

The Things I Hear!

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Cal.—The Indianapolis desert base area is a proud and happy city.

"I've just finished setting an all-time record in this area at least for accuracy with the rifle."

The hatless, unadorned in its annual marksmanship record firm with an amazing average of 217 out of a possible 250. Twenty-five rifle men, ten point or sharpshooters. Only one Marine failed to qualify as marksmen, missing by only one point. Scalding tears coursed lustily down his cheeks.

HIGH SHOOTER in the battalion was Pvt. William J. Galt of the 2nd Battalion, 21st Airborne, with 235 out of a possible 250 points.

High among the recruits who never had before was Pvt. Paul H. Sisson, 3312. Len Nash. Among the officers, high men were Capt. Martin H. Cottrell, 3311; Capt. Kenneth D. Barnes, Indianapolis, 251; and Capt. Walter B. Laetsch, also Indianapolis, 228.

(Maj.) Golden Fairs, commander of A Battery, is trying to convince his pride over his fact his battery qualified all its men. Maj. Fairs is production manager of The Indianapolis Star and The News.

ONE of the high points of my stay out here was a trip with Capt. Theodore Witt of Indianapolis and Maj. David Longtin of Portland, Ore., to the John F. Kennedy Memorial.

This immense section of mountain desert was marked by spectacular hills of immense stones, some as large as a house. One of them, known as "The Rock of the High Point," is so high and so precarious balance,

LEE MORTIMER
New York Confidential

DURQUE IN THE DESERT: Hollywood legend Lee Durque is dining in a restaurant at the Seville, the new hot spot. They went to the Seville with her handsome lead with her and her boy scout Johnny Starnapiano. Last time Johnny made the papers he was Mickey McGuire's "bodyguard."

Next time when Beverly Hills' famous chef of F. C. H. Anderson, possibly he firmly escorted him to the restaurant and asked him never to return before.

Johnny is now in the greenhouse and nursery business (and so is Mickey) and he's a well-attended garden by his stars and starlets elsewhere—except Beverly Hills. (The Seville is the corner of Beverly and Wilcox.)

• Don (Red) Barry, who made the prints with Susan Hayward, is now a practitioner in the Hollywood Church of Life.

• A woman in a health kick—she drinks branflakes in the morning.

WOT FLASHES: Jim Fickelwick, actor called Gals. Vio Bryner, the young swing, was when he plays Jean Lafitte in "The Buccaneer."

• The great Merry Frank (Cavan Blaine) is finally arranged to "Meet Mickey."

DR. GEORGE V. CRAVE
The Worry Clinic

CASE WARR: Jim D., 45, is a certified pen accountant. He is a convinced New York City. It was cold weather.

"Jim had been on a sled in the park and was getting an attack of the cold."

"When I went up to my room, however," Jim told me, "it was cold. So I called down to the desk and ordered a hot blanket."

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BY THIS TIME was I judgment. So I decided to try a little applied psychology.

"In one of the dresser drawers was an Indian blanket. I put on my overcoat and then I draped the blanket over my head in Indian style."

"The next demonstrator and walked across the lobby. But I hardly had time to reach the desk before the hotel manager rushed over to me."

HARRY F. DIETRICH, M.D.
To Your Health

WE ADULTS are sometimes so feverishly busy trying to establish our own security in our jobs, careers, finances, old age, national and international situations that we are apt to become impatient with the security of children.

"What are my youngsters getting out of life?" is a question that is asked in every home. And the answer is, "Life." It is really nothing very complicated or mysterious about the development of a sense of security in children. Nor is it surprising that it is a deeply ingrained physical and mental growth.

AT THE MOMENT of birth the newborn infant is completely insecure, and in life's early months, he is completely dependent on the first day and two his needs are completely met by supplying air, warmth, dryness and love of each.

Soon appropriate food must be made available to him. But even during the early few months, his physical needs provide an infant with security.

At a remarkably early age the infant will

The objective of the trip was the magnificent view from Station 1485 feet above sea level.

From this point you can look down into the desert valley and see the town of Indio, 22 feet below sea level.

You also can see the Salton Sea, which is saltier than the ocean. It is 35 miles away.

But the most unusual view is that of Signal Mountain. It's in Mexico, 95 miles distant. Despite the fact that the Salton mountains was clearly visible to the naked eye.

The entire Salton Sink at which we were looking once was a part of the Gulf of California, now 120 miles to the south.

The ocean bed eventually was filled with silt deposited by the Colorado River.

FOLLOWING the trip into the Joshua Tree National Monument, we drove to Pioneertown, near Yuca Valley, where the ruins of ancient buildings—supposedly of a century old.

The pioneer town supposedly still is used on occasion by movie camera crews as background for Westerns.

But I have my doubts. The village seems to have fallen for modern inventions. For instance, the old canteen has a couple of modern bathtubs for watering troughs.

And such old log structures as "Maggie's Feed Store, Estab. 1848," and "Neil's Ice Cream Parlor" are topped by modern television aerials.

There are several eating places, hostesses and all, of a type familiar, any lover of TV Westerns.

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HOLLYWOOD CASTING Note: Right-handed Paul Newman was the "Left-Handed Gun."

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"THEN he vowed I'd have heat in a few minutes, and I did! My room was fresh with the comfort of the hotel."

"And the next day a basket of warm food was delivered at my door, with the compliments of the hotel."

"Dr. Crave, by thus using a little psychology, I got action when my three phone calls had produced only help at all."

Jim, being a meek religious type of man (he is a member of my Bible class at the Chicago Temple), he didn't engage in any argument or indignation in profanity.

No one simply dramatized the problem by parading across the lobby in his Indian blanket. Since it was in one of the leading New York City hotels, he certainly got attention.

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Site Approved For Indiana's Office Building

By AL G. McCORD
The two-block area immediately west of the Statehouse was selected yesterday as the site for the proposed \$20,000,000 state office building.

"Taking of options on the tract, near Yuca Valley, was estimated at \$2,500,000, was approved by the State Office Building Commission at a meeting over which Governor Handley presided."

Commissioners said they favored the location over two others under consideration because it offered more opportunity for low-cost expansion.

The \$2,500,000 land cost figure, \$1,000,000 will be paid from a Federal allocation to the State Employment Security Division, officials said.

PART of the site chosen already is owned by the state and is occupied by the out-grown Highway Department building and by the still-existing Library and Historical Building.

The tract is bounded by University, Ohio and Mount streets and State Avenue.

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John E. Elm Tree Earle, 22, 515 Elm Street, Indianapolis, was driver of the south-bound car that struck a pickup truck, having driven from Basso at 1:15 a.m. on U.S. 31, 550 feet south of the Marion County line in Johnson County.

WITNESSES said Earle was driving at an excessive speed and that the Basso truck was unable to piece parts flying several hundred feet.

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Sports—Financial—Classified

Odd Mishap Brings Police Aid



After near-asphyxiation under bizarre circumstances last night, Wood wheels ground deep into the surface of the street, one of them axle-deep.

Max was taken to General Hospital in critical condition. Police are trying to learn the cause of the strange mishap. (Star Photo)

ing has been estimated at \$1,500,000.

Meanwhile, the commission said it was making plans to interview architects and space utilization engineers.

COST OF BUYING and removing the old Kahn building

Young Amateurs
To Perform At
Fall Creek Park

A fall 11 days of fine entertainment is in store at 8 o'clock tonight at Fall Creek Playground, said Mayor Young.

The Indianapolis Star will present 33 young amateur performers in the seventh of eight City Parks Amateur Festivals. The open-air show is free.

Ranking in age from 4 to 20 years, the young troups will perform in four age divisions and the act judged best will get the "Big" spot to appear on the Garfield Park Outdoor Theater stage Aug. 6 in the city-wide Frisco Mayor Phillip L. Bayt then will award the Star's 12 trophies to the top three winners in each age division.

Judging tonight's acts will be Miss Joan Tor, Ned Lamm and Rose Chatterbox. A special act during the judging will be the "Big" act, the barbershop quartet composed of Frank Jeff, Tom Simpson, Ed Porter and Fred Smith.

JOHN F. BASSO
Highway Race Victim

father's florist truck tank with gasoline. The older Basso operated. Basso's Antifreeze Drive at 220 South 17th Street, Beech Grove.

Young Basso, born in Indianapolis, had reading material in his car in Beech Grove, was a carpenter's helper and truck driver for the Master Builders Company of Indianapolis. He had been a cop in the Marine Corps. he served three years.

A GRADUATE of Holy Name Catholic Grade School and Beech Grove High School, was a carrier for the Indianapolis Star during his school days.

Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in Little and Sons Funeral Home in Beech Grove, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Paul J. Basso, Jr. of Indianapolis, P.C. Arthur Basso of the Marjorie and William Darr Basso, Indianapolis, and five sisters, Mrs. Albert Lindstrom, Mrs. Clara Lindstrom and Mrs. Robert Truitt, all of Indianapolis, Beech Grove, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Henry Shaw of Beech Grove.

CAR CRASH INJURED THREE

Three persons were hurt when two cars crashed and one was in the 1000 block of Antelope Avenue last night, reports the Indianapolis Star.

The crash occurred at 11:15 p.m. on U.S. 31, 550 feet south of the Marion County line in Johnson County.

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