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Eleven

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(While Columnist Jack Baldwin is figuring out the fish stories he's going to tell when he gets back on the job today, Dr. Alden Smith, Torrance optometrist, gives him a sample of what is expected in an open letter.)

Dear Jack:

You're the man with the fiery red suspenders, crew haircut and red convertible, the man who creates controversy over such delicate subjects as Mountain Lions in Palos Verdes and the lack of beautiful girls in Torrance. And now you've gone fishing—so what may we expect when you return?—FISH STORIES!

Most fishermen can, and do when the occasion permits, spin yarns. Honest men become liars when telling of their fishing luck, but my being the one honest fisherman left fully authenticates the experience I hereby relate:

An even dozen years ago my favorite fishing spot was along the headwaters of the Owens River above Benton Crossing, which spot now lies beneath the shallow end of Lake Crowley. The fishermen who remember that area will attest the ideal trout water found there. Through the meadow land, quite level by contrast with the surrounding mountains, this stream made its way, sometimes rushing shallow and wide over the rapids, then narrow and deep under the cuts in the river bank. The fish in that water were of good size, though not plentiful. Large, because they were smart, those German browns lay under the shady cuts awaiting the particular morsel of their liking. If a line happened to be attached to that morsel, the lucky fisherman had himself some fun! At one particular bend in the stream, however, the strikes were few, but vicious, and always resulted in lost bait or fly. No combination produced a fish, and I left for home feeling somewhat outsmarted.

Frustration prompted thought, and through the year a plan to hook that fish took form. Come spring, and off to the Owens again. What was the bait? — a mouse, in which two hooks were carefully concealed.

An approach to "the spot" was made on hands and knees, lest a shadow betray my presence. Quietly Mr. Mouse was laid at the very edge of the river bank—one little nudge—he hit the water—and Wham! like lightning strikes, something was taking Mr. Mouse way downstream, fast and positive. Quick computation made certain that a normal length of line was far too short, so I followed, up and down the bank, back and forth across the stream. How long and how many times—well, pure excitement erases time. Both fish and fisherman were tired and wet, hip boots holding rather than keeping out the water.

The first attempt at getting the beauty onto the river bank failed—that fish was almost three times as long as the net! As the only remaining alternative, I threw the pole up on the bank, and in practically the same motion, used both my hat and net to scoop the still squirming trout onto dry land. Then I climbed out of the water myself.

Jack, that German brown, was as long as a full-sized orange crate, and weighed almost twelve pounds!

Now it's your turn,
ALDEN**Officer Finds Burning
Auto While Patrolling**

While on routine patrol early Monday morning, Police Officer Jess Holmes discovered a vehicle on fire in the Bank of America parking lot, reports show.

Holmes summoned the fire department. Nominal damage was done to the car. Benedict L. Hardesty, 1217 Torrance boulevard, was listed as the auto's owner.

Rush to Complete New Schools

Workmen were rushing this week to complete three new elementary schools in Torrance in time for the opening day of school September 17.

One permanent structure, the Greenwood Elementary School, has been under construction during the summer and is nearing completion. It is of pre-cast, tilt-up concrete construction and will house the fifth through eighth grades formerly attend-

ing the Fern Avenue School nearby.

Two of the three new schools are in North Torrance, which has been the scene of rapid development during the past year. Additions have been made recently to the Perry School, and the new North Torrance Elementary School was opened last year, but the increase in young students has forced construction of two temporary schools in

the area.

One cottage-type school is being placed on Hawthorne boulevard at 186th street and will be known as the El Nido School. The other, located on Crenshaw boulevard north of 190th street, will be known as the Crenshaw School.

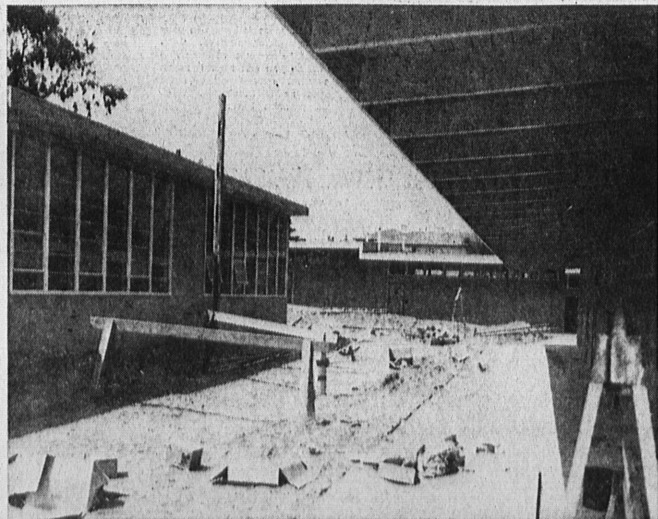
The Madrona and Riviera schools will not be ready until spring, according to the best estimates.



CRENSHAW ELEMENTARY . . . Workmen are rushing to get the temporary cottages at the Crenshaw school ready for the first day of school, September 17. The new elementary school is located on Crenshaw boulevard just north of 190th street. (Herald photo).



EL NIDO ELEMENTARY . . . Temporary buildings for the new El Nido Elementary School just west of Hawthorne boulevard at 186th street are being rushed for the opening of school September 17. Considerable repair was required on the buildings. (Herald photo).



GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY . . . Only permanent elementary school slated for completion for the fall semester is the Greenwood Elementary school located on Greenwood avenue between Sonoma and El Dorado streets. It is pre-cast concrete, tilt-up style. (Herald photo).

**Six New Members Listed
On Junior Chamber Roll**

Listed as new members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce this week were Dr. Arvol Smith, chiropractor; Adrian Walting, carpenter; Jack Taveira, salesman for John Wiley Jones Company; Joe Banks, Bottle Shop; Charles T. Rippey Jr., contractor; and Paul Harstad, IDECO engineer. The Jaycees are conducting a sustained membership drive in an effort to boost their rolls to 100 or more.

Recreation Lake Would Replace 'Walteria Slough'

Transformation of "Walteria Slough" into a large recreation lake sometime in the future, is in the plans of the Torrance city engineer's office.

Located north of Pacific Coast highway and west of Hawthorne boulevard, the large tract is often inundated during rainy spells.

Under the proposal, the drainage problem would be handled by a tunnel cut through the

hills to the ocean. The remaining reservoir would serve as a lake for year-round boating with picnic facilities to be located nearby.

City officials point out that the project would necessitate financial aid from other agencies such as the county, state or federal government.

The recreation facilities would serve Walteria, Seaside Ranchos, Hollywood Riviera and Sepulve-

da Gardens. More detailed plans for the development are to be presented to the Planning Commission next month.

All-State Picnic

Residents of every state will convene in Bixby Park, Long Beach, Sunday September 9 for the Annual All-State Picnic. Registrations will be conducted by states, starting in mid-morning.

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