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GOING STRONG IN RACE FOR THE PENNANT FLAG

UNION TOOL BALL TEAM GOING STRONG AS FANS BECOME ENTHUSIASTIC

Saturday, February 5.—It was a fine day for the Chinese National pastime—not for the American—and the manner in which batted balls cavorted in the flying sand, dust and other debris bore close resemblance to kite-flying with a tailless kite. The game was replete with errors, every one pardonable and expected. In fact everyone wondered why there were not more. All hands, players and spectators alike, spent the intervals between hits and runs and plays in excavating Dominguez acres and half acres from their eyes.

The Blake-Moffitts scored in the first on a couple of the above mentioned errors and a safe bingle to right. And to make the game interesting the Utees run two scores across the pan in their half. During these plays, Malott suffered a severe jolt on the after section of his cranium when the catcher tried to throw to first.

The paper dispensers rung in a new pitcher in the second frame, and right off he walks Templeton who was caught off second when Newby bunted. Widener then

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SUPPORT YOUR BALL TEAM

The universal support accorded the Torrance Merchants Base Ball Team on the part of the business men is worthy of praise, and the same ought to be said of the fans.

At an expense of \$125 a fine grandstand was built, eighty dollars of which was subscribed by the Merchants and the balance paid by the ball team. There are other expenses in the way of base balls, some games requiring the expenditure of \$5 or more for balls, besides dressing room rent and other incidentals. Base ball suits for the team amounted to \$175 which has been paid by contribution, all these different amounts being cheerfully and gladly given, and now it is up to you fans who attend the game to "pop" open and don't dodge the "collector." It takes money to keep a winning team going. Show Manager Hewson that you are back of his efforts and when he needs to import a player to win a game, see that he has the means to get the players he needs.

NEW FURNITURE STORE OPEN

The Medbery Furniture Company under the management of C. A. Medbery, have opened a store in the same building with the American Cafe, opposite the Union Tool Company, carrying a complete line of new house furnishings.

Mr. Medbery was formerly in the furniture business in Texas and Oklahoma, but for the past six years has been in San Francisco and overseas. His father is at present conducting a furniture store in Long Beach and his brother at Clinton, Oklahoma. No doubt there are a number of Torrance people who have at some time traded with one of these stores.

Mr. Medbery is welcomed to Torrance by the progressive citizens, who wish him all possible success.

LAMP POSTS PAINTED

The Dominguez Land Corporation is not overlooking even the minutest details this spring to have Torrance put into spic and span shape. After pruning, trimming and cultivating all shrubbery, resurfacing curbs and lawns around public buildings, new pavements connected, they now are having the lamp posts around town painted a light green. E. N. Tomkins has the contract.

RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Major N. F. Jamieson returned the fore part of the week from Europe and will make Torrance his future home.

DISPLAY AT ORANGE SHOW

The Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company have made arrangements for a display of their lime fertilizer product at the San Bernardino Orange Show, and a large booth will display many freak samples found at the quarry. A new manager will soon be in charge and the output of lime fertilizer will be trebled. Practically every citrus fruit grower in the valley is becoming interested in this product, because of its cheapness and superior quality. Great results are expected from the demonstration at the Orange Show.

CITIZENS LOSING VALUABLE FOWLS

CHICKEN THIEVES BUSY RAIDING FEATHERY COOPS

Sneak thieves were busy during the still hours Monday night and relieved Frank Sammons of Cota street, Torrance, of eight of his choice Rhode Island Red hens which were highly prized by Mr. and Mrs. Sammons. The same evening E. L. Weatherwax pastor of Central church lost eight fine Plymouth Rock hens. In Lomita that same evening five or six different chicken roosts were visited by the thieves and at each place eight hens were taken. Mrs. Samuels, corner of Miller and Cypress streets, lost eight. Norman Goeckel of N. Normandie lost a similar number, several other shortages in flocks of chickens were reported. Clyde Davenport of Arizona street had a team of horses stolen while he was eating supper Monday night.

DAILY EXCURSIONS

M. L. May, general salesmanager for the Dominguez Land Corporation has inaugurated free excursion trips to Torrance from Los Angeles every day and is well pleased with results. Three excursions have been made this week and several sales have been closed on the tract west of the High School building.

CHAUTAUQUA AN ASSURED TREAT

RAY ANDREWS KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Ray Andrews has advised that if it is possible, he will see that the Chautauqua will be held at a later date this year. He says that the six-day circuit has to make 140 towns during this season and he will do his utmost to please the Torrance people as to the time of the Assembly. Mr. Andrews informs the chairman of the executive committee of Torrance that the very best artists have been booked for this season and that the Chautauqua will be a rare treat for everyone who attends. Season tickets and all advertising matter will be here in time this year to give the affair plenty of publicity and no doubt will prove the greatest success yet experienced in Torrance.

BOWLING TEAM TO LONG BEACH

Geo. W. Neill and C. A. Paxman accompanied by their respective bowling teams visited the Long Beach Bowling Alleys Tuesday evening for their week's game. The team captained by Mr. Neill won the first three games out of four.

AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT

The Dominguez Land Corporation has laid a cement sidewalk in the Flagpole Memorial Square, thereby eliminating the danger of pedestrians from injury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stone of Gramercy street entertained at cards Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanger.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The regular business meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held last Monday night, was full of interest and many subjects were discussed.

School Facilities—Mr. Andem reported that he had received a letter from the Board of Education which stated that careful consideration is being given to the needs of the Torrance School District, and such provisions will be made as, in the judgment of the Board, will be consistent with the amount of available funds.

The increase of attendance at the school, indicates the healthy growth of Torrance.

Membership Drive Banquet—There will be a Chamber of Commerce Banquet in the near future for the purpose of increasing the membership of the chamber. It is desired that all public spirited citizens be members of this Body and have a part in the discussion of subjects pertaining to the welfare of Torrance. It is expected that there will be 150 to 200 present at this banquet. Mr. Proctor as chairman, P. F. Brown and Harry Dolley are making all arrangements. Watch for the announcement.

Public-Spirited Ladies—The next social meeting of Chamber of Commerce will take place on February 21 to which the ladies are invited. At this meeting, Mr. Rosecrans, secretary of the L. A. County Farm Bureau will deliver an address. There will be other speakers. The intention is to establish a Farm Bureau in connection with the Chamber of Commerce.

Hospital—Mr. Isenstein made a report on the Hospital that is to be erected, and the Chamber passed a resolution of thanks for the donation of Mr. Torrance and offered every assistance desired in a drive to sell shares in the Association. Every citizen should have a part in the erection and maintenance of this hospital.

Torrance City Band—Andem, Paige and Reeve were appointed on a committee to see that a Band Stand is erected in the Park. The Band has done splendid work for our town and are to be complimented on their faithfulness and generosity in furnishing music. They have placed the band at the service of the Incorporation Committee. They should have our hearty support. In the near future, we hope that they may be furnished with uniforms. The city should feel proud of such a good band.

Fiesta—The next Fiesta promises to be a very large affair and preparations are to begin for it at once. The Committee that served last year was elected to take charge of the Fiesta this year. Announcements will be made later!

Community Building Company—A committee comprising—Proctor, Gilbert, Isenstein, Klussman, Casteel, was appointed to investigate the merits of the Community Building Company, and to report back to the Chamber. A resolution was adopted that before any stock selling proposition is endorsed by the chamber, a committee of five must investigate and report back to the chamber. Every effort should be made to encourage the building of houses in Torrance, for there are hundreds now who want to live here, and there will be hundreds more in the future. It is hoped that the Community Building Company will be a large factor in the growth of Torrance.

Registration—Every citizen who has lived in Torrance the required length of time, should register at once, if they have not done so, to be qualified to vote at the election for incorporation of Torrance as a city. Registration book at Mr. Pruitt's office.

Attention was called to the repairs made to the street crossings by the Pacific Electric Railway Company. Mr. Proctor, chairman of Incorporation Committee, made a report indicating good progress.

Mr. Proctor, president of the Fourth District Chambers of Commerce, announced the meeting to be held in Gardena February 10, and urged as many as possible to be present. The subject of Vermont Ave. will come up at that meeting.—E. X. Andem, Pres.

BELGIAN LACE HERE

A rare collection of Belgian Lace, which was hidden away from the Germans when they overran Belgium with an army of occupation, has found its way to Torrance, and may be seen at The Needle Shop, Steffen Building, and those who are in need of articles of rarity would do well to call and see this wonderful display.

RAIL ROAD CROSSINGS PAVED

The crossings over the rail road tracks of the Pacific Electric have been paved by the Pacific Electric, thanks to the chamber of commerce and the Dominguez Land Corporation, who severally sent petitions to Los Angeles asking for this improvement to be made.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

E. L. WEATHERWAX, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:00 a. m. Rev. Streitt, Supt. Morning service, at 10:45. Rev. Otto Spreng will preach on "Prayer and Missions. Young People's Alliance at 6:30.

Evening Worship, instead of sermon, Mrs. Anna Rank, will speak. She has been for several years missionary to Japan and China. Her daughter Esther will sing in Chinese language and son James will speak Chinese. This is under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society and is Day of Prayer. A liberal offering will be received at the meeting.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30, led by Rev. Spreng. A cordial welcome awaits everyone at Central Church.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SQUIRRELS

The Dominguez Land Corporation is conducting a campaign to eradicate squirrels and gophers in Torrance, and ask the co-operation of every resident. The County Sanitary Inspector at San Pedro was consulted for advice as to the best method to pursue to eliminate these pests, and Carbon Bi-Sulphide was recommended. The inspector also made a request that the dead squirrels be sent to their laboratory for experimental work.

WINNERS RECEIVE HANDSOME PRIZES

MACABEE LODGE HOLD SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT

The social and card party given in the lodge hall of the Macabees last Tuesday evening proved very successful and more gatherings of the kind are being planned. Prizes were awarded the winners as follows: Mrs. F. L. Parks, first prize; Virginia Watson, second; Mrs. H. Anderson, consolation prize. Frank Steinhilber received the first prize for gentlemen and F. L. Parks, second. Ed Kern, consolation.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend installation ceremonies on Tuesday evening, February 15. El Segundo will visit the lodge and have charge of the initiatory work.

SUNDAY DINNER PARTY

Mrs. May of the McKinley Inn was hostess Sunday to a number of was arranged for her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Huddleston of Huntington, West Virginia. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nutty, Miss Rena Nutty, Frank Nutty, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Doss, Mrs. H. A. Doss, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Romayne Shaw and son Elmer, all of Los Angeles; Mrs. I. V. Blanchard of Springfield, Mass.; Miss Pudence Green of Elsinore, Frank Appel of Denver, C. A. McCullum of Salinas, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Huddleston, Warren Webster and Mrs. May McKinley and son Forrest of Torrance.

UNIVERSALS PLAY GREAT BALL GAME

UNIVERSALS PLAY GREAT BASE BALL

Sunday, February 6.—A large crowd gathered at the local baseball diamond this afternoon to witness what had promised to be a baseball game. The weather was serene, a light breeze blew from the northwest, the sun shone down in true baseball style, and the stage was all set for an afternoon of pleasurable sport. Hopes ran high, confidence was in every breast. And then—what a disagreeable surprise—the Torrance Merchants had taken a big bite.

Kessler struck out the first man, but his action evidently made the next batter peeved as he swatted one safe without any hesitation or compunction whatever, and then scored on an error and a long fly to center. Their fourth man up also put one in safe territory, but was out in trying to stretch it into a double. The Torrance Merchants had a bad day. Rigg fanned, Malott fanned, and our shortstop dropped a weak one to second for the third out.

The second netted the Universals a couple more safe hits, and a thrill for the fans when Rigg leaped high in the air, grabbed a wrist-cracker and touched third for a double play. Same old story. Pop pin fanned, Gomes fouled out to right, and Sanger fanned.

The third frame was uninteresting. The fourth showed a like result, excepting they got another hit. The action in the game came from the Universals hitting and Torrance.

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INVESTMENTS DEMAND INCORPORATION PROTECTION ALSO

BOOST AND VOTE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF TORRANCE

(By W. T. Klussman)

A community that employs thousands of men and women in its immense factories and shops.

With a monthly payroll of nearly half a Million Dollars.

More factories under construction and more coming.

Property and improvement valuations close to twenty millions of dollars.

A fine school, three churches, two drug stores, two grocery stores, two hardware stores, three furniture stores, five restaurants, five modern up-to-date hotels, four butcher shops, one department store, three dry goods stores.

A solid bank and another one building.

A fifty thousand dollar auditorium under construction. Two garages and other business houses.

Twelve miles of fine paved streets, sewers, gas, water, electricity, fine sidewalks with shade trees.

Torrance has all of this and thousands of fine homes with a progressive lot of people occupying each home.

Only one important thing is missing—"SELF GOVERNMENT." It is almost unbelievable—but such is a fact.

Citizens of Torrance: Consider the facts. You must realize that foremost of all things—Torrance MUST be incorporated at any cost whatsoever.

Boost and Vote for Incorporation of Torrance—and be sure and cast your vote for W. T. Klussman, candidate for Trustee.

WHO THEY ARE

W. T. Klussman was regularly elected treasurer of the Citizens Committee and later was regularly nominated for City Trustee and endorsed by "everybody."

Mr. Klussman has always taken an active interest in the welfare of Torrance in the past and will double his energies in the future.

Last week we set forth the good qualities of some of the candidates on the ticket, but we also wish to remind the public of

Mr. W. H. Gilbert, candidate for the office of City Trustee. He has been in Torrance for a year and has always identified himself with all civic enterprises in our community and all may be assured that a vote for Mr. Gilbert will prove results.

J. H. Fitzhugh,—careful, thorough, deliberating in all matters for the promotion of the interests of Torrance, should receive a large vote and given a chance to prove his worth.

C. H. Long, who will surely give citizens of his district a square deal if elected, will receive fair consideration at the polls.

Our ability fails us when it comes to Mr. Bartlett. We will let him do the talking and while you are making your selection for the trustees, don't forget W. T. Klussman.

That the people of Torrance are unanimous in incorporation is indicated by the very fact that they are voluntarily contributing to defray incorporation expenses.

Paid up.....\$215.00
Total-Subscribed.....\$325.00
W. T. KLUSSMAN,
Treasurer Citizens Committee.

FLAG POLE FOUNDATION IN

The foundation for the big Flag Pole has been placed, through the efforts of Frank Sammons and F. L. Parks, and soon the big pole will be raised. The flag will be unfurled to signal the memory of our heroes.

Refresh yourself at the Roi Tan Soda Fountain.—Advertisement