Lynwood Youth Wins Essay Award

A 14-year-old boy, James McClelland, ninth grade pupil in the Lynwood Junior high school, was awarded first prize in a state-wide contest for the best essay on Americanism.

About 6,000 essays were submitted in the contests sponsored by the Auxiliaries to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Winners of the second and third places were Dorothy Kieferdorf, of San Francisco and Antoinette Gattuccio of Los Gatos.

The winning essays from each state will enter the national contest so a 14-year-old boy has a chance for the national championship, although many of the winners are several years older.

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Huge Douglas B-19 Bomber Nears Completion at Douglas Factory

This is believed to be the world's largest bombing plane. Here it is unveiled for the first time for newspaper pictures taken in the Douglas factory in Santa Monica. The plane weights 70 tons and is capable of flying 6000 miles without refueling.

Douglas Official Reveals Details of Huge New Plant in Long Beach

Details of the huge modern airplane plant which Douglas Aircraft Company will soon start building along the north side of the Long Beach Municipal Airport were revealed this week by George A. Strompl, factory manager of the concern. A survey of the property, acquired from the Montana Land Company, is under way preliminary to the construction of the foundation of the steel and concrete sawtooth structure with 150-foot bays.

The plant will be large enough for assembly of the DC-4, largest plane turned out by Douglas. The factory manager explained how personnel is obtained for its plants. Key men will head the personnel of the Long Beach factory as they do at Santa Monica and El Segundo. The company maintains a school in its Santa Monica plant where it trains its workers.

Douglas cooperates with the trade schools in Southland cities as well as state universities and places many graduates of high schools and junior colleges who have had shop training.

Use Conveyor Line

Modern airplane construction has reached the stage where production is handled as in automobile factories. The plane is assembled on a conveyor line. Men are trained for particular operations. Thus they do not have to have a complete engineering or mechanical knowledge in order to qualify for employment. Too, it was explained, the company is able to absorb young men with trade school training and readily train them to fit into airplane methods.

The visiting official said the company will have more than 30 acres of buildings on the site north of the airport. From 60 to 100 acres of parking space will be acquired to accommodate the employes. The parking area will be east of Lakewood Boulevard and probably will be connected with the plant by means of tunnels under the boulevard.

Pedestrian Tunnels

Studies made by the company show, Strompl said, that four 30-foot pedestrian tunnels would be sufficient to empty the plant of 30,000 persons in 12 minutes. The parking area probably will have an offset from Lakewood Boulevard for the ingress and egress of busses.

Permanence of the plant is presaged by the vision of the future of the airplane industry held by Strompl. He predicts that refrigerated cargo planes will be delivering perishable foods from Southern California in New York and along the East Coast each morning in the near future. The war in Europe has indicated the possibilities of huge cargo air carriers, he said.

Douglas has built a good many cargo planes for the United States Army. The defense emergency may retard development of commercial cargo business but it is certain to leap ahead after the emergency has passed, Strompl concluded.

Vacation Season at L.A. City Campus is Extended to Sept. 14

Los Angeles family vacation lodges at Camp Seeley in the San Bernardino mountains and Camp High Sierra in the Sierra Nevada range will remain open this season until September 14, it was announced today by Superintendent George Hjelte of the City Playground and Recreation Department.

The camps will extend their vacation schedule to a later date than in previous years to accommodate the many individuals and families seeking late summer outings, it was announced.

Both of the city's picturesque lodges have reported a greater than average demand for accommodations, due probably to an increased need felt by the people this year to "get away from it all." Because attendance at the city camps is restricted to comparatively small groups at a time to avoid crowding, early registration of prospective vacationists through municipal camp offices in the L. A. city hall is being advised.

Seven Colors Used in Designating Parties Tuesday

Election booths in Tuesday's primary were brightened by ballots of seven different colors.

Secretary of State Paul Peek missed an obvious combination, however, in failing to order the Communist party ballots printed on pink paper. This color was designated for the Prohibition party (which should have had white?) and the Communist tickets were salmon.

Other colors were: Republican, tuscan; Democrat, buff; Townsend, cream; Progressive, blue, and Non-Partisan, gold.

Bank's Business Review Reports July Decline from Level in June

While maintaining an increase over last year, business activity in California and the Far West declined in July from the June level, according to the Business Review just released by Bank of America's Analysis and Research department. The bank's preliminary index for July stood at 72.6 as compared with 76.1 in June, and 70.6 in the same month a year ago.

Total nonresidential building in California rose to a value of $26,100,000 a gain of 127 percent over June. This was due, the review points out, to the stimulus of large contracts awarded for national defense projects, chief of which were naval air station facilities at Alameda and San Diego.

Contrary to the usual seasonal decline in new home construction, July permits were valued at $20,200,000 an increase of 14 percent over June, and 47 percent above the same month a year ago. Retail trade showed a better than seasonal gain in July over June, and an increase of about 5 percent over July, 1939.

The Pacific coast index of industrial employment, the review states, stood at 124 percent of the 1923-25 average in June, as compared with 108 in the same month a year ago. In California the index was 143 in June, a new high. Coast shipbuilding, steel and metal working industries and aviation, the review reports, showed a high rate of activity in July.

The largest asteroid speeding around the sun is about the size of Texas.

The Lesser Antilles are formed by tops of a submerged chain of volcanoes which ring the eastern end of the Caribbean sea.

Newly hatched spiders can't eat.

1941 Dodges to Have Fluid Drive

Recent rumors and new-model guesses associating the 1941 Dodge with "a revolutionary new driving feature," now crystallize into the definite information that the newest models of this popular automobile will feature the "fluid drive," according to Walter G. Linch, Dodge dealer for this district with headquarters in Redondo Beach.

The "fluid drive" as employed by Dodge and described by Forest H. Akers, vice-president and director of sales, "has been in development for the past eight years; it is without question the most vital improvement in motor car operation since the introduction of hydraulic four-wheel brakes."

"Exceedingly simple as the new fluid drive is mechanically, it accomplishes a surprising number of improvements in driving results," says Sales Chief Akers. "The flexibility of this new fluid-power coupling is such that it reduces gear changing to points where the driver, when he wishes, may do entirely without shifting. While the cars, in the Dodge installation, remain equipped with a transmission giving three forward speeds, the fluid drive provides, in addition, an almost infinite variety of in-between speeds which go into action automatically and therefore call for no judgment or attention on the part of the driver.

"The 'fluid drive' enables even the inexpert driver to perform, with perfect safety, such feats as ascending a hill in 'high' at speeds as slow as one or two miles an hour, stopping on the hill, then starting again—without gear shifting, without in the least straining the engine, and without danger of stalling it."

A Scotch professional golfer, after fourteen years in retirement, has resumed the game. Reckon he must have found his ball again.

Guards on Duty 24 Hours Daily at Dams

Guards now are on duty 24 hours a day at the flood control district's 13 dams, and replacements are being made as fast as the 60-day temporary appointments expire, according to flood control officials.

Two guards are assigned to each dam, each working an eight-hour shift. One guard comes to work at 4 p. m. and works until the second guard comes on duty at midnight, and the second guard goes off duty at 8 a. m. During the day there is a dam tender on duty at each dam, who is on the look-out for suspicious characters.

Strange as it sounds — our under-secretary of the navy has nothing to do with torpedoes or submarines.

There's a popular new book on the market called "Where Does All the Money Come From?" After you've read it, you still won't know.

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