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STAGE ALL SET FOR LEGION SHOW

Citizens Endorse City Trustees Action In Police Matters

Huge Crowd Sure At Musical Revue, Play Tomorrow

Local Cast Will Present Performance at Compton Tonight
STILL SOME SEATS LEFT
Tickets on Sale at Bank, Box Office and Drug Stores

The stage is all set for the American Legion show to be presented at the Torrance theatre tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Casts for the musical revue and the play "The Millionaire" put the finishing touches on their performances Monday night and will make their first stage appearance at Compton tonight. The Compton show was made possible by the co-operation of the Legion posts of Torrance and the neighboring city.

Miss Pearl Fishbeck, director of the show, was highly gratified with the Monday night rehearsal. Legionnaires in charge of the ticket sale announced today that the revue and play will be staged before a record-breaking audience. There are still many seats left in the dollar, seventy-five and fifty-cent sections, however. They may be secured at the box office or at any of the drug stores in Torrance or the First National Bank.

Chorus Girls
The girls' chorus, which will appear in special singing and dancing numbers, promises to be one of the big hits of the performance. The following girls are in the chorus: Misses Garnet Cooke, Lucile Howe, Dorothy Howe, Frances Anderson, Virginia Bressinger, Mary Staplefeldt, Florence Beckwith, Ida Reeve, Cella McNeil, Dolores McNeil and Lillian Fordyce.

Special costumes have been secured for the chorus.

In addition to the chorus there will be several musical selections and dancing numbers.

Little Miss Virginia Cooke will dance and a dancing specialty will be offered by Miss Jimmie Poole.

Miss Elsie Teal, pianist, will play "Rigoletto Paraphrase," by Verdi-Liszt.

Miss Lois Lingenfelter will sing "Dawn," by Pearl Curran, and L. V. Stewart will sing "Little Gray Home in the West."

C. E. Bell will sing "I Love You Truly."

Members of the cast for the play are as follows: Mrs. Frank Clarke, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Miss Virginia Watson, Mrs. James King, Sam Levy, Ted Frenger, Willis M. Brooks, Ralph Satchell and W. Harold Kingsley.

Former Police On Trial Today In Superior Ct.

Anderson, Abbott and Attorney Morewood Before Tribunal

Trial of former Chief B. M. Anderson, former Motorcycle Officer Stanley Abbott and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach on charges of extortion in connection with the "Compton" case last July was started in Superior Court today.

Witnesses who testified before the grand jury have been subpoenaed.

All Torrance Churches Will Unite For Service Thursday

The churches of Torrance will unite for a Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning at 10:30 in the Central Evangelical church.

Parent-Teacher Board Requests Curfew Measure

Will Ask Trustees for Public Dance Hall Ordinance, Too

Members of the executive board of the Parent-Teacher Association yesterday afternoon voted unanimously to request the board of trustees to pass a curfew ordinance and a city measure governing public dance halls. The curfew ordinance proposed by the executives would make it unlawful for boys and girls under 16 to appear on the streets after 9 o'clock. The suggested dance hall ordinance would prohibit boys and girls under 16 years of age from entering public dance halls, unchaperoned. Copies of the resolutions passed by the executive board will be presented to the board of trustees.

Peter Salm Is Taken by Death; Ill For Month

Father of Torrance Manufacturer Leaves Widow and Four Sons

Peter B. Salm, aged 76, father of John Salm, Torrance manufacturer, died Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home at 1963 21st street. Death came from a complication of diseases after an illness of a month.

Born in Holland, Peter Salm arrived in the United States at the age of 18 and settled in Michigan. He came to Torrance with Mrs. Salm last June and was planning to build a home here in the near future. He is survived by Mrs. Salm and four sons—John Salm of Torrance, Richard Salm of Union Grove, Wis., Peter Salm of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Benjamin Salm of Huntington Beach.

The funeral services will be held at the home of John Salm, 1824 Andree avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. F. Cameron will officiate. Burial will be at Inglewood cemetery.

APRON SALE

The Altar Society of the Catholic church will hold an apron sale at the Vonderhage building on December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McArroy have taken the house at 915 Cota avenue recently vacated by W. J. Cox, who has moved to Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. McArroy formerly resided at 2104 Andree avenue.

Officer and Mrs. I. A. Young have moved from 1911 Andree avenue to 1355-B Marcelina avenue.

Mrs. George Greaves and granddaughter, Virginia Lee Van Voorhis, were the guests of Los Angeles friends Monday.

C. A. Paxman is confined to his home with a severe cold.

New York Editor Is Arrested After Preaching Revolt



An editorial published in "Uj Elore," New York Hungarian newspaper, urging immediate revolution, and predicting "Bloody shall be the bayonet with the blood of Coolidge, Ebert, Herriot, Primo de Rivera, Horthy and other idols," resulted in the arrest of John Lasen, managing editor of the paper. He is being held by federal authorities.

Bootlegger To Boy Faces Long Term in Jail

James Kavanaugh Draws 300 Days for Selling Booze to Lad

James Kavanaugh, night watchman at a San Pedro theatre, who pleaded guilty to violations of the Wright act, was fined \$500 or 500 days for possession of liquor, and \$300 or 300 days for selling liquor, when tried before Justice of the Peace Hunter.

Kavanaugh was charged specifically with selling two pints of liquor to a 16-year-old Torrance boy.

Unable to pay the fines, Kavanaugh faces more than two years in jail.

REBEKAH DANCE

Don't forget the Rebekah dance in the Civic hall, Weston street, Lomita, Saturday evening, Nov. 29.

You always have had a good time, and Saturday night will be no exception.

Only Man Who Ever Defeated Cal for Office



Calvin Coolidge has been a candidate for public office fifteen times, and only once has he been defeated. That was when he ran for member of the school board in Northampton, Mass., in 1905. His opponent, John J. Kennedy (above), who still lives in Northampton, won by 94 votes.

Observations

What We Get for Our Taxes—Sinking the Washington—The Coming Pacific Cruise—Curfew for Torrance?—Thanksgiving TO PAY FOR DEAD MEN

A READER sends in an interesting clipping which reveals what everyone knows—that counties, cities and states absorb most of the taxes which citizens of this country pay for being citizens of this country. Of course, this nation's tax bill is stupendous. Probably the exercise of more economy in local and state government would bring about a colossal saving to the people—but taxes would still be burdensome.

But let's think a minute about this tax business.

Compared to the taxes paid by citizens of European countries our assessments are minute. Taxes in England are almost confiscatory—and for what?

England is still paying for her Napoleonic wars. So is France—and both of these countries have waged many a war since the passing of the little corporal.

Taxes in this country go mostly for improvements—roads on which we can drive our millions of automobiles—automobiles such as only a very small percentage of Europeans can afford to own. Our taxes go for lights on our streets, lights that European towns cannot boast. They go for schools—institutions such as European countries cannot boast. The great bulk of the money collected by various governmental units from the people of the United States is used for CONSTRUCTIVE purposes.

In Europe most of the money goes to pay for DESTRUCTION, already wrought.

Every possible economy should be instituted by city, county, state and national governments—but before complaining about taxes, think first if you would care to trade your comforts and modern conveniences and comparatively moderate taxes for European conditions and comparatively HIGH taxes.

In this country, at least, there is some justification for reasonably high taxes.

For we get something for our money.

THE sinking of the big battleship Washington, which would have been the queen of the fleet, arouses conflicting emotions.

Destroyed in accordance with the agreements made in the Washington disarmament conference, the big ship represents a loss of \$50,000,000 to Uncle Sam.

Viewed as the cost of preserving peace this amount is insignificant. The people of this country would pay that sum thousands and thousands of times if they thought that they could prevent war by so doing.

But to waste the \$50,000,000 that went into the battleship is preposterous if the United States ever is to be called upon to use battleships for belligerent purposes.

When the armaments of the Texas were firing their salvos at the big grey hulk of the Washington, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur was announcing that the guns of British and Japanese fighting vessels outrange those on Uncle Sam's warships.

That is serious. It must be changed. It is right for this nation to use all the weight of its influence to prevent wars, but it is suicide for us to allow foreign diplomats to hoodwink us in conference.

Properly prepared this nation cannot be defeated in war on land or sea.

If our negotiators allow themselves to be bamboozled by foreign diplomats defeat may come from across the table.

We must seek to preserve peace, but in any international programs for disarmament we must be sure that we disarm no more than any other nation.

As long as we assure ourselves of a square deal, it is all right to agree to sink battleships—then and then only.

THE United States fleet will visit Australia next summer. The armada will be the largest that Uncle Sam ever sent over the waters of the Pacific.

It is a good thing for our navy to cruise on the greatest body of water in the world. The future of nations will be decided on the Pacific. Three-quarters of the people of the world live near its shores. The white race has migrated as far west as is possible. Here the greatest human movement of all time stops. The centuries old conflict of color checked momentarily by the discovery of America, reopens. It is now the turn of the yellow man to reach out and seek new lands. The Pacific policy of every power on earth is based on knowledge of this fact—and a study of racial history.

Uncle Sam does well to send his fleet over the Pacific.

EXECUTIVES of the Parent-Teacher Association in Torrance propose that the board of trustees pass a curfew ordinance and one regulating public dance halls.

Every parent should greet this proposal with enthusiasm.

Girls under 18, unaccompanied by their parents, should not be allowed at public dances.

Children under 16 should be made to stay off the streets after 9 o'clock at night.

Opponents of such ordinances will declare that activities of boys and girls should be left to the parents and should not concern the municipality.

The answer to that is that all parents do not take their responsibilities seriously.

Those who doubt the advisability of the suggested ordinances should consult with the authorities of any hospital in Southern California; should talk it over with the school principals, and with physicians.

Their doubts might be dispelled.

NOT so long ago our Pilgrim Fathers, grateful for a bountiful harvest, set aside the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving.

We continue the custom—with loss of its significance. Thanksgiving Day has come to mean a feast—which is proper—if the partakers are honestly thankful for the beneficence that makes the banquet possible.

We people of this country have much for which to be thankful. We live in a land of fertile, fruitful soil that has scarcely been scratched. This continent is capable of supporting a billion human beings. Yet it is the abode of less than two hundred millions.

Have you two hands and a body that enjoys health? Be thankful.

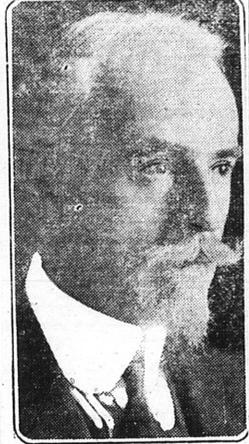
Have you a job? Give thanks. Have you known some few fleeting moments of sheer happiness? Be grateful.

Is your body clothed? Give thanks. Have you a shelter against the weather? Be thankful. Millions on this earth do without the comforts which you, living on this continent, have come to regard as necessities.

Your little comforts, your radio, your phonograph, your electric

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Furor Is Aroused By His Story of Versailles 'Duel'



Wickham Steed, former editor of the London Times, has created a furor abroad with a story in his memoirs, just published, about a challenge to a duel hurled at Lloyd George by Clemenceau at the peace conference. He says that the Frenchman accused the British premier of deliberate misrepresentations. They grappled, but Woodrow Wilson separated them, the story goes. Lloyd George has issued a denial, but Steed vows the story is true.

Firemen's Ball Best in Eleven Years, They Say

300 Attend Dance; Volunteers Doll Up in New Uniforms

With 300 dancing to the excellent music played by the Torrance Synchopators and with the members of the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department all dolled up in the new blue uniforms decked with new badges and shining buttons, the eleventh annual ball of the department at Moose hall Saturday night was one of the most delightful parties given in Torrance in many a moon.

The firemen themselves pronounced it the most successful in the history of the organization.

Proceeds from the party will be used for the firemen's Christmas fund and for the permanent relief fund for members of the department.

One feature of the dance that proved popular was the refreshment booth where hamburger and hot-dog sandwiches and drinks were sold.

The firemen requested The Herald to express through these columns the appreciation of the members of the department for the splendid support accorded them by merchants and other residents of Torrance.

"We certainly appreciate the fine spirit of the people of Torrance," said Chief Ben Hannebrink.

"The music was the best we have had in eleven years and the party the most successful because of the fine support of the public," said Sergeant A. H. Bartlett.

To which remarks all the rest of the boys said "You tell 'em."

Pour Out Liquor In Thanksgiving Day Ceremonies

In addition to large and luscious dinners and other ceremonies attendant upon the day, there will be one unusual Thanksgiving service in front of the Torrance police station Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock, according to Police Chief Louie Patterson, the local force will publicly "pour out a large quantity of liquor which police have seized in recent raids.

Christian Science Services Thursday

Special Thanksgiving services will be held by the Christian Science Society in the chapel at 1732 Cabrillo avenue Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Board Commended By Progress Club in Secret Ballot

Organization Congratulates City Fathers in Securing Patterson

CHENEY TALKS ROADS

Planning Expert Stresses Value of Strict Zoning Laws

Voting by secret ballot, citizens of Torrance who attended the dinner meeting of the Torrance Progress Club Friday night by an overwhelming majority passed a resolution commending the board of trustees for the manner in which the city fathers have handled the police situation.

The resolution was passed after Mayor R. R. Smith had spoken. Mr. Smith pointed out that there has been some criticism of the board for engaging Louie Patterson as chief of police, and that petitions dealing with this question have been circulated. Petitions according to the mayor, are not necessary with the board of trustees. "Anyone with a suggestion or a criticism will receive courteous consideration from the board by appearing in person at one of the meetings," he said. "It is an easy matter to face with citizens' petitions for almost anything."

Draft Resolution

The mayor declared that he was delighted to be able to talk over the police situation with the body of citizens present and added that the board is willing to receive criticism from the citizens.

"The candidacy of four members of the board," he said, "was espoused at the last election by the Progress Club. If we have done something wrong, we are here to be scolded about it."

J. C. Smith, Carl Hyde and H. E. Paige, the resolutions committee, retired and drew up a resolution commending the trustees for their actions in the police matter. George Proctor called for a secret ballot. Only four votes were registered against the resolution.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber told the club about the work done by the Torrance Relief Society, an organization born during the war and still functioning. She stated that many deserving families are being aided by this body. The club decided to aid the society in any way possible. Mrs. Steinhilber is president of the organization, having succeeded Mrs. Sarah Campbell, who has moved to Los Angeles.

Expert Speaks

Albert Cheney, expert city planner and member of the traffic commission, spoke. He stressed the importance of east and west highways and asserted that it is planned to construct four such boulevards, from 100 to 200 feet wide, between the Long Beach-Redondo boulevard and Manchester avenue. He said that Carson street would be one of these.

According to Mr. Cheney, plans for highway development include three classes of pavements—mixed traffic roads; truck highways; show boulevards for passenger traffic only; residence streets.

Mr. Cheney praised the manner in which Torrance has been planned and lauded the purposes and results of city zoning. He argued that industrial property should be zoned against residences just as residence districts are zoned against industries.

"Protect Factories"

Industries require spur trackage, platform-high loading streets and many other facilities objectionable in a residence district. At the same time, he made clear, industries should be protected against objections to their presence near homes.

"It is legend," he said, "that in most suits brought by residents to declare neighboring industries a nuisance, for the courts to rule for the residents and against the industries. For this reason industrial property should be zoned against residences."

Mr. Cheney made a strong plea in favor of architectural restrictions. Zoning laws guard residence districts against noisy factories and ill-smelling industries, but they permit builders to erect structures

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Oil Man Drops Dead While at Work in Field

John C. Goodman, aged 38, Is Victim of Heart Failure

John C. Goodman, oil worker in Lomita, dropped dead suddenly Sunday while working. Heart failure is given as the cause. A resident of Buena Park, Goodman was 38 years old. He leaves a widow and child, parents, four brothers and two sisters, all of Anaheim.

Chief Cyrus Daddy to 10-Pound Girl

Chief Cyrus, Torrance knight of Plistiana, is the proud daddy of a 10-pound girl, born Saturday. Dr. A. P. Stevenson attended.

MOOSE DANCE

An enjoyable time is anticipated at the dance to be given Thursday night, Nov. 27, by the local lodge of Moose.

You know the floor, and the Torrance Synchopators will play. Refreshments will be served.