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## Betterment of Water Service to be Discussed

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Tuesday evening October 18. Reports of the standing committees were on routine business only. The marshal reported that with a few tardy exceptions the license fees for the fourth quarter had been collected. It is pleasing to note that out-of-town firms and individuals doing business in the City of Torrance are paying their license fees without protest or exception. Several other municipalities have had more or less trouble in the past in the collection of license tax.

Several communications of public interest were read. A copy of a letter from the Pacific Electric Railway Co.'s chief engineer to the Torrance Water, Light and Power Co. gave several valuable suggestions as to the betterment of the water distributing system. This matter is to be discussed in the near future in a joint meeting to be held between the trustees of the city and officers of the Water Co. and the Land Co.

Another communication of particular interest was that from the Board of Supervisors, which was read, and which we believe is well worth quoting in part:

"The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County has become increasingly aware of the fact that with the rapid expansion and growth of municipalities within the county there are arising problems that are of common concern to both the municipalities and the county. Most of these questions, it seems, have to do with physical matters, such as street layouts, acceptance of new subdivisions, sanitary drainage, water supply, zoning, etc." The letter continues with an invitation to meet in conference with representatives of other municipalities and the supervisors to discuss the advisability of forming a permanent regional planning conference. Chairman Proctor and City Engineer Postle were appointed representatives from Torrance to the first meeting to be held October 26. It is felt that if such a conference can be formed a great amount of good can be done in unifying the sentiments of different communities having common interests. The Fourth District Chamber of Commerce is doing good work along these lines, and will be glad to have such a body as this conference to carry their recommendations through to headquarters.

Ordinance No. 11, regulating the presenting, auditing and paying of demands upon city funds, was given.

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## FIESTA QUEEN MARRIED



Miss Erma Morford and Robert C. Wood were married last Saturday in the parsonage of the Congregational church of Los Angeles by Reverend Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Satchell were the accompanying witnesses. It will be remembered that the bride was the graceful and beautiful Queen of the Fiesta and has lived in Torrance since childhood. She has been employed for some time in the office of the Union Tool Co. Mr. Wood formerly lived in Torrance, but at the present is working as a steel maker at the Southern California Steel and Iron Company of Los Angeles, in which city they are to make their home. This popular young couple are receiving the congratulations and good wishes of their many friends in Torrance.

## SURPRISE PARTY

A delightful surprise party was given Mrs. Dwyre Roubideaux of Cota Ave., Tuesday afternoon, October 18, when a number of Royal Neighbors and friends gathered with refreshments, gifts, and made merry all afternoon.

The guests were, Mrs. Roubideaux's parents of Los Angeles, Mrs. Zahradnick, Mrs. Von Hagen, Mrs. J. H. Fess, Mrs. Ray Richards, Mrs. Ed. Brennan, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Messome, Mrs. Staplefeldt, Mrs. A. B. Denny, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. P. F. Brown, the hostess and others.

## CHORAL SOCIETY DRAFTING BY-LAWS

The constitution and by-laws of the Choral Society are in the hands of the committee, and a meeting will be called in the near future to decide ways and means for further steps of the society.

The American Legion Torrance Post No. 170 ask you to save Monday night, October 31, for the grand masquerade dance to be given in their hall. One of the best orchestras has been secured for the occasion and a fine time is assured. No dancers will be allowed on the floor unmasked before 10 o'clock.

"When Dawn Came"—Sunday November 6 Torrance Theatre.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

All ex-service men, their mothers, wives and sisters are cordially invited to attend a meeting of Torrance Post, No. 170, of the American Legion, Monday evening, October 24, at 8:00 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Carrol Marks, Junior State President of the Woman's Auxiliary American Legion, will be present and have charge of the meeting, and probably Bunon Fitts, State Commander of the American Legion, will be there.

Come and learn what this great woman's organization is doing. You will be interested.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL, TORRANCE  
SPECIAL PROGRAM REFRESHMENTS

## TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

One day last week an automobile was passing the school, going towards Redondo and traveling at an unknown speed, failed to stay on the right-hand side of the street and landed on the school lawn, leaving one wheel behind. It was extremely lucky that this happened outside of school hours. It is known that this is one of the most dangerous corners ever placed in front of a school building, but it is hoped that the street may be partially closed in order to protect the children.

There has been a number of complaints recently with reference to a partially clothed man frightening the younger children. The marshal and school authorities are doing everything in their power to locate and arrest him, but have been unable to find him. Anyone seeing a suspicious character wandering around kindly report to the marshal or Mr. Barnette.

Miss Peters, city school nurse was in the building Wednesday examining the grade children for infectious diseases. Several cases of ringworm and impetigo were found. These diseases are annoying and very infectious, but quickly respond to treatment. The state law requires all such cases to be excluded from the school.

Mr. Albert Cruzan, teacher of agriculture and sloyd, moved from Long Beach to the El Prado Apartments Monday.

The contractor moved the last of his material away Tuesday. The pupils are straightening up the grounds, so in a very short time everything about the school building will be neat, clean and orderly.

## M. W. A. GO TO LONG BEACH

Nine members of the Modern Woodmen of America attended a meeting in Long Beach Friday evening where a large class was initiated. They will go to Santa Ana the first of November to attend another initiation.

Mrs. L. C. Miller of S. Gramercy was taken to the Angelus hospital Wednesday and was operated on for appendicitis. She is doing very nicely.

The Dillingham Transportation Company is running a stage from Santa Monica to Long Beach, and will connect with the Redondo-San Pedro stage line. The schedule will be printed in the next issue of the "News Letter."

## TOP SHOP OPEN

L. Whistler, recently of the Veil Motor Company, has become associated with the C. J. Rahm & Son Garage, and has opened a top shop where he will build automobile tops and do upholstering. Whistler claims his prices are 10 per cent below city prices for the same class of work.

## MARATHON CLUB

The Marathon Club of the Macabees met Tuesday evening in Legion Hall, with Mrs. H. W. Roberts and Mrs. Lavin as hostesses. There was a good attendance and refreshments of delicious pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee were served to those present. Next Tuesday will be the regular meeting in honor of the Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees. The card party will be held the first Tuesday of November.

## TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY

The Torrance Woman's Club will hold their regular meeting Monday afternoon in the American Legion Hall. Mrs. C. N. Curtiss, secretary of the Torrance Club Federation, will give her report of the general federation meeting which she attended. This will be followed by a musical program consisting of several musical numbers and current events.

## HUNTING PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McDonald and children of Normandie avenue Mr. and Mrs. A. Manger, Miss Stelli Manger and Mrs. D. McDonald picked and hunted in Pismo (San Juan, near Newhall, Sunday.

## AMERICAN LEGION IMPROVEMENTS

The first of the week Joe Hale cement worker; M. W. Smith, electrician, with the able assistance of H. F. Reese, D. Alken and A. W. Griner, put in cement parking and two light posts in front of the American Legion Hall.

## CIGAR STORE CHANGES HANDS

George Zalman of Huntington Beach purchased the barber shop in the United cigar store which has been conducted by Ben Rappaport on Monday.

On Monday evening the choir of the Central church went over to Mr. Van Helens in Redondo to look over new music. A social evening was passed and refreshments were served.

## PRIZE OFFERED FOR NAME

Mrs. Robert Shriner and Mrs. C. J. Rahm have offered a five pound box of candy to the person who furnishes them the best name for their new confectionery store in the Auditorium Building, Torrance. They are to serve light lunches and have for sale high grade candies and ice cream. This place is exceedingly neat and up-to-date.

Names may be left either at the confectionery store, Torrance, or the Lomita Printing Co., Lomita. The contest will close November 1, so hurry and send in your name. You may win the box of candy.

## M. W. A. MEET

The Modern Woodmen of America met Wednesday evening at Legion Hall. One candidate was taken in and two were transferred. They are planning a box social and entertainment for next month.

## OPENING DELAYED

Mrs. C. J. Rahm and Mrs. Robert Shriner announced the opening of their confectionery and lunch room in the Auditorium building for Thursday. Work of finishing the room was delayed for various reasons, and these ladies take pleasure in announcing the opening day a Saturday, October, 22.

## RECEIVES PRIZE

Mrs. Edward Brennan thought she would grow watermelons and it seems that she was right. This week the Germain Seed Co. paid her a cash prize of \$200 for growing the largest melon. This speaks pretty well for Torrance and Mr. Brennan is to be congratulated.

## DANCING PARTY

Ralph Beall of South Gramercy was host Friday evening to a merry party of young people. The time was spent in dancing and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were the Misses Helen Nell Katherine Burmaster, Virginia Watson, Mary Jessome, Marie Patten, Helen Tiffany; Messrs. Carl Von Hagen, Lynas Adams, Dewey Quigley, Raymond Davis, Roy McKinsey, and Ralph Beall.

## FIREMEN ENTERTAIN

The Torrance Firemen entertained their families and friends at a dancing party in Legion Hall, Saturday night. There was a good crowd and all had a delightful time. The committee in charge was B. E. Smith, L. J. Smith, and Fred Palm. William Peightal's orchestra furnished the music.

## ODD FELLOWS DANCE

Triple City Lodge No. 333 I. O. O. F. will give a mask dance in the early part of November. The place and time will appear in this column shortly. Watch for the date.

## HARD-TIME DANCE

Jack Levy is giving a "hard-time" dancing party Saturday night October 22, at 8:00 o'clock, in Lomita Hall, to which you are invited to come in your old clothes and have a good time. A Los Angeles Jazz Orchestra has been secured for that night.

## CHILD BADLY BURNED

Corine Carlin, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Carlin, of Gramercy avenue, was burned very severely Tuesday. While the mother stepped out to attend to a younger child she pulled a pan of hot starch over her.

## Nigger Slough Road Not Yet "Roughed Up"

The regular meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was held Monday evening in Legion Hall, with seven in attendance. While many might infer that the meeting was a "fizzle," yet just the opposite was the result. Many important questions that ought to interest everyone living in Torrance came up for discussion, and in many instances action was started.

Mayor Proctor called attention to the slippery condition of the pavement over Nigger Slough and remembered the pre-election promises of Supervisor McClellan, who promised to have this part of the boulevard "roughed up" a year ago, and to date nothing had been done. As a result of this meeting Mr. McClellan's memory will be refreshed. W. T. Klusman recommended the posting of curve signs on two right-angle turns near Torrance, and the Auto Club officials have already been informed.

While discussing the dangerous condition of Nigger Slough on foggy nights or when light, drizzly rain is falling, it was stated that numerous wrecks happened on these slippery sections. No one questions the durability of Willite paving and the only complaint is on account of the slick surface. A heavy rain washes off all the oil and the pavement becomes quite the same as any other smooth surfaced road. Some were of the opinion that were an apron laid on the side where drivers of machines could run one wheel that this would greatly remedy the situation and eliminate many wrecks. Skidding off the road into the slough is a frequent occurrence with big machines, and as many as four cars off grade have been seen in one night here.

Acting Secretary Gourdier requested everyone who possibly could to attend the Fourth District meeting in Long Beach, which was held last evening.



## Poem by Uncle John

### NUDGIN' ELBOWS

When a feller nudges elbows, as you know a feller will, that a-doin' his very durndest to scramble up life's hill, I never stop to jaw him, or to envy him his speed, or disturb a feller-feelin' that we both are sure to need—so we keep a-nudgin' elbows, as in friendliness we trudge—each one a-feelin' better'n if the other didn't nudge.

It never hurts my feelin's, nor affects my moral pride, to have a feller-traveller sorter nudge me in the side; when my corns has got rebellious, or my breath's a-gettin' short, the little nudge reminds me that I've got to be a sport. I'll leave it to a court house full of solemn circuit judges, if it don't improve a feller's nerve to spur it up with nudges.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

Please CAUTION your Children to keep on the Right side of the Road out of the way of the Stages. Children are in the habit of holding hands and standing in the middle of the road and compel the drivers to stop. In order to avert accidents we ask parents to caution their children against this practice.

REDONDO-SAN PEDRO STAGE LINE.

## A Life Saver

