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SEWER BOND ELECTION POSTPONED

Legion Will Erect Beautiful Home on Carson Street Lot

Attractive Ground and Floor Plans, Prepared by Ted Frenger, Unanimously Adopted by Veterans at Meeting Wednesday Night

POST HAS ADEQUATE FINANCES FOR CLUBHOUSE
Athletic Facilities and Attractive Building Provided for in Tentative Draft; Ex-Service Men Will Give Play Soon

Work on one of the most attractive buildings in Torrance will be started soon, when the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion breaks ground on Carson street, west of the high school, for its new clubhouse.

The post Wednesday night adopted a plan prepared by Ted Frenger and decided definitely to purchase the property west of the school, which was offered to the Legion at a remarkably low figure by the Dominguez Land Corporation.

The tentative plans prepared by Mr. Frenger provide for an unusually attractive clubhouse, which may be constructed in units. The ground plan calls for a tennis court, handball court and other athletic facilities, and for landscape gardening.

The clubhouse is already financed. The local post of the Legion has on hand in cash and negotiable paper something over \$5,000. By donating considerable labor on the building, members of the post estimate that the clubhouse may be constructed for

about \$5,000. A loan to the post has been arranged.

Pending construction of the clubhouse the Legionnaires intend to conduct a membership campaign. Veterans who join the post now will reap all the benefits of the post's excellent financial condition. After the first of the year, however, the initiation fee will be increased to an amount commensurate with the advantages which the clubhouse and athletic facilities will provide for members.

At the meeting Wednesday it was decided to give a play entitled "Nothing But the Truth," to be directed by Miss Pearl Fishback. Comrades Tiffany, Deisinger and Post were named on the show committee.

The post passed resolutions thanking Mr. Frenger for the preparation of the splendid plans for the utilization of the Carson street property; and expressing the gratitude of the Legionnaires to Elmer M. Grace, Torrance theatre manager, Mayor R. K. Smith and Dr. Shilder for making the Armistice Day celebration at the theatre so successful. The post also officially congratulated the Auxiliary on the success of the Armistice dance.

Cupid Flies High to Snare Round-the-World Airmen



Miss Idella Russenzehn (above) and Miss Ruth Butler, and (below) Lieutenants Eric Nelson (left) and John Harding.

By Central Press
DAYTON, O., Nov. 13.—Lieutenants Eric Nelson and John Harding, round-the-world fliers, escaped the perils of desert, ocean and Arctic ice only to fall victims to Cupid's playful darts.

The engagement of Lieut. Harding and Miss Idella Russenzehn of Dayton, and Lieut. Nelson and

Edison Company Will Expend \$25,000,000 on Water Power Development During 1925

Twenty-five million dollars was authorized by the directors of the Southern California Edison Company this morning as the company's new construction budget for the year 1925. This is believed to be one of the largest annual appropriations ever made in the United States for hydro-electric development and the distribution of electricity.

In communicating this information to District Manager W. E. Oliver, Vice-President and General Manager R. H. Ballard called attention to the fact that, including the budget passed this morning, the company will have spent and authorized \$148,000,000 for electric development and distribution since the close of the World War.

Power Shortage Over
The recent rains and the early completion of the Long Beach steam plant mark the end of the power shortage which existed during the past season, and the indications of large business increases and general prosperity had a bearing on the directors upon passing this large budget for the ensuing year. While District Manager W. E. Oliver has not yet been advised of the amount that the company will expend in this district and will not be able to state the exact amount for some weeks to come, he has been notified in a general way that his recommendations have been given very full and liberal consideration.

The \$25,000,000 budget for 1925 will be expended on the following general lines:

For hydro-electric development on the Big Creek-San Joaquin River project, \$7,535,000.

For completion of steam plants now under construction, \$3,965,000.

For increasing the 220,000-volt transmission facilities between Big Creek and Southern California, \$1,500,000.

For extension of distribution system and betterments in this and other districts, \$12,000,000.

The Florence Lake tunnel, which will cost when completed approximately \$17,000,000, will be finished early in March, and the construction program on the Big Creek-San Joaquin River project will increase the water power generating capacity during the ensuing year by 25,000 horsepower, which will bring the total generating capacity of the company in water and steam up to 687,000 horsepower, including the new 127,000-horsepower steam plant, in time to carry the expected increase in business for next year.

No More Shortages
While the company spent about \$30,000,000 last year in new construction, approximately \$10,000,000 was spent for the steam power construction, which was speeded up at an enormous rate to relieve the water power shortage which existed. With the steam plant at Long Beach nearly completed and the work at that place very nearly taken care of by the 1924 budget, this year's appropriation will provide largely for hydro-electric development.

The expenditures of the company for 1924 and 1925, which will aggregate \$55,000,000, will make a repetition of the shortage conditions of the year of 1924 impossible, so far as service on the system of the Southern California Edison Company is concerned.

Fathers in Charge At P.-T. A. Night

Tonight is Father's Night at the P.-T. A. The session will be held in the auditorium of the high school and all parents and friends are invited to be present. The business session will be in the hands of the men. A good program has been prepared, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

FIVE CASH SPURIOUS CHECKS

Merchants Victimized to Extent of \$231 on Saturday
TRY IN LOMITA, BUT FAIL
Passers of Stolen Checks Glean Neat Sum in Torrance, However

Passers of spurious checks, operating in Torrance and Lomita last Saturday, victimized five merchants to the tune of \$231, it was discovered Wednesday when the checks were returned.

All of the victims were Torrance firms. Several attempts to pass the forged papers in Lomita failed, so far as police can ascertain.

The checks were all on a Los Angeles manufacturing concern, stolen last week. The checks were passed in Torrance prior to publicity in Los Angeles papers regarding the theft of the blank checks from the office of the Los Angeles company.

All of the checks were made out for odd amounts.

A list of firms and the amounts of the checks which they cashed follows: Sam Rappaport, \$22; Sam Levy & Sam Seng Company, \$34; Renn and Tomkins, \$30.

The White Garage endorsed a check for \$100 which it is believed was spurious. This check has not yet been returned, however.

Chief of Police Patterson is investigating the case.

New Officers Are Named By Eastern Star

Installation Will Take Place on Thursday Night, Dec. 18

At the annual election of officers of the Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., held on Thursday evening, Joan Guyon was elected worthy matron, Roy Winters worthy patron, Persia Fess associate matron, Rose Winters secretary, Juliette Johnson treasurer, Loma Turner condress, and Mae Tomkins associate condress.

The installation, which will be held on the evening of Dec. 18, will be open to the friends of the chapter. L. Clemma Watson, retiring worthy matron, will be the installing officer.

Christmas Sale and Dinner at Central Guild Hall Nov. 21

A Christmas sale will be held at the Guild hall of the Central church next Friday, starting at 2 p. m.

There will be fancy work of all kinds, bedspreads, luncheon sets, buffet sets, and many other things. The apron booth will be filled with aprons, fancy and plain, large and small, aprons for the wee lassie and her sister as well as mother. Quilts and rag rugs will be on sale, too. There will be plenty of lemonade for the kiddies and thirsty grown-ups.

At 6 in the evening the ladies will serve a baked ham dinner, with sweet potatoes, southern style, and all the rest of the "fixins," topped off with homemade pumpkin pie and whipped cream.

Standard Oil Co. Sales Trophy Won Here for 5th Time

For the fifth consecutive month the silver tank trophy awarded by the Standard Oil Company for increased sales in Southern California districts remains in Torrance. A new honor also was awarded by the company to the local sales force for the best sales showing during September and October. The entire Torrance staff won the honor of being the company's guests at a dinner and theatre party and dance.

Observations

"The Rising Tide of Color" Across the Pacific and Its Ominous Significance to the Americas; Arms Limitations or Preparedness

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

NO less an authority than Sir Auckland Geddes, former British ambassador to the United States, states in carefully phrased but none-the-less positive sentences, the increasing importance of official understanding between the United States and Great Britain in matters concerning the Pacific.

In an address at London the other day Sir Auckland said: "They (the British Dominion) look upon the government at Washington as of their own generation and anyone who knows of what the people of our sister dominion are thinking knows that some of them, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO LOOK OUT ON THE PACIFIC, feel that in Washington there is instinctive understanding of difficulties, which when they come to London they have laboriously to explain in Downing Street."

This sentence, from one so well acquainted with international affairs, is pregnant with significance.

Should Sir Auckland leave off with restraint and speak with absolute frankness he would probably say, in effect, the following: For the first time since 1500 the white race is again faced to face with the tremendous problem of defending itself against the hordes of Asia.

The old accepted formula of white supremacy was shattered by the Russian-Japanese war.

No longer does the Oriental intend to bow to the will of the Occident.

Asia, overflowing with humanity, is casting about for an outlet for her millions.

Because the Japanese are a temperate zone people, they can turn only to Australia and North and South America.

They have eliminated two great white powers from the Pacific—Russia and Germany. Only two more remain—the United States and Great Britain.

Their first effort, now under way, is to eliminate these two—and then EXPAND—releasing a yellow flood over the bosom of the Pacific.

To defend themselves against the rising hordes of the East—hordes which now have adopted with surprising efficiency the science and instruments of the white men—Britain and the United States must stand side by side as allies and the South American republics must accept and adopt the policies set forth in the Monroe doctrine.

The modern chessboard of international politics is the broad Pacific. On its wide surface will be decided the fate of nations and of races. It is the ocean of future destiny.

I AM a pacifist. I do not believe in war. Neither do I believe in murder.

But the knowledge that murder is wrong should not argue against the maintenance of a police force.

Neither must the conviction of war's horror militate against adequate preparedness for that struggle between the whites and the yellows which is now in its initial stages.

The eyes of Asia, gleaming with the ambition of world empire, are on the Americas.

While white nations kill each other, Japan is slowly and certainly consolidating the yellow forces of the East.

We must PREPARE—prepare with aeroplanes and submarines, with refusal to fight other white nations, by consolidating all the great white republics of these two continents and standing with Great Britain.

We have no designs on the East—God forbid. But we have the determination and stamina to protect our own homes. Let us translate them into terms of definite PREPAREDNESS.

Else the "sibilant whisper that ran through the bazaars of Asia," during the World War, that "the East will see the West to bed," will be more true than fanciful.

YET how depressing it all is. How far from that promised perfection are mortal men!

Twenty-five thousand maimed French soldiers, the human wreckage of war, paraded along the Champs Elysee on Armistice Day while thousands of civilians wept.

It was a terrible procession of blind men, men on crutches, men on stretchers, men without arms, with faces shot away—25,000 of them, victims of mortal greed, hatred and the animal passions.

In the face of that pitiful parade, Asia girds her millions for the fray. And we, mindful of the crime and the consequences of war, must ourselves prepare.

Let us do so solemnly, without passion, and with a prayer on our lips.

THERE may be an alternative to war. Amid the dark and ominous forebodings that will enshroud the thoughts of any white man who studies history and modern tendencies from the standpoint of the races, white, brown, yellow and black, there is, however, a ray of hope. It shines out with promise. President Coolidge, it is reported, is about to call another arms conference for the purpose of limiting armaments. Such a move, designed to prevent aggressive war, would meet with the approval of the American people, once they are assured that our statesmen will not be hoodwinked and that in any program of arms limitations Japan be given no advantage.

For us to enter a race with Japan in the construction of aeroplanes and other war machinery, without first endeavoring to reach an agreement regarding limitations, would be entirely out of keeping with the peaceful tendencies of the American people.

Only increased enlightenment will prevent war. The impending struggle between the East and the West might be delayed for years and years, it might even be prevented, if the great nations of the earth, without reservations, agree to reasonable limitations in the preparation of instruments of war.

If President Coolidge calls an arms conference, he acts in accord with the highest principles of concord.

If the conference fails of its purpose, however, the United States must bend all of its energies to consolidation of interests of the two Americas and the entire race of whites.

THE annual rush of Christmas mailings is at hand, and postmasters are issuing the usual admonitions to the public. Mail your Christmas packages early. Write the addresses plainly. Write the return address plainly. Wrap the parcels securely. Help Uncle Sam's army of postal employees by using common sense in the wrapping, addressing, and early mailing of Christmas packages.

ARREST REDONDO MAN

Bruce Lile of Redondo Beach was arrested by Torrance police last night on a charge of reckless driving. A woman in company with Lile, according to police, signed a statement declaring that she destroyed a bottle of liquor in the car just before the arrest was made.

BOND IS SURPRISED

The employees of the Postoffice Barber Shop and their wives surprised A. L. Bond last Friday night by calling at his home, 1829 Andrew avenue, and presenting him with a fountain pen in honor of his birthday. A very pleasant evening was passed and a delightful lunch enjoyed.

WILL VOTE FIRST OF YEAR

Sanitary District Officials Delay Submitting Proposition to People

CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION

Speakers Will Explain Proposal to People Before Balloting

Officials of Metropolitan Sewer District No. 5 have postponed the \$2,000,000 bond election until some time in January, it was announced yesterday.

Directors of the district had originally intended to hold the election next Tuesday and had come so far as to arrange for election boards and precincts. Owing to inability to make the election general in all sanitary districts in the county, however, it was decided to postpone it until a date in January. The date of the election will be announced in a few days. Sanitary Engineer Warren said yesterday.

Previous to the election speakers well acquainted with the proposed improvement will explain the proposition thoroughly at numerous public meetings.

Ask Auto Club For Signals On Western Ave.

C. of C. Directors Also Request Phone Co. to Correct Directory

To eliminate the danger to motorists driving on Western avenue at night, the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon authorized Secretary Carl L. Hyde to request the Automobile Club of Southern California to install flashing lights on the highway at the jog near the Edison plan and the point where the highway turns into El Prado in Torrance.

The directors also passed a resolution requesting the telephone company to bring the Torrance directory up to date. It was pointed out that the directory now contains old street numbers and old names of streets which have been officially changed by action of the board of trustees.

J. H. Larrimer, Union Tool Company engineer, was admitted to membership in the chamber.

The board approved a plan for an illuminated sign to be erected at Harbor boulevard and East road.

Capt. Dancy To Speak Here on Tuesday Night

Noted Orator Coming for Torrance Educational Week Observance

Capt. S. N. Dancy, well known throughout the country as a powerful orator, and who has been heard here several times, will speak at the high school auditorium next Tuesday night, in the city-wide observance of National Educational week, sponsored by the American Legion.

The high school orchestra will furnish music and several other musical numbers have been arranged.

LADIES AID

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist church will hold a regular business meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the church parlors. Meeting begins promptly at 2 o'clock, as there will be a program.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pigeon motored to Hermosa Beach Tuesday to look after their property interests there.

Air Mail Data For Torrance Are Given Out

Gourdiere Prepares Schedule Showing Time Saved by Speedy Service

Postmaster Alfred Gourdiere is assisting Los Angeles officials in the campaign to popularize use of the air mail to eastern points. The campaign aims at bringing the daily consignments of air mail from Los Angeles up to 500 pounds. When this point is reached a special air-mail service will be established from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, there to connect with the transcontinental service from San Francisco to New York.

Letters or packages consigned to air mail should be in the local postoffice by 7 a. m.

Under present schedules air mail leaving Torrance on Monday morning, for example, would reach Los Angeles at 10:50 a. m., and Salt Lake City, by train, at 12:25 p. m. on Tuesday. Leaving Salt Lake at 2:15 p. m. Tuesday, it would arrive in New York on Wednesday at 5:05 p. m.

Under present schedules, requiring train transmission from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City, Postmaster Gourdiere announces the following time-saving schedule for mail out of Torrance:

Akron, 24 hours; Albany, 28½ hours; Boston, 31½ hours; Buffalo, 24 hours; Cheyenne, 10½ hours; Chicago, 24 hours; Cincinnati, 24 hours; Cleveland, 29 hours; Des Moines, 12½ hours; Detroit, 24 hours; Indianapolis, 24 hours; Kansas City, 16 hours; Milwaukee, 24 hours; Minneapolis, 12 hours; New York, 38½ hours; Omaha, 17½ hours; Peoria, 22½ hours; Philadelphia, 24 hours; Pittsburgh, 26 hours; St. Louis, 21 hours; St. Joseph, 14 hours; Sioux City, 12 hours; Trenton, 32 hours; Toledo, 24 hours; Washington, D. C., 30 hours.

Former Torrance Woman Succumbs

The many friends of Mrs. Katherine Kidder, who with her husband, Wallace Kidder, had made her home at the Castle Apartments for about two years, were pained Tuesday to learn that she had passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. K. Holsman, in Kansas City.

Mrs. Kidder, who had been in ill health for some time, was a woman of exceptional ability and lovable qualities. While a member of the Women's Club, ill health had kept her from attending the sessions for the last year, but those of the older members who knew her loved her for herself alone, and mourn with her loved ones her passing.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Ruppert mortuary, 812 South Figueroa street. Interment will be at Inglewood.

"When you hear the steam-boat whistle Your paper is at the door."

Los Angeles and received the following letter in reply: "Permit me to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for your letter of the tenth instant, enclosing copy of schedule compiled by your office in an endeavor to encourage the use of air mail, and to say that your aid and co-operation will be of great value to me.

Sincerely yours,
"P. P. O'BRIEN."