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## OPEN HOSPITAL THIS WEEK-END

# Trustees Officially Propose Paving And Street Lighting WILL VOTE ON PLAYGROUND BONDS

### PASS PLAN FOR 700 LAMPS

Specify Lights in Entire Business and Residence Districts TO PAVE REDONDO BLVD. Assessment Area for Paving Ends at Alley South of Carson

Torrance city trustees last night passed resolutions of intention to pave Redondo boulevard to the west city limits and to install ornamental lights throughout the business and residence districts.

Specifications for each proposed improvement, which will be done under the assessment district system, were adopted.

Protests against the improvements and proposed assessment districts will be heard at 8 o'clock on Monday night, June 1. All protests must be made in writing.

Specifications for the street lighting system call for Marbelite reinforced concrete standards to the number of 700, to be 150 feet apart, staggered along both sides of the streets. Lights in the business district will be 14 feet 7 inches high, and those in the residence district will be 10 feet 6 inches high.

On Main Thoroughfares The specifications provide for lights along main thoroughfares leading into the city—on Arlington avenue to the south limits, on Western avenue to the northern limits, on Carson street to the east limits and on Carson street to Greenwood.

Only property abutting on streets which are to be lighted will be assessed for the improvement.

Investigation of recent lighting system installations in various cities of Southern California revealed the fact to the trustees that bids for such installations are highly competitive. In some recent cases as many as 25 bids have been received.

While an accurate estimate of the cost per front foot is not possible, the highly competitive bidding for the work leads officials here to believe that the cost will not be much more than \$1 a foot.

30-Foot Pavement The Redondo Boulevard improvement specifications call for both lights and pavement. The paving will be 15 feet wide, on each side of the Pacific Electric company's right of way which ends at a point between Date and Elm avenues. From that point to the western limits it will be 30 feet wide.

Specifications call for a 7-inch pavement of the vibrolite type—which is concrete into which crushed rock is forced as the water is forced out under high pressure. The assessment district proposed for the payment of the cost of the boulevard paving—ends at the alley immediately south of Carson street, with unusually low assessments against Carson street property.

The cost of the lights along the boulevard will be assessed entirely against the boulevard frontage. The total cost of the paving is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

### Torrance Organist On Air Wednesday

J. Devere Jensen, organist at the Torrance theatre, will broadcast an organ recital from the Wurlitzer studio over KNX on Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p. m.

## Observations

Coolidge on Morals and Business—Poppies, Beauty and War—Columbus Myth Disproved—Two Kinds of Reading—Old News to Us By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE of late has been sending out to his countrymen some fine old New England horse-sense.

One day he stated that morality is not a tangible something that may be effected through legislation; that moral conduct is up to the individual and cannot be faded out to the world by lawmakers.

The next day he asserted that business may proceed with the assurance that the federal government is planning no new restrictions on individual or corporate initiative; that industry may go forward with its programs of expansion without fear of what might happen at Washington.

The responsibility of the individual for the morals of society is a precept that cannot be denied. Its acceptance is merely recognition of the fact that the home is the fountain-head of morality and that social decency always has been, is now and always will be dependent on the ethical code that exists and is fostered in that basic social group which we call the family. To write immorality out of existence by passing laws is impossible. Yet crusaders against this or that condition are continually demanding new laws. If they would all join together in a nation-wide back-to-the-home movement in a definite manner, they would accomplish more in a year than they could hope to achieve by a whole library of statutes.

It is refreshing to have a President bring home this old and true point at a time when hundreds of organizations are demanding that new laws be shoved into our already overcrowded statute books.

AS to business and industry, the President also strikes a popular chord. The economic life of America has thrived because of the boundless initiative of our people. That this initiative be restricted to prevent complete monopoly and profiteering on the people's birthright is well. But for the government to carry its restrictions to a point at which private enterprise is blocked and checked and adequate reward for enthusiastic commercial and industrial energy becomes impossible, is economic suicide, driving capital to cover, emptying dinner-buckets and creating financial depression that affects every person in the country.

THE President stands squarely for morality, but solidly against the theory that morality is created by laws.

He is likewise emphatic in his contention that the rewards for individual energy be free from confiscatory restrictions.

His recent speeches on these matters will be challenged, no doubt, by moral crusaders who constantly demand new legal inhibitions, and by Socialists who flout the rights of property and contend that the state should be supreme in all things.

But to those who have read the history and the eternal truths of the world's greatest philosophers, and to those who see in Socialism nothing but a return to "Kaiserism administered from below," the President's sensible statements will be greeted with cheers.

NO soldier who served in the A. E. F. will ever forget the blood-red poppies that raised their pretty heads in profusion throughout the shell-swept fields of war.

American infantrymen twined these blossoms in their steel helmets when they went to the attack.

Gen. Mangin, observing a regiment of regulars going into action with their helmets decked out in poppies, said "How can Germany expect to beat an army of young men who fight with flowers on their heads?"

The poppies are significant of something deep and fine. To the veteran of the war they are a sacred memory.

The American Legion Auxiliary, sensing this, is making poppies for sale throughout the country so that they may be worn on Memorial Day—in commemoration of the men who died in the service.

The person who buys one of these poppies and wears it should know that he is perpetuating a symbol of epic courage and poetic bravery—a symbol of fearless spirit combined with tender sentiment in the hearts of American boys—such a blending of sentiment and bravery that they could temper horror with beauty and go blithely into action—and death—with smiles on their faces and flowers on their heads.

ANOTHER popular myth has been relegated to limbo by the investigation of scientists and historians.

It is now established beyond successful contradiction that Columbus did not discover America; that a thriving commerce was carried on between the two American continents and Africa and France long before 1492; that the new world had been visited by Irish, Norse, French, Portuguese and African navigators centuries before Queen Isabella financed the Genoa sea-captain's voyage; that Columbus knew where he was going before he started.

For verification of these facts see the current issue of World's Work.

It will be interesting to note during the next few decades whether our school children continue to be taught that America was never visited by old world sailors before Columbus. And we are willing to risk a prophecy that the Columbus story will go on and on for a long, long time.

People are reluctant to strip popular historical heroes of the glamour built around them by Time. Humans insist on clinging to popular historical romances even after they have been proved false.

Columbus was a great man. The fact that he did not discover America detracts little from his right to a place in the historical sun. Of all the mariners who reached these shores between 1000 and 1500 A. D. he was the first to press-agent his accomplishment. And he did this so well that he sent his own name resounding down the corridors of Time.

THERE are two kinds of reading—reading for knowledge and reading for entertainment. I like both kinds. But I find that it is difficult to differentiate between the two. The more I read to be entertained the more I learn, and the more I read for knowledge the more I am entertained. Like you, who are reading this, I do not read enough. Every time I go into a library I am struck

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## CHAMPION KIDDIES CAUSE

Trustees Adopt Planners Recommendation to Buy Treed Tract

BEAUTIFUL SITE CHOSEN 3-Acre Plot on Carson Proposed for Development for Tots

To provide an adequate playground for tots, older children and adults in the city of Torrance, the Board of Trustees last night acted upon a recommendation of the City Planning Commission and instructed City Attorney P. G. Briney to start proceedings for a special election at which citizens will vote on a bond issue of \$30,000 for the purchase and development as a recreational center of the beautiful tract of land at the intersection of Carson street and Plaza Del Amo near the high school property.

The election probably will be held some time in June.

The land, comprising approximately three acres, is bordered by beautiful trees and shrubs and is, according to the resolution passed unanimously by the planning commission, admirably adapted to playground purposes.

It may be purchased for the sum of \$12,500 from the Dominguez Land Corporation.

Same Price to Legion

This company recently sold less than half an acre immediately abutting the proposed playground tract to the American Legion for \$2,000 and the price of \$12,500 is on the same basis.

In recommending the proposal of a bond issue the planning commission acted in accordance with a widespread demand on the part of civic organizations and parents of Torrance for a recreational center which would include sand pits, slides, merry-go-rounds, swings and other apparatus for tots, and tennis courts for older children and adults.

The tract proposed for purchase and development by the city has 540 feet fronting on Carson street. Flanked on all sides by beautiful trees, the site is attractive in the center with open spaces large enough to permit tennis courts to be constructed without destroying many trees.

Two Cents Per \$100

In discussing the advisability of calling a special election for the purpose of voting on a bond issue for a playground for the children of the city the trustees figured that the cost would be two cents per year on \$100 assessed valuation.

That this was unusually cheap in view of the vast benefits to be derived from a well-designed and beautiful recreational center was the unanimous opinion of the planning commission and the trustees. Before making its recommendation the planning commission ascertained that any playgrounds installed by the Board of Education on school property would not include facilities for the smaller children of less than school age and that it had long been the policy of the board of education not to provide school property for development by municipalities for playground purposes.

That the bond issue for such a noble purpose will be carried by a tremendous majority is the opinion of all civic leaders. The bonding proposal, as a matter of fact, was not initiated solely at the behest of the commissioners, but came in response to a long-standing demand on the part of parents and children themselves for a recreational center which Torrance now so woefully lacks.

## INVITE PUBLIC TO OPENING OF HOSPITAL

The people of Torrance and neighboring communities are cordially invited to inspect the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10. It is our desire that every person in this district visit the institution on one of these two days so that they may have first-hand knowledge of the excellency of the hospital which has been donated to the people of this district through the benevolence of Jared Sidney Torrance as exemplified by the generosity of his heirs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

## U. S. Birdmen to Brave Dangers of Pole



Lieut.-Comdr. R. Y. Byrd, U. S. N., flight commander of the MacMillan-National Geographic Society aerial expedition to the Arctic, is seen (inset) testing the newly invented rubber boat which is to be included in the equipment of the fliers. The boat, with its oars, collapses into a small bag, as shown in the larger photo. In the background is one of the planes being prepared for the expedition, arrangements for which are now being completed rapidly.



## TWO DAYS SET FOR EVENT

Rush Work to Make Building Ready by Saturday and Sunday

WOMEN HEM BLANKETS Experts Set Up Modern Apparatus in Rooms at Institution

The Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital will be opened for inspection by the people of Torrance and neighboring communities on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10.

Contractors and workmen this week are busy putting the finishing touches on the building so that the institution will be ready for the public weekend opening and ready to function as a hospital on Tuesday, May 12.

Women of Torrance spent all day Monday hemming blankets for the institution. The nimble fingers of devoted women had already hemmed towels and other linen.

Landscapers have almost completed their work on the grounds in front and at the rear of the building, and experts are working now setting up the modern equipment in the X-ray, sterilizing and operating rooms and the spacious and scientifically designed kitchen in the basement.

A detailed description of the hospital, together with an article on its history from the date of its conception by Jared Signed Torrance to its completion, and articles setting forth the terms of the endowment to the institution made by Mr. Torrance, and the policies under which the hospital will be conducted, will be published in a booklet now being printed. These data will also be published in Friday's issue of this paper.

An invitation to the public to inspect the hospital next Saturday and Sunday is printed in other columns on this page.

## Local Singers Win Gold Discs At Eisteddfod

Six First-Prize Medals Are Awarded to Torrance Vocal Artists

Torrance has reason to be proud of the showing made by the Torrance competitors in the Bay Cities District Eisteddfod held in Inglewood last week. Six gold medals were brought home to this city.

Special credit is due Mrs. Mary Lingenfelter Thompson, who was chairman for this section and who competed also as soprano soloist and in the mixed quartet, receiving a gold medal for each event.

J. E. Williams of Torrance was awarded the gold medal as first prize for tenor solos, and the members of the mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Thompson, Miss Lingenfelter, J. E. Williams and Fred Lessing, each received a gold medal. Each soloist sang twice, or number being assigned by the committee and the other of his or her own choosing.

The Torrance High School Glee Clubs also acquitted themselves most creditably, receiving much praise for their songs Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warthan and their weekend guest, Mrs. Frances Nelson, enjoyed Sunday at Downey.

## Masons to Give Public Schools Program May 12

All Invited to Hear Rev. Bruce Brown Next Tuesday Night

Torrance Masons will conduct their annual Public School Night ceremonies at a public meeting to be held at the high school auditorium Tuesday night, May 12.

The committee in charge of the event is perfecting a program. The committee consists of J. H. Fess, chairman; John Guyon, and J. R. Winters.

Rev. Bruce Brown of Los Angeles will be the speaker of the evening. R. R. Smith will act as master of ceremonies. Other details of the program will be announced.

The members of the Masonic lodge are particularly anxious that it be understood that the ceremony is public.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaPlante and Mr. and Mrs. Jere Van Andle were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carr of Glendora on Sunday. The entire party later on motored to Stoddard Camp at Mt. Baldy.

## Coming Events

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

TUESDAY, MAY 5 4:30 p. m.—Meeting board of directors, Chamber of Commerce. Public invited.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 8 p. m.—Bowlers' dance, Moose hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 7 Noon—Rotary Club meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 9 P. T. A. card party, 1504 9th avenue. Rebekah dance, Moose hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 10 All day—Public opening Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

MOTHERS' DAY Services in all churches. 3:30 p. m.—Baseball, C. C. M. O. vs. Shell Oil, at C. C. M. O. park.

TUESDAY, MAY 12 7:30 p. m.—Masons' Public School Night, high school auditorium.

## Bowlers Dance at Moose Hall Tomorrow P. M.

Send Team to San Francisco Call of Pin Spillers

The Torrance City Bowling League will give a dance on Wednesday evening, May 6, at Moose hall.

The well chosen committee have completed their well laid plans to give the people of Torrance a real time with feature dances, excellent music furnished by the Daneytime orchestra, and a good floor.

The proceeds from the dance will be used to send a Torrance team to the Pacific Coast Bowling Congress tournament at San Francisco May 1 to 17, inclusive.

The local team will bowl on May 14. Tickets are available at the American and from all members of the City League, and will be on sale at the door.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Freeman, formerly of Martina avenue and late of Long Beach, have returned to Torrance and rented the house at 929 Andreo avenue.