

**FUTURE ONLY**  
The present is never our object; the past and the present we use as means; the future only is our end. Thus, we never live, we only hope to live.  
—Pascal

**EACH DAY**  
Look upon every day as the whole of life, not merely as a section; and enjoy and improve the present without wishing, through haste, to rush on to another.  
—Richter

**KANSANS VISIT**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Clink scale have been entertaining for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boys, of Independence, Kansas. Trips to Las Vegas, San Diego, La Jolla, and other points of interest have occupied the group during the past week.

**STARTED EARLY**  
Before she was 15 years old, Charlotte Bronte wrote 23 novels.

**LOCAL MERCHANT'S NIECE APPEARS IN HOLLYWOOD BOWL**  
Lovely and talented Saundra Berkova, niece of Mrs. Sam Levy, is among the visiting artists being presented during Hollywood Bowl's 28th season which opened Tuesday evening. Miss Berkova, as violin soloist for one of William Steinberg's concerts during the season will play the Paganini Concerto and Ravel's "Tzigane" on Thursday evening, August 11.

**PACIFIC COAST PICNIC**  
The California, Oregon and Washington state societies will hold an all-day picnic this Sunday at Bixby Park, Long Beach. The band concert will begin at 1 p.m.

**MOTHS**  
Certain moths cannot fly until they have reached "flight temperature" by energetically vibrating their wings.



**MODEL HOME** Here is depicted one of the popular designs to be found at the formal opening this week-end of the first unit of Pacific Mills, the K. Sande Senness GI residential development on Pacific Coast Highway between Hawthorne and Crenshaw boulevards in South Torrance. Fifty-nine two- and three-bedroom homes are available at no down payment and under straight GI financing terms at 4 per cent interest, a lower rate than generally prevailing under present lending policies, Senness said.

**BELLS**  
Bells were introduced into France as early as 550.

**Property Value Increase**

Torrance topped all communities in the area relative to increased assessed valuation of property for 1949-50, according to figures released last week by County Assessor John R. Quinn. Assessed valuation of property in Torrance, exclusive of public utility valuations and before equalization by the County Board of Supervisors, amounts to \$42,891,530. This is an increase of \$6,336,000 over last year's valuation. Total assessed valuation of county property, including public utility properties, totals \$5,222,559,850, a net increase of \$369,669,475 over last year's figure. The higher assessed valuation brought about mainly by new construction in the county during the past 12 months, may mean a slightly lower county tax rate than originally estimated, it was indicated by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby. The county tax rate for 1948-49 was \$1.7578. At the time the county budget was approved, it was estimated this would be reduced by about 11 cents on the basis of a five-billion-dollar valuation. Inasmuch as the valuation exceeds this figure by over 200 million dollars, a lower county tax rate may result, Darby pointed out.

**Hearing on Home Tract Standards Set Wednesday**

Whether or not subdivision standards should be lowered will be the subject of a hearing conducted by the Regional Planning Commission on July 15, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the County Engineering Building, 108 West Second St., Los Angeles. This hearing is being held on an order of the Board of Supervisors in answer to a request from Mr. Arthur Bellevue, president of the Home Builders Institute. Previously, representatives of the Home Builders Institute and departments of County Government met and discussed this subject on April 1. At that meeting the subdividers requested the following changes in subdivision regulations which they said would be of assistance in providing cheaper homes. First, they ask for elimination of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. County officials expressed reluctance to permit these requirements to be eliminated (sidewalks are not required in subdivisions in unincorporated portions of the county) because in many instances where these items are missing from a subdivision, the County has been petitioned to put them in. The second request was for thinner street paving. The subdividers suggested that they be permitted to pave streets using only 1 inch of paving material. Representatives of the County insisted that this would be nothing but a subsidy because such paving would hold up only a very short time and would necessitate the county's repaving such streets almost immediately. The Home Builders Institute requested that no soil test be required. At the present soil tests are made in order to determine the characteristics of the soil, which information is used in determining the thickness and type of paving materials to be used. The Home Builders contended that soil tests are too much trouble and expense. The county representatives expressed the opinion that tests are absolutely necessary in order to assure the permanence of street paving especially in adobe type soils. Another request was to permit the subdividers to build streets as narrow as 24 feet. At the present time all alleys have to be at least 20 feet wide. It seems possible that submitting to such a request might tend to blight the area in a way that would be practically impossible to correct. The subdividers also asked to be permitted to build longer blocks by raising present limits from between 1200 and 1300 feet with the idea that less frequent cross streets would reduce development costs. The argument against this request is that excessive block lengths limit access and restrict communication with other areas nearby. In addition they encourage fast driving on long local streets with infrequent intersections. The subdividers also asked to be permitted to divide their land into smaller lots.

**Harbor Jaycee Exams Given Every Monday**

In order to accommodate the many students who are expressing interest in its offerings, Harbor Junior College has announced a new schedule of entrance examinations. They will be given each Monday during July and August at 2 o'clock at Banning High School, 1500 Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington. No appointment is necessary. Examinations will be administered by Miss Florence E. Murphy, Head Counselor of the College. All students who plan to attend the college in September and have not yet taken the examination should do so as soon as possible. Completion of the examination constitutes acceptance by the college and no further notice is sent to students. Each student, however, will be invited to participate in an individual conference to help him plan his program. Students will be notified of these conferences through the mails.

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