

On Return from Trip, Columnist Finds Some Changes Were Made

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Having just returned from a delightful vacation in the Colorado Rockies I've begun to scan the landscape for changes which I know have taken place in my absence. (In California there are always rapid changes). The most pleasant is the opening of the first of the stores in the new shopping center at Palos Verdes Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. If you have not met your neighbors up there, do pay them a visit and avail yourselves of their services.

In the Top Hat Barber Shop, Hugo Mattson and Don Moxley will take care of that shave and a haircut, fellows. Don lives in Inglewood while Hugo hails from Downey. He plans to move into our midst as it's a long, long drive from Downey.

Just two doors from the Top Hat, Elsie and Thomas Finch have the most attractive selection of infants' and children's clothing, furniture, and toys which I've seen in a long time. They appropriately call their shop Pxieland. Many of you met the Finchs, who are Torrance residents, during their grand opening on Aug. 26.

Those of you who did not, but who have children, still have a real treat in store for yourselves. Harold Metzger's Palos Verdes Laundromatic offers us one-day cleaning service and a complete laundry service. The Laundromatic is equipped with beautiful washers and dryers.

As I talked with the D. V. Touchstones, we stood surrounded by partially painted shelves in their attractive new food store. They have moved their store, Pioneer Foods, from Santa Monica and hope to move themselves to our area, as well, in the very near future. Pioneer Foods will be open for business one day this week and will feature groceries, wine, and beer. Won't it seem wonderful, gals, to be able to pick up that last touch for dinner without having to drive two and one-half miles?

These four new shops are only the beginning of a complete suburban shopping center. Irene and Roy Kees will open their paint and hardware store about Oct. 1. Their store will be in the now vacant space between Pxieland and the Palos Verdes Laundromatic. The Kees have moved here from San Diego and are, for the present, residing with the Don Wilson fam-

ily, 4615 Moresby Dr. Maxine Wilson is the Kees' daughter.

Bernice Boyer's home, at 5030 Sepulveda Blvd., is overflowing with happiness this week. Bernice's son, Leroy G. Dickerson, Airman 2nd Class, is home on a 30-day leave after 17 months' service in the Philippines and Indo-China. Leroy, a graduate of Inglewood High in 1949, will report for duty after his leave, to Pine Castle Air Force Base, Fla.

Soon after Leroy arrived home, Bernice's husband, J. Boyer, DK-1, U. S. Navy, arrived home after two years' sea duty. He now has two years of shore duty to look forward to, and since he is to be stationed in San Diego, the family will move to that city as soon as they are able to sell their home in Sepulveda Gardens. The Boyers will be missed by their many friends, but many good wishes go with them.

Another happy reunion took place when George Rathburn and his wife, who reside at 4919 Reynolds Rd., were again able to be together after George's lengthy period of employment in Aden, Arabia. The Rathburns celebrated with a vacation to Washington and Oregon. They visited friends in Portland and their son, Richard, and his wife in Tacoma.

Also returning from a delightfully long vacation are Jackie and Bill Gates and their children, Ralph, 6, and Rhonda, 2. The Gates, who reside at 22407 Charlotte Dr., toured the country visiting both their families with chief points of interest being centered in Colorado, Indiana, New York, and Florida. They report a fine trip, many interesting sights and a real satisfaction at being back home.

I have been impressed, and I'm sure many of you have, with the number and variety of courses offered by the Torrance adult education program. The list offered at Torrance High is varied enough in scope to offer each of us a new field of endeavor. So far there is only one class, ceramics, being given at Seaside School. It will begin on Sept. 22 at 7 o'clock and those of us who are interested may register at that time. It is to be taught

in the shop which is at the far end of the parking circle in front of the school.

Sylvia Bramson, 22413 Charlotte Dr., and Mae Gruen, 5035 Milne Dr., are taking important and active part in the pre-school cooperative program sponsored by the adult education program. Sylvia, as membership chairman, will be glad to answer any inquiries which you have if you are interested in the program for yourself and your child. Her phone number is FR 5-5818. Mae, as traffic chairman, plans the car pools and allocates work days.

Twenty-four children from the primary and junior classes of the Assembly of God Church met in Torrance Park on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. for a taffy pull and wiener roast. Anita and Dick Covey, of 4804 Sepulveda Blvd., report that a fine time was had by all, even though the wiener roasting was more successful than the taffy pulling.

The Van Coveys, of 4804 Sepulveda Blvd., have, for the past two and one-half weeks, been planning motor trips to the mountains and beach parties for their house guests, Mrs. Grady Bailey and her daughter, Alice, from Amarillo, Tex. Mrs. Bailey is Muriel Covey's mother, and Alice, her sister.

The City Council meeting last week, Sept. 7, was attended by two groups of Sepulveda Gardenites with two problems.

Twenty-two residents of the Draille Dr. petitioned the Council for information about the park to be constructed east of their street and were assured that the park is still in the planning stage with construction two or three months away. Another group protested the condition of some of the streets in the tract as a result of unsatisfactory re-paving after the sewer project was finished. The City Engineer will make a survey of the streets in question.

Residents of Sepulveda Gardens have received a notice of the filling of the assessment for the construction of the sewer in the area and of a public meeting to be held in the Council chamber of the City Hall tomorrow evening, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. The notice stated that grievances to be heard must be presented in writing and must be in the Council's hands prior to the meeting. So, should you wish to hear, or participate in, the hearings, tomorrow evening is the date, City Hall the place, and 8 p.m. the time. See you at City Hall.

Elks Sought to Guard Namesake

(This is the third of a series of articles on the history of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It covers the first years of the 20th century.)

A 1902 call by President Theodore Roosevelt for preservation of the elk, heretofore widely sought for its antlers and tusks, drew wide support from members of the organization bearing the name of the animal.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was active in attempting to persuade Congress to provide winter reserves for the animals. In 1919, a representative of the United States Forest Service paid tribute to the part the organization played in saving the elks.

The members sought to clear up a widespread conception that members of the organization wore elk's teeth as emblems.

National Home Founded
In 1908, the Elks began consideration of a plan to establish a national home for aged and needy members of the Order. An old hotel at Bedford City, Va., was finally selected and dedicated in 1903.

Members soon decided to improve the property, and an entirely new structure was dedicated in 1916. The cost of the building was about \$450,000. At the present time, the home can care for more than 400 persons. During the years of its existence, 2410 persons have lived there.

Facilities on the 167-acre plot include a golf course and garden space for residents who desire to use it, as well as various other recreational facilities. Of the plot, 100 acres is farm land.

In 1907, the observance of Flag Day on June 14 was begun by the Elks.

Order Expands
From 1898 to 1908, the order grew four-fold, from 60,129 members to 284,321. During the next decade, membership grew somewhat more slowly, but in 1918, membership totaled 493,733. The

Allied Gardens

Street Light Survey Approved By Allied Gardens Homeowners

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A street light survey was approved at the last meeting of the Allied Gardens Homeowners. Sixty per cent of the homeowners must sign petitions before a lighting district can be formed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lavole and family, of 22427 Redbeam Ave., entertained Mrs. Lavoie's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lowell, of Hopkinton, Mass., recently. The Lowells liked the area so much they decided to settle down here. They are now residing in Avalon Village.

The lad who left his bicycle on Palos Verdes Blvd. between Susana and Shadycroft can find it at the Torrance Police Station.

The Greenhumpers Garden Club will hold its September meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Kolleck, at 4824 Reese Rd., Wednesday. It was reported this morning. The group will meet at 8:30 p.m.

Cadet Lt. Col. Earl C. Welliver Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Welliver Sr., of 22327 Shadycroft, left Sunday to resume his studies at Brown Military Academy near San Diego. He has been elected Battalion Commander for this year, his second at the college.

Among out-of-town guests visiting in the area are Mr. and Mrs. F. Felstra, who have been visiting their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haynes, at 22124 Shadycroft. The Felstras are from Muskegon, Mich.

Mrs. Rose Whitman, of 5708 Clearside Ave., spent the Labor

Compromise in Zone Battle Seen

The Lomita zoning battle seemed headed for a compromise this week as members of opposing factions tried to work out solutions to the problem.

Proponents of zoning for the area, which is unzoned now, want to zone the land to prevent unrestricted building and to keep out homes condemned by freeway construction in other areas. Opponents, represented in the Lomita Property Owners' Assn., insist that the zoning be modified to allow them certain backyard "hobbies."

A hearing before the Regional Planning Commission has been scheduled for Oct. 18. At present, local businessmen, the Chamber of Commerce, church groups, American Legion and Kiwanis Club are working to reach a solution which would satisfy both sides.

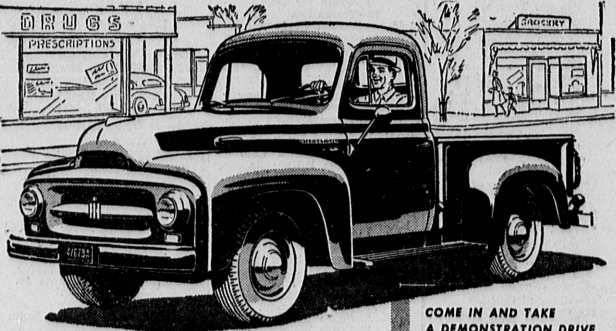
birthday Tuesday along with Kent Birtchick, Spencer Sedgwick, and Glen Acock. Refreshments were served.

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