

TORRANCE BY GEORGE W. NEIL

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buyer of property has all present public improvements included in the price of his lot.

In the building of an industrial city, model factories are not the only conditions. The word efficiency is a great word today, and several elements enter into the work of making efficient workmen the first is a living wage and that means more than bread and clothing and a roof over the head, that implies opportunities for recreation and culture, education for the children, money saved for sickness and old age. It means sufficient pay for the workman to own his own home. Thereby becoming a better American citizen and one having an active interest in the development of the community in which he lives.

In Torrance, the great majority of the people own their own homes, which speaks well not only for the workmen but the industries. These houses are sold on easy payments, 10% cash, balance in 60 equal payments.

One phase of the Torrance development is the planting of trees. Thousands of oak, palm, pepper and eucalyptus have been permanently placed, parks are thickly shrubbed and beautified with roses and other flowering plants on the theory that you can always thin out, but that it takes years to fill in.

Torrance is restricted against non-caucasians (negroes) Japanese, Chinamen and for the purpose of this interpretation, Hindus. This restriction specifies that property shall not be sold, rented or leased to the non-caucasian. On the other hand, this restriction does not eliminate the non-caucasian from employment as a household servant. Foreign quarters have been established, however, adjacent to the city where there is a population of about five hundred at the present time and the same fair treatment is given the non-caucasian that is accorded others.

The city is divided into three districts, business, residence and industrial. And neither of these are allowed to encroach on the other. The building restrictions have done more to make Torrance an attractive city than any other one thing. The central business section does not admit of frame construction. Brick or the equivalent must be used and the buildings must be two or more stories in height. In the residence section a certain locality is restricted to homes costing at least five thousand dollars. In the remainder of the residence district the present restrictions call for homes costing at least twenty-five hundred dollars. There is an addition, also, adjacent to the city without any restrictions whatever. As a result of these restrictions the visitor to Torrance today sees ten large industrial plants, employing over three thousand men. These plants face the street bordering on the industrial district, each with its little park in front. He sees splendid store buildings in the business district, and beautiful homes on attractive streets that will compare favorably with anything in Southern California. Entertainment is a luxury, but may be considered a necessity, particularly in an industrial town. At Torrance an athletic field of 25 acres has been set aside for the residents. Children's play grounds are provided in connection with the schools. A motion picture auditorium costing \$40,000.00 under course of construction. A fine club house for a men's social club is in contemplation.

No city is complete without its Chamber of Commerce. Torrance is fortunate in having a live Chamber of Commerce, whose officers and membership have given lavishly of their time and to who a great deal of the credit is due in the upbuilding of our city. Torrance has every advantage demanded by the modern manufacturer's spacious sites at moderate prices, all modern improvements, electric power, fuel oil, gas piped in from Los Angeles, abundant cheap water supply. The highest type of skilled workers and proximity to a harbor whose importance is becoming world-wide. The ideal climate also is a big factor in favor of manufacturers and workers alike, as it enables the building of practically open air industrial plants where healthy conditions are guaranteed the year around. The products manufactured in Torrance will have the shortest route to eastern points by way of the Panama Canal, the shortest route to South American points, and the shortest direct route to the Orient.

Liberalism marks the Torrance development. There is not a 25-foot lot in the town. Most of the lots have 50-foot frontage and are 140 feet deep. Surrounding the town additions have been laid out in

acre and half-acre tracts. Here the industrial worker may have his own little ranch which he can reach within a few minutes after leaving the factory. A man, working two hours a day with his wife and children helping through the day could make practically his whole living from his acre and put his daily savings in the bank. If the factory shut down, if labor troubles should come, if anything should interrupt his earning capacity he, his wife and his children would never need worry about keeping the wolf from the door. The acre, the cow, the chickens would keep food on the table. Just picture the little ranch planted with oranges, lemons, grape fruit, peach, apricot, fig blum, with roses blooming all the year around. Where in the world could a better location have been found for America's first Industrial Garden City? Within a few minutes ride from the beach where the broad Pacific unceasingly rolls with in an hour's ride over splendid boulevards from the beautiful mountains adjacent to Los Angeles, amid flowers and sunshine, surely posterity will bless the name of J. S. Torrance for his vision and wisdom in giving the industrial worker an opportunity to live under such an environment.

BEAUTIFUL SPANISH CHALET

A charming little home in which simplicity dominates, yet magnificent in all its details which have been adopted by the designer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sammons of Guadalupe street, Torrance, were found sitting in their large living room of their new "Spanish Chalet" cottage, enjoying the comforts of home life that is only offered by a homey-homey cottage. Few homes have had the minute details of labor-saving devices worked into their kitchens, living rooms, dining rooms, basement, hallways, and annexes, as is found here. As we passed from room to room, striking features in modern home structure were observed, and those contemplating building would be wise to give this modern edifice at least a passing glance of the interior. The most significant feature is the natural light that each nook and corner receives, even on a cloudy or foggy morning. While many of the windows are of varied-colored glass, the natural rays are not cut off. Built-in devices on the rear porch offers plenty of room and the electric washing machine with large stationary tubs are easily covered when not in use, making a beautiful stand. In the kitchen the latest improvements are found in every way of cleverly arranged sinks and draining boards with mountings of glazed tile, Chambers' Fireless Gas Range, which is the most complete labor saving cook stove known to housewives. Hardwood floors are a minor item as one passes from the dining room to the living rooms, three bed rooms, magnificent fire places and into the basement where two special instantaneous gas heaters are placed to keep the temperature of the upper rooms uniform. These are controlled by buttons on the first floor and all that is required to heat one of the front rooms is merely to press a button and a tiny red light shows the heat is on. Another pressure of the button extinguishes the fire and the red light disappears.

Off the dining and living room the doors open into a beautiful Payto, specially designed by Mrs. Sammons. This is covered with an awning, the sides being that of the dining and front rooms, and special pieces of "lounging" furniture is placed there for an hour or two of relaxation and comfort.

Its appearance from the street is striking because of the stucco finish, covering hollow tile walls. Each window is overhung with a special awning or roofing tile that adds grace and character to the appearance, the large driveways lead to a garage, is commodious and opens on one side to a lattice circled yard where the fowls of thriving families are an important factor these times.

First Baptist Church

The regular Sunday services at the Baptist church of Torrance, are as follows:

Sunday school, 9:30, D. C. Turner, Superintendent.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Junior C. E., 6:00 p. m.
Senior C. E., 6:45 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.
"For by Grace are ye saved thru faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."—Ephesians 2:8.

NOTICE

Open meeting, Friday evening, November 5, 7:30 o'clock at the Lomita Hall. Everybody come who is interested in winter base ball in Lomita.—J. H. Beckham.

The Modern Woodmen of America believes in the home, first, last and all the time. That is why the organization lives and prospers.

TORRANCE ITEMS

Fred Lessing and family took a week-end trip to Elsinore, camping.

Supervisor McClellan's lecture on "Alaska" proved very interesting and was very well attended.

Ed. Brennan has already moved into the new home being built for him on Portola street.

Mrs. Tingley of North Arlington mourns the loss by death of her mother, a few days ago in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Rose Bell, Mrs. L. J. Acree's mother, arrived from Missouri.

D. C. Turner, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, secured the Christmas programs and the committee is ready to begin work.

Most of his friends on that list of 500 are yet waiting to hear from "Hardware" Reeve, who, with his son Jack is touring the Easter states.

The Baptist Missionary Society will hold their regular monthly business meeting and also their mission study, Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Steinbiller and son Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Rappaport, Mrs. Ema Smith and others are motoring to Long Beach Tuesday evening to attend the theater and get the returns of the election.

The discussion at the high school upon the amendments while not so largely attended as such an important matter deserved to be, was provocative of much argument, pro and con and brought out questions and ideas from all, encouraged by Principal Barnett.

J. B. Wells of the Union Tool office force, now living temporarily in Los Angeles will soon move into his new home at Clifton-by-the-Sea. We note that our Electrician and Hardware firm has a brand new Ford delivery car. We are sure it will soon learn where the Torrance turn on Harbor Boulevard is.

George Proctor looks like a very small man in that new Buick, and we wonder if he does not feel a bit lost at times. We knew Big George in that little Ford, and how the war bonds came a rolling in. What would happen if George should start out in that big Buick? We gamble the bonds would be over-subscribed three times. Who can tell. Nipponance look out.

Mrs. Harry Jones of North Arlington street was taken suddenly and severely ill one day last week. Dr. J. S. Lancaster—who was called pronouncing the difficulty as high blood pressure. With his consent she was later removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Crown, in Hollywood, where she is slowly recovering.

The Maccabees were entertained in the home of Mrs. Guyan last Friday evening, Mrs. Guyan and Mrs. Robertson being the joint hostesses. Some of the guests came in sheet and pillow slip costumes, a general good time was the spirit of the evening. Among those present were: Mrs. Steinbiller, Mrs. Morford, Mrs. Guyan, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Lessing, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Stadig, Mrs. Davis. The house was very prettily decorated in fall flowers and beautiful autumn leaves and corn stalks.

The Paiges with Dr. Kinney of Long Beach motored to Redlands Sunday, starting early, going by way of Fullerton, and Brea canyon. They cooked breakfast, bacon, potatoes and coffee sizzling hot beneath a huge tree in the canyon. We said it sounded good: They ran into a "norther" on Ontario but by "battering-down the hatches" made the run calmly and comfortably; at Rialto, which marked the limit of the gale, three loads of tourists from New York and other Eastern points were telling of their trips across continent. All were bound for Los Angeles. The query arises: Could they get in anywhere?

Last week J. H. Pickering, real estate agent of Lomita, published a few choice lots for sale in the Lomita "News Letter," sister publication of the Torrance Enterprise, and yesterday a party from Bakersfield called to see him and stated that he had come all the way from East Bakersfield to buy one of those lots, stating that he had seen the advertisement in last week's issue. After a few hours of debate with his wife Mrs. Jackson, Pete decided to catch the "Owl" and come to Lomita at once and close the deal. He did, and it will not be long until Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jackson will again be numbered among the residents of this valley.



Snap shot taken of a Glass Blower in the Torrance Window Glass Company Shop at 12:00 o'clock Midnight.—Torrance Enterprise Photo.

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

"Back Talk"

The statement was during the campaign that there would be many a voter, who, not having had the opportunity (I believe inclination would be a better word) to become posted upon the real meaning of many of the amendments, would not vote at all. Besides there is a vast army to whom the suffrage is a huge joke, (and that means both sexes,) and typical of them is the flippant remark, "Oh, put down X any old place." This is respectfully called to the attention of our leaders of thought in every community. Who are the leaders of thought in your community?

Many men, many minds. It was this writer's privilege to be one of several thousands listening to a clergyman, speaking earnestly and intelligently in a general way upon the amendments, and in a way most emphatic upon the League of Nations. This was a religious meeting—no question about that at all, led by a man consecrated to the cause of the Christ he preached; and bringing the strong light of Christian insight to bear upon this should-be sacred duty which every citizen within sound of this man's voice would go forth within 48 hours to perform. Nor did he make any apology, and why, ask yourself frankly, should he? Yet, I have listened to other clergymen apologize abjectly for the merest reference while in the pulpit, to all such matters. The word "political" seems to them to wear hoofs, horns and a tail. On the other hand there are certain religionists whose leaders rarely fail to enlighten their hearers as to how, in the opinion of said leaders, the laymen should vote. If that advice always squares up with Right, we need have nothing to fear; but if not—weil, this has been going on for years. And it is all food for thought.

Central Evangelical Church

Edwin L. Weatherwax, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Geo. Streit, Supt. Junior Girls and Boys chorus sing at 10:15 every Sunday morning. Morning worship at 10:45. Rev. Otto Spreng of Ohio will preach. Evening worship at 7:30. Pastor will preach. Choir will render special music both in the morning and evening. The Junior chorus will sing at the evening worship—hear them!
Young peoples alliance, 6:45 p. m. Miss Katherine Burmaster, president. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—C. W. Northrup, class leader. Choir-Chorus rehearsal meeting Friday, 7:30 p. m.
C. H. Van Hellen, Supt. Music. Mrs. Perry G. Brincy, director. A welcome awaits you at Central—the homey church.

Central Evangelical church worship was well attended last Sunday both in the morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. Edwin L. Weatherwax preached on "The New Testament." In the morning the choir rendered a beautiful anthem. The evening—Rev. Otto Spreng of Ohio, preached a very effective sermon on "The Good Old Way." and Mr. Warren Webster rendered a splendid solo most effectively. The pastor of Central church accompanied by Rev. Spreng and some of Central church members hold worship every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in Long Beach where a congregation is being gathered of Evangelical members and a new church may be built in that city in the near future.

SPEED LAWS YOU MUST KNOW

It is unlawful to exceed 35 miles per hour.

It is unlawful to exceed 30 miles per hour except in the day time when the driver has a clear view of the highway ahead and of all highways intersecting it within 400 feet ahead of him to a distance of at least 400 feet from the highway on which he is traveling and there is no person, vehicle or other object ahead of him within 400 feet or on any such intersecting highway within 400 feet of the center line of the highway on which he is traveling.

It is unlawful to exceed 20 miles per hour in any "closely built up" territory. Such territory must be marked by the red triangular 20 mile signs required by Section 1 of the California Vehicle Act.

It is unlawful to exceed 15 miles per hour in any business district. Such district must be marked by the green triangular 15 mile signs required by Section 1 of the California Vehicle Act.

It is unlawful to exceed 15 miles per hour in approaching grade crossings or in approaching or crossing intersecting highways or in going around curves when in any of these cases the driver's view is obstructed.

It is unlawful to exceed 10 miles per hour in crossing railroad grade crossings when the driver's view of the railroad tracks is not clear for at least 400 feet on each side of the road he is traveling.

The speed of trucks is not governed by the above schedule, but is limited in accordance with their weight.—Tourist Topics.

BUILDING OF HOMES A VITAL ISSUE

A news dispatch of great importance conveys the information that the Pacific fleet, a part of which is stationed in a local port could not be held there if more homes were not provided. While it is true that there is some lull in building of late, yet there ought to be some action taken to stimulate home building if for no other reason than to ease for this one demand alone. These are uncertain times on the Pacific coast and it is of importance to everyone in Southern California that this fleet remain in local harbors, especially is this true for property owners. We want the fleet to remain in the south, homes must be provided, for its men, and if they cannot be provided, the result is easily seen. Now is the time to act, not after the fleet is gone. Build a home, though it be only a small one. Some of the most comfortable homes in the land are the inexpensive ones.

Speaking of the League of Nations, this man told us that, if Wilson's 14 points and the Sermon on the Mount were placed side by side, we should find that they paralleled almost point for point. Yet the author of the Sermon on the Mount was "despised, hated, and rejected of men." Has the treatment meted out to President Wilson been much better? And if, as we have been told, the spirit of hatred reacts upon the later, finally, William Randolph Hearst and several hundred others are due to be feeling ill before long. If one may judge him by his vitriolic attacks.

W. C. Middleton of Portola has moved, to Redlands.

WANT ADS

Per line10c
Minimum charge25c

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Fresh cow, James Fryer, Brethren St., Lomita. tf.

FOR SALE—New house and new garage, large lot, in Torrance Park. A. H. Bartlett, P. O. Bldg. Torrance, Phone 1. tf

FOR SALE—By owner, new 4-room house and screen porch and garage, one-fourth acre of land, D. Adamson, Redondo Road, near Narbonne Ave. tf

FOR SALE—I young cow, \$100; 12-in. breaking plow; 50-tooth t section harrow; 1 eight disk harrow; 1 potato digger; one mowing machine and rake; one set double harness, \$100 takes the lot or will separate.—J. H. Beckham, West Chestnut Street, Lomita, Cal. tf.

FOR SALE—Dining room chairs, bed, rug, etc. Mrs. Frank Sammons, Guadalupe street, Torrance. 1t

FOR SALE—Good garage, 12 x 16 at corner 263 and Athena, Harbor City. A Bargain. See W. J. Wood, 1800 E. Anaheim, Long Beach. 1tpd.

FOR SALE—A Singer sewing machine in good condition, \$15 cash. Phone 48-J.

FOR SALE—Ford Truck, worm drive, stake body, like new for \$650, at Narbonne ranch house. Mrs. M. A. Chapman, Lomita, Cal. 1tpd.

FOR SALE—6-room modern house with bath room. Large back porch and large garage and one acre. All modern conveniences. Inquire at Mrs. A. J. Applin, on corner of Miller and Narbonne st. Lomita. 3tpd.

FOR SALE—6 acres of the choicest land in Lomita, facing on Redondo-Wilmington Blvd. Light sandy soil and fine for all kinds of small fruit or an orchard. Protected from wind, fog and frost by the Palos Verdes Hills. You could double your money by cutting up into lots or half acres. For quick sale, special price will be made. For information inquire at the Lomita Printing office. tf

FOR SALE—50 gal. water tank and heater attachment for bath room; also stationary wash basin with hot and cold water attachments. H. Evans, Weston St., Harbor City.

FOR SALE—One acre and 4-room plastered house, garage, cow barn, chicken house and corrals, 1/2-acre alfalfa, (good stand) 100 feet bearing hynamaly blackberries, 7-year-old fruit trees of all kinds including oranges, lemons, tangerines, grape fruit, apples, pears, peaches, apricots, figs, almonds, and other choice fruits. Corner acre, high and slightly with beautiful cypress hedge. Information inquire at Lomita Printing Co.

FOR SALE—The best buy in Lomita—two houses and two acres. See J. A. Smith, Lomita.

FOR SALE—2 lots 100x140, close to school house. 1 lot 120x240, \$25 down, \$10 per mo. J. H. Pickering, Lomita. O29-N19-Pd.

WANTED

WANTED—A wood stove. Inquire of Geo. E. Riley, Oak St., Lomita. 1t

WANTED—In or near Lomita, a small improved chicken ranch. Reasonable, easy terms. Write H. Hugh, 227 E. Seaside Blvd., Long Beach, Cal. 1t.

WANTED—Order a new Ford. Old cars taken in at a fair price. Terms on new Ford, one-third down, 10 equal payments. See Bright, Delta Electric Co. Lomita.

WANTED—To buy logs and calves. J. P. Worthington, Cherry St., near Narbonne, Lomita. Dec. 28 p

WANTED—Plowing, discing, furrowing, tractor work. Apply of Chas. Gerner, cor. Elgin and Narbonne, Lomita.

LOMITA POSTOFFICE HAS RECORD BREAKING MAIL

Last Monday was a record day for the Lomita post office, when they received a mail bag containing eighteen pounds of first class mail. This is the largest single incoming consignment ever received on any one day since the opening of the post office several years ago. On account of the heavy mails, a delay of an hour will be experienced until after the holidays, in distributing the morning mail, and patrons should call between 11:00 and 11:30 a. m. their letters and second-class matter. It is requested by Postmaster Smith that all Xmas packages mailed as early as possible in order to insure delivery in time.

JUDGE POST SERIOUSLY HURT

Judge Post of Torrance is confined to his home with a fractured hip as the result of a bad fall. Mr. Post was mowing his lawn in front of his home and stepped backward while near the edge of the embankment and fell violently to the cement sidewalk, fracturing the femur bone in his left leg. He will be at home for several weeks under the care of Dr. J. S. Lancaster.