

SOCIETY NEWS

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Rose Hozman of Venice and Henry Levy was announced recently at a gathering at the home of Miss Hozman's sister, Mrs. Diamond, of Venice.

Many pre-nuptial affairs have been planned. The wedding will take place some time in June. Mr. Levy, a brother of Sam Levy, is a member of the force at the Levy store on Sartori avenue.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO GIVE CARD PARTY

The Knights of Columbus five hundred party to be held Monday evening, May 3, promises to be an enjoyable affair, according to William Neff, who is making arrangements for the affair, with the assistance of Marion Reeve and Jerry McLane.

Remember the time—Monday, May 3, at 8 o'clock; and the place—Moose hall.

W. B. A. TO OBSERVE FRATERNAL DAY

The Women's Benefit Association will observe National Fraternal Day at the next regular meeting Tuesday evening, April 27.

Fraternal Day has been set for April 30 by the National Fraternal Congress of America, but the W. B. A. finds April 27 a more convenient time to celebrate.

The regular business session will be followed by a program—to start at 8 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to attend the affair, which will be held in the Women's Clubhouse.

The program will include community sing-songs, piano solos and recitations, and a discussion of "Fraternalism—The Need of the Hour," by Past Commander L. Mac Tomkins.

MRS. DOLLEY HOSTESS TO WEDNESDAY CLUB

Mrs. W. C. Dolley of Gramercy avenue entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club last Wednesday afternoon.

Honors were awarded Mrs. H. D. Pegbles, Mrs. W. C. Von Hagen, and Mrs. George Greaves.

Elect Heads Of Central Church At Annual Meet

Reports From All Departments Show Substantial Growth

The membership of Central Evangelical Church held their annual business meeting in Guild Hall Wednesday evening. Guild Hall was full up at 6:30, the time announced for the supper. After enjoying the feast and a time of social visiting, the business of the evening was transacted. The heads of the various church departments rendered reports, and all showed a good growth during the past year. The Sunday School election resulted in the selection of the following officers for the new year: Superintendent, Perry G. Briney; assistant, W. M. Brooks; secretary, W. E. Bowen; pianist, Miss Eileen Woodburn; assistant, Miss Mary Guyan; chorister, Dr. W. J. Neelananda. Mrs. J. S. Lancaster was re-elected church trustee, and E. A. Nehring was chosen to represent the church at the session of the annual conference, which will meet in two weeks at Stockton. The finance board appointed for the coming year is as follows: Dr. J. S. Lancaster, J. W. Post, H. A. Kembel, G. W. McKenzie, John Ferguson, W. M. Brooks, C. B. Bell, D. N. McCormack, J. W. Hudson, F. L. Parks, H. A. Treadwell, and G. G. Key.

Nu-Air Scheme Hit as Roegge Put on Grill

Promoter's Plan Attacked in Complaint in Los Angeles

(Continued from Page 1) used two-year guarantee on the life of the tires, regardless of mileage, has failed to materialize, and that in fact the average life of the tires is not more than 60 days, and that in numerous other ways the promises made by Roegge have not materialized.

The investigation for the city prosecutor was conducted by Assistant Prosecutor Krowl and Deputy Folsom and Reames. Roegge was represented in the hearing by Attorney David Wells.

30 MEMBERS ATTEND ETERI CLUB MEETING

The Eteri meeting held last Saturday at the Christian Church was full of pep. About thirty girls were present, many of them new members.

After the meeting the "Four-Thirteen" Club of boys joined the Eteri girls in showering Grace Gibson with gifts in honor of her approaching wedding.

A mock wedding was a feature of the evening. Eddie McGuire as the "bride" and Marion Wright as the "groom" were screams.

The next meeting of Eteri will be held at the Methodist Church Saturday, April 24.

Everyone come out and make Eteri larger!

FRATERNAL

Torrance Review No. 37 Woman's Benefit Association Hughena Roberts, Commander Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays 7:30 P. M. Women's Clubhouse, Engracia Ave.

Observations

Butler and Williams—War and Drink—Why the Delay in the Jail Probe?—Five Men Too Few to Run Los Angeles County

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

MONDAY night marked the passing of the old Board of Trustees in Torrance. It is fitting to review the accomplishments of that board, composed of Robert J. Deininger, R. R. Smith, James M. Fitzhugh, and Willis M. Brooks.

During their administration all city parks have been improved and beautified. Streets have been put in excellent repair. All alleys in the residence district have been made passable. An industrial and civic survey of Torrance which already has paid for itself in the light of the Santa Fe development plan was made.

The city has been free from vice and crime. Municipal funds have been made to return dollar for dollar. No suspicion has ever attached itself to any city official except one, who was immediately dismissed and prosecuted.

BOB DEININGER deserves the thanks of Torrance for his diligent interest in the parks and his constant willingness to give his own time to the work of running the city.

James M. Fitzhugh has served Torrance for five years—a long time for any man to devote to his fellow-townsmen. He has been a good trustee and deserves the city's gratitude. Mr. Fitzhugh never lost sight of the ideal in city building. He has been steadfast and faithful.

Never before have the streets of Torrance been kept in better repair than under Willis Brooks as chairman of the street committee. He has done his work well.

R. R. Smith Monday night went out of office. A prominent figure in local politics since the Union Tool Company moved to Torrance, he was one of the city's first trustees. A busy man, he has devoted long hours for years to city work. The storm-center of many a political turmoil, he has steadfastly held to his convictions and kept his head. Dick Smith deserves a vote of thanks.

THE retiring board served during one of the most difficult periods in the history of the city. Times were bad. Yet the board felt that Torrance must progress and advance. They bent to their work earnestly. Taken by and large their work was well done. Intense differences of opinion arose over many of their decisions, but as is always the custom their mistakes were magnified and their good accomplishments forgotten.

The Herald disagreed with the old board in a number of matters—but like the people of Torrance we would be lacking in insight and gratitude if we did not review the work of the trustees during the past two years in the large sense of accomplishment and send them out of office with an expression of thanks for the time they gave to their city.

GENERAL BUTLER failed to clean up Philadelphia. But he seems to be on the road to forcing law observance in the marine corps. Whether or not the general violated a social law in bringing charges against Colonel Williams is not the issue. While many may doubt that men whose profession is to violate all law by killing each other cannot be made to observe a law passed by Congress, the fact remains that Butler did his duty as he saw it.

Colonel Williams is made a victim to set an example. It is our contention, now that the point has been carried, that Williams should be let off with a reprimand. He has served his country long and well. In the fast officer set he was not unlike many of his fellow-officers in his occasional departure from the by-ways of Volsteadian virtue.

BUTLER has won his point. Every marine who drinks liquor now does so at the risk of his military career and ought to know it.

But to make the penalty for Williams too severe is out of keeping with the spirit and understanding of the American people. Men who fight in wars such as those in which Williams has been an active participant will occasionally fall from grace. Train men to fight and you train men to disdain for all dangers—even those that are of law violators. We ought to understand Williams even if we cannot condone his actions.

Personally I'd hate to lead an army of teetotalers in a decisive battle of any war. Not that teetotalers are effeminate. But that the majority of fighting men take an occasional drink. It is all right to insist that men of the army, navy and marine corps observe the law. They should. But the country cannot expect to meet an age-old tradition of warriors in a few short years.

So again we say that we should understand Williams even if we cannot condone his acts. And understanding him and the type of men who make up the marine corps, we should as a people and a government treat him with leniency.

THE uniform of the United States is a symbol of government. But since the days of Lexington and Concord wearers of that uniform have been more or less acquainted with the taste of strong drink. Along comes a new law passed by congress. Only a few years ago drinks were served on the tables at officers' messes in both army and navy and in the marine corps. The new law upsets military tradition. Blindly Williams and others regard this new law with more or less military disdain. They are wrong, of course. But their position is easily understood.

Then comes Butler with his charges and Williams becomes the goat for hundreds of other officers in the service. Butler has taught a lesson. Williams should be no more than severely reprimanded.

I DON'T think this social amenity stuff has anything at all to do with the matter. If Butler forgot a guest's duty to a host, then Williams, in view of Butler's position, certainly forgot a host's duty to a guest. So that part of the matter should be written off the books of public opinion.

AS a citizen and taxpayer of Los Angeles County, I'm sick to a point of nausea with all this pettifoggery over the new hall of justice. Where there is smoke, there must be fire. Certainly the escape-proof jail and building costing something over \$7,000,000 cost too much. And certainly it begins to look as though it wasn't built as it should have been. For about three months the people of the county have been waiting for some concrete fastening of the blame. But about all that has leaked out has been a repeated statement that "the possibility of charges against high county officials loomed today in connection with the grand jury investigation," etc., etc.

Really it is taking almost as much time to find out the facts about the case as it did to erect the structure.

All of which seems to me to be the advisability of taking the control of county affairs out of the hands of five men and placing them in charge of about 25 selected from various parts of the county.

FIVE men are not enough to run the tremendous corporation that is the County of Los Angeles. Each one has too large a district to represent. And when millions are expended each year it is too easy for interested parties to get together with five. It would be a lot more difficult to influence 25.

Running Los Angeles County with five supervisors would be like having only 25 men in Congress.

It is dangerous. It is unwise. It is unfair. It is pregnant with all the elements that make for revolution.

I WONDER if Los Angeles County isn't too large to be well governed. Possibly if it were split up into two or three counties it could be more fairly and efficiently administered. Long Beach has long hoped to become the seat of a new county. Another division that might be advisable would be to make a third county west of the shoeing strip and south of Manchester avenue.

To accomplish any division would require an act of the legislature. And to shove such an act through against the opposition of Los Angeles would require a man as wise as Solomon, backed by an army as large as Alexander's.

But unless the Los Angeles County government cleans house—from the Board of Supervisors to the district attorney's office—there soon will be an eruption among the people that at some future election will positively turn things upside down.

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