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WOMEN TO CONDUCT HOSPITAL DRIVE Playground Bond Issue Election Set for Tuesday, June 16

SEEK YEAR HOSPITAL PLEDGES

Teams From Women's Organizations Will Campaign for Annual Members 71 JOIN UP FOR LIFE Association Directors Thank People for Their Generosity

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response which greeted the call for life memberships in the Torrance Hospital Association...

Happy to Help Mrs. Brooks, secretary of the association, reports that the women of the various women's organizations in the city were enthusiastic at the opportunity afforded them to help the hospital by conducting the annual membership campaign.

Here is List The following persons and institutions in Torrance pledged or paid \$100 each for life memberships during the campaign:

- J. H. Fess, Ed Kelly, Dr. Norman A. Leake, Sam Levy, Palmer and Fix, Torrance Laundry, Dolley Drug Company, Alfred Gourdier, Sam Rappaport, Ben Rappaport, Dave Hoffman, Fred Burkhardt, Simon Rappaport, D. C. Turner, Mrs. Sam Rappaport, Perry G. Briney, Janetie Woodburn, Donald Findley, E. W. Huddleston, Torrance Herald, Roy A. MacFarland, Stone and Myera, R. J. Deinger, Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, A. L. Bond, W. W. Johnston, Richard D. Hodges, Charles A. Curtis, Edmund N. Bine, H. E. Paige, A. H. Bartlett, George Peckham, A. W. Malone, Lovelle Ott, G. H. Bradford, Carl L. Hyde, William Gascoigne, C. M. MacKenzie, James W. Post, L. V. Babcock, John W. MacMillan, Mrs. Mina A. Shidler, DeKalb Spurline, T. F. Foley, J. F. Stone, Forrest J. Young, George A. Proctor, Chase E. Theobald, Mrs. Clara L. Theobald, First National Bank, Louisa March, Henry C. March, W. E. B. Partridge, J. W. Macdowell, Torrance Branch of Bank of America, J. C. Smith.

Those who were life members prior to the campaign are as follows: Jared Sidney Torrance, Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, Louis C. Torrance, Jennie T. Welch, Brian K. Welch, Laura Post, Dr. George P. Shidler, Dr. A. P. Stevenson, Mrs. J. S. Lancaster.

Out-of-town life members are as follows: Mrs. Ella Brooks Solano, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles; Mrs. J. C. McVey, Glendale; Mrs. Frederick H. Stevens, Frederick Stevens, Pasadena; Edwin J. Marshall, Pasadena.

The directors of the Torrance Hospital Association requested The Herald to express their sincere appreciation to those who have become members of the organization.

A list of annual members in the association will be published at the conclusion of the campaign which starts tomorrow.

Observations

When Boys Admit a Man to the Fraternity of Youth; An After With the Young Barbarians—The Scout Camp

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

It does a man, who is a boy grown tall, a lot of good to mix with boys as one of their number. When the lads rip down the barriers of restraint usually locked to adults, and admit an adult to the fraternity of their youth, that adult is entitled to a full measure of exuberance.

The conversation of Young America today is a revelation. Driving back from the Boy Scout camp at Portuguese Bend Sunday with the tonneau of Dick Flaherty's Buick laden to its limit with weekend packs and boys, the repartee of the lads held me fascinated.

In my heart there was mingled understanding and joy and regret—understanding because every man who has been a barbarian boy comprehends lads after he has been a voter for a number of years; joy because the barrier seemed removed to me; regret because those joyous, irresponsible, colorful, wonderful days of boyhood will never return for me.

"HERE'S a story," said one lad. "A kid asked his dad if you could see sound. The father replied 'No.' 'Well,' said the son, 'then why did you say that mother's new hat looked like thunder?'" "An old crack in an old plate," was the caustic comment of another boy in the rear seat.

"Pick the moth balls often that 'un when you crack it again," scoffed another.

"Who put a nickel in you?" snapped back the story-teller.

DO any of you men fail to recall the old summer days when you lingered on the banks of the ole swimmin' hole, clad only in the garb Nature gave you? Do you recall how you went home with your neck and back literally on fire with sunburn? And how the other kids who knew the condition of your epidermis caused you immeasurable pain by slapping you on the back with all their might?

Well, they still do that, these boys of today. Allan Renn came home yesterday with a wide area of his expansive back red as a beet.

"I don't mind the sunburn," said Allan, "but all the kids in school will know it tomorrow and they'll slap me on the back for about a week."

Somehow I was rather happy that boys still slap sunburned backs. The continued practice proves that Scouting and other influences which tend toward standardization of our youth has not ruined all their natural barbarism.

THERE are no frills at the Scout camp. So it is a veritable Heaven-on-Earth for boys.

The lads sleep in pup-tents on the ground—except honor Scouts who rate a bunk. The mess house is a splendidly crude affair, with a roof that is fashioned out of branches.

There is a social hall with a rough brick fireplace around which the boys play checkers and read.

At night, after a day of swimming, games and hill-climbing, the boys gather around the council fire—and sometimes Comptroller Moore raises the hair of their trusted head by relating fearsome tales of ghosts and spooks.

THEY had plenty of contests down at the camp last weekend when Lomita and Torrance Scouts made up the big majority of the lads present. Winners of the contests won pieces of candy. One boy proudly declared that he won and consumed 24 pieces of chocolate.

That amount of sweet stuff might do him little good normally, but the glow on his cheeks and the clear-white and blue of his eyes revealed that the abundance of chocolate creams did him no harm. The rigors of life at the camp took care of that.

INDIVIDUAL pride and gang pride has not been lost among boys of today. These lads that I brought home boasted exuberantly of their individual and collective ability to consume large quantities of delicacies.

I was given to understand that Scouts from Torrance and Lomita hold the harbor district record for long distance assimilation of jams and cookies.

"At the summer camp last year," they told me, "24 of us kids ate 60 big jars of jam—big gallon jars—in a week. And another camp of 73 kids only ate 16 jars."

"We ate two big apple boxes filled with assorted cookies, too. We ate more than any other gang did away with. And they certainly was swell cookies. Hot puppy!"

THE urge for business has not been ruined by modern influences. "There never is enough candy at the weekend camps," one of my passengers explained. "And you can't buy any at the camp. Next time I'm going to take plenty of chocolates and eat plenty myself and sell the rest to the other kids."

Just what the inexorable law of supply and demand should divulge in his favor. Most any professor of economics would grant that a net profit of 100 percent on candy at the camp would not be exorbitant. But boy buyers might adopt a policy of direct action against any of their fellows who sought to double their money at their expense. I doubt if he could put it over.

I ENVY Commissioner Moore. To stay down at that camp every weekend with a gang of boys, wild, energetic, eminently decent and fair, is a job that any man would envy.

Go down there some time. If the brilliant memories of your own barbarous boyhood do not almost overwhelm you, if your eyes do not become dimmed with moisture, I feel sorry for you.

HERE comes another one of those weeks. They follow fast on the heels of one another. Yet in all of them there is something worth while.

Now it is the postoffice department that has set aside the week of June 1 to 7 as Better Mailing Week.

EXCHANGE BANK IS SOLD

Becomes Branch of Bank of America This Morning

J. B. HINES IS MANAGER

Local Directors Become Members of New Advisory Board

The Bank of America Monday purchased the State Exchange Bank of Torrance. Announcement of the transfer was made yesterday by J. B. Hines, who becomes manager of the new institution. The actual transfer was made yesterday afternoon at the close of business.

The transfer was made to the American Commercial Company, which operates the Bank of America, and the Commercial National Bank of Los Angeles.

Permission has been secured from the State Banking Department for the transfer and starting this morning the local bank becomes a branch of the Bank of America.

Same Personnel No changes in personnel are contemplated, Mr. Hines announced. Mr. Hines will be manager of the Branch; Mr. G. Jehu remains as cashier, and Lawrence Coll as assistant cashier.

The board of directors of the State Exchange Bank, representative of the commercial and business life of Torrance, becomes an advisory board for the branch. The members are: H. H. Dolley of the Dolley Drug Company, W. E. B. Partridge of the Union Tool Company, C. L. Blaise of the Western Sheet Glass Company, Carl L. Hyde, and J. B. Hines.

The American Commercial Company controls more than 20 branches and agencies of the Bank of America and the Commercial National Bank of Los Angeles. The company's resources are in excess of \$32,000,000.

Will Hold Reception Commenting on the transfer, J. B. Hines said: "The change means that the metropolitan banking facilities offered to its patrons by one of the largest financial groups of Southern California become available to the business men and residents of this community."

A formal opening of the bank as a branch of the Bank of America will be held next Thursday afternoon and evening, at which time a reception to the public will be held.

At this time Orta E. Monnette, president of the Bank of America, and L. M. MacDonald, president of the American Commercial Company will be present to become acquainted with residents of Torrance.

Wm. Gascoigne's Car in Smashup; Two Are Injured

Wife and Daughter of City Employee Badly Shaken Up

Mrs. William Gascoigne and daughter Maxine were severely shaken up and the Gascoigne car was badly damaged Saturday afternoon about four miles south of Whittier when a car driven by Mrs. Ruth May of Fullerton plunged headlong into the Torrance machine. Mr. Gascoigne was uninjured.

According to Mr. Gascoigne he was driving slowly in a long line of traffic when Mrs. May drove out of the line of cars on the opposite side of the road and headed directly for his machine at a speed of about 30 miles an hour. Mr. Gascoigne attempted to pilot his car into the gutter to avoid the crash but was unable to do so.

Mrs. Hattie Tansey of Oakland is visiting her son, Charles Tansey, of 1423 Marcellina avenue. She will remain until Thursday.

Nurses Now on Duty at New Hospital



The staff of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital, which opened Monday morning for the reception of patients is pictured above. Left to right: Miss Emily Kull, in charge of the obstetrical department; Mrs. C. B. Bond, general duty nurse; Mrs. M. E. Norton, surgical nurse; Miss Nellie Long, X-ray and laboratory technician; Miss H. C. Casey, supervisor of nurses; Miss Elizabeth O'Neill, night supervisor; Miss E. B. Sperry, surgical nurse; Miss Genevieve Anderson, general duty nurse. Sitting: Miss Esther Maxwell, superintendent.

Outside Paper Praises Local Civic Progress

El Segundo Herald Editorial Lauds Enterprise of Torrance People

An opportunity for the people of Torrance to see themselves as others see them is herewith presented. The following editorial is reprinted from the editorial page of the El Segundo Herald, the enterprising paper in our neighboring city:

"TORRANCE TO THE FRONT The city of Torrance, in our estimation, is headed for real worthwhile growth and development. In the past year it has made splendid advancement in face of a period of depression. It has made greater progress in the past year than any single year in that city's history, and because its residents have submerger their individual interest for the good of the city.

During 1922 and 1923, while the Torrance oil field was rising to its height, the city of Torrance was a victim of speculation. Everybody was so busy selling real estate and making money that no one, except verbally, devoted much attention to the fundamental needs of the city. Today everybody in Torrance is working to push it ahead, and it is rolling rapidly.

"A \$100,000 hospital, endowed to the extent of \$700 month, has just been opened. A new school house is to be built, and a complete street lighting system installed. New streets and through boulevards are being opened up. A city park for the 'kiddies' is to be voted on in the next sixty days. A city planning commission is at work looking after the immediate needs of the city and preparing for the future. An industrial survey of the city is now being made to aid in locating new industries in Torrance.

"Torrance residents are not waiting for opportunity to overtake them. They are creating their own opportunity. It is that spirit that builds cities. It is that spirit that will make Torrance a splendid industrial and home city. The men who are shaping the destinies of Torrance are to be congratulated; their effort is deserving the success that is attending it."

Coming Events

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

- 6 p. m.—Home Frolic, Smith's Ferncroft.
7:30 p. m.—Meeting R. N. of A., Moose Hall.
7:30 p. m.—Meeting American Legion Auxiliary, 2605 Carson street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 8 p. m.—Lomita Firemen's Ball, California Hall, Lomita.
12:10 p. m.—District Track Meet of Elementary Schools, Gardena.
8 p. m.—Harlequin Meeting, 2023 Arlington avenue.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 8 p. m.—Special Meeting F. and A. M., Masonic Temple.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Service in all churches.

Will Seed, Water Plane Field Here

The aviation field leased to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for ten years by the Dominguez Land Corporation will be seeded with Bermuda grass and piped for water. This was made possible last night when the Board of Trustees appropriated \$600 as a deposit on the water pipe, the sum to be refunded to the city. Charles Vonderahe and Sam Levy, directors of the Chamber of Commerce, informed the trustees that two aeroplane manufacturing companies are interested in Torrance from the standpoint of locating factories here and that a landing field, properly seeded and marked, will do much to advertise the city and aid in the location of new industries here.

Building Permits

- 1955 218th St., 5-room dwelling, \$1995, J. T. Wise.
827 Sartori Ave., 4-room stucco dwelling, \$2500, Joe Molika. Contractor, Frank E. Reed.
1535 Cedar St., 5-room dwelling, \$1500, Claude Tolson.
3719 Carson St., to move 3-room dwelling, \$600, Frank Jennings.
J. R. Patton of Compton is spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Woodington, of 2019 Arlington avenue.

Big Crowd Sees School Students in May Program

Pretty Festival by Pupils Nets More Than \$150

The most spectacular and beautiful affair ever given at the Torrance School was staged by the Elementary Students Friday evening in the High School Auditorium.

One hundred pupils from every room from the kindergarten to the sixth grades took part. Months of training resulted in a perfect performance enjoyed by a house filled to capacity.

Miriam Swenson was a very pretty and dainty May Queen. One of the most attractive characters was the tiny frog who hopped continuously about the stage and in the finale proved to be little John Fess, a kindergarten pupil.

The trees and flowers were all made by the pupils and the costumes designed and made by the teachers in co-operation with the mothers.

The entire faculty worked untiringly to perfect the play, and great credit is due the committee—Mrs. Edna Russell (chairman), Mrs. Gertrude Hayden, and Mrs. Juliet Young.

After all expenses were paid \$151.05 was cleared.

Local Men Will Put on Program at Beach City

The Rotary Club of Torrance will have charge of the program at the meeting of the Redondo Beach Rotarians Wednesday noon. Hurum E. Reeve has charge of the Torrance program. About 20 local Rotarians are expected to attend the luncheon, which will be held at the Elks' Temple.

Anderson and Morewood File Briefs in Court of Appeals Ask For Reversal of Verdict

The District Court of Appeals will consider briefs in the case of B. M. Anderson, former police chief of Torrance, and A. P. Morewood, attorney of Hermosa Beach, early in June. Attorneys for both Anderson and Morewood have filed briefs asking the court to reverse the verdict of the jury in Superior Court and setting forth the contention that the lower court erred on numerous rulings during the trial of the case. The attorney general has not yet filed a brief in answer to those of the defendants, and has been granted until June 6 to do so.

CITY HALL POLLING PLACE

Trustees Pass Ordinance Calling for Balloting Next Month

PLAN COMPLETE CENTER Recreation Facilities for Adults and Children Are Contemplated

Torrance citizens will vote on Tuesday, June 16, on a proposed bond issue for \$30,000 for the purchase and development of the three-acre tract at Carson street and Plaza del Amo for playground purposes. The date of the election was set by the Board of Trustees last night.

The election ordinance passed by the board stipulates that there be one polling place—at the city hall, Post and Sartori avenues. The polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The cost of the land, which is covered with beautiful trees and admirably adapted to recreational purposes, is \$12,500—the same basis on which an adjacent lot was sold by the Dominguez Land Corporation to the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion.

Plans for development of the tract include recreational facilities for children of all ages and for adults. Tennis and handball courts, a large sand pile, slides, swings and other playground apparatus are contemplated.

Hospital Open, but No Baby Comes to Claim That Money

The Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital opened Monday morning for the reception of patients. Two operations were performed on the first day.

Unusual interest has been evidenced in the first baby to be born in the hospital, on account of Mrs. Torrance's offer of \$50. As The Herald goes to press no little human being has arrived at the hospital to claim the award—and according to Miss Esther Maxwell, superintendent, there is no visible prospect of such an arrival today.

Refer Zoning Case to City Planners

The Board of Trustees last night referred to the Planning Commission a request from the directors of the Chamber of Commerce that the property abutting on that portion of Redondo boulevard which is proposed for improvement be zoned against business. The communication from the Chamber endorsed the proposal for improving the boulevard.

Three Pipe Line Rights Granted

Pipe line franchises in the oil district were awarded by the Board of Trustees to the Shell Oil Company, the Petroleum Midway Oil Company, and the Julian Petroleum Corporation. For pipe line laid the companies pay \$1 a rod.