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CIVIC ACTIVITIES

TORRANCE RELIEF SOCIETY: The Torrance Relief Society is a volunteer group of women who, since the period of the world war, have maintained a highly efficient volunteer organization, caring for the needy in this community and its environs. The group is one of the most unique organizations of its kind in that not one cent of expense has ever been charged to their operations and administrations. They work in close cooperation with the county and local governmental authorities, and have been of vital service and value in assisting the local chamber in its unemployment program. Committees of the Chamber of Commerce have raised the budgets for this relief organization for several years past. The local Masonic body and the American Legion during the past year staged benefit programs, the entire net proceeds being given to the Relief Society to assist in the unusual demands made on that organization during the present trying period.

GOOD CHEER CLUB: Similar in plan, organization and activity but of more recent life is the Good Cheer Club, which has made a very worthy contribution toward ministrations for the needy in Torrance and vicinity. This group has worked equally unselfish with the Torrance Relief Society and other constituted authorities and has so far raised its own budgets. Too much cannot be said in eulogy for the good ladies numbered in these organizations, who have served without glamor or other published credit but work untiringly at their worthy task.

CIVIC CONCERT: Probably one of the most appreciated public entertainments provided in this community was the civic concert and program arranged on the return of Miss Wanda Stackowicz, a daughter of this city, who made a most successful debut in Europe, terminating a successful student career in the opera. The program to honor Miss Stackowicz was held at the high school auditorium, where a most delightful musical score was presented, concluding with delightful numbers by the debutante herself. Every seat in the Auditorium was filled, and many late comers were unable to gain entrance. Following the musical program refreshments were served in the high school patio, which was colorfully decorated with the city's christmas tree lighting equipment. The good citizens of Torrance demonstrated their warm approval and appreciation for this public affair. Nearly a score of celebrities from the world of music, including several well known critics, responded to this city's invitation.

VOTING CONTEST: Torrance has been active for several years as an enrolled member city in the state Chamber of Commerce contest to raise the voting percentage for all public elections. One of the high scores attained since local entry in this worthy program was established at the special water bond election, September, 1930, when nearly eighty per cent of the qualified electors cast their ballots. One of the most priceless possessions of American citizenship is the right to vote, and the preservation of our ideals and institutions can only be preserved through the intelligent exercise of this right. The committees of this bureau, and the other organizations in Torrance, who have cooperated in helping to raise the standard of this community's voting percentage are to be commended for this worthwhile effort.

VOTE AS YOU PLEASE, BUT VOTE.

STUDENT ATHLETIC AID: Due to the general economic conditions and the consequent inability of some parents to sustain possible expense which might be incurred by injury to students who engage in football athletics, the chamber created a special aid fund from which to defray expenses incurred by such injury upon the recommendation of high school officials. While the total amount expended for this purpose was only two hundred dollars it was of much larger value in proportion to the circumstances of those it benefited, and made possible the participation of a number of students who would undoubtedly otherwise have been precluded from this activity. A number of parents thus benefited have been warm in their expression of appreciation for this arrangement.

BLANKETS FOR FOOTBALL SQUAD: Following a policy carried out in many communities to furnish representative athletic groups with partial equipment, which also has publicizing value, this bureau furnished the high school football squad with blankets, having sewed on initial "T", designating the group as a Torrance team. The blankets are used by the players during rest interims when, of course, bodily protection is so necessary. While this function was insignificantly small from a cost standpoint it nevertheless served in much larger proportions for those benefited, and