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## POLITICS

By THE OBSERVER

Formation of four new Joe Crail-for-Congress Clubs with a membership of several hundred Republicans, and endorsement of Mr. Crail's candidacy for the Tenth district Republican congressional nomination by five well known individuals and seven active organizations, were announced this week by John W. Kemp, chairman of the Crail campaign committee.

Clubs and other bodies which endorsed the Joe Crail candidacy were Hollywood and San Pedro camps of the United Spanish War Veterans, the Palm Club, the South Side Civic and Public Welfare League, and the Seventy-second and Seventy-fifth Assembly District Republican Clubs.

Crail-for-Congress Clubs were organized in the Inglewood, East Hollywood, Central Avenue and Beverly Hills districts, and each of these organizations is conducting an intensive campaign in behalf of Mr. Crail's nomination at the Aug. 31 primary election.

Individuals who added their names to the long roll of Crail supporters were Joseph Scott and Judge Thomas P. White, both well known Los Angeles attorneys and progressive Republican leaders; Dr. M. Lee Hutchins of the Los Angeles chapter, Women's Christian Temperance Union; Clarence L. Kincaid, commander of the Los Angeles City Interpost Council of the American Legion; and Mrs. Harriet W. Works, club woman.

The Scott and White endorsements of Mr. Crail were very laudatory of the candidate.

"Knowing your physical resources, your mental equipment and your political outlook, I believe you are admirably equipped to represent the enormous constituency of the Tenth district," Mr. Scott wrote to Mr. Crail.

"I know Mr. Crail to be honest, conscientious and capable," stated Judge White. "The Tenth district should send a Republican to Congress who, because of his service to his party, will command the confidence and co-operation of the majority leaders in the house and of the national administration. I firmly believe Mr. Crail to be such a man."

The problem of voting for the judiciary of Los Angeles County is no longer a conjecture, if voters of this district will take to the polls with them Aug. 31 the list of candidates, published in our announcement elsewhere in this issue, that have received the approval of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, according to information from John W. Kemp, chairman of the judiciary campaign committee. The association consists of more than 2000 lawyers, and a candidate to qualify for the endorsement must have registered in his favor more than 75 percent of the votes cast from the membership.

Mr. Kemp feels that voters everywhere are interested in having the best man elected to a judicial position, and members of the Bar Association are of the opinion that their daily contact with judges places them in a position to familiarize themselves with judges' qualifications.

Below unprejudiced sketches of their qualifications follow:

**CHARLES S. BURNELL**, appointed assistant city attorney in 1913, served six years. Graduate of Stanford University. Special county council in charge of flood control district one year. Elected city attorney in 1919. On the Superior Court bench since 1921. He is a Mason, Jlistan Grotto No. 76, president of the Chapparral Club, member of Kiwanis Club and Trowell Club of Santa Monica.

**CHARLES S. CRAIL** is one of the senior judges, liked by litigants and attorneys, a deacon in the Wilshire Boulevard Christian Church, a Spanish War veteran. He is 48 years old.

**WALTER S. GATES** presides over the attorney court and lunacy commission. Born in Pomona Valley; graduate of U. S. C. Law. He is credited with being one of the hardest-working judges in the Superior Court.

**HARRY A. HOLLZER**, graduate of the University of California. Appointed to Superior Court bench (Continued on Last Page)

## BILL THE BARBER SAYS

There are workers and workers. One class makes a specialty of working the other class.

# MAY RE=OPEN CARBON PLANT

## Torrance Will Be All Dressed Up For Legion Fiesta

### Observations

The Flapper of Today and the Young Girl of Yesterday—Have Youngsters Changed, or Is It the World That's Wrong?

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WE old codgers—and our wives—who have reached the ripe old age of 35—or more—are apt to see too much of the bad side of the modern youngster and not quite enough of the good side. Certainly in point of health the flapper of today has it on her sister of a few years ago in a hundred ways. The girl has come out of the retreat that demanded she be demure, shrinking and weak. Today she is forward, frank, brisk and strong. Certainly that is an advance. Once—and not long ago—it was considered immodestly mannish for a girl to play tennis, to play golf, to ride a horse, to swim, to go on hikes. Today the girl who doesn't go in for health-giving exercise is the exception. It speaks well for future generations when the potential mothers of today are taking care of their bodies. So what today's lasses have lost in inconsequential mid-Victorian modesty, they have gained in improved health. They dress more sensibly. No bone-ribbed corsets. No bustles. No heavy, dusty suspension of undershirts. Their bodies are free. They can move about—and they certainly do move about. Their pores breathe. Their skin glows. They have cast off—let us hope forever—the horrible germ-gathering swaddles of heavy clothes they used to wear.

IN this part of the flapper's emancipation all of us should glory. In some other aspects of the new freedom we cannot so happily take pride. And yet even in our shocked sensibilities I wonder if sometimes we are not too harsh in our verdict.

Children today are living under conditions vastly different from those existing when Aunt Sallie was a gal. They go to movies. They whirl about in cars. They see things which their sisters of a few years ago never did see through the opaque glass of their social retirement. So if the flapper of today is too worldly wise, we must blame it on society and not on the flapper. I'm not so sure either but what the gain society has made in the new youngster isn't greater than the loss. These young things of today may be very worldly wise—but they are mentally alert. They observe everything. They draw conclusions with mature judgment that gives an older person pause. They avoid inconsequential and in their mental estimates and conclusions cut right through to the pith of the matter at hand. They are very wonderful young persons, these 20th century flappers. And perhaps it is us older folks who are wrong and they who are right. I'm sure it is a puzzle and I don't know.

**MORALS?** Well, certainly considerable moral restraint that once held back our youth seems lacking today. But I think that in a number of cases we take worldly wisdom on the part of the young for moral laxity. To know things that folks formerly didn't mention does not necessarily mean that a person is immoral. Because a young girl of fifteen or sixteen knows a great many things that girls her age twenty years ago never spoke of and perhaps were ignorant of doesn't necessarily indicate that today's flapper is less moral than her bygone sister. Not at all. Forewarned is forearmed. Today's flappers may possess more moral resistance because of their knowledge than did the innocent and retiring youngsters of 1900 and earlier.

**OH, I know what you are saying to yourself. I've said it myself. It goes something like this:** "I don't know what we're coming to. Why, these young girls know more about things at 16 than girls of 25 used to know. And the carryings on! Why, they think when they're 15 that it's time for them to go to dances and shows and stay out nights in automobiles. And what's going to happen to them is more than I can see. It's simply terrible!"

Well, is it? I'm beginning to wonder. Yes, I too have heard the wild stories about goings on among high school students. But in only a few cases have I been able to verify any of these tales. For the most part I find that the young folks of today are just about as moral as they used to be. They are less restrained, they are more free in their talk and their actions. But for downright morality I don't think they are a bit different. I'm too much of a believer in the power of heredity as stronger than that of environment to conclude that the race has changed much in a few short years. Moral resistance as an inheritance is about as strong as it ever was.

**THE only safe conclusion one can reach in considering modern youth is to conclude that times have changed and youths have altered their actions to suit it.** Speed up the world and you speed up the world's inhabitants. Open up the picture of life through the medium of the movies and you make folks—young folks—wise.

Bring on the automobile which takes a young person away from the home in a few minutes and you put that young person "on her own" in a moment. Put a girl on her own and you automatically increase her independence. For humans, like all other animals, are naturally adaptable to change. With a new independence born of adaptability to change comes a new flippancy to the youngster—a flippancy and freedom that express themselves in this young person's walk, talk, carriage, deportment, and mental attitude toward life.

**AND that's about all there is to it, I am about ready to conclude.** Times have changed and the very adaptable youngster has changed to conform.

Not by any means that we can concur in all the exemplifications of this new freedom. Smutty jokes in college magazines or told orally never were good form in polite society—and never will be. If petting parties are on the increase more girls are possibly endangered. But I wonder if they are increasing because youngsters have changed.

All you older men and women can well remember the kisses that were swapped at the postoffice parties. You can all remember how lads and lasses snuggled up to each other on sleighrides. You can all remember the hug behind the coal-stove after mother and dad went to bed. Be frank about it. You can remember, can't you? And it really wasn't so terribly immoral, either. Now was it? The difference is that where us old folks had few chances to get a little of the youngsters of today have plenty of chances, offered by the dark movie-house and the automobile.

A buggy-ride with Charlie was a rare event in the old days. An auto-ride with Montrose today is a frequent affair. JUST because the urge of youth for youth exists today, it is not sense to deny that it always has existed. It always will exist. But whereas society and the lack of convenient opportunity held the reins in check in the old days, today society and an

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## POST WILL DECORATE STREETS

Legion Men to Make City Present Gala Appearance

BEST AUTO SHOW SURE

Dealers Grab Up Space in Big Tent to Exhibit Cars

Torrance will present a gala appearance on primary election day—Aug. 31—but it will not be on account of the election.

On that day the Seventh Annual Torrance Fiesta and Automobile Show will open on the grounds at El Prado and Cravens avenue, and the Legion post, which is staging the big annual Torrance event, has decided to dress the town up in festive garb for the occasion.

M. J. Fix, chairman of the committee in charge of spaces in the big tent, reports that reservations for exhibits already made guarantee that the automobile show and exposition this year will be the best and largest the Fiesta has ever offered.

Spurred on by the annual success of the Torrance event, automobile dealers in the harbor district are rapidly reserving space in the tent.

Merchants and manufacturers also are taking space. The automobile exhibits, constituting the greatest auto show ever held in this district, will be located at the sides and ends of the tent. Other exhibits will be in the center.

W. B. Hunsaker, in charge of concessions, reports that the fame of the Torrance Fiesta among concessionaires has made it an easy matter to attract to Torrance this year a fine group of entertainers and concessions.

"They always like to come to Torrance," he said, "and that gives us a chance to choose the best." The arched entrance to the Fiesta is already erected and is being painted with the names of firms that have taken space to help Torrance and the Legion.

The American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a stand in the big tent at the show. The popularity of this organization's annual offerings at the Fiesta will be duplicated this year.

The beautiful new Legion clubhouse at Carson street and Coia avenue is rapidly being completed. It will be ready for occupancy about Sept. 1. The post will hold its first meeting in the building next Tuesday night. Proceeds from the Fiesta will help pay the cost of the clubhouse.

## Will Continue Playground In Winter Months

Bell Announces Plan to Keep Up Work in Torrance

William M. Bell, principal of the Torrance Elementary and Evening High Schools, announced today that the playground system in Torrance, which has been so successful during the summer, will be continued during the winter as part of the Evening High School program.

Robert Mitchell will have charge, and his time has been increased to three evenings per week instead of two, and if popular demand calls for it this can be increased to five evenings after school opens. The tennis courts will be under his supervision in the evenings. Basketball, wrestling and volleyball will be features for the business men. Community affairs, including campfires and games, will be held as often as interest demands.

Fence lumber \$15.00; Fig. \$35.00; Cas. and Base \$45.00 M. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

## Your Job—Your Home and The 10-Cent Tax

Representation without taxation is as unjust as taxation without representation—only the injustice doesn't hit the same people. Sixty percent of Torrance taxes are paid by non-resident owners of vacant property.

As Torrance advances and grows these non-resident owners reap a benefit in increased value to their unimproved land.

Community effort makes a city grow. Community effort in modern cities centers in organizations known as Chambers of Commerce. A Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the improved industrial, economic, educational, civic and commercial life of the city.

As a city progresses along any of these lines, property in that city is enhanced in value.

It costs money to enter in this modern contest among cities—to maintain a properly functioning Chamber of Commerce.

In more and more cities this cost is being met through a special tax levy as the only method by which those who benefit most will pay their just share of the community investment.

Again—non-resident owners of vacant property in Torrance pay 60 percent of Torrance taxes.

Torrance voters will decide on Friday, Aug. 27, whether or not these non-resident owners of vacant property shall bear their share of the cost of developing Torrance.

The proposal contemplates a 10-cent tax for promotional purposes in Torrance. The money, if the proposal is approved, will be used to finance the Chamber of Commerce under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

In reality the non-resident property owners will pay 6 cents of the 10-cent tax. The balance of the property owners will pay the rest.

Now consider this aspect: For the past two years the Board of Trustees has appropriated 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for city promotional work. This the board is allowed to do without a vote of the people. Under the law a city may appropriate 15 cents per \$100 if the people so vote. The Torrance proposal, however, is for only a 10-cent tax.

Remember that a 5-cent tax already is being levied. So that proposal in reality asks for only 5 cents per \$100 additional.

The cost per person in Torrance will be small. The average assessed valuation here is \$1800. Under such a valuation the tax would be \$1.80 a year—90 cents of which is already being paid.

The proposed tax of 10 cents will not be a contribution. It will be an investment.

By the past we must judge the future. By former accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce we must gauge the future activities of that organization.

Torrance taxes are going to be lower this year. They are going to be lower, even if the 10-cent tax is approved by the voters. They are going to be lower for two chief reasons: first, because the Chamber of Commerce succeeded in inducing residents of a large tract with \$2,000,000 assessed valuation to annex to Torrance; second, because the Board of Trustees is planning the utmost economy in city government without improvements paid for out of the general fund.

No activity in recent years has saved the people so much money as the annexation proceedings. If the Chamber of Commerce had done nothing else that year, it would have paid for itself by that one accomplishment. The annexed territory will pay between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in taxes to Torrance next year. The proposed 10-cent tax will raise about \$12,000. Isn't that a good investment?

The accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce last year are too numerous to mention here. A list of them is published in the Chamber of Commerce Question and Answer pamphlet which every registered voter will receive.

Let's get together on this important business of making Torrance a bigger and a better place in which to live.

Let's not view a big affair in the interests of our city from a standpoint of politics.

The Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Carl L. Hyde has positively and absolutely avoided entrance into politics. The Chamber of Commerce is what it is supposed to be—a clear-

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## IDLE SHOP TO HUM SOON

Five Men Take Initial Steps for Production at Factory

MARKET AWAITS GOODS

F. R. Webb Says Film Industry Alone Will Keep Plant Running

Preliminary steps toward the early operation of the carbon factory on Border avenue in Torrance were taken by a group of Los Angeles men this week. Production of carbon with 20 employees at the outset is planned as soon as final arrangements have been made.

Four men are behind the movement which will reopen a Torrance factory which has been idle for six years on account of litigation. They are W. H. Webb, F. R. Webb, A. S. Davison, and L. B. Davison. A competent electro-chemical engineer from England, with wide experience in the production of carbon, is associated with the four Los Angeles men.

According to F. R. Webb, the market for carbon in California is waiting for production from the local plant.

"The moving picture industry alone," he said, "would buy enough of our product to insure steady production."

Carbon is made from the residue from gasoline absorption plants, so a permanent supply of raw material is available in Torrance. The carbon factory here is well equipped. The machinery is in splendid condition, according to Mr. Webb, and the plant can be put on a production basis in a few days.

Mr. Webb is enthusiastic about Torrance. He told The Herald that he and his associates expect to take an active part in civic work here and become a Torrance industry in every sense of the word.

## Wanted: People Seeking Work; Apply C. of C.

More Jobs Than Applicants at Chamber's Free Employment Bureau

**WANTED**—More Torrance men and women who want work. That classified advertisement could well be signed by the Chamber of Commerce, for at present there is more work in Torrance than there are Torrance residents to accept positions.

Local industries are seeking earnestly to give preference to Torrance residents. They are utilizing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce employment agency in order to do this.

Many Torrance residents have found work through this free agency, but Carl L. Hyde reported yesterday that he has had several calls from local industries which he was unable to fill. Any person seeking employment is requested to make application through the Chamber of Commerce.

## WANTED: TO RENT

People are calling at the TORRANCE HERALD office every day looking for houses and rooms to rent.

If you have any vacant houses or rooms, see that they are advertised in our classified page. ALL ADVERTISEMENTS RUN IN BOTH THE TORRANCE HERALD and the L. O. MITA NEWS FOR THE ONE COST. Leave your ads at the Herald building, Torrance.