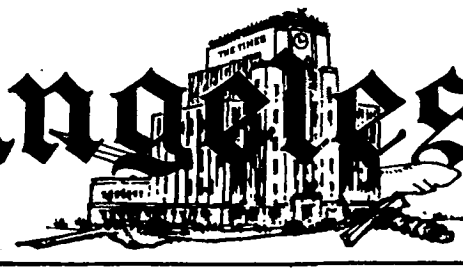


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The Weather

United States Weather Bureau forecast: Intermittent cloudiness today and tomorrow. Continued cold. Highest temperature yesterday, 55; lowest, 46.

By The Way

with **BILL HENRY**

NEW YORK.—You'll be wanting to know something about people from our part of the country who are making their own little dent in the consciousness of this town of heart-breaks and triumphs.

LURE—This is a pretty amazing town. It inspires some people and it gets others down—beats them to a pulp. One of these days there should be a series of columns about people from our part of the country who came here to New York and found their way to fame and fortune, or at least to satisfaction. We have all sorts of Times alumni who came back here and did it. Without too much effort, successors to S. S. Van Dine (Willard Huntington Wright) could be found. He moved from literary critic of the Los Angeles Times to a top spot as a writer of mystery thrillers. Matter of fact, he became more of a New Yorker than he ever was a Southern Californian—he thrived on the atmosphere back here.

CARTOONIST—Have to look up Bob Day on one of these trips. Bob came to us in the Times art department straight out of Poly High. He was a great long gangling kid and had a mad yen to do caricatures—just as Jimmy Hatlo (real name Jimmy Hatlow) did before him. Bob is back here making disgusting amounts of money, not to mention a terrific reputation, drawing killer diller cartoons, mostly for the New Yorker. Every once in a while he sneaks in the name of one of the old gang from the Times—every once in a while he has a "Mr. Hotchkiss" (our editor) in one of his drawings.

BANKER—Then there is Hal Stanker, one of the more notable of the old Trojans. He was a friend and contemporary of the late Warren Bovard and a handsome, persuasive individual he was. One day he up and departed from Los Angeles for the East and now he is a stupendous figure in the banking world as executive manager of the American Bankers Association. When the bankers were worrying about Bretton Woods and the international monetary fund, he was down in Washington doing a stupendous behind-the-scenes job—and not missing an occasional round of golf. We've really lost him—he's a genuine Easterner now.

DRAMA—Broadway, of course, is full of Southern Californians. There isn't much point in getting excited over the appearance back here of established stars from the films. There is a great deal more glamour in the triumph of a chap like John Raitt, who boomed to the top as leading man in "Carousel" via the Redlands University route. Waring's Pennsylvanians might more correctly, in spots, be called Waring's Californians. Fern (Buckner) and her violin hail from Santa Monica. Any number of Waring's better arrangements are written by Roy Ringwald, ex-Pomona collegian, who has solved the problem of being successful in the East while making those arrangements at his home in the San Fernando Valley. And the gal with the gorgeous contralto voice with Waring, Joan Wheatley, is from Occidental College.

WESTERN—Speaking of people from Occidental there is Mary Jean Copeland, a tall, beautiful gal who came back here to carve herself a niche on Broadway. She made an impression on Eddie Dowling, who gave her a part in "Men to the Sea," which closed almost before it opened, but she did so well that Eddie took her along when he opened a play in Chicago. She was assistant stage manager and general understudy and although reviews were terrific, business was rotten and they almost gave the show up. She had the fun, however, a few days ago staging this play "The Glass Menagerie" as the annual command performance in Washington. Cliff MacFarlane, who had a lot to do with most of those terrific wartime pageants in the Coliseum, is back this way now and threatens to become the big outdoor showman of the country with a lot of super-colossal ideas for luring the customer through the gates and selling him a big idea, such as hanging on to his Victory Bonds. Quite a town this—even without LaGuardia.



PASSING THROUGH—Most-Rev. Thomas Tien, first Chinese to be named a Cardinal, being greeted by Archbishop John J. Cantwell while here yesterday en route to Rome.

First Chinese to Be Named Cardinal Here

Just a trifle breathless over the tempo of American life, the spiritual leader of 3,500,000 Catholics in China passed a fleeting hour in Los Angeles last night before he sped to an airport behind a police motorcycle escort on his way to Rome to become the first Cardinal of his nation.

He is the Most-Rev. Thomas Tien, Vicar Apostolic of Tsingtao, one of 32 Cardinals to be proclaimed by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, in Rome on Feb. 18, along with four Americans, Archbishops John J. Glennon of St. Louis, Edward Mooney of Detroit, Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago and Francis J. Spellman of New York.

Archbishop Cantwell Host

Accompanying the bishop were Father John Vos, interpreter and secretary, formerly rector of the bishop's cathedral in Tsingtao, and the Rev. Anthony May, mission procurator of the Society of the Divine Word at Techny, Chicago suburb. They were guests, briefly, of Archbishop John J. Cantwell, of the Los Angeles diocese.

While catching his breath at Archbishop Cantwell's residence, Bishop Tien, speaking through Father Vos, stated that he was astonished at the tempo of American living and mentioned the numerous indications of modern progress. He said that he hopes to return to America after the ceremonies in Rome to study American institutions and educational developments.

Educational Work Planned

"The great deficiency in China," he said, "is education. On my return to my native country, I plan to work for the establishment of schools in which we will offer Christian education."

The visitor left on a T.W.A. plane last night for Chicago and New York. In the latter city, he will meet Archbishop Spellman, with whom he will make the flight to the Vatican.

Bishop Tien was outspoken in his gratitude to America for its sacrifices in the liberation of China. He also expressed appreciation of the work of missionaries who, he said, gave Christianity to his country.

Communism Held Menace

Communism, he said, had been a threat in China for 19 years and from his standpoint is the greatest enemy of China.

Father Vos, asked the reaction in his country to the nomination of a Chinese to the Sacred College of Cardinals, said that the honor came as a great surprise, which, in fact, was still beyond the understanding of the people.

Bishop Tien arrived at San Diego Friday aboard the transport Wakefield.

Fall From Horse Kills Secretary

From injuries received when she fell from a horse while riding on Riverside Drive in Burbank last Saturday, Miss Janell E. Brady, 24, a secretary, yesterday died at the General Hospital, according to a coroner's office report.

AUTO AGENCY ROBBED OF 1946 CAR AND \$2000

You can get a brand new 1946 automobile for free and a goodly bit of cash besides—if you don't mind getting into serious trouble with the police.

This was demonstrated early yesterday, according to police, when burglars broke through a rear door of an automobile agency at 1200 S. Hope St., excavated a steel floor safe containing \$2000 in cash from the cement floor, placed it in a new sedan and drove out into the night.

Five More Die in Week-end Car Accidents

Five additional names were added to the traffic death toll yesterday.

Crushed beneath a car in which he was riding when it overturned in the 600 block on S. Boyle Ave., Fred Martinez, 17, of 1027 Mark Court, died at the scene last night. Driver of the machine, Richard Contreras, 17, of 1717 Brooklyn Ave., was held by juvenile authorities for investigation.

Pilot Killed in Plane Crash Identified

The Sheriff's office yesterday reported Walter M. Severance, 21, of 747 Second St., San Bernardino, was killed when a light biplane he was piloting crashed and burned at Liberty Field near Lancaster.

Tony Actis, Mojave, owner of the plane, told investigators that the plane crashed and caught fire shortly after Severance had taken off to fly to San Bernardino.

Charles F. Siebenthal, 717 Beech St., Lancaster, told officers that he and several other men, removed Severance from the plane while it was still afloat and found him dead.

Deputies were unable to determine the cause of the crash. The Civil Aeronautics Authority will investigate.

Alderson to Return

Fire Chief John H. Alderson will return today from San Francisco, where he attended a meeting of the State Fire Advisory Board.

Hit-Run Driver

Charles E. Hagenbaugh, 22-year-old sailor from the U.S.S. Cumberland, died in the Beverly Hills Emergency Hospital from injuries received when he was struck Saturday by a hit-and-run motorist at Wilshire Blvd. and Doheny Drive.

Frank A. Drikas, 29, of 10821 Capistrano St., Lynwood, died in General Hospital after he had been struck Saturday at Slauson Ave. and West Blvd. by an automobile police said was driven by Marvin M. Watson, 24, of 1015 W. 58th St. Watson was not held.

Theodore Westholm, 66, of 1422 1/2 Micheltorena St., died last night at Wilshire Hospital shortly after he was struck successively by two automobiles at Micheltorena St. and Sunset Blvd., police reported.

The first car, traveling east on Sunset Blvd., was driven by Glenn Pratt, 37, of 1036 N. Genevieve Ave., and the second vehicle, also traveling east, was driven by Andrew Fluhrer, 28, of 20148 Saticoy St., Canoga Park. Neither driver was held.

Fred Cole, 48, of 1117 E. 17th St., died last night in General Hospital from injuries received Jan. 27 when he was struck by an automobile in front of 644 S. Figueroa St.

Tidelands Party Leaves

Mayor Bowron Heads Group Carrying Fight to Washington

To present Los Angeles' point of view in the tidelands issue now before Congress, Mayor Bowron and three members of the Harbor Commission yesterday left for Washington by American Airlines. They expect to appear before a Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday.

"It is widely believed by the public that this issue is simply a matter of ownership of oil lands, but it is much bigger than that," the Mayor said. "We represent no oil companies. For the purposes of this issue, tidelands mean not only the land under the sea out to the three-mile limit but also all reclaimed land, which includes our harbor and all land that has been filled in, including everything between Wilmington and Long Beach. This is a fight that involves every State except two. If they can take the oil there's nothing to stop them from taking our harbor."

Accompanying the Mayor are Eugene Overton, Harbor Commission president, and members C. S. Sampson and Emil L. Menveg. The other two members, Morgan Adams and James C. Ingebretsen, left earlier. Atty. Gen. Robert Kenny and several members of the State Legislature also will attend the hearing.

Two Missing Girls Sought

Two 14-year-old girls, missing since Jan. 26, were sought yesterday by parents who had no clue to their children's whereabouts except a report from neighbors, who said they saw the girls enter a black sedan and drive away.

Objects of the search were Helen Darleen Catoe of 731 W. 18th St. and Joan LaBonte of 1919 Bonsallo ave., both students at John Adams Junior High School.

BLIND PAIR WED AFTER ROMANCE OF 11 MONTHS

They had never seen each other—because both were blind—but Roy Buchanan, 3445 11th Ave. and Maxine Wells, both 25, were married Saturday night in the Little Church of the Flowers, Glendale. Each has been blind since childhood.

The couple met 11 months ago. Buchanan said he is going to open a concession in the Alhambra postoffice.

Attendants at the wedding were Mrs. Dale Tate, Buchanan's sister, and Harold Caldbeck, San Diego.

New Life Creation Theory Based on Earth's Rotation



HOME-COMING—Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Hughlett are shown taking home their twin sons, Richard Thomas, left, and Ronald Charles. New Year babies weighed four pounds each at birth.

G.I. Father Joins Twins in Triple Home-coming

Remember all the fuss about "first" babies born on New Year's Day?

One (two by actual count) not publicized at the time took part in triple home-coming yesterday.

It seems that on New Year's Day twins were born to Mrs. Richard J. Hughlett of 3827 Huron Ave., Culver City. The father, a first sergeant in the Signal Corps, was then "sweating out" his separation procedure at Camp Crowder, Miss.

In addition to going through the ordeal of becoming a father of twin boys.

Yesterday Hughlett, fresh out of the separation center at Ft. MacArthur, came home—and helped Mrs. Hughlett take home the twins, Richard Thomas and Ronald Charles, who had been kept at California Hospital until their individual weights approximated six pounds. They weighed little more than four pounds each when delivered by Dr. Donald G. Tollefson.

SEVEN HOMES LEVELLED IN SETTLEMENT BLAZE

A fire which raced from house to house along Southworth St. at the edge of Montebello left seven homes in ashes yesterday and more than a score of persons homeless.

The blaze broke out at 9 p.m. Saturday, spreading quickly from one frame cottage to the next and menacing a settlement of dozens of small homes. The seven houses were leveled.

Southworth St., located on a knoll near the Yall Street School, is an ungraded lane in the Simon's Brickyard area. The houses along it were tenanted by families of Mexican extraction. The district is an unprotected area, without fire protection from either Montebello or the county.

However, both fire departments answered the alarm and helped prevent the flames from spreading.

Painter Stabbed; Three Arrested

Two women and a man were arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon last night after John Flitts, 42, a painter, was critically stabbed in his home, 4307 Mildred Ave., Culver City, police reported. He was taken to General Hospital.

Arrested were Dixie Vaughn, 37, of the Mildred Ave. address; Ruby Mosely, 42, of 1820 Beloit St., West Los Angeles, and Sam Sharp, 43, of 1553 1/2 Saitair St., Culver City.

Periodic Changes in Temperature Believed Factor

BY WILLIAM S. BARTON

A revolutionary theory on the origin of life has been reported to scientific journals by J. Lee Kavanau, young California Institute of Technology biophysicist, it was disclosed yesterday.

The scientist is convinced that the theory might be proved by a series of experiments. The first tests would involve research with single cell animals; if these showed the theory to be on the right track preliminary experiments would then be made to sound out the possibilities of actually creating life in the laboratory. The Pasadena researcher thinks "there is no fundamental reason why life can't exist on other planets."

Rotation Believed Factor

The newest idea propounded by Kavanau is that the rotation of the earth was an all-important factor in "breathing life" into the world. Couched in technical language only another biophysicist could understand at the first reading, the theory might be said to contain this overly simplified recipe for creating life:

Take sunlight and elements, always including carbon, to form molecules; next, keep these molecules closely associated with each other; finally, expose the material to the chief life-producing stimulant—periodic temperature changes resulting from the earth's rotation, or from night and day.

"Animals that have remained cold-blooded," Kavanau asserts, "are those that tended to live in water or under other conditions whereby they were not exposed to the full range of day and night temperature variations. But warm-blooded animals were developed as a result of their existing at the earth's surface where they were fully exposed to temperature changes resulting from rotation."

Sun Necessary

The sun, he believes, is not an actual cause of life, although it is essential to the continued existence of living forms. Without carbon, according to the theory, it is doubtful if the day and night temperature changes would have had suitable material in which to generate life-giving reactions.

"We can assume," the scientist explains, "that when life first appeared the earth's temperature was less than that of boiling water and that day and night temperature changes were of the same order as now.

"Such changes could stimulate the required reaction only in something like carbon atoms of which, being neutral, or 'on the fence' electrically, are apt to react to small increases or decreases in energy. Salt, on the other hand, is so stable that it reacts only when temperatures are too high for life."

Start on Small Scale

What chance is there that any living thing as large, even, as a mouse, could have been created without centuries of gradual evolution from elementary microscopic cells? Very little chance, the new life origin theory indicates; for, since energies available for life-producing reactions are small and the number of molecules which could be held together at the outset are most limited, the first living things must have been the size of bacteria or spaller.

The evolution of minute and simple organisms into large and highly complex plants and animals, according to Kavanau, resulted from the reaction of the primordial forms to a wide variety of environmental stimuli.

For example, while the spinning of the earth on its axis may have sparked life into existence, the revolution of the earth about the sun (producing the seasons) the altitude at which a speck of life was developed, and countless other factors decided whether a "life egg" would become a flea or an elephant.



CHARRED RUINS—Ashes and charred ruins remain after blaze which destroyed seven houses along Southworth St. at the edge of Montebello, and left more than a score of persons homeless. The fire spread quickly, menacing dozens of other small dwellings.

Robert Cummings Becomes Father

Screen Actor Robert Cummings and his wife, the former Mary Elliott, spent yesterday poring over a new form of fan mail.

The mail consisted of congratulatory messages for their baby, Robert Richard, who was born Saturday night in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital. Comedian Jack Benny is godfather of the 8-pound 5-ounce boy.