

L.A. Open Tees Off January 3

One of the finest fields in the 32-year history of the event will tee off in the \$40,000 Los Angeles Open golf tournament, January 3-6 at Rancho Municipal course in West Los Angeles. There will be a pro-celebrity tourney on January 2 to initiate the action.

The winners of all the key tournaments are included in the lineup. Probable co-favorites are Doug Ford, the defending Los Angeles Open champion and Masters titlist, and Dick Mayer, the United States Open and "World" kingpin.

The Rancho Municipal course has been stretched to 7131 yards, making it one of the longest tests for the pros during the year. It plays a par 71, and only a handful of players matched the 32-hole regulation figures of 284 last year. Doug Ford's 278 was the winning score and a 278 this year might be good enough to repeat, according to Host Pro Willie Hunter.



METER READER — Fini Garcia models one of the smartly designed new uniforms now being worn by all Southern California Gas Company meter readers from Inglewood to the Bay Cities area, for the utility's Southwest Division Manager, Carl Shupp and Commercial Manager Walt Haskell. Made of blue gabardine, the dashing new uniforms feature an Eisenhower-type jacket, matching trousers, black tie and visored cap.

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Clothes Make Meter Reader

That smartly uniformed man poking around in the yard may look like a colonel in the Air Force, but house owners had better take a second look before saluting him.

According to Carl Shupp, Southwest Division Manager of the Southern California Gas Company, gas meter readers are now making sartorial history from Inglewood to the Bay Cities area. Local believers of the wartime wheeze that the uniform makes the man will agree that the gas company meter readers in this area are among the best dressed utility men in the country.

Sporting smart blue gabardine uniforms, featuring an Eisenhower-type jacket and trousers with matching shirts, black ties and visored caps, the men are bringing dash and style to their familiar chore.

Designed for comfort as well as style, the new garb replaces the conventional olive-drab twill and khaki worn by the area's meter readers since 1940.

Shupp stated that it is hoped the gas men will be more easily recognized in their distinctive new clothes. He added, rather ruefully, that he hoped local canine pets would restrain their enthusiasm for the new gabardine blues.

Ralphs Offers Children Free Movie Tickets

Ralphs Grocery company announces big news for all youngsters 12 years old and under. They may take their pick of the pictures at any time at any of 64 Fox West Coast theatres... not just kiddie matinees, but any time!

All it takes for two of these junior tickets is just one \$20 envelope of Ralphs gold cashier register tapes. These envelopes are turned in at any Ralphs store, for special free ticket orders which will be honored any time at 64 Fox West Coast theatres.

This is believed to be the first time a major grocery company and a leading theatre chain have co-operated on such a scale, and children in this area are expected to take advantage of this unusual offer in great numbers.

With school out for the holidays, this offer of free movie tickets is welcomed not only by the children, but by their parents, and by leaders of youth groups who see it as a move toward wholesome recreation and an aid in keeping children "off the streets."



LAUNCHING SITE for guests at Lococo's, the new restaurant at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Gould Lane, is the timely and intriguing bar. Space ships, satellites, missiles and old ordinary jet

planes form the background at the newly opened bar which adjoins Lococo's restaurant. Two patrons shown above enjoy the feeling of being propelled into space.

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Crime Rises, Sheriff Says In Report

Major crimes handled by the Department of Sheriff in 1956-57 increased 11.4 per cent over the preceding year. The Department's conviction rate for this period was 96.1 per cent, Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz, last week reported to the Board of Supervisors.

"It is encouraging to note," the sheriff stated, "that the 14,609 juveniles (youths under 18 years), arrested or investigated, represented a decrease of 2.8 per cent from the previous year. Runaways and missing children increased 7.5 per cent for a total of 5042."

Part I offenses (murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft) in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles county increased 11.4 per cent last year as compared with a 13.3 per cent nation wide increase for the same period.

Crimes against the person continued to rise during the past year. Fifty-six murders were committed during 1956-57, twelve more than the previous fiscal year. There were no reported cases of manslaughter. Rape increased 13.2 per cent. Aggravated assault, the most numerous of crimes against the person, constitutes 79.6 per cent

of all reported crimes in this class. Among other major crimes it ranks fourth in total volume of reported offenses. Aggravated assault increased 19.8 per cent over last year.

The total conviction rate for all cases processed through the courts by the sheriff's department was an impressive 96.1 per cent during the 1956-57 period. This is an increase of one-tenth of one per cent over 1955-56.

ROBBERIES INCREASE
Los Angeles county experienced a 14.2 per cent increase in reported cases of robbery. The conviction rate for cases of robbery handled by the sheriff's department was 87.3 per cent during the fiscal year 1956-57.

Burglary cases handled by the sheriff's department increased 13.7 per cent as compared to an increase of 15.8 per cent for the California cities reported in the FBI's Uniform Crime report. The conviction rate for the crime of burglary was an outstanding 91.4 per cent.

Thefts annually take a huge toll in money and property from the citizens. Theft had the lowest rate of increase in Los Angeles county last year... 3.9 per cent as compared to an

increase of 18.3 per cent in the California cities mentioned above. The conviction rate for theft cases handled by the sheriff was 87.6 per cent last year.

Auto theft continues to be one of the major headaches of law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. Total auto registrations in Los Angeles county reached 2,432,516 in 1956. A total of 4765 auto thefts were reported to the sheriff's department during 1956-57, an increase of 37.3 per cent. A recovery rate of over 125 per cent (including all autos recovered in the unincorporated area), coupled with a conviction rate of 84.9 per cent, helped counterbalance the increase of this offense.

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Expect Steel Production to Drop in 1958

Western steelmaking operations in the early months of 1958 will be affected by many factors, particularly consumers' inventories, according to Leslie B. Worthington, president of Columbia-Geneva division, U. S. Steel's basic producer for the 11 western states.

He said commercial research studies recently completed indicate an anticipated market demand for 1958 which may result in steel production averaging between 70 and 80 per cent of capacity in the west.

Looking further into the future, however, Worthington said: "An unmistakable long-range growth is ahead of us here in the west. We have enjoyed several years of record production. While our studies indicate that 1958 will probably be below these peak years, we see nothing to suggest any reason for pessimism as we go through the current rolling adjustment in our expanding western economy."

Worthington pointed out that steel consumption in the 11 western states has jumped 70 per cent in the past 10 years, or more than half again as fast as the national rate. He estimated that a 35 per cent additional increase in steel volume is a "real possibility" here within the next five or six years.

The shift from heavy steel inventories in manufacturing plants and warehouses early in 1957 to present sharply-reduced stockpiling is likely to continue for some time, he said, adding:

"Liquidation of inventories, which has been a prime cause of reduced operating rates in recent months, can be expected to continue. The degree to which stocks will be further reduced naturally will have an important bearing on our actual ingot producing rates next year."

Soldier Completes Finance Training

Pvt. Jan D. Romanoff, whose wife, Mary, lives at 1556 W. 223rd st., was graduated December 11 from the eight-week finance procedures course under the Reserves Forces Act program at the Army Finance School, Fort Benjamin Harrison Indiana.

Romanoff will complete his six-month tour of active duty with the 13th Finance Disbursing Section, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He received basic combat training at Fort Ord, California.

The 22-year old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Romanoff, 25440 Frampton, Harbor City, was graduated from Narbonne High School, Lomita, in 1953 and attended Harbor Junior College, Wilmington. He was employed by the Union Carbide Chemicals Company, Torrance, in civilian life.

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