

## Torrance Herald

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### Forum Meeting and Banquet Monday Night \*\*\*\*\* TORRANCE POSTOFFICE NOW SECOND CLASS \*\*\*\*\*

#### WHOLE TOWN IS INVITED HEAR SPEECH

Through special efforts and persistence H. D. Pottenger, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was successful in booking Governor Wm. D. Stephens to deliver an address in Torrance next Monday night, July 10, at the Forum meeting in Legion Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P. M. and after routine business is disposed of the Governor will address the gathering.

#### BOXING SHOW POSTPONED

Owing to the Union Tool Company concert and entertainment being staged on July 13 and 14 it has been decided to postpone the boxing and wrestling show announced at the last show for Friday, July 14, one week, or July 21.

Don't forget that date as you can't afford to miss the next show, because someone has informed us that there will be at least one old-fashioned grudge settled and that Scotty's opponent is going to do his best to get a fall out of Scotty. Can it be done? We don't believe it can.

Friday, July 21, that is the date and the Legion Hall is the place. Ring side seats on sale now.

#### TORRANCE SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school will begin Monday, July 10. All grades up to the High School will be taught with the exception of the B-1 and kindergarten.

#### I. O. O. F. LODGES SHOW SPEED IN WORK

The Degree Team of the Triple City Lodge No. 333, I. O. O. F., held a practice Wednesday evening of this week, and tonight (Friday, July 7) will go to Long Beach where they will confer the Initiatory Degree on a class of candidates at the Oasis Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Master Ernest W. Brumpton will install the new officers of Triple City Lodge, next Tuesday evening, July 11. After the installation a banquet will be held in the community hall at Lomita.

Next Wednesday evening the District Deputy Grand Master will install the new officers in the Centennial Lodge at Compton, Thursday evening at the Long Beach Lodge, Long Beach and Friday evening at the Oasis Lodge of Long Beach.

Long Beach Lodge will have an open installation and the work will include the installation of the new officers of Del Mar Rebekah Lodge of Long Beach. Thursday evening, July 20, the officers of the San Pedro Lodge will be installed.

#### NOTICE TO REBEKAHS

Next Wednesday evening will be the installation of officers, D.D.P. Cora Merrill will be here and all Rebekahs are requested to be present. Visiting Rebekahs welcome.

#### TRIO HELPERS

The Trio Helpers met at the home of Mrs. Emma Forsythe of Narbonne Ave., Wednesday. Delicious refreshments were served after the busy hour. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hans Anderson, 3044 Sun street.

Torrance Fiesta, August 15-19.

#### WATTS LADS VS. TORRANCE

The contests put on at the American Legion Hall last Friday night between Torrance and Watts drew a large crowd and the show was worth the money. It is evident that the Watts lads pay frequent visits to Vernon, for they showed very decisively that they were long on head work.

The results of the evening were 50-50. Watts produced one man, Wells, built on the Corbett lines and packing a Sullivan punch that is due for much notoriety just as soon as he improves his defense. The Legion promises better shows just as fast as the boys can improve their condition and a special effort is being made to make the next event a star performance.

#### COMING

Thursday and Friday, July 13-14, U. T. Co. Glee Club Concert at the Torrance Theatre. Charley Chaplin in "Pay Day" will be shown. Theatre leased to Glee Club on these dates. Secure your tickets now.

#### PALOS VERDES SURVEYORS ON THE JOB

Several engineering crews are at work on the Palos Verdes Estates.

Last Sunday a machine driven by an old soldier of Sawtelle crashed into the side of a hill, breaking the front wheel and axle. The accident was caused by too rapid driving around a curve. Moral—Don't speed on the Cliff Road.

George Taylor has had a Radio set installed at the Ranch House and will gladly demonstrate it at any time. "Bunny" Carvill installed the set.

Eugene Benoit, who was Tract Office Manager, has joined the Bettles and Bender Company which was formed for the purpose of selling non convertible notes.

A number of Lomita and Torrance convertible note holders attended the note-holders meetings held last Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Trinity Auditorium, L. A.

#### TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

An evening of cards was enjoyed Saturday, July 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone when a party of friends called to honor their Tenth Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Stone were presented with a beautiful set of Ever-Wear Aluminium ware. The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white. Refreshments of ice cream and angel food cake were served. Mrs. John Young was awarded ladies first prize in the 500 game; Mrs. Alfred Gourdir, consolation; Mr. Gourdir gentleman's first prize, W. H. Stanger, consolation. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gourdir, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanger, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dolly, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett, Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tonkin, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Marks and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stone.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schaefer of South Gramercy, July 5, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgins of North Cota, July 2, a son.

#### WHEELS OF PROGRESS IS HARDSHIP

#### No Homes for Public Institutions Cause for Building Civic Center

The wheels of progress are turning so swiftly in Torrance of late that some of our old institutions find themselves shoved out of the way, with no roof over their heads.

The Chamber of Commerce has no home.

The City Dads have no home.

The Public Library was without a home.

All because outsiders are coming in and want to stay and help build a city.

They must be taken care of, so their money is accepted for buildings, and then begin to vacate those buildings.

All this, however, merely carries out the statement in the Herald of last week that Torrance's greatest need of the hour is a Civic Center, where the Library, The Chamber of Commerce, The City Hall, The City Bastille, The City Fire Department, The Band Boys, The Auditorium, The Pavilion, The Gymnasium, The Rest Rooms, The Banquet Rooms, Etc., might be housed.

What say, Torrance?

#### MASONS PICNIC

Sunday morning a number of the members of Torrance Lodge F. & A. M. and Torrance Chapter O.E.S. met at the Pacific Electric Depot and motored to the Masonic Home for Children near Covina. About twenty-five persons left at 9:30 and the drive was greatly enjoyed as the day was just right. Arriving at the Home all registered and were then conducted in parties of seven or eight through the building. The living room with its air of hominess, where several children were seated reading was interesting. The hospital with its fine operating room and the sick wards which was empty and from the looks of the happy healthy children it may always be vacant; the drawing room where the small tables seating four or six were laid and two little girls were busy assisting the dining room chief in preparing the bread for the table and learning to serve; through the girls' building with its dormitories holding either four or six beds, according to the size of the girls. In the girls' building was a spacious living room with its piano and a small practice room with a piano. A resident music instructor is at the home. There is a domestic science cottage where four of the larger girls live for two months at a time learning to keep house. They prepare their own menu and meals and do much as they would if they were really keeping house. They are allowed to do much as they please, the supervision being from a distance. In the basement of the main building are play rooms for the small girls, several of whom were seen playing happily together. The gymnasium has a swimming pool and showers, and a large recreation room has a hardwood dancing floor and stage.

By this time the picnicers were hungry and so the well filled baskets were unpacked in the summer house which is ready for guests with its tables and chairs. There amid jokes and laughter and good things to eat an hour and a half soon passed and it was time to attend the musical entertainment to be given by the children. After the entertainment the various members started for home, nearly all taking different routes.

#### STATE BANK ORGANIZED IN TORRANCE

#### New Banking House Known As State Exchange Bank

Following closely the development of the Torrance Oil fields, announcement was made Monday that a permit had been granted to open a State Bank in Torrance. Confirmation of this bit of news was verified when J. B. Hines and R. A. Huber closed with the Dominguez Land Corporation for the building in El Prado street, their former home and the former home of the First National Bank. Action was immediately taken to find new quarters for the library and offices of the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

Officials of the new banking institution stated yesterday that just as soon as these rooms are vacated their fixtures for the bank will be moved in and it will only be a matter of a few days after until their doors are thrown open to the public.

J. B. Hines will head the officers of the new institution as president. R. A. Huber will be cashier, O. B. Kee, O. E. McCartney and others will be associated in the new concern, all, however, being experienced in oil banking business in Oklahoma.

Mr. Hines stated their bank would be conducted always for the benefit and growth of this section, particularly taking care of Torrance and its community needs. While not necessarily being in competition with other institutions, it will endeavor to take care of many of the propositions that heretofore could not be handled by other banks. The growth of Torrance henceforth ought to show a decided increase in banking, and it is presumed that deposits will soar for all institutions.

It seems this was the opportune time to ask for another bank charter for Torrance, and we believe that this city is fortunate in attracting a coterie of banking men with experience in oil districts. Its the development of Torrance oil, undoubtedly, that was responsible for bringing these gentlemen here.

Construction of a large vault 10x16 feet was begun yesterday, being built so that access may be made from either room.

#### CASTLE APARTMENTS

Miss Genevieve Barton of Gardena was a guest Thursday of Mrs. E. H. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Betton were Long Beach visitors on the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen entertained Mr. Wm. Purcell of Denver Tuesday. They were associated years ago in newspaper work.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mahon were over the Fourth visitors of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Inge at Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Thomas and daughter Miss Walker of Bakersfield have taken an apartment at the Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Truesdale, moved this week to Redondo Beach.

Mr. E. H. Allen received sad news Thursday morning that his uncle, Clinton Smith, of Fresno had passed away, Wednesday evening. Mr. Smith was president of one of the banks at Fresno.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnett of Albuquerque, N. M., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Acree, Sunday. Mr. Barnett, who operates several show houses, complimented Torrance on her theatre building.

#### BETTER MAIL SERVICE HERE

About eight months ago the Fourth District Chambers of Commerce started a movement to get railway mail car service for this end of the county. The result was that this very valuable service was started July 1 last. Including the cities of Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Venice, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Torrance, Harbor City, San Pedro, Wilmington, Long Beach, Compton and Watts.

This gives service three times per day each way. Torrance mail now arrives and departs at 7:38 A. M., 1:07, 1:42 and 5:09 P. M. making it possible for letters to arrive in Los Angeles in a little more than one hour and reaching any point on the circuit in less than two hours.

This is a big improvement over the old method as all local mail is distributed and delivered in transit instead of going into Los Angeles and being subjected to long delays and local delivery.

Postmaster Alfred Gourdir deserves a great deal of credit for his zealous efforts in securing this much needed service for Torrance.

#### PAVING PLANT SOON READY FOR ACTION

Tuesday being a holiday the city council meeting convened Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Reports showed that the Paving Company was installing a plant for mixing and handling of paving material and actual moving of dirt would begin at once. Ways and means were discussed as to securing new quarters for city hall purposes, present quarters having been sold. The fact developed that there is not a single vacant store room in Torrance. It looks like some of our bondholders are overlooking a good bet, by letting a serious condition of this kind arise. A dozen store rooms could possibly be rented before they could be finished.

The building inspectors report showed that June permits exceeded May by more than \$10,000. However, these were residences, what we need in the July report is several business houses and a hundred thousand dollar hotel, to say nothing of a city hall, library and that new high school.

#### Ruggles Bus Put On The Run

Another Ruggles Chassis has been added to the equipment of the Redondo-San Pedro Stage Line, making three Ruggles in all. As soon as the patronage of the line will warrant it, a half-hour schedule will be operated.

#### COLONIAL APARTMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Moore motored to Huntington Beach the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mitchell left for West Athens Friday where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kerber and Mr. and Mrs. C. Walter Lohr left Saturday afternoon in the former's car for Tia Juana, Mex., and returned Tuesday night. Other points of interest were stopped at on the way.

Mr. Stone and son Bobbie and friends spent the Fourth at Balboa Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hurley were Los Angeles visitors on the Fourth.

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#### BIG PROGRAM IS IN STORE FOR BOOSTERS

The regular monthly forum meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held in Legion Hall, Monday evening, July 10, at 6:00 p. m. Dinner will be served the first hour of the evening only to those holding tickets, so get yours now.

As explained in another column of this paper, Gov. Stephens will be the main speaker, and a special invitation is extended to everyone to come and hear him. If you are unable to attend the supper, come at seven and hear the interesting program, which is given absolutely free.

#### MACCABEE NOTES

Deputy Supreme Commander, Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte has called a special meeting of the officers of Torrance Review No. 37 at 2:30 So. Spring street, Los Angeles, at 2:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon.

The regular meeting of Torrance Review No. 37 will be held at Legion Hall, Tuesday evening, July 11 at 7:30. Initiation. Every member is urged to be present. Important business will be transacted.

Thursday evening Mrs. Mary Blanchard entertained the committee to work on the silk quilt to be raffled in the near future. Everybody reports a good sale of tickets.

#### VERSATILE STAR MANY DUTIES AT ONCE

William Farnum is An Actor, a Manager and a Collie For Lambs at Same Time

William Farnum, the most famous emotional actor on the screen, was a busy man during the filming of "Perjury" a William Fox super-special which will open an engagement at the Torrance Theatre Sunday and Monday, July 16-17. Not only did he have the most exacting role of his career, but in addition he had pledged himself, in a moment of enthusiasm, to assume managership duties in connection with an enterprise launched by him and Geo. C. Tyler. Besides all that, the Lambs had insisted upon making him Collie of the Christmas Gambol.

It was at the Lambs that the theatrical enterprise was launched.

Francis Wilson and De Wolf Hopper are loafing, remarked Tyler. Let's revive 'Erminie' and put them to work.

William Farnum agreed, and the two stars were cast in the parts which made them famous many years ago. When all was arranged, Farnum informed Francis Wilson and De Wolf Hopper that they were to go to work, and that he was their manager. They agreed, and the revival of "Erminie" had a successful run at the Park Theatre, where later "Perjury" enjoyed its sensational special run.

As Collie for the Lambs, Farnum gave an act of "Cyrano de Bergerac" which made a great impression, especially upon those who never had seen the screen star on the speaking stage. Many members declared Bill's Gambol the most delightful ever given at the Lambs.

All of which William Farnum found very interesting; but, in addition to his work in "Perjury," it kept him pretty busy.

After you have read this paper—pass it along.