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WILL ASK LOAN OF PARK

Local Post, With Several Thousand Dollars, Would Erect Fine Structure

COST NOTHING TO CITY

Veterans Will Propose to Trustees Plan for Use of Cota Avenue Park

With several thousand dollars in the treasury, the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion Tuesday night launched a movement for the construction of a memorial clubhouse, which, if plans of the post are perfected, will be an architectural contribution to the beauty of Torrance.

The board of trustees of Torrance will be requested to grant permission to the Legion post to erect a clubhouse at no cost to the city on the park at the intersection of Cota and Encarnacion avenues.

The Legion post will agree to erect a clubhouse, lay out an attractive plan of landscape gardening and maintain the grounds. The members are willing to stipulate that the city retain title to the ground and to take possession of the park and clubhouse after a certain period of years.

Members of the post, which is growing rapidly, contend that such a proposition would in reality be a contribution to the city, and in no event a liability.

Dominguez Approves
The Legion is in possession of a letter from the Dominguez Land Corporation in favor of the plan, which the members believe will settle any question that may arise as to stipulations regarding uses to which the park may be put, as set forth in the city's deed to the property.

Legionnaires point out that most cities have erected memorial buildings to departed veterans, and declare that the post here is able and willing to finance its own memorial, if the city will co-operate to the extent of loaning the post the ground for a period of years.

Post Commander James Scott Tuesday night appointed the following memorial building committee: Mrs. Fuller, W. Crossland, mother of the man after whom the local post is named; Ted Prenger, Tom Moran, J. W. Post, and Perry G. Briney.

Enjoy Fine Dinner
Legionnaires and members of the Legion Auxiliary enjoyed a splendid dinner at the Guild hall of the Evangelical church Tuesday night.

J. W. Post reported a profit to the post of about \$900 on the Torrance Fiesta and Exposition.

Mrs. J. A. Visel of New York, sister of Mr. Post, entertained with delightful vocal selections. Miss Virginia Watson played the accompaniments.

The Torrance Synchopators, a newly formed orchestra in this city, played during the evening, with Floyd Parker at the piano, Mr. Bond on the banjo, George Probert on the saxophone, Austin Clark on the violin, and Jack Palmer on the saxophone.

During the evening Legion business was discussed and war-time songs were sung.

The Legion made scores of friends with veterans during the Fiesta when applications for adjusted compensation were made out gratis for former service men.

Many of the men thus introduced to the Torrance post have already joined, and the membership committee will consult with the rest.

C. B. Bell was unanimously elected an executive officer of the post.

Mrs. E. N. Tomkins Is Given Surprise

A number of Maccabee friends of Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, commander of the local review, called to help celebrate her birthday last Tuesday evening. Not having been apprised in advance of the call, Mrs. Tomkins was at a church meeting. A member of the family called her home, and as she entered the house the ladies hidden in an inner room yelled "Surprise!"

Observations

Defense Day, Dollars and Men, Gold and Blood—Loeb and Leopold and a Lesson to Parents; Good News From Gary

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A BITTER controversy has arisen throughout the country over the war department's plan for National Defense day on September 12. We referred briefly to the subject in these columns last Tuesday.

Tuesday night members of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, discussed the subject, but postponed action on a resolution approving the Pershing plan until the next meeting. The postponement was taken owing to the unfamiliarity of most of the members with the plan.

Briefly, the plan contemplates the following: mobilization of all national guard units in the country at given points; mobilization with these units of civilians who, in the event of a national emergency, might enlist in the nearest national guard unit—civilian mobilization, however, to be voluntary; assembly of war materials at given points.

The program is in line with the military policy of the country as set forth by act of Congress, establishing skeleton units at various points, to be rapidly expanded to war strength in times of emergency.

All very well. Let the mobilization take place, but let it be thoroughly understood and driven home to every man, woman and child in the United States that the American military forces will never be used except for defense, and not even then until every honorable means to preserve peace has been exhausted.

Let the American Legion endorse the Defense day plans, but let them at the same time endorse those bills in Congress which provide for the drafting of money and materials in time of war as well as the drafting of men—those bills which mean so much to future generations, but about which our candidates for office now say so little.

Do members of the American Legion desire that their sons point out blood to safeguard the loans of the international bankers—as so many American men did in 1918? Or do they hold American dollars higher than American men?

It is probably a coincidence that today, while J. Pierpont Morgan and Thomas Lamont of the house of Morgan are in Europe, making negotiations for huge loans of American money to European nations, plans for a nation-wide mobilization of American man-power are going forward in this country.

It is probably inconceivable that Mr. Morgan realizes that the effect of national mobilization here might serve to encourage Europe to accept his terms. Very likely he never has thought of such a thing. Very likely, indeed!

The Herald is for preparedness for purposes of defense. But we are even more vehemently for the perpetuation of peace.

To be nationally prepared to ward off an attacking blow is good national business.

But to place dollars on an equal basis with human life in time of war, is to make war less possible.

If we are going to encourage preparedness, plan for mobilization of money, materials and industries as well as for the drafting of men. Else our defense plan goes only half-way and presupposes that gold is more valuable than blood.

FOLLOWING is an excerpt from confession of Nathan Leopold Jr., who with Richard Loeb murdered 14-year-old Robert Frank's Mr. Crowe: Are you a member of any established church?

Answer: No.

Q. What, if any, religious belief do you entertain?

A. None.

Q. What is your idea of the existence of God?

A. I don't believe there is a God.

Q. What do you think becomes of you when you die?

A. Your ashes return to ashes and dust to dust.

Q. Is there any difference between my death and the death of a dog?

A. No, sir. In other words, when I die I die all over, no hope of reward, or punishment?

Q. That is my belief.

Q. How long have you entertained that belief?

A. Some seven or eight years.

Q. You began to arrive at that conclusion about what ages?

A. I should say around 11.

Q. What is what is popularly termed an atheist?

A. Yes.

Q. It is your belief, is it not, as you expressed it to me some time ago, that a god was created by the head of a tribe, but he was not powerful enough to punish all the crimes of his people; and that a man who had a longer beard or a bigger sword or a bigger club would have more power?

A. That is a very plausible theory, so far as I know.

The answers should give every parent pause. Between the states of boyhood and maturity there is neither the unquestioning exuberance of youth nor the mellowed philosophy that grows out of adult experience and thought. At the age of Leopold many youngsters are apt to assume or actually accept a belief in the non-existence of the Almighty—a dangerous mental state unless tempered by powerful home influence.

Wise is the father or mother who early transmits the relationship between parent and child to FRIENDSHIP, building up a confidence that continues onward through the years. Too few parents make playmates of their children. There is, usually too much bossing and not enough understanding between parent and child.

Fortunate indeed is the child whose parents understand him. And doubly fortunate and insured against sorrow is the parent who knows what his children are thinking.

CAN CITY IMPROVE SYSTEM?

Public Meeting for Betterment of Educational Facilities Set for Monday

EDUCATOR WILL SPEAK

Bright Torrance Graduate Refused Admission to University of California

How can Torrance schools be improved?

This question has been discussed at such length by every civic organization in the city that the Progress Club has arranged a meeting at the high school auditorium for the specific purpose of bringing home to the people of Torrance the various phases of the matter.

Merton E. Hill, principal of the Chaffey Union High School and the Chaffey Junior College, a noted educator and scholar, will speak, and Alfred Gourdie, secretary of the Progress Club, and Carl L. Hyde, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Progress Club school committee, Dr. James P. Shidler, chairman, are anxious that every parent in the city and all other interested in schools be present at the meeting.

Mr. Hill will discuss schools generally. The Progress Club committee induced him to speak, believing that from a frank discussion of public schools in general local residents may be able to judge whether or not the Torrance schools are up to standard.

Considerable indignation has been aroused of late by the fact that at least one graduate from the Torrance high school was refused admission to the University of California, despite a high standing in the school here.

Several residents of the city, after studying the Torrance school system, have sent their children to the Redondo schools.

The meeting Monday night will probably be the forerunner of some definite action for the improvement of the Torrance school system.

A large attendance is especially desired for that reason. The public is invited.

Aid Society Silver Teas Are Success

The silver teas given Tuesday afternoon by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church were charming affairs and well attended.

Mrs. F. B. Dilly, Clayton Severns and J. Walter Morris were hostesses at the affair in the church parlors. Miss Nyla Tansey, an accomplished 11-year-old pianist, entertained with solos, accompanied by John A. Young, who gave an enjoyable program was heard over the radio. Refreshments of fruit salad, rolls and iced tea were served.

The second tea was at the home of Mrs. J. B. Hines, Post avenue, where Mrs. Hines and Mesdames Forrest J. and John A. Young were co-hostesses. An excellent program was presented. Robert Hines, aged 5, rendered two piano solos, "The Runaway Horse" and "Distant Bells," and was his own accompanist when he sang "Hushabye Baby." John A. Young, 11, gave a piano selection, "Minuet in G," and two saxophone solos, "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton" and "Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms"; Robert and Marcella Kemmel gave selected readings; Mrs. Mary Crimmins, accompanied by Mrs. W. Johnson at the piano, sang "Wait for the Sunshine"; Mrs. Allan Rice, an accomplished concert violinist of Hermosa, favored with solos, and Mrs. A. W. Johnson rendered several piano solos.

Refreshments of hot biscuits and iced tea were served after the program.

ATTEND CONFERENCE.
Among those noticed at the Christian church conference in Long Beach last Monday were Mrs. J. S. Babcock, Mrs. Earl Babcock, Mrs. John M. Smart, Mrs. William Gascoigne, Mrs. Charles H. Clark, and Miss Ludlow.

The ladies enjoyed a picnic luncheon at Bixby Park.

JOINS C. OF C.
Thomas Coles, local merchant, was admitted to membership in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at Tuesday's meeting of the board of directors.

C. C. M. O. Will Play Gardena Team Sunday

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil nine and the fast Gardena team will stage what promises to be the feature tilt in the Bay District League when the clubs meet at the C. C. M. O. ball park on the Torrance-Redondo boulevard Sunday afternoon.

Gardena will be over with their usual number of rooters, who will be counting on their team to win, but the loyal backers of Eddie Copeland's crew will be out in larger numbers, feeling equally as confident that the locals will be able to down their opponents.

Copeland is depending on big Al Hoffacker to hold down the hard-hitting outfit from Gardena, and the young phenom known as "No-Hit Hilton" will no doubt officiate on the mound for the visitors.

The game will be called at 2:30.

Fred Palmer and Mike Fix Owners Of Curtiss Plane

Fred Palmer and Mike Fix of the Palmer service station, who are first owners of an airplane in Torrance. It's a new Curtiss biplane. Mike and Fred have already piloted the ship through the ozone over Torrance and expect to pilot it a lot more.

According to John Cufley, the ship is equipped with balloon tires, inflated with helium gas, which makes it difficult to keep the plane on the ground. But then John is more or less of a kiddier. Mike and Fred say that the gas from their own service stations certainly makes the plane's engine hum.

S. O. Kettler No. 3 Is on Production

Kettler No. 2 of the Standard Oil Company, offsetting the Julian Petroleum Corporation's Spittsotter No. 1, went on production yesterday morning. The well is on the beam and no gauge of the production has been made.

The Standard Oil Company registered two completions, Marble Fee No. 18, just south of Redondo, and near the company's field office, was drilled to 3750 feet for a yield of 400 barrels. Dominguez No. 7, in the northeastern part of the field, was brought in for 200 barrels a day from 3875 feet.

Three superior completions, near Torrance No. 20 and the Consolidated Mutual Oakley No. 1, indicate again that the outpost producers are near the edge of the formation from which commercial production may be secured. These wells are Torrance No. 37, 35 and 39. No. 37, completed at 3755 feet, is making 150 barrels. No. 38 and 39, drilled to 3810 and 3795 feet, respectively, are producing 50 barrels each.

Week-end visitors at Balboa Beach were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wolfe of Cota avenue, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McArroy of Andreo avenue.

Dolley Drug Co. Holds Big Sale

The "Factory-to-You" sale of the Dolley Drug Company opened today with a rush of bargain-seekers. On another page of this issue of "The Herald" is a large Dolley advertisement announcing special bargains.

"HEY, THERE!"
Don't forget the dinner at the M. E. church this (Friday) evening. Service from 5 to 7. Baked ham, creamed potatoes, lima beans, salad, bread and butter, orange marmalade, strawberry shortcake, coffee.

TORRANCE PERSONS AND PASTIMES

Comings, Goings and Doings of Folks Hereabouts

Mr. and Mrs. J. Isenstein and family have moved to Los Angeles, where Mr. Isenstein is engaged in the real estate business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hines of Post avenue, with Miss Eileen Given of Los Angeles, were week-end guests of Miss Mary Ottman of San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McManus of Andreo avenue, Miss Seelma, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Truitt picnicked in Topanga canyon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb leave Monday for a motor trip to San Mateo and San Francisco. During their absence Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nolan will occupy the Webb home on Andreo avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Throckmorton of Andreo avenue were entertained recently by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keyes of Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Pratt and son Harold returned this week to their home in Gas City, Ind. They have been guests for some time at the home of Mrs. Pratt's sister, Mrs. William G. Phillips of Andreo avenue.

Mrs. Harry Bale of Carson street and Mrs. J. L. Luck of 257th street, Lomita, were luncheon guests today of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chase of Flower street, Lomita.

Luncheon guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Scofield of Cota avenue were Mrs. Billy Markas and daughter Billy Lorraine, and Mrs. P. H. Henz and son Jack, of Lynwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boice and daughter, of Cabrillo avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lehman and son and daughter, of Border avenue, spent Sunday at Venice.

OIL FIELD AT PEAK YIELD

Twelve New Wells Brought In Make Production 62,000 Bbls. a Day

SHELL GETS BEST WELL

Scarborough No. 3 Flows 600 Barrels a Day; Other Completions

With twelve new wells on production, the yield of the Torrance-Lomita field, this week reached 62,000 barrels a day, the highest point yet recorded and, according to oil men, the peak production.

The Shell Oil Company brought in the best well of the week, when Scarborough No. 2 in the eastern part of the field was brought in at a rate of 600 barrels a day. There were four other Shell completions, as follows: Scarborough No. 3, 100 barrels at 3870 feet; Bleumle No. 8, 110 barrels at 3872 feet; Bleumle No. 4, 80 barrels at 3875 feet. The company also officially completed Dolores No. 1, east of Harbor boulevard, having successfully shut off the water. The well is pumping about 95 barrels a day.

The Fullerton Oil Company brought in Cotton Fee No. 3, on the north line of the Cotton tract in the southwestern extension. Completed at 3700 feet, the well is making 250 barrels a day.

In the center of the Torrance lease of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, Torrance No. 66, completed at 3700 feet, is making 450 barrels a day.

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Skull Broken As Man Falls From Derrick

Falling 20 feet from a derrick Thursday, C. A. Van Sickle, a rotary helper, sustained a fractured skull and lacerated scalp. Dr. Morris of the emergency hospital on Narbonne avenue rendered first aid, and the injured man, taken first to the Hermosa-Redondo hospital, was later removed to the Hollywood Community hospital.

Van Sickle, whose home is in Santa Cruz, is employed by the Standard Oil Company. The accident occurred while the workmen were taking the circulation head off a 10-inch casing.

Van Sickle's condition was reported favorable this morning.

Union Tool Man Is Assistant Manager Of Union Oil Co.

Paul Boggs, former president of the Union Tool Company and present chairman of the board of directors of that organization, today became assistant general manager of the Union Oil Company. Mr. Boggs is well known here.

Mr. Boggs' duties with the big oil company will extend to all operating activities of the various divisions, it is announced.

Seattle Woman Is Dead In Torrance

Mrs. Sara P. Davis, aged 72, of Seattle, Wash., died Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams of 226th street. Mrs. Davis became ill while visiting in Long Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, old-time eastern friends, brought her to their home here.

No funeral arrangements will be made until word is received from relatives in Washington.

The body is at the Stone & Myers funeral parlors.

Receives Word of His Father's Death

Don Layland of Harbor City received a message Wednesday announcing the death of his father, Walter Layland, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Layland returned to Harbor City about three weeks ago, after visiting his father at his home in Canada.

FREEMAN-CLITHERO

Miss Myrtle Freeman of Kansas and Byron Edward Clithero of Torrance were married last Saturday evening at the Plaza hotel by Rev. J. Walter Morris. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Comer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clithero will make their home in Torrance.

Mr. Clithero is employed at the Smith cafe on Cabrillo avenue.

CASTLE APARTMENTS

Mrs. Seelcy of Los Angeles is spending the week with her friend Mrs. Edward Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen of Huntington Park, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Sarah Allen of Los Angeles were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen Saturday.

Little Gene Allen of Maywood has returned to his home after a two weeks' visit with his uncle, E. H. Allen, of the Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Oleary are entertaining Mrs. Oleary's sister, of San Pedro, over the week-end.

Dr. Bruce is home from a two days' visit with relatives in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith have returned to Los Angeles, after several months' stay at the Castle.

William Christopher, Claude Montgomery and E. M. Christopher entertained at dinner recently the following guests: Mrs. Bowman and daughter, Miss Margaret Bowman, Miss Bonita Lawler, Miss Marie Woods, of Redondo Beach.

Messrs. Hunt and Lawrence entertained some of their fellow workers of the Shell company at a rabbit dinner Monday evening.

SHOT MAN STILL IN DANGER

Charge Against Orville Williams Depends on Outcome of Death Fight

WIFE MAKES STATEMENT

Asserts Sympathy All With Husband; Demands Punishment for Youth

Fred Baker, Union Tool Company employe who was shot in the abdomen last Sunday night by Orville L. Williams, 19-year-old Torrance youth, today was battling valiantly for life at the Los Angeles General hospital.

Physicians said that Baker is slightly improved, but that he has by no means won his fight yet. The wounded man underwent one operation early this week, but the bullet was not removed. Baker is too weak now to stand another operation, according to attending surgeons.

Williams is still in jail. No definite charge has as yet been lodged against him, pending Baker's recovery. Upon the result of Baker's battle for life depends the fate of Williams. If Baker lives Williams will be charged with attempted murder. If he wounds or kills the youth will face a charge of murder.

Mrs. Baker, who told police that she sympathized with Williams, amplified her statement to a newspaper man yesterday.

"Naturally my sympathy is all with Fred," she said, "and the statement that I sympathize with Orville Williams does not mean that I sympathize with him in a rash act. Orville Williams and his husband have been the best of friends. What sympathy I have for the boy is prompted by his youth. I would sympathize with any boy of 19 who put himself in such trouble because he could not control his temper. I did tell police that Orville Williams had done much for us. I said it because the third four this quarter we had done for him. His relations with Fred and me have been those of true friends and the shock that I received when he shot Fred unnerved me. The boy must be punished for his act."

SINGERS WILL GIVE CONCERT HERE SUNDAY

Male Quartet in Sacred Music Program at Central Church

A very pleasant feature of next Sunday morning's service at the Central Evangelical church will be the sacred concert to be given by the Western Union College men's quartet. Western Union is located at La Mars, Ia. This is the third year this quartet has made, and they are very favorably known throughout the middle west.

The boys are spending a few weeks in California in concert work. It is their first trip to the coast, but their concerts are being enthusiastically received.

There will be no charge for this concert, but an offering will be received for the boys.

The new opera chairs are being installed this week, the platform and aisles of the church are being carpeted, the entire interior of the church has been restated, repainted and thoroughly renovated. It is expected that there will be a large attendance at the services next Sunday morning.

Wichita, Kas., Will Sure Hear Plenty About Torrance

A. L. Salter, Torrance business man and a good booster, will leave this week for a trip to Wichita, Kan. One of the objects of his trip is to let those Kansas people know something about a city that is a delightful place to live in, and it is a safe bet that Torrance will be shouted more than once when he reaches that city. During his absence the Butterfield brothers, F. S. and O. D., who are members of A. L. Salter & Co., will look after the business.

The business announce in this issue a complete line of electrical fixtures and a wiring department which is being added to their line of built-in furniture and wall beds.

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