



**NEW SURGICAL INVENTION . . .** L. W. Hazelbaker, 24683 Woodward ave., is pictured above with his remarkable surgical invention, which has been used successfully by surgeons in a Long Beach hospital and examined enthusiastically by doctors in Stellers hospital in Wilmington. The instrument is said to cut the time of most abdominal operations by nearly one-half and greatly decreases the length of incisions. It also has been demonstrated in Torrance Memorial hospital, where it was acclaimed, Hazelbaker reported. Simplicity in seamless design and the absence of nuts and bolts to secure the retractor and retainer hands, marks Hazelbaker's Welton Ring Tractor a boon to medical science, doctors declare. (Torrance Herald photo.)

**TORRANCE COUPLE PARENTS OF BABY GIRL BORN HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Langum, 1547 W. 203rd st., Friday morning in Torrance Memorial hospital, were the proud parents of a nine pound baby girl who was promptly named Marin Kathleen.

The couple has another child, Michael John, who is nearly two years old. The father is a member of the Torrance fire department.

**RICHARD H. OLSEN ASSIGNED TO AUTO REPAIR COMPANY**

Private Richard H. Olsen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Olsen of 1558 West 214th st., Torrance, recently arrived in Caserta, Italy, and was assigned as an automobile repairman in the 204th Car Company of Headquarters Command, MTOUSA.

Prior to entering the service, he attended the Torrance High School at Torrance.

**Gary Bechtold Celebrates Fifth Birthday**

The fifth birthday of Gary Bechtold was fittingly celebrated Wednesday when his mother, Mrs. Robert Bechtold, invited a few of his young friends and their mothers for a party.

The children played games in the house and then retired to the backyard where they enjoyed the fun of a slide and other outdoor activities.

Returning inside they found a gaily decorated birthday cake for the honoree and individual small cakes, all bearing lighted candles which were served from a table resplendent in party favors and attractive cloth and napkins. While Gary blew the candles out on his large cake, each child had a candle on his individual small cake to blow out and these were served with ice cream to complete a happy afternoon.

The guest group included Diane and Ronnie Omohundro, Bobby Bloomer, Duane and Gordon King, Jimmy Proctor, Vicky and Robert LeBlanc, the honoree Gary and his sister Jeannine, Mmes. James Proctor, Claude Omohundro, Stanley Booth, W. Nilsson, A. Prince, Gary's grandmother, all of Lomita; John King, San Pedro; Genevieve LeBlanc and T. Whitman of Compton, and May Swain of Los Angeles.

**Marcia Mayer Feted On Her Birthday**

Fellow employees of Miss Marcia Mayer at the Lomita Drug and Fountain Lunch, together with her family and other friends, hid in back of the store Tuesday night while Herb Jacobs, proprietor, presented Miss Mayer with a large decorated birthday cake, the signal for the group to say "Happy Birthday, Marcia."

Not contented with the cake, they all motored to Currie's Santa Fe restaurant in Long Beach for a steak dinner taking the cake with them for the centerpiece.

Miss Mayer was the recipient of many lovely gifts and places at the table were marked for Messrs. and Mmes. Herb Jacobs, George Paltridge, Pat Taylor, Elmer Brock, J. G. Lotgering, Milke Pietrantonio, Pat Huffine; Clyde Butt, the Misses Lois Cessna, Elaine Rosser, Tillie and Margaret Trujillo, Mrs. Viola Clark, Mrs. Virginia Madeen, Mrs. I. G. Mayer and Miss Mayer.

**Chess-Checker Club Tournament In San Pedro**

The San Pedro Chess and Checker club, which meets at the Anderson Memorial, 828 S. Mesa st., San Pedro on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, is conducting a chess tournament for players in the harbor district.

The match is open for entry until March 12 and club membership entrance fee of \$1.00 and 25 cents monthly dues are the only requirements necessary for entry.

A championship cup will be awarded the winner and suitable trophies for second and third places.

A cordial invitation is extended to all chess players in this area, according to the publicity committee, H. D. Heyer and A. K. MacPhail.

**RURAL TRAFFIC RATES**

An all-time high in rural traffic was recorded in 1946, with 170,000 million vehicle miles totaled as compared with the wartime low of 101,154 million miles traveled in 1943. Most rural traffic increases were recorded in the western and central states.

**REPORT OIL WELL OPERATION HERE DURING PAST WEEK**

The Department of Natural Resources last week announced the drilling of a new Torrance well and the abandonment of two others. Redrilling of the Atlantic Oil Company's D. & W. well No. 1, also was reported. It is in section 23, township 4 S. and range 14 W.

The new well, Kellogg No. 2, owned by L. G. Liess and Walter Hobert, is in section 19, township 4 S. and range 13 W. Wells to be abandoned are the Del Amo No. 15, owned by Del Amo Estates Co., in section 16, township 4 S., range 14 W., and the Webster Comm. No. 1, owned by W. C. Hamilton in section 23, township 4 S., range 14 W.

**MAY-FLIES**

May-flies travel in such great numbers that a times they darken the air, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

**JOINTED DOLLS**

Jointed dolls, moved by strings, were favorite playthings of the children of ancient Greece, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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**Scout Circus Ticket Sales Starting Soon**

Tickets for the Scout Circus to be held at Gilmore Field May 2 and 3 are now being released in this district according to James F. Buehner who is serving as chairman of the ticket committee. The show, one of the largest of its kind, will run for a two-night stand and will demonstrate Scouting activities in circus fashion. Thousands of Cub Scouts, Scouts and Senior Scouts will participate in the 12 acts of the 6 events.

Assisting Buehner on the distribution of tickets are the following volunteer leaders: Robert Simms, Centinela; Dr. Art Carmichael, Eastern; Don Priest, Foothill; James F. Buehner, George Washington; Frank Bell, Green Meadows; Leslie Steigh and A. C. Turner, Torrance and Harbor; Earle Montgomery, Hollywood; Lawrence Carter, McKinley; Howard Liepitz, Mistrilham; C. R. Hopson, Midland; George Harvey and Donald Rayburn, Mount Vernon; Eugene D. Motson, Northeast; C. A. Tschudin, Northwest; Howard Kunow, Rio Hondo; George Owens, San Antonio; Major Ensley, Southwest; Barney Young and A. M. Gaines, Wilshire.

General admission for the circus has been set at 50 cents per person with reserved seats selling at \$1.00 and box seats at \$1.50. "The Scout Circus is not an activity designed to raise money but rather an activity in which the programs of Scouting are presented to the public. Sale of tickets will make the show self-sustaining," Fred Tabery, general chairman of the circus, said.

Cubs will stage three acts including the thousand-legged worm, the animal fair and the million bubble act, while Senior Scouts will stage a disaster event. Scouts will demonstrate Scout games and skills, camping and pioneering.

**MEDIEVAL ENGLAND**

In medieval England on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, the king was required to wash the feet of as many poor men as he was years old, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

**GROWING OLD**

The various parts of the body do not grow old at the same time, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

**The Beginning of a Friendship**

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