

Local Travelers Tell of High Paris Prices; Clean Geneva, Beautiful Cathedral of Milan

"The things I shall always remember about Paris are high prices, long, magnificent vistas, and the 'beep beep' of the taxis."

These impressions Mrs. Albert Fish, 1710 Cabrillo Ave. (who currently is traveling through Europe with her husband en route to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Alir Fonus, Jr., and Mrs. Van H. Barnard in Tripoli, Libya, on the African continent) conveyed in a recent letter to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ronald H. Wigg, 1846 Middlebrook Rd.

FRENCH CASH

One dollar is worth 350 francs, and the coins are of aluminum, bronze, and copper. "In a maison 'cafe," she writes, "they didn't bother to use a cash register; they just dumped the coins in a heap and rummaged through for the correct ones."

"Paris is cleaner and drier than London, much noisier, the streets are wider, and the people are gay, but less friendly to Americans." Our hotel is in the heart of everything historical, and we have seen the Palace of Versailles, where Louis XIV, XV, and XVI lived—and where Louis and Marie Antoinette stepped out to meet the Parisian mob. They were beheaded at Place de Concorde, near our hotel.

"The Gardens at Versailles are huge, magnificent—such vistas. Today we saw Venus de Milo, Mona Lisa, Victory of Samothrace, all in the Louvre."

"We've also been to the Montmartre, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Eiffel Tower."

"Food is a bit better here than in London, but if the coffee is poor in England it's atrocious here. Water is served only when you ask for it, and usually makes two askings, for they look at you as if you were a freak the first time."

"French kids wear socks to their knees, and French girls don't wear many 'horsey talks.' If they do, the tied-back hair is curled under."

IN GENEVA

"Our hotel was so clean and neat it positively shone, and we found all Geneva this way, so clean and neat. We went through one section of town where no house has been built since 1800 (40 families, descendants of the original 18th century occupants, still live there, all on the left side of the street). Our courier told us: 'Our motto is just because it is old is no reason it should be dirty.' He also told us that the 'people of Bune and Zurich call it the dirtiest city in Switzerland.'"

"Stores close at noon here, and you should see the bikes. They whizzed by us like mad, women, men, and children pedaling for all they were worth. The city has 180,000 people—30,000 cars and 90,000 bikes. Forty per cent of the cars are American-made; another 40 per cent are French."

PREFER SWISS FRANC

There is no inflation in Switzerland; their currency is the most stable in the world. The Swiss franc is preferred to the American dollar throughout Europe.

"In Geneva, we took in the United Nations Building, formerly the League of Nations Building. All things except political for the UN are done here, such as labor, health, immigration. We also visited the headquarters of the International Red Cross, where they have a record of 40 million POW's cared for since 1870. It took me only a very few minutes to look up the record of Dick Brown."

Mr. Brown, husband of the former Miss Nona Barkidull, daughter of the Grant Barkidull, 1521 Beech Ave., served in the Air Corps with the Fishes' son-in-law, Lt. Barnard, during World War II.

MUSSOLINI'S GRAVE

"Milan has about one and a half million people, and although about 30 per cent destroyed during the war has largely been rebuilt. This is the city where Mussolini was allowed to hang 30 days in the square and buried in a cemetery with no marker of any sign on his grave."

"We took a trip along Lake Geneva's north shore for 60 miles, impressed most by the huge, huge farmhouses (three stories) and well-kept farms. As the country became mountainous, the slopes were terraced

and covered with grapes. We went under the Alps in the longest tunnel in the world, the Simplon, which is 12.5 miles long.

"In the hotel in Milan, all you have to do if you want a maid or a bellhop is to press a button with the appropriate picture—they sure make it easy for us foreigners!"

VIEW CATHEDRAL

"We visited the St. Milano Cathedral, the third largest in the world. (I've seen the first four now—St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Milano, and Notre Dame). It has wonderful stained glass windows of the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, and 52 huge columns to support it. I was interested in the enormous candleabra given to Milan by Charlemagne in the eighth century. It is like a tree made of bronze, and the lowest 'branch' was four feet above my head!"

"The Cathedral is shaped like a cross, and when Napoleon occupied Milan he opened the ends of the short cross part so soldiers could ride across to the other side quickly—so it was used as a road for many years, but is now enclosed again. The cathedral was just barely damaged by war."

"Then we went to Santa Ma-

ria Dule Grazie, where the 'Last Supper' is on the wall of what was a dining hall for monks. The two end walls have two frescoes, and they were protected by sand bags during the war—and only these two walls stood at the end of the war. However, water seeped in, and in spite of everything they can do, they estimate that only two more generations will be able to view the 'Last Supper' by Leonardo da Vinci.

SAINTS' BONES

"We also saw St. Ambrose Church. The present church is eighteenth century, but there are a few remains of the earlier church. We went down into the crypt and there in a glass case were the earthly remains of St. Ambrose, flanked at either side by a martyr. All were dressed in beautiful robes with fancy headgear and their skeleton bones showed where face and hands should have been."

"We are still confused by this terrible money—no coins, all one dollar is worth 620 lire."

From Milan, the Torrance travelers went on to Rome and Naples. Impressions they received of these cities will appear in Thursday's Herald.



SCIENCE

GUEST SPEAKERS . . . Greeting Miss Adora Uiasi, foreign student from West Africa, is Mrs. Ralph Eystone, vice-president and program chairman of Crenshaw Elementary PTA. Looking on, left to right, are Sanath Kumar, student from India; Mrs. William Drake, corresponding secretary; James A. Yoshida, student from Japan; and Mrs. William Skiles, president. These foreign students, who attend Pepperdine College, spoke on customs and practices of their native lands at Wednesday's PTA meeting. (Photo by J. G. Drake)

REVEREND REPORTS:

Total Abstinence Necessary For Salvation of Our Youth

Calling the attention of the local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to the great looseness of moral life in Milwaukee, which she dubbed the center of alcoholic production for the nation, Rev. Ida W. Sande, pastor of the Assembly of God Church here, said there must be total abstinence if we are to save our youth.

The reverend, a social worker for many years in the Wisconsin city and a delegate to a recent national church gathering

YTC SLATES MEET

Youth Temperance Council, auxiliary group of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union, holds its next meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church here. All boys and girls interested in temperance are invited to attend, according to the leader of the youth groups, Mrs. Martha Bell.

There, gave this message during last week's Friday afternoon session at the WCTU at her home, 3645 Torrance Blvd.

Featured on the morning agenda were state convention reports presented by Mesdames Grace Cooper, Merrill Allen, Maud Oharr, and Adean Miller.

One of the most important women of Korea today, Helen Choi, who has been the leader of the WCTU in that country for 25 years, gave one of the principal convention addresses. The delegates revealed. Called the mother of the American Army in Korea, she is doing all she can to safeguard our boys over there from the evils of alcohol, the local woman reported.

All world athletes who are winners and plan to hold their titles are total abstainers. If you wish to excel in any field whatsoever, be a total abstainer," Bob Richards, famous world athlete, said in a convention talk.

Richard has been National

Neighbors Name Leaders; Plan Annual Yule Party

Opal Hoy, with the assistance of Vice-marshal Sophie Duncan and Past Orator Ross Shepherd will lead Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, as orator during 1951.

The new leader and her corps of officers were named at the last regular 53 meeting of the Camp, held Tuesday night with Mamie L. Kirchner of Culver City, district deputy, as an honored guest.

Mrs. Shepherd will preside at the final '53 social gathering Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, when members will gather at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., for the annual Christmas party. Verle Grimm, who was re-elected recorder and alternate to the state convention at the Tuesday meeting, will take reservations for the 6:30 p.m. event.

Others named to assist Mr. Hoy were Belva Brans, receiver; Betty McNeil, chancellor; Dell

Eichorn, marshal; Ethel Liske, assistant marshal; Cordie McDermott, inner sentinel; Ava Lynn, outer sentinel; Ruth Garland and Juanita McNew, managers; Lucille Meyer, musician; Dr. John W. Tiffin, physician; and Mary E. Baker, delegate to state convention.

Orator-elect Hoy will report the names of appointive officers at the next Camp business meeting, slated for Jan. 5. The agenda also will include final plans for the installation of officers on Jan. 19.

186th St. PTA Meets Dec. 10

"Opportunity Unlimited To Increase Our Faith Families Are Our Most Precious Gift," will be the theme of the fourth '53 meeting of 186th St. PTA to be held at the school next Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

School children will enact the "Nativity Scene," and children in the Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ridonou, will sing Christmas carols. Two speakers from Gardena High School will give a message on the Bill of Rights.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Fifty room mothers of the association gathered at the

school recently for a get acquainted party, with Mrs. J. T. Evans Jr., room mother chairman, in charge of arrangements. Two other members of the association, Community Chest Chairmen Mesdames Ronald Powell and E. J. Palmer, each received an orchid for achieving the Red Feather quota when they attended a recent Chest luncheon at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

ELEPHANT FARE

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Las Vecinas Plan Yule Ball

The spirit of Yuletide will be emphasized next Friday, Dec. 11, when Las Vecinas Woman's Club members, their husbands, and guests, dance at Portuguese Bond Clubhouse.

Making plans for the event, the sixth annual Christmas Ball sponsored by the club, are Mrs. David Hurford, president, and Mrs. Robert P. Pinkney, first vice-president and social chairman. Dinner will precede the dancing.

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Crenshaw PTA Program Has World Flavor

Crenshaw PTA members got a word picture of several lands abroad Wednesday when three foreign students now attending Pepperdine College spoke at the regular Association meeting.

Featured on the program were Miss Adora Uiasi from West Africa, James A. Yoshida from Japan, and Sanath Kumar from India.

Crenshaw students also took an active part in the program, discussing different phases of their curriculum and singing several songs they have learned. Leslie Eystone reported on reading; Claude McKee told the story of language arts; John Maure discussed spelling, and Janet Sutherland talked about arithmetic.

Next activity of the Association will be a paper drive scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10, as a ways and means project.

T.B. Patients Get Thanksgiving Cheer From Crafts Club

Baskets of fruit from members of the Arts and Crafts Club made the Thanksgiving holiday a little brighter for tuberculosis patients at Harbor General Hospital, Mrs. Vivian Cook, publicity chairman, reported this week.

The club plans a similar project for the Yule season, and will hold a membership Christmas dinner in patio setting at the home of the president, Ruth Hardin, Mrs. Cook added.

Harvey Gets Bloodmobile Wednesday

Volunteers of Torrance branch American National Red-Cross, will be on hand next Wednesday, Dec. 9, to process donors when the bloodmobile visits Harvey, Machine Co. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local women assisted in receiving 275 pints of blood at Douglas Aircraft Co. last Wednesday, when approximately 300 employees were processed during the six-hour stay of the mobile unit.

Assisting Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman, in the project, were Mesdames William Cochran, David McMillan, William C. Coburn, Walt Shanon, and Doug Thomas, who served as receptionists and typ-