



(Herald Photo)
OUT WITH THE OLD . . . This derrick in the Torrance Oil Fields near 231st St. and Pennsylvania Ave., was taken down this week as a part of the campaign to clean up the oil fields. Rendered old-fashioned by modern pumping techniques, the old wooden derricks are dropped after the legs are sawed, with an assist from a tow truck. The wood is burned. In use since 1923, this 122-foot derrick is the sixth derrick to be taken down recently. Several more will be removed soon.

Dialing the Shows

Strange Twist in War Drama Too Subtle for Most Viewers

By Gabe Gabriel

A half hour drama that intrigued this reporter was "Too Gloomy for Private Pushkin" on the Star Theater of Channel 2 Friday, July 23. This show was intriguing because it involved a fresh angle on World War II drama and also because it provided evidence of something TV ought to avoid.

The story concerned a sergeant and a private—good friends—who along with two other men, volunteered to approach and enter a bomb-scarred castle high on an Italian hillside to see if it might be an enemy observation post and, if it were, to clean it out.

Private Pushkin was a gravel-voiced guy, a diamond in the rough with a profound belief in spooks. His sergeant was a scoffer, but a good character who had a stomach for liquor, but none for lieutenants.

As the party of four approached the castle a shell fell. Pushkin and his sergeant seemingly escaped, believing the other men had been killed.

Inside the castle, they foraged around and found nothing but some loot and one enemy soldier attempting to steal it. Private Pushkin killed him.

Immediately, Pushkin, the superstitious, wanted to get out of the place and return to their own base. The sergeant, on the other hand, preferred to do two things: (1) Hunt for a bottle of liquor and (2) take a snooze. Pushkin was persuaded to remain, but always he had the clammy feeling that ghosts were near by.

Suddenly, a half-track approached and several enemy sol-

diers entered the battered castle. Pushkin shot one of them and the others fled. Shortly thereafter a group of American soldiers entered. And, much to Pushkin's amazement, he found that his sergeant was dead.

Up to this point the entertainment was good as is so often the case with dramas based upon wartime incidents where the casts are all-male and the action is rough. It was well written and well acted and scenically excellent. But the twist which revealed Pushkin to be a victim of a psychological quirk was too fast and subtle for the average viewer to grasp.

Had a minute of time been devoted to explanation the whole thing would have been wrapped up in a neat and satisfactory package, but in an apparent attempt to whip out a startling finish the director forewent clarification.

Even now this reporter can't say whether the sergeant was killed by the shell, by Private Pushkin's shot at the thieving enemy, by his shot at the men from the enemy half-track, or how. All I know is that at some point in the show Private Pushkin began conversing with a

spirit, believing it to be his flesh-and-blood sergeant.

My conclusion is that TV directors shouldn't forget that it takes time for the TV viewer to absorb the subtleties of action and lines.

Waterfront Series: A fairly good adventure series entitled "Waterfront," featuring Preston Foster, is offering a different locale, at least, for mystery fans. A tugboat is one of the main parts of these filmed adventures and, for summer viewing, the swishing of the water as the boat plows through is about as cooling as you can expect a TV picture to be.

The plots of "Waterfront" are generally plausible and Foster is a convincing tugboat captain. One wonders, however, when the writers will run out of story possibilities which can center around the likely activities of a tugboat and her boss. Maybe never!

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Allied Gardens

Christian Endeavor Group Wins Trophy for Attendance at Sing

By VIOLA KLUG
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Congratulations to the C. E. group of the South Bay Baptist Church—I hear they won the trophy for the largest representation of any group at the sing at Redondo Chapel last Sunday night.

Youth night has been changed from Monday to Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and meetings will be held at the church. First part of the evening will be spent in outdoor games such as ping pong and volleyball. After dark members will be inside for devotions and choir practice, as they furnish the special music on Sunday evenings. The church is located at 4565 Sharynne Lane.

Plans for the Vacation Bible School are progressing, with Miss Marie Ball, a recent graduate of Bob Jones University, acting as dean. Classes will begin Aug. 16 and conclude Aug. 27 for children four years old through sixth grade age and hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Plans also are being made for the formation of junior and senior high groups which will meet in the evenings—more about that later.

Mrs. Paul Cockrell of 5012 Reese Rd. spent a week at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schryer of Huntington Beach, getting acquainted with her new granddaughter.

side recently were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper.

A newcomer in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Nelson of 3312 Sharynne Lane is an 8½-lb. son, David, born July 15 at San Pedro Community Hospital. Welcoming him are Kristin, Virginia, and Jimmy.

Mrs. Nelson's brother, K. H. Rushforth of Salt Lake City spent the week-end making the acquaintance of his new nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fay and children Karen, Dana, and Kathy, spent a week-end visiting former neighbors Mrs. Robert King at her home in Wrightwood. The late Mr. King was killed Friday, July 23, in an automobile accident on his way to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pomeroy, Leslie and Christine, spent several days last week at Monterey and Carmel. They also attended the rodeo at Salinas.

Charles Junod of Pellen, N. Y., and Roy Carter of Long Island, N. Y., were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirby of 5420 Linda Dr. while here on a business trip.

Visitors from Vancouver, B. C., Mr. and Mrs. T. Friese and family, spent some time at the home of their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Frith of 2228 Warmside Ave.

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Donald Kellogg with Division in Korea

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A former student at the College of the Sequoias, Private Kellogg entered the Army this January and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

side at 5622 Sunnyview St. Former Chicagoans, they have been living in Arcadia.

Farewells and best wishes are going from neighbors to the Rolland Bergers, who have sold their home at 5525 Sunnyview St. and moved to Pomona.

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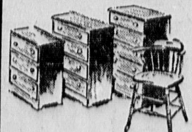
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