

# Torrance Herald

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## 500 CHEER SPEAKERS AT BIG MEET

### Progress Club Torchlight Parade Rouses Political Interest

In the most enthusiastic political demonstration ever held in Torrance, 500 voters last night attended the Progress club political rally at Legion hall. Preceded by an old-fashioned rally at Legion hall. Preceded by an old-fashioned torchlight parade which marched through the residence district of the city, headed by the G. A. R. rifle and drum corps of Long Beach, the rally constituted a display of political interest that indicates that a large vote will be polled next Monday.

The parade and rally was arranged by the campaign of the Progress club in the interest of the candidates supported by that organization—Willis M. Brooks, R. R. (Dick) Smith, J. S. Torrence and Robert J. Deininger.

The parade formed at the corner of Sartori and Marcelina streets. Members of the rifle and drum corps were seated on chairs in a large truck emblazoned with American flags. Marchers carried red flares and shouted in time with their steps the names of their favorite candidates. Upwards of forty automobiles, occupants of which carried banners and red flares, took part in the parade.

The procession ended at Legion hall, where speakers were cheered to the echo.

George Proctor opened the meeting, by calling on the audience to sing "America." Then the candidates, led by the rifle and drum corps, made their entry, amid loud applause.

Each candidate spoke a few words, urging the people to vote for the men of their choice and then stand behind them after they are elected.

Willis Brooks sounded the keynote of the candidates' addresses when he said: "No matter whom you elect, you should not forget them after they are elected. If you believe that they are doing well in office, tell them so."

Carl Hyde read a letter from R. R. Smith, who is in the east on business. Mr. Hyde called attention to the absence of self in Mr. Smith's letter, which urged the people, not so much to vote for certain candidates, but to understand what principles candidates stand for, and then to vote according to that understanding.

Mr. Smith's letter follows: "To the Citizens and Voters of Torrance: "I sincerely regret my inability to be with you on this very important occasion. And I consider it one of the most important events in the history of Torrance, being on the eve of an election, when the voters and taxpayers of our beautiful city will

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## Legion Fiesta Will Be Held July 15 to 19

The 1924 Torrance Fiesta and Exposition will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 15 to 19, under the auspices of the Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion.

At a meeting of the legion's Fiesta committee a contract was signed with the T. A. Carlton Exposition and Amusement company to furnish the shows and amusements. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton had the contract last year and the unusually high grade shows and amusements furnished by them, together with their efficient management, convinced the committee that they should have the contract again this year.

H. F. Rees is general chairman of the Fiesta committee, which is already working. Floyd Parker will assist Mr. Rees as general adjutant or secretary.

Other committees are as follows: Automobile exhibit, Fred Palmer; publicity and advertising, W. Harold Kingsley; merchants' exhibits, Robert J. Deininger; wiring and lights, Tom Moran; finance, J. Wallace Post; athletic show, James Scott; arch, George Parr; gift of automobile, Ted Frenger; grounds, L. V. Babcock.

The proceeds from the Fiesta this year will be used to provide a suitable memorial to departed service men. Having sold their hall, the legion plans the construction of a small, artistic clubhouse to be used by the legion, but to constitute a fitting memorial.

## START WORK ON BUNGALOW FOR SCHOOL

### New Building Will Be Used by Home Economics Dept.

The contract for the new double bungalow for home economics and sloyd at the elementary school has been let to Lewis Tucker of Los Angeles, and work of construction has started.

For the sloyd students there will be lockers, toolrooms and finishing rooms.

There will be enough stoves for the home economics class in the kitchen, and a small dining room. Lockers and cupboards will be provided for sewing materials.

The building will be ready for use in about three weeks.

## H. A. Treadwell Is Ready to Receive Congratulations

H. A. Treadwell is wearing a broad smile. For now there is a Harry A. Treadwell, Junior. The young gentleman with the well-known name was born on the eighth day of the month, at eight o'clock in the morning and he tipped the scales at just eight pounds. He came into the world on his grandmother's golden wedding anniversary. "Tread" says he looks like a promising realtor, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell reside at Torrance Park, on West 219th street.

## Observations

### Julian Corporation Solvent—Senator Dill Is Wrong Again—The Convention; "A Child Shall Lead Them"

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WHEN the Torrance fire department answers calls to the oil fields outside the limits of the city, the oil companies, whose property the local department goes to protect, should pay the cost of the call. Torrance volunteer firemen are now paid for their services. The wear and tear on hose and other equipment at an oil field fire is no small item. The Torrance department has been unusually willing to answer calls outside the city. The oil companies should be equally willing to pay the bill. When the Petroleum Securities Torrance No. 5 burned down last week, the local firemen saved the company several thousand dollars' worth of drill pipe. The call to this fire, outside the city limits, cost the city at least \$150. A bill for the cost of the call should be sent to the Doheny organization.

THE Julian Petroleum corporation has been declared solvent by a committee of Los Angeles bankers and business men who made a comprehensive survey of the Julian properties. The report of this committee seems to hint that eventually the corporations, financed by some 40,000 stockholders, will make money. Just what prompted these business men to make a survey of the property is a question. But it is gratifying to know that the thousands of citizens who placed their confidence in Julian have a chance to make money on their investment. The career of Julian has been romantic, his rise meteoric. If he can add stability to fireworks, 40,000 men and women will rejoice. Here's hoping he pulls through.

SENATOR DILL has again issued a demand that President Coolidge ask for the resignation of Theodore Roosevelt as assistant secretary of the navy. The Washington senator is making himself obnoxious. If any official in Washington has "come clean" that official is young Roosevelt. Before taking office he disposed of all his stock in the Sinclair Oil company. He did this of his own volition, before Teapot Dome was leased to Sinclair and with wise foresight characteristic of the Roosevelts. The assistant secretary of the navy is without much executive authority. To assert or assume that he took an active part in the Teapot Dome business is without foundation in fact—at least as far as has been shown so far.

The name of Roosevelt is written in large, bold letters on the finest pages of American history. It should not be dirtied by mere assumptions not based on fact.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE was returned winner in the Michigan, Illinois and Nebraska primaries. In Michigan, where Hiram swept the state four years ago, Coolidge beat the Californian two to one. It must be apparent now to everyone that the President will be the Republican nominee.

The G. O. P. convention will meet in Cleveland. There will be the usual "keynote" speech, the usual political hullabaloo. Then the convention will adopt a high-sounding platform, nominate Mr. Coolidge and a running mate, and adjourn.

The real fun this year will be at New York when the Democrats meet. The race for the Democratic nomination now belongs to almost anyone.

There will be much political horse-trading and the party will adopt another highfalutin platform.

There will be very little difference between the two platforms. Both will have something to say about law-enforcement and both will deprecate the selling of national resources to private interests. Both will "point with pride" and "view with alarm."

Then the campaign will open in earnest. There may be a third party movement, launched to attract the progressive wings of both old parties. Perhaps the platform of such a new organization would actually say something.

DID you read the letter written by 13-year-old Frances Wilson to the people of Torrance who had remembered her, as she lay on a hospital bed, seriously injured?

It was a remarkable letter, written in beautiful simplicity. It was well-written because the little girl was speaking from her heart.

There is a strength of sincerely written or spoken words that is unmistakable.

"God hears and answers prayers," writes this child.

There should be an inspiration for all of us in these words and in the bravery of the little girl who wrote them.

Truly, "a little child shall lead them."

SENATOR McKELLAR of Tennessee suggests that every professional lobbyist in Washington be registered. A good idea, but it should be carried even further. The host of special interest lobbyists who seek to influence legislation at the national capital constitute an "invisible government" that is striking at the very heart of democratic government. The names of the lobbyists should be published in the Congressional Record. On the floor of the house and the senate should be read publicly the names of special interest lobbyists who have worked for or against each particular measure that comes before congress. That idea may be a bit too progressive to satisfy the apostles of privilege, but it is not too progressive to satisfy the people.

ARGENTINA is making an unusual experiment. The South American country has adopted a law which provides that any citizen of the country who works for 25 years will, at the expiration of this time, be retired on a government pension equal to his salary at the date on which he quits work. To provide the pension money every person employed is taxed from his wages and employers are taxed a similar amount. The bill provides that the government shall pay salaries to all workers while they are sick or incapacitated.

The bill literally will abolish work for all who have toiled for 25 years. It is revolutionary, and it will be interesting to see if it is practical.

## TWO SCOUTS WILL BE AWARDED EAGLE BADGES SATURDAY NIGHT

Tomorrow evening, April 12, is a big night in Boy Scout circles of Lomita and Torrance.

A Scout rally will be held in American legion hall, Torrance, at which time George Wilkinson of Lomita and George Watson of Torrance will become Eagle Scouts.

To receive this highest award in the Scout organization one must have passed all second and first class tests, and in addition 21 merit badge examinations, 11 of which are specified. The specified tests include first aid, life saving, personal health, public health, civics, and like technical subjects.

The two Georges are the first boys in their respective towns to be awarded this honor, which elevates them to

## Polls Will Be Open From Six A. M. to 7 P. M.

Voters of Torrance Monday will select four members of the board of city trustees and will vote on a proposal to bond the city for \$100,000 to build a new city hall on the city-owned property at El Prado and Cravens streets.

The polls will open at 6 o'clock in the morning and will close at 7 p. m. There are two polling places. Voters living in precincts No. 1 and No. 3 will cast their ballots in the music room of the high school. Those living in precinct No. 2 will vote at the garage at the corner of 213th street and Bowler avenue.

The boundaries of precinct No. 2 are as follows: North city limits, the center of Cedar street, the center of Carson street, and the east city limits. Precincts 1 and 3 comprise all the rest of the incorporated area.

There are eight candidates for city trustee. Six of these are candidates for four-year terms. Of these six, citizens will vote for three. Two candidates are running for the two-year term. Of these two, citizens will vote for one.

The six candidates for the four-year term are as follows: Willis M. Brooks, Charles Elman, Lee R. Taylor, John S. Torrence, R. R. Smith, George Steadman. The three receiving the largest vote will be elected.

The two candidates for the two-year term are as follows: Robert J. Deininger and William T. Klusman. Of these two, the one receiving the largest number of votes will be elected.

Two-thirds of all the votes cast are necessary for approval of the proposed city hall bond issue.

### ATTEND LUNCHEON

Mrs. John A. Young and Mrs. Winifred Burnard attended the luncheon at the Egyptian Village Wednesday, given presidents and press chairmen by the district press chairmen of the Woman's club.

## 1ST. NAT'L REMAINS LOCAL BANK

### Decides Not to Merge With Pacific Southwest of L. A.

The proposed merger between the First National Bank of Torrance and the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings bank has been cancelled by the decision of the local bank to remain entirely a Torrance institution, J. Wallace Post, president of the First National, announced today.

Mr. Post's decision came after study of the proposed merger from every possible standpoint. As a result of the decision not to join the merger, the First National will remain what it has always been since the days of its organization during the early history of Torrance—a distinctly Torrance-owned bank, controlled and managed by local men.

The First National was organized by Judge G. W. Post and Jared S. Torrance. It was active in the foundation of the city and has been equally active in the upbuilding of Torrance.

Controlling interest in the institution is held by members of the Post family. Home pride, determination to keep control of the Torrance bank in the hands of Torrance people who

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## A KIND MAN'S BENIGN SERVICE

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



Bereavement tries the strongest souls. A loving mother or father or a beloved relative or fond friend who passes from this life, leaves a saddened void in the lives of those who survive them. Suddenly and almost unbelievably, a cherished relative or a boon companion will be snatched from life by a cruel and merciless fate. The realization of loss is very often hard to bear; kind friends will come to assuage our grief; benign condolences will arrive at the home of the deceased, but immediately following the loss the pros- trated mourners can do little to aid the business of burial. It is a time of great sadness, and thankful we should be that there exists competent and considerate institutions to take from our hands, in the time of profound sorrow, the duties attendant to funeral and to the grave.

Kindly people do this noble public service. I have met many of them,

and I have almost always found them gentle and sincere. And of their kind I must frankly say that I have seen few men of higher rank than the kind and courteous Mr. O. W. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myers, who are partners in the undertaking business with Mr. Stone, at their handsome and new premises at 1732 Cabrillo. Mr. Stone also maintains his undertaking parlors in Lomita. His is the only undertaking service in either of the two cities.

The Torrance establishment of Mr. Stone has been open but a short time. It is equipped with every modern adjunct and offers all of the advantages to be found in the best regulated establishments of the kind.

Mr. Stone is a native of Michigan. Before coming here he was prominently identified with business and social life in the state of Washington, where he served in the state legislature and as a member of the State Board of Examiners.

## VOTE

On Monday Torrance will elect four city trustees and vote on a proposed bond issue. Go to the polls and cast your ballot on next Monday, April 14th

## VOTE