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## INDUSTRY CENTERS HERE

### Survey Shows Torrance Area Is Logical Southern Center; Oakland Northern

#### REPORT ALMOST READY

#### C. of C. Directors Hear Verbal Conclusions of Factory Specialists Tuesday

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon listened to an interesting report from representatives of the firm of Eberle and Riegleman on the industrial and civic survey which the company is rapidly completing.

The scope of the inquiry made by the survey experts is unusually broad. It includes a comprehensive study of industrial advantages of every active and potential manufacturing district in the state of California, compares and contrasts each with the Torrance district, and points out means by which Torrance can overcome the few disadvantages with which it is now handicapped.

#### Oakland Is Competitor

The experts who have been working on this survey stated frankly Tuesday that in all California Torrance has only one logical competitor in the campaign for location of heavy metal industries on the Pacific coast. This competing district, they point out, is Oakland. The survey will treat the advantages of the Oakland and Torrance districts in this connection extensively.

#### Thornton Ross, industrial expert of Eberle and Riegleman, placed unusual emphasis on the natural advantages and land prices in Torrance for heavy metal industries. He said that no district in the state offers so many economic advantages to such shops and predicted that the Torrance district promises to be the Southern California hub of the metal industry.

#### Survey Is Big Aid

From the preliminary verbal report heard Tuesday, the directors of the chamber and Carl L. Hyde, secretary, agreed that the complete survey will be of tremendous assistance to the chamber in bringing to manufacturers concise and expert information on the advantages of locating in the Torrance district.

#### Report, however, will not confine itself to the advantages of this district, but will point out the needs and requirements necessary to place Torrance in the unquestioned lead in the intense competition for Pacific coast factories.

#### Survey Parties Busy in Sewer District No. 5

#### Field Men Get Work Ready for Advertising for Bids

A. W. Cory has been appointed resident engineer in County Sanitation District No. 5, with headquarters at Lawndale, Chief Engineer A. K. Warren announced. All field work will be conducted from the Lawndale headquarters. Surveying parties are now in the field making the surveys necessary for the calling for bids on the construction work.

According to Mr. Warren, every effort is being made to co-operate with street paving programs, so that the sewers may be put down ahead of the paving.

## Observations

### A Police Captain Talks Frankly About Prohibition and the Crime Wave, Blaming the Latter on the Former—A Sad Picture

#### By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THIS is an interview with a police captain in a lawless eastern city where prohibition enforcement is only a gesture and a mild writer was a police reporter there. By diligent attention to duty in other days, he won promotion to sergeant, to lieutenant and then to captain. Then came prohibition.

I met him in this eastern city when he was off duty. With him was a policeman and the writer was a reporter, he spoke to me frankly. I publish in effect what he said, although his remarks were made fragmentarily during our conversation and in response to what he says is true and am convinced that new tactics must be adopted in eastern cities before prohibition can be even fairly enforced.

And before you start reading any more, bear this in mind: I print this as it came to me, merely for the purpose of setting forth the facts as a police captain relates them and not as an argument for or against prohibition.

SAID the captain: "Yes, this is a crime ridden city. The reports conditions are as bad as any reports or rumors could make them. That was a new angle to me and I sought more information. And this is what I received as the captain continued: 'The financial gain in the liquor traffic is so large here and in other large eastern cities that it has brought about the formation of large and powerful organizations, shaped solely for the purpose of bringing booze from its source to the ultimate consumer. These organizations, and there are three real big ones, down to the petty bootlegger who peddles it by the bottle. These organizations are almost military in their perfect system and discipline. They are so powerful in most eastern cities that they wield a tremendous influence in politics. Their organizations reach through to the very heart of the law-enforcement agencies. I tell you this honestly. In this town and in a lot of others organization. Plenty of young officers have tried it. They are not policemen now.'"

SAID I: "I can see where all that has a lot to do with liquor violations, but how does it encourage crime?"

Said the captain: "From organized bootlegging under the powerful control of a far-reaching organization that practically controls nature's policy, protection for criminals is the next logical step. That's where the crooked lawyers come in. Get this now, all their cases in court. These attorneys know all the ramifications and activities of the booze clique. They know the contact points between the booze bosses and the police. They know the contact points these details gives them tremendous power. Their acquaintance with legal tricks, they make use of their knowledge. All right, take a simple case—one that happened here recently, a store and stole a couple hundred dollars. We caught him. He organization. For you must remember that the underworld knows 'Well, the case against this young burglar never got to court. By the district attorney for lack of evidence. What this booze might have been plenty. And that's just a sample of what happens 'CAN'T you see that, with a powerful organization operating for the purpose of selling booze wholesale and retail, the protection kinds of violators? It does. Convictions are hard to get, even set a case to court—all because of the entrance of the liquor in his duty. After he has brought in two or three offenders and naturally released despite plenty of evidence against them, he possesses a slight strong moral character he soon takes the easiest route and sell himself out to the organization—becomes a part of the system he is hired to fight. From that point it becomes an easy matter for all the underworld to 'get to him' and to buy sometimes even to murder."

"THERE is no question about it. The prohibition law, which has opened the way to easy money to bootleggers, has built a big money difficult than it ever has been in this country. I'm talking from the inside and I know. 'Why, in this town the booze ring is so systematically organized that peddlers of quarts work under bosses who are assigned definite districts and who don't dare go outside those districts. Individual bootleggers—the little fellows—are assigned certain blocks. And get this. If some independent, not connected with the big ring, starts operating, he is mighty quick pitched, convicted and soaked the limit. They even protect themselves against competition. The captain admitted that bootleggers belonging to the ring were pinched according to a definite schedule and fined—just to make the public think the law is being enforced. 'Yeah,' he said, 'we knock 'em over about every four months and they figure their fines in their cost of doing business.'"

THE captain presented another view that has its interesting aspects. He said: "It's pretty near impossible to get a good officer to go on the liquor squad. The reason is simple enough. Are after promotion and most of them have their eyes on the plain clothes squad. They want to be detectives. Well, if a cop joins the liquor squad and actually runs down a few bootleggers, he is finished as far as promotion is concerned. Why? Well, I'll tell you. The dicks operating on crime cases get most of their information and clues from the underworld, from the blind pigs and dives. In order to run down major offenders they've got to have friends in the underworld. The greatest source of information on big cases, the successful detective demands protection for his sources of information. And gets it. Now a cop whose business it has been for a long period to arrest dive proprietors, rum runners and dope peddlers makes them his eternal enemies. As a detective he never could get information from the underworld after having been on the booze or dope squad. Without such sources of information he'd be a failure as a detective. All cops know this and so do all police commissions and chiefs. So when a cop goes on the liquor squad he writes his own obituary as far as promotion is concerned."

"THE necessity of allowing dives and joints to operate is acknowledged by every wise police force. Many dives are protected against raids for the simple reason that hangers-on at these places are fine sources of information on major crime cases. To close them up would be to ruin a good source of important tips. See? 'Well, when you add to this reason for protection for blind pigs and joints, the protection secured for all sorts of criminals by the big liquor rings—you can see what a time we have enforcing all law under prohibition.'"

"That's the picture the captain painted. It is not a pretty picture."

## Motion Poetry B'Gosh

### Plastic Fans Are Promised 18 Verses of Hot Stuff in Big Tent

#### SPUD CITES COMMISH

#### Legion Arranger Says Boxers Will Hafta Do Their Stuff

Listen! To those who delight in sitting at positions of advantageous proximity while the graceful forms of braces of boys move gracefully and catlike over the canvased surface of a raised and riped-in platform the while they seek to and frequently do smack one another on the old muck, the plastic exposition arranged by the local post of the American Legion for next Monday night in the big Fiesta tent promises to provide such delectable entertainment that it will be truthfully said when the last song calls the hatlers apart that a darned good time was had by all.

All of which makes a long sentence and calls for more short ones to come. Three main facts stand out in connection with the coming mail. 1—It'll be a good show and patrons will get their money's worth. 2—The Legion will make some money. 3—This will help build that new clubhouse which will be a valuable addition to the community.

Outside of that there isn't much to be said. Except that the boxing commission of the state stands behind the event, which insures that the boys will do their stuff or lay themselves open to considerable unpleasantness with the old commish. And of course, there is the fact that Spud Murphy and Jim Scott arranged the bouts. These two being fans themselves who like to see fast tilts in the square circle naturally selected the best boys they could get.

Here's the plot. The main sport—an eight course feat—will be between Dave Pollack, Hollywood actor, and Battling Ward of Watts, whom Fistianna knows as a lad who has only a little distance to go to be right up there among them. There will be a six-stanza epic, as the semi-final, between Frankie Rose of Long Beach and Young Alexander of Compton. The prologue will be a four-verse poem of motion when Joe Baker of Los Angeles trades compliments with Joe Lopez of Compton. Yep. It unquestionably looks like a nice evening for all and sundry who enjoy sitting around the roped coral to watch divers yonah athletes engaged in the pugnacious pastime of socking each other on the bezer.

## Two Donations Totalling \$1,000 Given Hospital

### Dr. Lancaster and J. S. Cravens Give \$500 Each; Police Pay \$100

The Torrance Hospital Association announces the receipt of two donations totaling \$1,000 from Dr. J. S. Lancaster, president of the association, and from John S. Cravens of Pasadena, a business associate and friend of the late Jared Sidney Torrance. The association also received \$100 in payment for a life membership for the Torrance police department.

#### ANNS TAKE POT LUCK

The local Rotary Anns gathered at the home of Mrs. Rufus Page at 10 a. m. Tuesday and proceeded "en caravan" to the R. R. Smith cottage at Anaheim Landing, where a pot luck luncheon was served. Surf and channel swimming were features of the day.

#### PROCTORS AT YOSEMITE

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, July 15.—Mr. and Mrs. George A. Proctor of Torrance are among the many guests happily vacationing at Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite National Park. They arrived yesterday, and plan to spend several days on the many aluring trails, fishing, and enjoying the hospitable entertainment afforded guests each night around the campfires.

Miss Mary Jessome, a member of the force at the Southern California Gas office, is enjoying a two-weeks vacation.

## At The Fiesta

### Notes Gleaned by Inquiring Reporter While Milling Over Grounds and in Tent at Legion's Fifth Annual Event

The Legion Saturday night will award two prizes for the most attractive booth. One will go to the automobile exhibitor whose booth is judged the most artistic and the other to the commercial exhibitor whose display is decided the most beautiful. The prizes will be silver loving cups. The judges are as follows: J. W. Macdowell, Alfred Gourdier and Mrs. R. R. Smith.

Nobody seems to enjoy the Fiesta quite as much as the Mexicans and Japanese who attend with their whole families—and apparently the birth rate among those folks in these parts is unusually large. Saw one mother and father with eight little ones. And each one had an ice-cream cone.

Bob Deininger and Verne Babcock make the rounds about 11 o'clock every night and collect the old jack. "Well, this'll lay the foundation for that clubhouse," says Verne, patting a fat money bag. "I don't know who'll win the prize for the 'best looking booth,'" said Jim Scott, "but if they judge it by the best looking girls in the exhibit, the Beacon Drug outfit gets my ballot." After that Scotty ought to have enough free sharing cream to last the Scott family several generations—if he gets married so that there will be some more generations.

#### Arrest 2 Men For Operating Slot Machines

#### Record Number Summer School Pupils Enroll

B. F. Wayt, Torrance, Complain Against Devices in Fiesta Tent

218 Attend the Classes, at Against 100 Last Year

Acting in accordance with a John Doe complaint signed by B. F. Wayt, employe of the Pacific Electric shops in Torrance, Constable Taber and Deputy Morris of Lomita last night arrested C. A. Booker and A. B. Phillippi, of Los Angeles, and confiscated several slot machines which it is charged the two men were operating in the big tent at the Torrance Fiesta and Auto Show.

The slot machines were taken to the office of Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter in Lomita. The two men were taken to the city jail at Redondo Beach. At 1 o'clock this morning Justice Hunter released the two men on bail of \$500 each. Their preliminary hearing was set for 10 o'clock this morning at the Lomita Justice court.

#### Double Birthday Party Is Enjoyed

The birthdays of Genevieve and John Guyan, who are 11 and 6, respectively, was the inspiration of a double celebration Monday afternoon, when they entertained a number of young friends. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served at a table beautifully decorated in lavender and pink. The favors were of the same colors. Various games were played, and honors were awarded for pinning the tail on a donkey, and in the peanut hunt. The guests were Virginia Walker, Doris Wood, Jean Smith, Irene Newby, Grace Osmen, Norma McCormack, Pauline Rose Eby, Ruth Anderson, Helen Hannebrink, Kathryn and Veronica McNeil, June Anderson, Rose and Violet Willey, Ethel Guyan, John Winters, Billy Johnson, and Normand Hudson.

## HARBOR TERRITORY PEOPLE THROG TO TORRANCE

### Reputation of Exposition Attracts Largest Throngs in Five-Year History of Event Here—It's a Big Family Party

#### EXPECT HUGE THROG ON SATURDAY

#### Radio Set and Other Handsome Gifts Will Be Presented in Big Tent on Closing Night of Big Affair

Proving for the fifth time that the Torrance Fiesta and Auto Show is a big family party for the people of the Harbor district and not merely a mill-run carnival, record throngs from Torrance, Lomita, Moneta, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Harbor City, Wilmington and San Pedro thronged the Fiesta lot and tent this week in a record attendance that took no cognizance of the warm weather.

When the Fiesta and Auto Show opened Tuesday night, all doubts as to the success of the event this year were dispelled as the largest opening night crowd in the history of the exposition poured through the entrance arch and thronged the concession circle and the big tent. The first night's attendance was larger this year than the second night's attendance last Summer. In the throngs were hundreds from neighboring cities, which establishes the fact in the minds of Torrance Legionnaires that the reputation of the Torrance Fiesta has spread generally throughout this entire district.

Operators of concessions report a brisk business. They declare that the Torrance annual Fiesta is regarded by show men and concession operators as one of the finest expositions from all standpoints in the state. The twelve commercial exhibits inside the big tent and the thirteen automobile displays are attractively decorated. Exhibitors on all sides are enthusiastic over the large attendance at the exposition and report unusual interest on the part of the public in the displays. A canvass of the automobile exhibitors Wednesday revealed that all of them had taken orders for automobiles. Most of them have sold several cars.

#### C. of C. Booth Popular

The Chamber of Commerce booth, providing resting place for the weary, is flanked by a large sign setting forth the industrial statistics of Torrance. It is attracting unusual attention from outsiders as well as from local residents.

One of the most flourishing centers in the big tent is the booth of the American Legion Auxiliary, where hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade lemonade, soft drinks, pies, cake, cigarettes and gum are on sale. The women of the Auxiliary will conduct a food sale Saturday afternoon and night and will keep the booth open Monday night to serve refreshments to those who attend the Legion's eighteen-round boxing exhibition. Members of the Legion are everywhere in evidence throughout the exposition. They are distinguished by blue and gold caps, modeled after the famous Overseas variety. It's 100 Percent Legion goes the credit for the smoothness with which the entire Fiesta is being conducted. Members of the

#### Tornado Kills Five Members Of Torrance Woman's Family; Mr. and Mrs. Williams Return

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams have returned to Torrance from an extended stay in Illinois. They left Torrance shortly after the tornado occurred in southern Illinois. Going to Murphysboro, Ill., which is Mrs. Williams' former home, they discovered that Mrs. Williams' mother and father, two brothers and a sister had been killed by the tornado.

#### FOOD SALE SATURDAY

The American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a food sale at the Auxiliary booth inside the tent at the Fiesta Saturday afternoon and night. There will be plenty of cakes and pies and other homemade delicacies for sale.

#### INFANT EXPIRES

Virginia Ruth Rogers, 4½-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, passed away after several weeks' illness. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers reside on Andrew avenue.