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Boys Take Over City Government as Part of Program

FUNCTION AS CITY HEADS

Rotary Boys' Week Program Finds Lads Serious-Minded

UPHOLD ZONING OF CITY

Assembly, Parade, Factory Trip, Athletic Meet and Feed Staged

THEATRE DONATES

The Torrance theatre, unsolicited, has donated to the Boys' Week committee of the Rotary Club 80 theatre tickets to be distributed to lads who win first and second places in the athletic events this afternoon. Winners will receive four tickets and those who take second place will receive two tickets. In addition ribbons will be awarded to boys who win first and second places.

Torrance this week is a city of boys—school lads who are demonstrating mature serious-mindedness and judgment in carrying out the program arranged for Boys' Week by the Rotary Club.

Lads from the Torrance schools Wednesday took charge of the city government, after electing a board of trustees, city clerk and city treasurer and appointing other city officers.

They functioned on matters referred to them by adult city officials, and their decisions were highly lauded by experienced municipal officers.

Hold Board Meeting

Officers of the city for the day were elected and appointed as follows: Board of trustees—George Watson (mayor), Walton Macdowell, Robert Lessing, Carl Burmaster, Clifford Grant; city clerk, Turner McLain; city treasurer, Kenneth Roberts; chief of police, Harry Phillips; fire chief, Richard Von Hagen; city attorney, Edward Price; city recorder, Floyd Chandler; city engineer, Melville Jerrit; street superintendent, Leonard Babbock; health officer, Warren MacMillan; building inspector, Robert Kinball.

Sworn in by the boy city recorder, the board of trustees went immediately into session, during which several matters of routine business from the regular city clerk's office were referred to them for decision.

Trustee Burmaster moved that a system of street lights be installed in Torrance. After discussion in which the advantages of lights were extolled by the board mem-

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Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

MONDAY, MAY 4

7:30 p. m.—W. B. A. meeting, 1803 Cabrillo.
8 p. m.—Trustees' meeting, city hall.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Board of Education primary election. Polls open 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.
4:30 p. m.—Meeting board of directors, Chamber of Commerce. Public invited.
7:30 p. m.—American Legion Auxiliary meeting.
7:30 p. m.—Royal Neighbors' meeting, Moose hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8 p. m.—Bowlers' dance, Moose hall.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8 p. m.—Rebekah dance, Moose hall.
8 p. m.—P.-T. A. card party, home of Mrs. Hurum Reeve, 1504 Post avenue.

Observations

A Great Artist and a Great Mother—Ford and Chauncey Depew on Eating—Proving the Need of More Aeroplanes

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK is 65 years old. She has sung in public for 50 years. And now once again she is scheduled to appear at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

A grand career, this lady's—the career of an artist who had time to rear a family of boys, who could be both artist and wholesome woman, who had the courage to work diligently for and give generously to the American Red Cross during the war although one of her sons was fighting in the German army and another for the United States.

The world respects Mme. Schumann-Heink with wholesomeness that borders on reverence. She is revered not only because of her voice and talents but because of her splendid womanhood and motherhood.

It is too bad that paint-smeared, divorce-seeking, morally-loose, childless moving picture stars cannot see the wonder and glory in this fine woman's shining example of the fact that a good woman can be a good mother and have a career at the same time.

I am just told that Mme. Schumann-Heink once said: "Every child that I had added one note to the range of my voice."

God bless you, dear old lady.

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HENRY FORD says that the future destiny of the race is in the hands of the dieticians. He arrived at this conclusion after exhaustive study of the food eaten by modern Americans—a study brought on after he had peeked into the dinner pail of a workman in the Ford factory.

Henry goes the limit, in his statement—but he speaks truth when he says that the daily menu of the average American is not based on scientific principles which govern food values.

The sense of taste and a gnawing feeling in the interior dictates America's choice of foods. We eat almost everything that is set before us, so that the great American inner man becomes merely a catch-all. Any doctor will tell you with truth that more than half the ills of our people are directly attributable to our lack of discrimination in eating.

We diet our babies and stuff ourselves. We limit the amount of food for our horses and dogs and then ourselves sit down and gobble all we can possibly hold.

Eating is probably the king of indoor sports in the United States—but the fertility of our soil, the plentiful supply of worldly goods on this continent has made us a nation of gourmands.

A stuffed stomach brings on a fogged brain. A fogged brain brings on cloudy thinking. Cloudy thinking brings on foolish decisions and wasted activity.

To eat well should not mean to eat all one can hold, but to eat foods chosen because of their values to body and nerve and blood cells.

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CHAUNCEY DEPEW is 91 years old. He says that at the age of 50 he had a "bad day" and decided he had eaten too much. So he cut down on his food allowance and gave care to his selection of foods. He has never overeaten since. At the age of 60 he had another bad day. He realized that he was smoking 25 cigars every day. So he quit smoking. He has not smoked since. At the age of 75 he had another bad day. His secretary said probably it was because of champagne. Mr. Depew says he had always made it a practice to drink a pint of champagne every day. But he decided he was too old to continue the practice.

Now at the ripe old age of 91—daily attending to his duties as chairman of the board of directors of the New York Central lines—he speaks from a long life of varied experience and tells us to eat less, smoke less, and drink not at all.

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THE battle between the fleets at Honolulu proved the efficiency of aeroplanes as scouts for battleships, according to the official reports of the referees.

Few planes were used for offensive purposes. The reason is that the United States does not possess enough first-class planes to make an air attack in force.

Scout planes are effective when there is no opposing force of superior planes to keep them from scouting.

Col. Mitchell's contentions are gradually being forced upon the army and navy hierarchy.

Meantime six of the richest men in the United States form a company for commercial air transportation.

Meantime the city of Chicago prepares to locate a score of free flying fields within the city limits.

Meantime private capital is getting busy at the business of filling the ozone with commercial planes—and meantime the government dallies with admirals and generals who think in terms of the middle ages.

We lead the world in able aviators. But we are far behind in military, passenger, and commercial aviation. We will soon catch up in the passenger and commercial business, due to the incomparable initiative of American business men.

Public opinion demands that the government get busy, too.

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THE American Telephone and Telegraph Company is ready to transmit photographs by wire from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The time consumed in the photographic process is about three-quarters of an hour, which is on a par with the most rapid newspaper photography.

A photograph can be filed in New York at 8 a. m. and an hour later, or at 6 a. m., Pacific Coast time, be available in the San Francisco newspapers.

The new service is expected to be of great value to publishers, to the police in catching criminals, to banks in verification of signatures, and to mercantile establishments generally.

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GENERAL MANAGER WILLIAM E. MALLALIEU of the National Board of Fire Underwriters was recently invited to talk to the National Fire Waste Council. Commenting on his remarks, the Insurance Field said he handed them an idea that illuminated the heavens of financial economy like an aurora borealis. "Imagine," said he, "the situation if the eminent secretary of the treasury, as the representative of the American people, started each day's work by causing to be thrown into the bottomless reaches of the Atlantic ocean forty-one living persons and a load of gold pieces worth $1,500,000, an amount equivalent to the per diem average of our national destruction by burning. The country would first stand aghast and then would call for an immediate investigation by an authority on mental diseases. And yet the American public is staging practically the same performance every day in the year.

"What, in effect, is the difference? In one case the lives and gold treasure would be lost to society—in the other, equivalent lives and values are actually cast to the four winds; it is no figment of the imagination but a concrete occurrence. The sum total of destruction is made up of fires scattered over our land from coast to coast so that the people at large fail to absorb the full picture that represents out national ash-heap, and apparently are unable to grasp its true significance."

1ST NAT'L 12 YEARS OLD

Bank, Born With Torrance, Still Owned by Original Organizers

REFLECTS CITY GROWTH

Surplus Multiplied 12 Times, Capital Has Doubled, Since 1913

Born with Torrance and growing with the city, always taking a substantial part in local development, both through personal efforts on the part of its directors and staff and through its functions as a financial institution, the First National Bank has reached the twelfth anniversary of its birthday under the same management and ownership that brought it into being.

The charter of the institution was granted on May 2, 1913—when the town of Torrance was struggling forward to become a coordinated community.

Judge George W. Post, beloved by all who knew him, was the first president of the institution, and on the board of directors were Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the city; George W. Neill, who was first vice-president and who still holds that same office with the bank; and J. W. Post, who was the original cashier of the institution **and who now is its president.**

The growth of the city, always stimulated by the bank, is reflected in a comparison of the institution's original capital and surplus with its capital and surplus today. The original capital was $25,000 and the surplus was $5000. Today the capital is $50,000 and the surplus $60,000. Thus it is seen that the surplus has increased 12 times and the capital twice in the 12 years of the bank's existence.

Represented by its personnel in every civic organization in Torrance and assisting in every civic movement for the progress of the community, the First National is able to boast that every one of its officers, directors, stockholders and employes is a resident of Torrance or owns property here.

The officers of the First National are J. W. Post, president; George W. Neill, vice-president; L. V. Babcock, cashier; R. J. Deininger, assistant cashier.

The board of directors is as follows: J. W. Post, George W. Neill, L. V. Babcock, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, Wilfred Teal, and Brian K. Welch.

Fred Rees Has Training Camp Entrance Data

Application Blanks Available to Citizens Between 17 and 31 Years

Information and applications for admission to the citizens' training camps may be secured from Henry F. Rees, 1st Lieut. Inf., O. R. C., 700 Border Ave., Torrance.

Any citizen between the ages of 17 and 31 years may enjoy this month of military training, health and education, without any expense whatever.

Transportation, bedding, uniform clothing, equipment, meals—everything is provided by the war department under the national defense act, and every enthusiastic healthy citizen should be encouraged to enroll.

Miss Wona Wimmer and her aunt, Miss Mayme Wimmer, were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins.

Mrs. Jessie Cowan and children were weekend guests of Mrs. Jesse Harvey at Pasadena.

Henry Ford Has Five Wealthy Partners in $5,000,000 Air Transport Concern

Nearly two billion dollars in wealth is represented by backers of the new American Airways, Inc., shown here. The plane pictured is the type being used by the Fords in their private freight service.

By Central Press

DETROIT, May 1.—Organization of American Airways, Inc., with a capitalization of $5,000,000, a large part of which is Ford money, presages the linking of many of the principal cities of the country with a regularly scheduled air passenger, freight and mail service.

Associated with Henry and Edsel Ford in American Airways, Inc., are Marshall Field III, who inherited the vast Marshall Field estate; Philip Wrigley, son of William Wrigley, chewing gum king; Joseph Leiter, Chicago capitalist, and Rodman Wanamaker, New York merchant prince.

It is understood that the new company will take over the government contract for carrying mail between New York and Chicago when the government gets ready to put it on a contract basis.

This enterprise is separate from the Fords' own air freight service, which now links their plants in Detroit and Chicago and will shortly be extended to St. Louis and to St. Paul.

Detroit is in a fair way of becoming the aircraft capital as well as the motor capital. With this in mind the Fords are enlarging their huge airport here, and it will have accommodations for hundreds of planes ultimately.

Work on an immense mooring mast, which would permit dirigibles to land at the field, will begin shortly.

The Fords have employed Rudolph W. Schroeder, former army major who once held the world's altitude record, as general superintendent of the local airport. Schroeder is vice-president of the National Aeronautical Association.

Fords Depart From Policy

American Airways, Inc., is doubly interesting because it represents a deviation from the Ford policy of being the sole owners of enterprises in which they are interested. In this organization they will have to deal with four men who are independently wealthy.

The Fords will not manufacture the planes wihch will be used by the new organization. For the present it will merely be back of the Stout All-Metal Airplane Co., which is turning out the planes being used in the Ford freight service.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we have already entered the flying era and that we are on the verge of greatly increased aircraft production," says Edsel Ford. "The use of aircraft in national defense and commerce long ago lifted it out of the 'sport' class.

"Among the commonest experiences of the not distant future will be the daily use of airplanes for personal purposes, and the acceptance and use of aircraft as widespread, comparatively, as the acceptance and use of the radio.

"The interest which my father, Mr. Henry Ford, and myself have in the development of aircraft arises quite naturally and logically out of our interest in all forms of motor transportation. While the Ford Motor Company has not yet built any airplanes, we have lent assistance to those who are doing so, and it is conceivable that some day we shall be engaged in the quantity production, if not of air sedans and air transports, at least of the motors for them.

"We, with others, are interested at present in heavier-than-air machines and in the all-metal dirigible, a lighter-than-air machine.

"It is my opinion that both types have their distinctive places, like passenger automobiles and motor trucks. The airplane will be used for speed of any form of fast express work, while the dirigible will be used for carrying heavy loads.

"We have progressed far enough with the cabin type (or, if you prefer, the sedan type) of all-metal airplane to be fairly well convinced that increased production would result in a decreased cost that would put the plane within the means of a wide circle of users."

Oilers Part of Winter League Of Fast Teams

C.-C. M. O. Will Open Season on 'Big Time' Week From Sunday

Entering the "big time" by virtue of the prowess they displayed in the winter league, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company baseball team will play the first game in the Big Winter Circuit a week from Sunday against the Shell Oil outfit at the local park.

The new league will be composed of the C.-C. M. O., Shell Oil, Petroleum Midway, Irvine, Pasadena Merchants, and Pacific Electric teams—constituting the fastest aggregation of pastimers in the Southland.

Torrance Club Is Praised by Women

Mrs. James M. Fitzhugh, president of the Women's Club, and Mrs. James H. Milburn, press chairman, attended the annual luncheon and "High Jinks" of the press conference held at the Friday Morning Club banquet hall.

Honorable mention was given the Women's Club of Torrance, which had 371¾ inches of publicity, averaging 1.86 inches per member and covering seven months of work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dexter of Los Angeles were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Acree of 1747 Gramercy avenue.

Mrs. Rose Bell has just returned from a week's stay with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dexter of Los Angeles.

The Triple City Rebekah Lodge will give a dance in Moose hall on Saturday evening, May 9.

Tolson Booth Hit At L. B. Exposition

The Tolson Transportation System had a very attractive booth at the Harbor Industrial Exhibition at Long Beach April 22 to 29.

On Wednesday evening a large Hartman wardrobe trunk was given away by Mr. Tolson to Ralf Fisher of Virginia City, who held the lucky coupon.

WILL HAVE 11 CLASS ROOMS

Board of Equalization Authorizes Addition to Grammar Unit

AUTHORIZE AUDITORIUM

Assembly Hall for Elementary Students Will Seat 375

A new addition to the Torrance elementary school, providing eleven new class rooms and an auditorium for the use of the grammar school, will be constructed here by the Board of Education next fall at a cost of $105,000.

This was assured this week when the board authorized an appropriation of $84,000 for the construction of the buildings and ordered plans to be drawn.

The addition to the school wil' extend north from the preser building. It will be designed t conform with the present unit. There will be five class rooms on the first floor and six above.

The auditorium, which will have a seating capacity of 375, will include also a room for teachers' meetings and shower baths on each side of the stage—one for boys and one for girls.

Completed Next Christmas

According to Principal Bell, the capacity of the elementary school when the addition is completed by next Christmas will be 1000 pupils. The present enrollment is 725. Next fall some half-time sessions will be necessary until the addition is completed. It is planned that this last addition will be all that ever will be constructed at the site of the present elementary school. Future elementary school buildings will be located in the north side of the city, it is contemplated.

The buildings will be paid for out of the bond issue authorized by voters last fall.

Mr. Bell explained the plan of the addition and auditorium to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon. He stated that the audtorium will be secured, not in lieu of additional class rooms, but supplementary thereto. The directors instructed the secretary to write the Board of Education expressing the appreciation of the people of Torrance for the addition and the auditorium.

Water Seller Will Be Tried On Wednesday

Radcliffe Pleads Not Guilty to Two Charges and Asks Panel

The four-act playlet, in which Officer Brundette is asserted to have purchased from E. D. Radcliffe of Long Beach one five-gallon container of "booze" which proved to be water, developed into a serious serial when Radcliffe pleaded not guilty to larceny by trick and device and obtaining money under false pretenses, and demanded a trial by jury. The case will be tried before City Recorder next Wednesday, May 6, at 10 a. m.

All Torrance Women Asked To Sew For Hospital on Monday

Women of Torrance who are interested in Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital are invited to take part in a blanket-sewing bee at the Guild hall of the Central Evangelical church Monday. Blankets for the institution have arrived and require the attention of seamstresses—hence the general call for volunteers. The blankets will be ready at 9 o'clock in the morning. A pot-luck dinner will be served at noon. Anyone requiring further details should call Mrs. Willis M. Brooks.