

TORRANCE NEWS

Reverend C. A. Reigler entertained Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mallory, of Chicago, last Sunday.

A large number of members and friends of the First M. E. church took communion last Sunday morning, at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist when the service was dedicated.

Mrs. A. Street and son have moved into the Hall property on Gramercy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Orcutt and H. C. March, and Mrs. G. A. March, of 232nd street, and Mr. T. J. March and family, of Los Angeles, picnicked Sunday at Laguna Beach.

Mrs. Walter F. Berry, of Riverdale, spent Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Torrance as the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Zeller at Central church parsonage. Mrs. Berry is a school teacher at Riverdale.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sexton of Anaheim, and Mr. J. B. Young, with his sisters, Ellen, Hazel, Abertine and Irene Young, of Puente, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Young, of Cota avenue.

Mrs. Rosa Gallimore, of Normandie street, left last week for a few weeks' visit with relatives in her former home in New York City.

Mrs. Emma Ross and her sister, Miss Minnie McLeod, of South Arlington street, are leaving in a few days for an extended visit with relatives and old friends in Boston and Nova Scotia. They will return early in autumn.

On June 1, Miss Dorothy Grambling celebrated her fifth birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grambling, 908 Cota avenue. After passing the afternoon in playing games, the little folks were served with birthday cake and ice cream. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were Helen McMarters, Ellen Tims, Happy O'Brien, Bill O'Brien, Bernice Everett, Lois Everett, Nevriel Gilbert, Marguerite Lincoln, Milcent Lincoln, Jean Wheaton, Florence Grambling, Eleanor Richards and Bettie Richards.

A meeting of the vestry of the Episcopal church was held at the residence of James H. Milburn. Plans for the future of the church were made and other business pertaining to the building of a place of worship discussed. At the conclusion of the business refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Swift, James H. Milburn, ward; A. W. Handels, treasurer; William C. Klusman, clerk; Mrs. James H. Milburn and Doris Milburn.

Methodism has always been interested in higher education. The First M. E. church of Torrance is also interested in the education of young people. The morning offering next Sunday will go to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal church for some worthy college student. In addition to this the Sunday School is paying the tuition of a Mexican boy, who is thus enabled to enter an American school.

Daddy of All Sharks

Back in Pleistocene times, a shark, 120 feet long, ranged the California coast. He also had some smaller cousins that scientists never even heard of until yesterday.

This is according to Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford University, and Prof. Chester Stark, an eminent geologist, after a hurried inspection trip yesterday to the quarries of the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company in the foothills of Palos Verdes, facing Redondo and Wilmington boulevards.

The scientists spent a few hours in the quarries and left for the East at once, saying the discoveries were of the highest scientific importance.

Dr. Jordan is going to tell the news of the discoveries to the geological research department of Yale University, and will invite that body's co-operation in their development.

TO PRESERVE FOSSILS In the meantime, the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company has put a man in charge of blasting operations with specific instructions to seek out and to preserve any fossil remains that the workmen may uncover.

Dr. Jordan and Prof. Stark arrived from the north at 9:30 a. m., and after visiting the home of S. M. Purpie, general manager of the Torrance company, at 1840 Middleton street, where about 700 fossils, taken from the quarries are stored, motored to the quarries with Mr. Purpie.

They found the limestone beds particularly rich in shark's teeth, and found one tooth about four and one-half inches long and about three inches wide which was perfectly preserved. This, Dr. Jordan declared, appeared to be of a species hitherto unknown which were much larger than modern sharks.

FOUR SPECIES "There are four species here at least," Dr. Jordan continued, "which have never been encountered before in this country, and several of them I believe to be entirely new. Then, too, there are teeth of several different species which never before have been found in the same locality." Another tooth which interested the scientists was declared to be that of a long extinct crocodile. Only a few like it, the scientists said, had been found before in America. So far no other fossilized remains of these long-dead fishes and reptiles have been found in the rocks than their teeth.

KEYSTONES

Last Saturday evening the local C.-of-C. met at Mr. Sleppy's and nominated officers for the coming year. Messrs. Roque, Morse and Marlin are nominees for president. Nominees for secretary are, Marlin, Sleppy and Le Boeuf. Any of these men will prove keen, live, wide-awake officers and it is the duty of all Keystoneites to be on hand next meeting, which will be the first Saturday night in July, and make their selection.

Keystone is growing rapidly and every one ought to take an active interest in community affairs. These meetings are the logical place to meet and decide on methods for securing needed improvements and put plans in concrete form for presentation to the larger community chamber in Torrance; then the united effort of all parties will bring results.

This is also the proper place to get acquainted with everybody in the community and exchange ideas on ways and means to a better and more contented home life. We cannot live apart from our neighbors and attain ultimate success in our enterprises. The indifferent man in any community is always the dangerous man. Let's all be loyal to Keystone and Keystone will be loyal and kind to us.

The Standard is quietly securing leases on the east side and getting ready to start drilling. It is expected that three of the large companies will start operations at the same time and it will be a race to see who brings in the first barrel of oil. Everybody is satisfied that we have plenty of the black gold under foot and that the various companies are only waiting until sufficient leases are signed up to start business and we predict that things will go off with a rush once the ice is broken. The wildcaters have found out that they can't do business in this district and have departed for other fields. This is a good sign and will go far to persuade the big fellows to get busy.

Mrs. Vogel has sold two acres of her place and we understand the new owner will soon build a nice residence on the property. Amelia street is coming rapidly to the front and it behooves others to watch their step.

Mr. Slingerlung has purchased the grocery business of Mr. Kinder and contemplates improving the equipment and entering into an active campaign for local patronage.

Mr. G. H. Sap has purchased a brand new Chevrolet car and is busy mastering the operation of the gear shifts. If the neighbors hear an unusual racket in that neighborhood some night, they can figure that George has driven clear through the garage.

We understand that a modern eating place is to be opened in the store building recently vacated by Mr. Grossman. This should be a paying venture and would get a large trade from the enormous truck traffic on the Harbor Blvd.

It looks like Mr. C. E. Whitehead, on the corner of Lucile and Wilmington, is due for a big clean-up on sweet corn. His field is not only early, but is in a flourishing condition and when you stop to think of it, there is very little acreage in sweet corn and it's sure to bring banner prices.

What's the matter with going after a community church in Keystone? It could be secured and ought to enter into our plans.

Fire Crackers—"Hardware" Reeve.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEY CALLS A PO-LICEMAN A "PEACE OFFICUH" BUT IT SHO DON' FEEL VEY PEACEFUL WEN DEY GITS ROUN' WHAH AH'S AT!!



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GARDENA REORGANIZING OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Gardena is becoming as active as a bee hive around a buckwheat patch, since J. O. Stevenson, professional organizer of chamber's of commerce started his campaign in that city a week ago, to give the valley city enough money to hire an experienced secretary and do things up right for their town.

The shoe stores' advertising "white flappers" didn't know that anything would make flappers turn pale.

It has been voted to exclude a woman from the British House of Lords, but many people will feel that that is where most women belong naturally.

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