

The Passing Show

By HAROLD WILLIAMS

MEN assume that they are better automobile drivers than women. Some women dispute it. Occasionally some kind of a test confirms the opinion of the confident women drivers that they are as good at it as men drivers, if not better.

Mrs. Victoria Vandivort, 1739 Termino Ave., writes a report of her driving record, and it's a hard one to beat. She has driven a car 14 years in California and altogether has been a driver for 26 years.

"I have never had any kind of accident, and no citation of any kind. . . I want you to help me to try to find a man who is a star driver, as men think women can't drive," Mrs. Vandivort says. "I drive Long Beach streets every day and often into Los Angeles and other towns, so I drive in this traffic as well as the men. . . So let us hear from fair men, if there are any."

MAN DRIVER'S RECORD—The Press-Telegram recently had a story about one man who properly can be called a star driver.

Charles C. Howe, 2017 Jeanette Pl., began driving an automobile in 1907. He has driven a number of different kinds of automobiles and also trucks and tractors. In 42 years of driving he never has had an accident. He never has dented a fender in traffic.

Mrs. Howe holds high the banner of women drivers. She has had no accident. However, her showing, as good as it is, doesn't balance that of her husband, for she has been driving for only 16 years to her husband's 42.

It would be interesting to know if there are any women in Long Beach who have been driving as long as 42 years without an accident. Or if there are any more men with such a record.

MODEL PLANES—Apparently "Jim Mad," who wrote indignantly in yesterday's column about the action of school authorities in cracking down on boys who fly model airplanes, hadn't gone into all phases of the matter. The way I get the story now is that Board of Education and Recreation Commission both have been in sympathy with the youngsters who have this interesting and instructive hobby. The boys have been allowed to use various schoolyards for their activities but always there was objection from people living in the neighborhood. To whichever school they went with their planes, pretty soon the kids had to move. The latest instance was when they were moved from Stephens School.

SEVERAL PLANS—But those aviators in the making weren't just kicked out. They are allowed to go to MacArthur School, northeast of Long Beach, for their model plane flying. Later, the authorities hope to find accommodations for them at the Airport. The ultimate goal is to arrange for the boys to use parking space at the Municipal Stadium when nothing is going on there to attract automobilists.

The Recreation Commission at one time offered the boys Hamilton Bowl, but they declined that because they thought the ground too rough for their purpose.

So, you see, Long Beach has not shown a crass indifference to the needs of the young fliers of model planes.

DANCING SCHOOL FANS—While on the subject of boys, let me admit that some of us were somewhat disturbed by a news item in the New York Times that boys this year like dancing school. However, the report should be immediately qualified by the statement that the Times report was based on an investigation in three suburban communities—White Plains, Englewood and Nyack. It would be hasty and unfair to conclude that boys of other sections of the country are showing any such weakness. Nevertheless, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch found traces of the same attitude in a quick check of other localities. The St. Louis newspaper says: "It seems fairly clear that the blame rests on the shoulders of Spike Jones and a few other band leaders. 'Hating dancing school is one of the real pleasures of boyhood,' says the Times. . . and it is right."

Zone Protest Reply to Cite Armory Uses

Alamitos Civic Group to Hear Guard Commander

An explanation of the architecture and uses of the proposed National Guard armory near Stearns St. and Newport Ave. will be given to Los Alamitos Civic Association at 8 p. m. tomorrow in Lexington Hall. Col. Clifford Beyers, commander of the 234th AAA Group, and others of his staff will speak.

The meeting results from circulation of petitions in the area protesting rezoning of the 30-acre site to permit location of the \$1,000,000 armory there. The City Planning Commission on Thursday will consider the application for an exception to the present R-4 (unlimited residential) zoning of the property.

PUBLIC OFFERED USE

According to Col. Beyers, the new steel and concrete armory will be of modern architecture. The four buildings, including the two-story headquarters, will be landscaped. The parade ground and the drill courts will be available to the public except for the two nights a week when the guard is training.

Beyers said opposition developed from a misunderstanding of the nature and uses of the armory. Termed warehouses and shops, the armory buildings aroused visions of unsightly industrial activity in the neighborhood, he stated. Not only will the installation be attractive, but it will be useful to the civilians in the area, he added.

STUDY URGED

Residents on four blocks of Euclid, Hathaway and Grand Aves. and the western portion of Stearns St. are within a 300-foot radius of the site. It is here that the protest petitions are being circulated.

Mrs. L. J. Cronright, 2121 Euclid Ave., said residents feel that not enough time was given to study the plan. She said those with whom she has talked recently have said they were neither opposing nor favoring the project until they could get the complete picture of it. Only one of the seven who signed her copy of the protest petition has asked to have his name withdrawn, she added.

Store Burglarized

Burglars entered a furniture store at 2400 American Ave. last night and took \$50 from a cash drawer, police reported.

Telescope Stolen

A telescope three and one-half feet long and valued at \$100 was stolen from the home of R. C. Bennett, 1460 W. 20th St., he reported to police yesterday.

Daugherty Field Seen as Top Air Freight Port

THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT cause of proximity to Mines Field. However, so far as air freight is concerned, Daugherty Field has the advantage of not being congested by scheduled passenger air lines and therefore has space for air cargo services, it was noted.

Fisher recommended purchase of 140 acres of land immediately east of the airport, bounded by Lakewood Blvd. and Clark Ave., Conant St. and Wardlow Rd., and a smaller tract at the northwest corner of the flying field.

As a long-range development he said that the north-east-west runway should be extended east of Lakewood Blvd., the boulevard to be channeled beneath the surface.

WOULD KEEP RESERVE

Instead of trying to move the Air Reserve from Daugherty Field, he would keep it here as a sound financial investment for the city.

He would give over the entire area north of and immediately adjacent to Spring St. to the Army. Civilian operators there now would be moved to a new location, near a new administration building that would be built west of the present one.

There, new leases would be written for the operators for land on which to have their air shops, airplane sales rooms, repair shops and service stations.

Also in this area would be the new terminus for the passenger airplanes of the scheduled air lines.

ENLARGED FACILITIES

Enlarged facilities for the keeping of privately owned aircraft would be constructed near the new building. Fisher believes the city can obtain approximately 100 more airplanes to be based here.

All air cargo activities would be moved to the westerly side of the flying field adjacent to Wardlow Rd.

The Municipal Airport may never be a great passenger terminus, according to Fisher, be-



ARMY DAY SPEAKER—Maj. Gen. Alden H. Waitt, chief of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service, will be the principal speaker at the Army Day program to be held shortly after 2 p. m. tomorrow at the City Hall. Gen. Waitt is en route here from Washington, D. C.

Parade Route of Army Day Fete Arranged

Festivity Tomorrow to Include Show of Circling Planes

Planes circling overhead, and a big variety of marching units and motorized equipment will make tomorrow's Army Day parade an outstanding event, in the belief of the sponsoring group, Arthur L. Peterson Post 27, American Legion.

The parade will start at 2 p. m. at Elm Ave. and Ocean Blvd. and proceed along Ocean to American Ave., north on American to Seventh St., west to Pine Ave., south to Broadway and past the reviewing stand at the south entrance to City Hall.

The parade and other celebrations during the day are designed to call attention of the public to the varied activities of the Army both in peace and war, it was declared by Fred Nessler, parade chairman.

The day was designated by Presidential proclamation for the first time in 1928. Original Army Day was May 1 but the day was changed to April 6 after World War II. The idea for Army Day originated with the Military Veterans of World Wars but since there is no post of that organization in Long Beach Peterson Post of the Legion has assumed the responsibility of arranging the annual program.

Parade units, as announced by Nessler, will be the Long Beach Municipal band, the All-Girls Patrol band, the grand marshal, Sonny Tufts, moving picture star, the three Army queens, Jo Ann Gailher of Jordan High School, Josephine Kellenberger of Polytechnic and Kathleen Lenares of St. Anthony's. Charles Chappel, 101-year-old veteran of the Civil War, will be honorary grand marshal.

Others in the line of march will be Chief Alvin F. Slaight of the police department, Chief Frank Sandeman of the fire department, City Manager Carl E. Wirsching, city officials, and high-rank Army officers.

The All-Girls band, the military band from McCornack General Hospital in Pasadena, the R. O. T. C. band, Southern California Military Academy band, and possibly other bands and drum and bugle corps will be seen.

IN REVIEWING STAND

On the reviewing stand at the south entrance to the City Hall will be Mayor Burton W. Chace; city officials; Gen. Alben H. Waitt, chief of the fine arts and welfare division, who will be the principle speaker; high ranking officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and heads of local patriotic organizations.

Motorized equipment and marching units will be supplied by the National Guard, Fort MacArthur, the local recruiting service, the R. O. T. C., the Civil Air Patrol and the Southern California Military Academy. Col. Claude E. Duncan, commander of the Long Beach Air Force Base, said he will provide 25 or more Air Force planes to circle the downtown district.

The program at the reviewing stand will be directed by Nessler. The principal speaker will be Gen. Waitt, Maj. Gen. Curtis D. O'Sullivan, adjutant general of California National Guard, and other officers are expected to speak briefly.

The police department will entertain, presenting Bert Pearson, accordion; Al Sprague, bass viol; Bruno Masserdotti, guitar; Les Dries, saxophone, and James Triele, baritone. James McGarrigle will lead the singing of the national anthem.

To Aid Cancer Fight

To fight cancer you can send your contribution to the American Cancer Society, 921 Pacific Ave., Room A, Long Beach (13).

Three Schools Planned for Growing Areas

The Board of Education yesterday took steps to meet pressing educational needs in two of the district's growing residential areas by approving plans for three new \$500,000 elementary schools, two in the Lakewood-Los Altos section and one in Signal Hill.

The three new schools will be David Burcham School, Monlaco Rd. and San Anselme Ave., Lakewood; Los Alamitos School, Abbeyfield St. and Atherton Ave., Los Altos; and John Burroughs School, 33rd St. and Orange Ave. in Signal Hill.

Architects making successful bids were Warren Dedrick for the Burroughs School, Francis J. Heusel, David Burcham School, and Thomas J. Russell, Los Alamitos School.

Approval was also given to plans presented by Engle F. Randolph, electrical engineer, for installation of playground lighting at Addams, Whittier, Franklin and Hughes schools. The plans, however, must be submitted to the State Division of Architecture for final approval.

Cigaret Blamed for Awning Fire

A cigaret thrown from an upper window is believed responsible for a fire which damaged an awning at a store at 201 American Ave. yesterday. The damage, estimated at \$50, was confined to the awning.

Two engine companies extinguished a fire in an electric motor in a drugstore at 401 W. Willow St. The blaze was confined to the motor.



RANSACKED HOME—Police Officer Ernest L. Richards is shown surveying damage in the main living room of the home of former Rep. Willis W. Bradley, 284 Argonne Ave., which was ransacked last night by burglars. Loss was set at \$1000, most of which was damage to property in the home. Story on Page A-1.—(Press-Telegram Photo.)

Forecast Favors Weather Ideal for Suntanners

The thermometer read 75 degrees slightly after noon today and still was rising. Also if you didn't start getting your summer sun tan today you'll have another chance tomorrow.

After yesterday's record temperature of the year, 83 degrees, the U. S. Weather Bureau indicated that the warmth will continue. Coastal fog is predicted for tomorrow morning.

The ocean water temperature was 57 yesterday and throughs took advantage of the warm day to get in some beach time. Lifeguards reported no rescues necessary, but enough schoolchildren on the beach to indicate that many a teacher was talking to a partly-filled room.

A cool breeze north of Signal Hill yesterday kept the temperature in that area to 80 degrees, warm enough for many residents of the northeastern section of the city to catch up on their spring gardening and sunbats.

Yesterday's peak temperature was the highest since last December when an 84-degree mark was reached and followed the coldest winter in Long Beach's history.

Admiral to Come to L. B.

Rear Adm. Thomas L. Sprague, the U. S. Navy's chief of the Bureau of Personnel, will arrive tomorrow morning to inspect naval facilities and make a survey of the personnel requirements of naval activities in this area.

Adm. Sprague will be welcomed to Terminal Island by Rear Adm. Paul Hendren, commander U. S. Naval Base, Los Angeles, and accorded full honors upon his arrival in front of the administration building.

The naval personnel chief will be in this area until Thursday morning, when he departs for the San Diego area, where he also will inspect naval installations.

Alleged Aid of Cohen Is Accused

A San Pedro merchant, past president of San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, yesterday charged that Eli Lubin, 28, of Los Angeles, alleged henchman of Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles gangster, had aided him.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Kathryn Moross, Long Beach; four brothers, Joseph Moross, Cincinnati; Triflea Moross, Manfield, La.; Edward A. Moross, Detroit; and Victor A. Moross, San Francisco, and sister, Mrs. Sayme R. Oakman, Detroit. Service will be Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the Sheelar-McFadyen Chapel. Frank Davis will officiate.



HARRY CARR

... Signs Beating Complaint ...

bling figure, assaulted him in the harbor city last year during a labor dispute.

The complaint, signed by Harry M. Carr, 64, of 558 W. Fifth St., San Pedro, was issued by Deputy District Attorney Ted C. Sten.

Carr said he saw a newspaper picture of Lubin, who is being held in county jail in connection with the beating of a radio store owner, A. M. Pearson. The San Pedro man said he recognized Lubin as his assailant of last year.

Later, San Pedro detectives said, Carr was taken to the county jail and there pointed out Lubin as the man who beat him at the height of a retail stores labor dispute after Carr had organized a group of San Pedro businessmen into a committee to oppose the strike.

Lubin will be arraigned in San Pedro on the assault with intent to do bodily harm charge.

2 Young Gunmen in \$100 Stickup

Two youthful bandits, identically dressed in blue jeans and brown leather jackets, early today held up Reuben P. McDugald, 56, a clerk at a liquor store at 6108 Atlantic Ave., and took \$100 from the cash register.

McDugald told police he was counting the day's receipts, preparatory to putting them into the safe, when the men entered. One asked for change to buy cigarettes from a vending machine.

As he started to comply, McDugald said, one of the bandits thrust his hand into his jacket pocket, simulated a gun, and ordered the clerk to lie down on the floor. The men warned him to count to 50 before getting up, and then fled, he said.

McDugald described the men as being about 22 or 23 years of age. One was blonde and wore glasses, he said, and the other had dark hair.

Tools Stolen

Maurice D. Sheldon, 29 Covina Ave., returned home last night to find that someone had broken into his garage and stolen tools valued at \$95.

WEATHER

Variable high thin cloudiness tonight and Wednesday, continuing warm. Occasional fog patches along coast tomorrow morning.

Council Moves to Sell Park for School Site

29th St., Golden Ave. Area Marked for Use in General Welfare

Sale of the 10-acre Veterans Memorial Park at 29th St. and Golden Ave. to the Board of Education for a school site, and purchase of additional land in the same general area for a park was directed today by the City Council.

Action followed unanimous approval of a motion by Councilman Herbert R. Klockstern that the city receive for the Veterans Park property the \$55,000 recently paid for it, plus approximately \$20,000 expended for improvements.

City Attorney Irving M. Smith told the council a friendly condemnation suit might be necessary to clear title since the city originally acquired the land for park purposes.

The council approved a joint recommendation by the Recreation and Park Commissions that additional land for park and recreation purposes be acquired in the area with funds made available through the sale of the Veterans Memorial Park site.

The two commissions proposed that a park be developed in the area bounded by Wardlow Rd., the Pacific Electric right of way, Willow St. and Los Angeles River.

Another proposed park site lies in the area bounded by Spring St., 28th St., the Pacific Electric right of way and an alley between Pine and Pacific Aves.

The council recommended that money from the sale of Veterans Memorial Park be placed in the general improvement fund and the city manager be instructed to negotiate for options on the proposed park sites.

The Board of Education had previously agreed to build a school on a part of the 10-acre park site with the remaining acreage to be used as a park in a combination park-school experiment. The Park Commission, however, did not favor this plan.

Long Beach Man Found Dead in Ditch

The body of William W. Murphy, 55, of 1130 E. Hill St., a maritime service worker, was found yesterday at 6:30 p. m. lying in a drainage ditch near Springdale Ave., a quarter mile south of Bolsa Rd., northwest of Huntington Beach.

The victim's brother, Eugene N. Murphy, same address, told Orange County sheriff's officers that they and a friend, Thomas Campagna, also of Long Beach, were fishing for crawfish in the ditch.

The victim left them, Murphy said, and when they looked for him three hours later they found him lying face down in the water. Both men attempted artificial respiration and then summoned help from a nearby farm. The body was taken to Smith's Mortuary, Huntington Beach. Coroner Earl R. Abbey said an autopsy would be conducted.

Signal Hill, Seal Beach Move to License Games

TWO ADJOINING communities last night took steps to license games which are banned in Long Beach.

The Signal Hill City Council gave first reading to an ordinance which would license kenowiz quiz games, limiting them according to the population with a fee of \$2500 a year for each game.

Seal Beach councilmen gave second reading to an ordinance which would permit operation of games legalized by state law but which would limit them to a certain area of the town and would establish a \$20,000 license fee.

Mayor William J. Hobba of Signal Hill explained that the action was taken there as a protective measure after the city attorney had announced that there is no legal barrier at this time preventing anyone from operating kenogames, because of an injunction obtained by Tod Faulkner preventing the police or city officials from halting operations of his Orange Ave. game. Faulkner contends that his game is legal under state laws and that a city ordinance passed last year which would ban it is unconstitutional.

Mayor Hobba said that whether games will be permitted still is a question to be decided both in court and by the council, but that the action taken would put on the brakes against a rush of new games.

The Seal Beach action amends one section of the anti-gambling ordinance now in effect.

The amendment limits the number of gaming houses to one per each 300 persons or fraction thereof; places them in a special district (northeast side of Coast Hwy., 3500 feet from county line) and establishes an annual license fee of \$20,000 each. With the present population, the number of gaming houses here would be limited to two.

The area would be approximately 2000 feet long and 500 feet deep.

Under the present anti-gam-

bling ordinance, the city council is powerless to prevent operation of any card rooms and can collect an annual fee of \$12, standard business license rate, according to Councilman Al Leonard.

It was pointed out by Mayor Frank Shufelt that churches, fraternal organizations and civic clubs will be permitted to operate games free of charge for a limited time at the discretion of the council.

A similar amending ordinance was adopted by the council on Sept. 7, 1948 but did not become effective because it was rescinded by the city fathers after referendum petitions were submitted to the council.

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AIRPORT EXPERTS—Left to right are Leigh Fisher, Detroit; Robert Strong and Thomas B. Bourne, Washington, D. C., who are making an engineering and business analysis of the Municipal Airport. Strong has been working on the job for several weeks, but Fisher and Bourne arrived here yesterday. Their final report will be filed with the City Council May 31.—(Press-Telegram Photo.)