

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE

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**HIGH FLYING**—The May issue of *Planes*, official publication of the Aircraft Industries Assn., points out that President Eisenhower is the first president of the United States to hold a pilot's license. He has been a pilot for 14 years, but hasn't flown a plane since 1947.

**DOUBLE TAKES**—Among the more than 500 volunteers who are scheduled to take part in an evangelistic campaign in Los Angeles which is slated to open in Los Angeles next Sunday under the banner of Christ for Greater Los Angeles is a song leader named Herbert Hoover.

**ORIGINAL S.D.**—A girlie-girlie show now appearing nightly at a Los Angeles night club is billed in advertisements running in metropolitan newspapers as "This Is Sinerama."

**SAFETY FIRST**—Korean hunting licenses carry the following notice, according to the State Fish and Game Commission: "Hunting in public streets, shrines, and temples is not permitted. Firing at buildings, people, cattle, and street cars is not permitted." Yeah, but who is going to enforce it?

**WONDERFUL SCIENCE**—One of the nation's leading car manufacturers is proclaiming the invention of the world's best tin can for motor oils. A description of the new wonder tin can shows that it has no tin in it.

**TYPE CASTING**—The bugaboo of many a Hollywood actor or actress is the studios' habit of finding a part which said actor or actress does well, and then giving him no other kind of role. As a result, you see guys on the screen who are always thugs or gangsters, never the good guys, and some girls are always cast as dumb, gum-chewing secretaries, etc., etc. Young Tommy Turner, who made his stage debut here last Sunday in the Nativity School's presentation of the opera "Tip Van Winkle" hopes such a fate never befalls him. In the opera he was cast as Rip Van Winkle's faithful dog.

**CAUTIOUS MISS**—Overheard as two high school girls were walking down Sartori Ave. the other afternoon: "I don't care what they're going to do, I'm not going to the beach until I get a bathing suit."

**EMERGENCY CALL**—Resumption of action in the Slo-Pitch League got several players in the "Charley-Horse" league to discussing the game in North Torrance last summer when one of the city's physicians was expecting a call any minute that one of his patients was on the way to the hospital to await the blessed event—over which the doctor was slated to preside. Meanwhile, the doctor, a first-class ballplayer for one of the teams, hated to let his team down in the crucial game. He solved the problem by having his patient phone the police when the time was near, the desk sergeant rushed the patrol car cruising in the area, the car

## Moose Variety Show Scheduled For Next May 22

The Torrance Loyal Order of Moose and the other lodges in the Southern California area will present the first in a series of annual major dramatic and musical productions at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles at 8 p.m. Friday, May 22. Charles Shiffer, local chairman, announced this week.

The benefit show, to be known as the "International Varieties of 1953," is sponsored by the Legion of the Moose, the second degree of the fraternal order, and will feature outstanding stars of the radio, television and screen entertainment world.

The entire proceeds of this production will be set aside for the Moose to be used for one of the "greatest" shows ever to be presented in the Los Angeles area on Dec. 24. A Christmas party will be presented for the children of Torrance and the Greater Los Angeles area during the afternoon of the 24th in the Coliseum, and in the evening a Nativity Pageant, featuring top Hollywood actors and producers will be staged on the field of the same coliseum.

Governor Daniel Desmond of the Torrance lodge revealed that Charles Shiffer and Stanley Helman will represent the local lodge in ticket sales for this area.

## Chief Warns Residents About Illegal Burning, Incinerators

With present weather conditions presenting a high fire hazard, Fire Chief J. J. Benner cautioned local residents this week regarding open burning and issued a warning to those with illegal "barrel type" incinerators.

"The last few days have been extremely busy ones for your fire department attempting to control fires started by sparks from open bonfires and from illegal oil drum type incinerators," the chief said.

No open burning may be conducted anywhere in the city without first obtaining a permit, the chief reminded local residents.

Due to the low humidity and high winds he asked that any person who did not need to burn during these weather conditions refrain from doing so until the humidity changes.

"The real danger is not from the small grass fires," claims the chief. "The threat to the homeowner is greatest while we are out on another call. If a house fire alarm comes in we must roll up our hoses and often times refill our tanks before we can respond. Those first minutes of any fire are the most important ones. If we are delayed in responding to a house fire the damage is often far greater due to smoke and heat than it would be if we are able to roll immediately."

The chief reminded homeowners that oil drums used as incinerators are in violation of Ordinance 603 which states that all backyard burning must be done in an approved type incinerator.

"These need not be commercial incinerators but may be homemade if properly constructed," Chief Benner pointed out.

A legal type incinerator is one which has an enclosed burning chamber, a stack with a spark arrester, iron doors on the burning chamber and over the ash collection chamber. The incinerator also should be equipped with a grate through which the ashes filter into the ash chamber.

Any person contemplating burning rubbish in the open should first visit any one of the three fire stations to obtain fire permits. There is no charge. The three stations are

located at Cravens and Mareline Aves., 174th St. and Yukon Ave., and at Neece Ave. and 242nd St.

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