

STATE ADJUTANT TELLS WHY LEGION OUSTED S. F. POST

The following letter has been received by the Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion, from Morgan Keaton, adjutant of the California department:

"So much publicity has been given out to the public by the various newspapers through the country concerning the suspension of Daylight post No. 229, Department of California, American Legion, of San Francisco, California, that it seems advisable at this time to issue a statement clearly defining the department's position. This is being done because a number of hostile newspapers have deliberately colored the news against the American Legion.

"After fair and impartial hearing of all the evidence offered by both sides, the post being properly represented by able attorneys, the department executive committee sustained the action of Department Commander Collins in suspending the charter of Daylight post and continuing this suspension until the next state convention (subject to national constitutional provision, of course), or until Daylight post should subscribe without reservation to the program and policy of the American Legion as determined and established in regular manner in the annual conventions of the legion, which are law-making bodies of the organization.

"This action should not be construed as any attempt on the part of the state department to repress or coerce Daylight post, nor is the question of adjusted compensation involved, nor is the question of free speech in-

involved; but simply to be clearly understood to mean that Daylight post or any other post must agree to conform with the legally adopted policies of the American Legion or withdraw therefrom. A man or a post cannot serve two masters or support two opposite causes. If Daylight post wishes to oppose adjusted compensation it has that right, and its method in doing so is to withdraw from the legion and join those who are opposed to it, because the legion favors the adjusted compensation as the result of deliberations in five state and national conventions, and therefore every unit belonging to the legion must of necessity adopt the same policy.

"The suspension of Daylight post was not for its view on the adjusted compensation measure, in the same sense that the Civil war was not fought because the North voted to abolish slavery per se, but the issue was then that the Union was greater than the wishes of a few states and must prevail. So the legion is greater than the views of a post or a number of posts and must prevail. All posts and individual members have full and complete opportunity to express themselves in the convention of the American Legion, but it is obvious that the majority must rule or there would be no organization.

"Please see that every member of your post understands clearly the situation in any discussion that may arise upon this subject.

"Fraternally yours,
"MORGAN KEATON,
"Department Adjutant."

TORRANCE Newslets

Born—April 2, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Belyeu of West Carson street, a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. George P. Shidler and sons, of Post avenue, were recent guests of friends in Whittier. Dr. Shidler is associated in practice with Dr. J. S. Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burdick and Dr. N. A. Leake, of Marcelina avenue, were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Burdick of Moneta.

Ex-Mayor J. P. Snell and family, of Spanish Fort, Utah, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Freeman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pemberthy of Andree avenue were entertained Sunday by Seal Beach friends.

Mrs. Jere Van Andle was a recent visitor in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parker of Pasadena were recent guests of Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson, of the Ideal boarding house on Cabrillo avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Chambers and family, of Norwalk, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Top of 218th street.

Dr. W. H. Bruce of El Prado street was a Sunday dinner guest of his sister, Mrs. Ida B. Lynd of Los Angeles.

FIFTY-FIFTY

A story is told of a Missouri lawyer who used an unusual expedient to get a client out of trouble. This client was charged with stealing a hog. When the man came to the lawyer's office to engage counsel the lawyer took him into his private office.

"Now if I take your case you will have to be perfectly honest with me," the lawyer explained. "Now tell me, did you steal this hog or not?" "Well, yes, sor, I did," the man admitted. "But I have a big family and no money and I sure was in need of meat!"

"That's all right," the lawyer assured him. "You bring me half of that hog and I'll take your case."

Then when the case was being tried the lawyer obtained a verdict of not guilty by saying to the jury:

"Gentlemen of the jury, this man did not get any more of that hog than I did!"

EVER HEAR THIS?

Does anything like this ever happen at your house?

"Martha, dear, do you want to go to a movie this evening?" James asked after dinner one evening shortly after they were married.

"Do you, dearie?" Martha asked. "Well, I do if you do," James parried. "Do you?"

"I do if you do. What do you want to do?"

"Well, I want to go to the movies if you do," James said. "Are you sure that you want to go?"

"Yes, I'm sure, if that's what you want to do," Martha said.

"But I want to do what you want to do," James protested.

"Well, I want to go if you want to go," Martha insisted. "Shall we go?"

"I think so, dear, if you are quite sure that you want to."

"Why, of course I am, darling, because it is what you want to do," Martha assured him.

"No, I only want to go because it is what you want to do," James corrected her.

"Oh, but I don't want to go unless you want to," James stated.

"All right," Martha agreed. "We'll stay at home, dearie. Just as you say."

The Voice Of the People

(Contributions to this column are welcome subjects to the following conditions and rules. Letters should be plainly written on one side of the paper. The Editor reserves the usual right of editing. Letters on matters of religious controversy, personal attacks or containing libelous material will not be published. Letters in this department do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this paper. Short contributions are better than long ones. Keep contributions within 400 words.—Editor.)

Editor Torrance Herald, Torrance, Calif.

Enclosed you will find a poem, "The Mockingbird," which I hope you will like.

I have been having an interesting experience with a mockingbird. Each morning I put crumbs and seeds outside my window for the birds, also drinking water. For the mockingbirds I put out raisins, which they like very much.

Early last Sunday morning I heard a tapping at the window, and when I got up to investigate, saw it was a mockingbird trying to get inside the room. I opened the window and put some raisins on a chair and he came back and helped himself. He now comes inside the room every morning.

Last evening he came to the window while I was sitting close by, and I spoke to him and coaxed him inside. He came within two feet of me and helped himself to some raisins that I put on a chair for him. With a little encouragement I find they will become quite friendly.

I have always enjoyed the friendship of our little feathered friends and have received a great deal of happiness from them.

I think if people would show a little interest during the dry season, and put out drinking and bathing water for the birds, we would have more of them around to cheer us with their friendship and song.

Yours truly,
HARRY GAMBICHLER.

THE MOCKINGBIRD

At times, when I am feeling blue
And things are going wrong,
There comes a little feathered friend
To cheer me up with song;

He'll sit outside my window,
Singing "Cheer up, Cheer up, Dear."
All my troubles seem to vanish
When my little friend is near.

His song is rather flighty,
He can imitate them all,
First you think you hear a robin,
Then a bluebird's cheery call;

Then he'll sing of "Gertie, Gertie"
(Whoever she may be),
Oh, I think it's mighty nice of him
To come and sing for me.

He comes at early morning
Just when day begins to break,
I can hear him loudly calling
"See the dawn! Awake! Awake!"

And somehow the day seems brighter,
All the shadows disappear,
When my friend sits near my window
Sending out his love and cheer.

In the quiet of the evening
As the sun sinks in the west,
When the tolling day has ended
And I'm seeking peace and rest,

He will sit outside my window,
All his cheer to me he'll bring,
While he sings of "Gertie, Gertie"
And the love that blooms in Spring.

HARRY GAMBICHLER.

LAND HO!

The boat was drifting idly, the sun shone above, and the sea was serene; while she was sitting snugly. Then he proposed.

From the opposite end of the craft she gazed at him calmly. Then she said:

"As a matter of common sense, realizing that we are in this boat, on water more than fifty feet deep, and if you were going to act as you should act if I accepted you, we would be capsize, I will decline your proposal at this moment—but, George, row as fast as you can to the shore and ask me again."

TORRANCE PERSONS AND PASTIMES

Comings, Goings and Doings of Folks Hereabouts

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Paxton enjoyed a trip to Santa Monica Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Perry has returned to her home on Amapola avenue, after a pleasant visit with friends in Monrovia.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cole and son were recent guests of Mrs. Zada Hastie of Marcelina avenue. The Coles are en route from Wichita, Kan., to Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton of Glendale were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Shidler of Post avenue.

A visit to Sawtelle was enjoyed Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richhart, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tomkins, Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. R. Keller, and Everett Richhart.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haydon of Arlington avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of Amapola avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry of Marcelina avenue.

Rev. F. A. Zeller left today for Fresno, where he will spend some time with A. E. Haslow, who is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray of North Arlington avenue were guests Sunday of friends in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lepkin of Sartori street were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gorly of Keystone.

NOTICE OF NOMINEES

Notice is hereby given that the following persons are nominees for election to the office of Member of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, Short Term:

Robert J. Deinger,
William T. Klusman;
and that the following named persons are nominees for the office of Member of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, Long Term: Willis M. Brooks,
Charles Elman,
R. R. Smith,
Lee R. Taylor,
J. S. Torrance,
George R. Steadman;

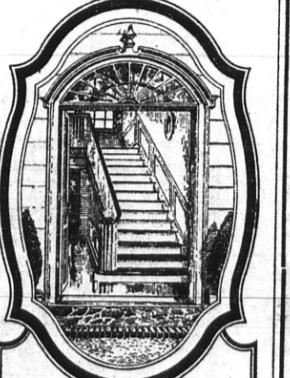
and the names of the said nominees will appear on the ballot at the general municipal election to be held in the City of Torrance on Monday, the 14th day of April, 1924, for the above named offices respectively.

The following proposition will also appear on said ballot:

Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded debt of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and completing a certain municipal improvement, to-wit: a municipal building consisting of offices and rooms for use of various departments of the City of Torrance?

Dated at Torrance, California, April 3, 1924.

(Seal) ALBERT H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk.



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Mr. and Mrs. Marion Reeve of Cabrillo avenue motored to Fullerton Sunday, returning by way of Turnhill canyon.

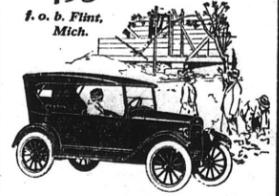
Mrs. Zada Hastie of Marcelina avenue was a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond of West Washington street, Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Roberts of the El Prado apartments enjoyed a trip to Verduga and Tujunga Sunday.

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