANGELES — The small child is a better psychologist than any of his elders when it comes to emotional reactions, Gladys H. Groves, University of North Carolina faculty member and a pioneer in preparation-for-marriage instruction in American schools, told delegates to the Southern California section of a conference on Family Relations convening on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The child is a better psychologist than his elders—he has to be because his very existence depends upon it. The comic page query, 'Does mamma love papa?' is not as funny as it is supposed to be—the answer to that question is vitally necessary to the emotional stability of a child. To know that his mother and father do not love each other is upsetting to his own emotional existence. He has to know the answer to that question to be assured that all is well within his own small world.

"Nor can a parent answer that question with any equivocation that a child would not understand. One parent may shrug aside the question with an assured laugh and its very assurance reassures the child who knows that the parent does not have to protest and explain a love that he considers to be entirely obvious, while a parent who must explain and urge a situation that does not exist does not fool a child who unerringly feels the uncertainty and falseness behind the protestation," declared the educator who also stressed the fact that stability in family relationships cannot begin too early in the life of a child, and might well be thought of even as early in the educational scheme as the nursery school.

Did You Know?

The Bahamas had waves of prosperity during the United States Civil war and during prohibition as a result of smuggling.

Character is the real foundation of all worthwhile success.

Venus is 26,000,000 miles closer to the sun than is Earth.

A West Virginia man has invented a machine to pull on his trousers without physical effort.

Sirius is the brightest star in the heavens.

Tuberculosis took 61,184 lives in the United States last year.

Ohio produces an annual average of 20 million pounds of honey.

Torrance Youths Admit Thefts of Scrap Iron Here

Before ordering the trio to appear before him today for sentencing, City Judge Robert Lessing delivered a stern lecture to three local youths who had plead guilty Tuesday to nine counts of petty theft of scrap iron and oil field equipment involving sums less than $200. They had been picked up by Long Beach police, turned over to sheriff's officers who in turn delivered them to local authorities.

One of the trio, Percy LeRoy Thompson, 18, of 2624 Carson street, charged with three counts of petty theft, was still under probation for a similar theft less than six months ago. Edward Eugene Newton, 22, 1317 Cedar street, admitted guilt to five counts of pilfering, his first offenses, and Dick T. Hale, 18, 1437 220th street, entered a guilty plea to one theft court.

No Further Leniency

Judge Lessing lectured the trio after young Thompson insisted that "the stuff we took was valueless and we thought it was only junk." Police Chief John Stroh testified that some of the material he and young Newton sold to Long Beach junk dealers at various times over a two or three-week period was new equipment and that the amount the youths received from their sale of stolen property was close to $100.

"I instruct all of you to see Harry Slover, probation officer, so that he can investigate your pleas for probation but in the case of Thompson I don't think I'll recommend any further leniency. You young men must know that property that isn't yours is not for your hands. If you don't know that then I think jail is the place for you," the court said in part.

Hale and Thompson today were each given six months jail sentences which were suspended on condition that (1) they are not re-arrested for two years for any offense involving the taking of property not belonging to them or the use of liquor, and (2) that they report to Probation Officer Harry Slover twice a week for six months.

Because young Newton was charged with a first offense and because he told the court he was trying to enlist in the Navy, Judge Lessing dismissed the count against him, believing that even a suspended sentence would prevent his enlistment.

Marriage Laws Held Barrier to Romance, Profit

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—With all the grumbling going on, it seems likely that an organized effort will be made in the legislature to change the marriage laws to stop the increasing flow of romantic coupies across the state lines into Nevada and Arizona.

The three-day "gin marriage" law did its share to slow down the wedding business some years ago but the medical examination statute put into effect after the 1939 legislative session almost sounded the death knell for a big volume of marriages in the state.

Strangely enough, there is little opposition to the medical test in the light of the scientific advantages advocated in its defense. But the two laws combined bring the complaints. Critics declare that the medical test provides enough delay to stop hasty marriages and makes the three-day wait unnecessary. The routine of having a medical examination takes enough time to discourage too-speedy weddings or those under the spell of intoxication or impulse.

"Conscription Rush"

The best yardstick of the new trend is the fact that 18,880 couples were married in California during the first six months of this year, as compared to 29,568 for the same period a year ago. That slump means a definite loss in dollars and cents to every community in the state, not to mention those close enough to the state borders to be directly influenced.

To show the detailed decrease, here are the six months period figures: there were 2890 weddings in January, 1940, as compared with 4680 in 1939; February, 2555 and 3950; March, 2535, 4019; April, 3022, 4569; May, 2939, 4918; June, 4939, 7432.

A more current phase of the wedding question is the present rush to avoid conscription or military service by acquiring a "dependent" in a hurry. Many of these couples are hurrying off to Reno or Las Vegas or some Arizona town instead of spending their money for license, flowers, minister, refreshments, honeymoon and other incidentals in California.

Mrs. Bruce Bilger of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Torrance, was a guest Monday at the **C. C. Schultz** home.