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FIREMEN TO STAGE BIG PROGRAM TORRANCE FACTORIES ARE ALL BUSY

ALL SHOPS AT FULL TILT

Union Tool, Columbia Steel, and P. E. Shops All Are Busy

DERRICK CO. IS RUSHED

Payrolls in City Are Largest Since This Time in 1924

Torrance industries are humming with business.

At all local plants activity is more rushing than it has been in two years.

Payrolls at the Union Tool Company are the largest since this time in 1924. Scores of men have been employed at this big plant during the past few weeks.

The Columbia Steel Corporation has never been busier than at present. Large unfilled orders are rushing the foundry department particularly.

Business at the plant of the International Derrick and Equipment Company is better than it has ever been since that company opened its new factory in Torrance. When this plant located here it was announced that about 50 men would be employed. The company now has approximately 100 on the payroll.

P. E. is Busy

Short-time work at the Pacific Electric shops seems to be a thing of history. Prospects of the heavy-tourist season that Southern California ever has enjoyed give promise that the big shops of the P. E. here will be busy all winter.

The reorganized Mineral Wool Products Company—formerly the Woolbestos plant—will soon start operations.

The Torrance Flat Glass factory is expected to rampen shortly for capacity production. Mechanical difficulties have been rectified, it is reported, and when production begins again it will be of a steady nature.

The Palm Manufacturing Company is operating on a basis that promises to rampen shortly for capacity production. Mechanical difficulties have been rectified, it is reported, and when production begins again it will be of a steady nature.

Good Winter Ahead

The Torrance Brick Company is working at capacity on brick and tile orders.

With every industry operating and swinging with rampen activity, unemployment, Torrance approaches what promises to be a prosperous winter.

Local industries are doing their utmost to give preference to residents of Torrance when work is available. The free employment bureau of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has placed six applicants in local factories in the past week.

Reception Held To Greet Pastor

The reception held last Friday evening for Rev. J. W. Green of the Baptist Church was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the evening of music and conversation, with refreshments at the close.

Rev. Green reports an enjoyable two-months vacation in Washington and Idaho.

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

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

The modern gown is no longer a creation—it's merely a suggestion.

Observations

Canada, The U. S., and Europe—Lincoln Heritages; Coolidge, Smith, McAdoo—The Larder Will Move West—Politics and Sports

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

CITIZENS of Canada Tuesday defeated the Conservative government. The general election was a landslide for the Liberals. That doesn't interest Americans very much. But if our relations with Canada were not so friendly it might interest us a whole lot.

France is intensely interested in German elections, and vice versa. The reason is that international politics of various parties in any European country affects all Europe.

The history of Europe and all her nations is red with blood. The history of our relations with Canada is a record of friendliness.

If we feared Canada or Canada feared us—our interest in their home elections and their interest in ours would be great.

Europe could learn a good lesson from the unfortified border that separates Canada from the United States. But Europe apparently doesn't want to learn that lesson. That is why so many of us do not wish to see our country entangled in the World Court.

ROBERT TODD LINCOLN, son of the Great Emancipator, left an estate of \$1,125,000. That is a lot of money. The younger Lincoln was a good citizen and a good man. But the fortune he left in no way compares to that which his father bequeathed to his heirs and the world. Robert left a good name and a fortune. Abraham left a glowing name, the example of a great, kind genius. His beneficiary was mankind. He left more than all the money in the world could buy.

WILLIAM GIBBS McADOO's campaign for the Democratic nomination was opened this week in Chicago. George Fort Milton, Chicago editor and vice-chairman of McAdoo's campaign in 1924, issued a statement saying the Californian will be a candidate again in 1928.

It is apparent that Gov. Al Smith of New York also will seek the nomination. Another old-fashioned Democratic fight seems inevitable. If it comes there will be another four years of Coolidge.

WHEN the Colorado River development is completed millions of acres of land will be opened for agriculture under ideal conditions. The present arid desert will be cultivated 12 months a year. Leaving the generation of power out of consideration and thinking only in terms of agriculture, the Colorado River development is of untold importance not only to the west but to the whole country.

The desert region to be developed by the Colorado River project is subjected to no climatic disadvantages such as prevail in the Mississippi Valley. With the Colorado waters impounded, a water supply will always be assured. There will be no cyclones, no floods. And under the desert sun crops will be cultivated 12 months a year.

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There will be a general election in the country in November—but right now what the average American wants to know is not which party is going to have a majority in Congress, but who is going to win that National League pennant.

SAID a hunter the other day: "Yeah, I know the law about doves, but I killed 50 and brought them all home. There wasn't anybody to check me up, and who in the world would have quit hunting while the game was still so plentiful?"

That hunter is a poor sport. Game laws are designed to protect game for hunters next year and every year thereafter. By refusing to stop when he had the limit this hunter, who apparently likes so well to hunt, did his part to spoil the sport he loves. Obey the game laws. Be a good sport.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA will enjoy the greatest influx of tourists this winter that ever has been known in the history of the state.

Tourist travel to Europe last summer was cut short by the antagonism of Europeans toward Americans by the fact that travel in Europe was unpleasant. Many who had planned to go to Europe decided to see America first and are coming west this year. This is the word from the transcontinental railroad companies.

Thousands who went to Florida last year are coming to California this year. This is the report of California agents in the east. One large Los Angeles hotel has reservations that will keep every room filled for three of the winter months.

Every Californian knows that tourist travel here brings permanent advantage to the State. A certain percentage of all visitors' becomes permanent residents.

After all, our climate is still one of our greatest assets. CALIFORNIANS will vote on a number of proposed amendments at the November election. But there is plenty of time to think them over. The important question now among the voters—particularly among the men—seems to be concerned with the approaching "hatiffs" between Jack the Demps and Gene the Tunn.

It is fortunate that we Americans have these major athletic events to steal our interest occasionally from the serious business of making a living and being a unit in a democracy.

Serious consideration of important issues and private problems is essential to American progress, of course. But an important adjunct of our modern life is that activity which turns the mind from weighty subjects to athletic contests.

It is good to have a heavyweight encounter and a world series sandwiched in between the primaries and the general election.

Tool Nine Annexes Title in League by Beating Supply Co.

The Union Tool indoor team of the Twilight League is the undisputed champion of Torrance. Spud Murphy's outfit annexed the title by trimming the National Supply aggregation 9 to 4 in the league playoff.

The series was for the best two out of three. The Tools won the first tilt 21 to 4. Then the Supply Boys came back with a 10 to 9 victory. The third game ended in a tie, 3 to 3, and the Murphy team annexed the fourth.

Famous Woman Dies Suddenly In Lomita Home

Mrs. Johanna Platnizky Served Big Cities as Health Expert

Johanna Platnizky, 58, of Narbonne avenue, passed away Sunday night at 10:30. In bad health for several years, Mrs. Platnizky had been critically ill for seven months. A decided improvement had been noted recently, and her many friends were shocked at her death, which occurred with no warning. The immediate cause of death was valvular heart trouble. Mrs. Platnizky is survived by her husband, Vladimir Platnizky; three sisters, Mrs. Alwine Lewis-Schwarz of Lomita, Mrs. J. L. Biffin of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. George Weisand of Osceola, Mich.; two brothers, Henry Wachendorf of Portland, Ore., and Peter Wachendorf of Berlin, Germany; and a step-mother, Mrs. Pauline Wachendorf of Venice, Henry Wachendorf left for his home in Portland a few days ago, after a visit with his sister here.

Was Born Abroad

Born in Kretfeld, Germany, Johanna Wachendorf completed her schooling in England, where at the age of 17 she became the wife of Baron Von Wagner of Russia. After the death of the baron she came to the United States and entered the McLean Hospital in Boston, of which institution she was a graduate nurse. After the graduation from McLean the baroness completed a course in sanitation at Columbia University.

For twelve years Mrs. Von Wagner was housing inspector in Yonkers, N. Y., first woman to serve in that capacity in this country. Her appearance on the street in Yonkers, which city catches the overflow from New York, always precipitated a frantic housecleaning. "Mrs. Board of Health," as the children called her, was very decided and thorough in her methods—but she was the firm friend of the people she visited. Speaking seven languages fluently, she was able to explain the simple laws of the land to them; she untangled many a snarl that otherwise might have taken the ignorant foreigners into the courts; she told them how to feed their babies; and, more than all, she told them without of how to live. The city expected of them in the way of household cleanliness.

Moves to Coast

During her years of service as inspector many women were fitted for work in that department, under her direction.

From Yonkers Mrs. Von Wagner came to Los Angeles, at the behest of the city fathers, where for eight years she was connected with the Housing Commission here, the first woman inspector on the Pacific coast.

It was during her work in this city that she married Vladimir Platnizky, who survives her.

Detroit needed help, and from Los Angeles she went to the Michigan city, where for some time she was official "housecleaner." From Detroit Mrs. Platnizky went to New York City, where for several years she was active in Americanization work in the city and state. She was, by the way, one of the first women to take out naturalization papers in this country. Her Americanization work led to repeated demands for lectures at Johns Hopkins, Princeton, and all the leading universities of the east.

T. R. Knew Her

She dispensed charity for Mrs. Vincent Astor and many other wealthy women. Theodore Roosevelt, whom she met while engaged as nurse, called her "Mrs. Work."

Among her possessions, and possibly the most prized, is a wrist watch engraved and presented to her by members of Companies K and L of the Seventy-seventh regiment, United States Infantry, whom she nursed through the epidemic of typhoid fever that ravaged Montauk Point after the Spanish-American war.

Though perhaps not fully appreciated, she was loved by all who were privileged to know her. Time and energy meant nothing to Johanna Platnizky if by their expenditure she could help.

Of her it may be truly said, as of the Master she served, "She went about doing good." Mrs. Platnizky was a pioneer of Lomita and, until her health failed, taught in the Community Sunday School.

Delve For Tomb of Ancient King in Ohio

(By NEA Service)

Into a great heap of earth near Chillicothe, O., now scarcely discernible after the erosion of many centuries, four archaeologists are delving for knowledge of a little-known people—the mound builders.

Basing his expectations upon the discoveries of last year, Prof. Harry C. Shetrone, curator of the Ohio State Historical and Archaeological Museum, says:

"If previous discoveries are any criterion of what the rest of the mound contains, it is going to be the best ever."

Curator Shetrone is enthusiastic and believes, with many other archaeologists of the country, that the "Great Pearl Burial," or Pricer mound, will reveal the greatest discoveries of the mound builders' age of any yet touched in the United States.

Tomb of Kings

With four-fifths of the great mound yet untouched, the excavators have uncovered finds claimed to be the greatest in the history of the exploration of the ancient earthworks.

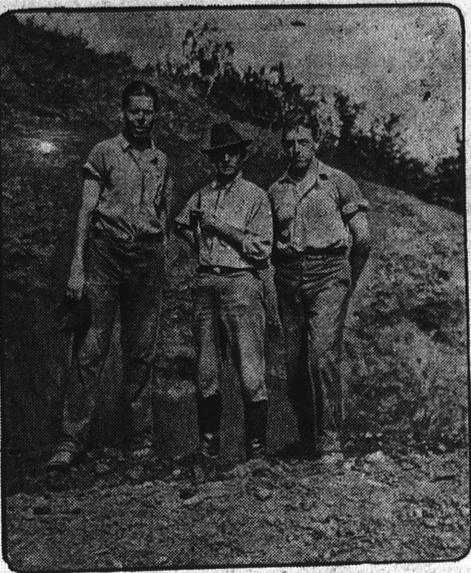
The big discovery of last year was the uncovering of the burial of a king and three of his subjects, an interment strewn with thousands of fresh water pearls and rich in artifacts.

Copper noses and richly carved pieces of silver, copper and tortoise shell were also included in the finds.

This year Prof. Shetrone is aided by three experts: Milton M. Krogman, who stands 6 feet 4 inches, is a graduate of the department of anthropology of Chicago University. Frank M. Setzler, second in command, is a student of anthropology at the Ohio State University and was with Shetrone last year. John Blosser, graduate of the department of anthropology of Harvard College, will handle all of the skeleton examination and reconstruction.

Proceed Cautiously

Crowds of tourists already have begun their pilgrimage down the



The archaeologists on the mound. Left to right: Milton M. Krogman, University of Chicago; Prof. Harry C. Shetrone, curator of the Ohio State Museum; and Frank Setzler, student of anthropology.

verdant "Ross County Valley of the Kings" to view the work of the plodding excavators.

Recent cuts into the mound have revealed a new series of strata that are puzzling to Shetrone and his assistants and causing them to proceed even more cautiously than before. The site of the mound shows several distinct changes in the color of the dirt. The lowest stratum is covered by a layer of coarse gravel several inches in thickness.

It is below this gravel that Shetrone believes the greatest finds will be made, although he is counting heavily on burials in the upper layers of earth.

Meanwhile the workers are proceeding, daily expecting to reach burials that will, through their artifacts and coverings, enhance the knowledge of the archaeologists in regard to the daily and religious life of this little-known group of people, the mound builders.

High School Football Aspirants 20 Strong Report for Practice

Due to the gain in average weight—now about 140 pounds—and the number of men, a splendid season is confidently expected.

Coach Mitchell has four athletic events to put through this season. The student body appreciates the support of the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and promises some action for this year.

The season's schedule follows: Oct. 1, Narbonne at Torrance; Oct. 8, Banning at Torrance; Oct. 15, Torrance at Bell; Oct. 22, Gardena at Torrance.

Torrance Folder Gets Word from Sesqui Visitor

Man Picks Up Local Literature at Philadelphia; Writes C. of C.

J. B. Relyea, 35 West London street, Philadelphia, Pa., went out to the Sesquicentennial the other day. While enjoying the great celebration in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence Mr. Relyea strolled around to the California exposition.

At that place he picked up a three-colored folder prepared by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. He read it over carefully and looked at the pictures.

He became interested in Torrance and wrote a letter to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce seeking more information.

Back east people do read folders about California.

The letter from Mr. Relyea is one of many received by the local chamber from easterners who have seen Torrance literature.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB

The Needlecraft Club was entertained at luncheon Wednesday by Mrs. L. C. Luck of Palm street.

Members who enjoyed Mrs. Luck's hospitality were Mrs. Millard Fix, Mrs. Henry Kettler, Mrs. Ed Scanlon, Mrs. Sam Shepherd, Mrs. David Adamson, and Mrs. J. L. Luck.

Methodist Aid Society Names Year's Officers

Mrs. Guy Mowry is Chosen President at Meeting on Tuesday

Last Tuesday was a very busy day for the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, the last meeting of the conference year.

A beautiful lunch was served at noon. At the close the Rev. Lyall spoke in an appreciative manner of the support and help given him and the church during the past year by the Ladies' Aid. The hostesses for the lunch were Mrs. Maxfield, Mrs. Zuver, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Erickson, and Mrs. Russell Budge.

The regular business meeting was opened at 2 p. m. with devotionals. The prayer was offered by Mrs. Zuver. After the usual business preliminaries, the following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. Guy Mowry; first vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Andrus; second vice-president, Mrs. L. Fordyce; third vice-president, Mrs. F. Kelley; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Maxfield; treasurer, Mrs. E. N. Tomkins; financial secretary, Mrs. F. Carr; recording secretary, Mrs. Russell Budge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edward Clarkson.

Mrs. Mowry, the retiring president, gave an outline of plans and the goal to be attained this coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Scott and their guests, Miss Mary Pierce and Miss Metta Stevenson, of San Diego, enjoyed a trip to Lake Arrowhead Sunday.

C.-C. M. O. Beats Fast Valley Outfit by Score of 5 to 0

Those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend last Sunday's ball game at the C.-C. M. O. park in Torrance witnessed one of the most thrilling contests of the season. The Torrance Oilers upset the dope in tripping the fast Standard Plumbing team, champions of the San Fernando League, by a 5-0 score. Bob Green, the new pitching sensation of the Torrance club, allowed the visitors but two stinky hits, and also started at bat with two clean doubles.

Those of the old fans who recall the "feed" of last season when Torrance defeated Hawthorne three out of five will doubtless be glad to know that the C.-C. M. O. club has booked another "red hot" series with this fast nine. The first game will be played at the Torrance park Sunday, Sept. 19. The game starts promptly at 2:30. The admission is 35 cents, including grand stand and free auto parking.

Mrs. Daisy Workman of Redondo Beach is a patient in Torrance hospital and is recovering rapidly from the effects of a minor operation. Mr. Workman is a well known glassworker.

Lecture for Public

In the evening an entertaining and interesting illustrated lecture on fire prevention will be given at the high school auditorium by Capt. Dunlop, chief of the fire prevention bureau.

Active co-operation on the part of individuals and Torrance concerns is necessary if the local department is to win the coveted cup. That this co-operation will be forthcoming is the belief of the volunteers who are most active in promoting the event.

Persons wishing to co-operate in any way and desiring information are requested to consult with Chief Ben Hannebrink or City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Mrs. R. B. MacAlpine of Gramercy avenue will attend a luncheon and sewing party tomorrow at the Women's Athletic Club in Los Angeles. Mrs. F. Marshall Morgan will be hostess.

WARNING

Unauthorized persons are collecting money for The Torrance Herald. Advertisers and others are requested to make all checks payable to The Torrance Herald, or Kingsley and Whyte, and to pay no one any money unless you know them to be a member of the permanent staff of this paper.

GROVER C. WHYTE, Business Manager.

MEN SEEK TO ANNEX PRIZE

Will Climax Prevention Week With Big Event on Oct. 9

PARADE AND WORKOUT Volunteers Will Stage Pageant and Demonstration for Public

Competing for the Thomas Ince cup offered for the most fire prevention work accomplished during the year by a small city fire department in California, the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department has perfected plans for a big demonstration here on Saturday, Oct. 9, as a culmination to National Fire Prevention Week.

Always maintaining a high standard of efficiency by constant practice, the Torrance volunteers have been working extra hard of late, getting ready for what they believe will be the best fire prevention program in Southern California.

To stress the importance of fire prevention the firemen have offered cash prizes for the best floats in a parade and for the depiction of fire prevention in a show window. A number of firms and institutions in Torrance are planning to enter floats in the parade. First and second prizes will be awarded for floats. Another prize will be given to the best float entered by juveniles.

Will Stage Pageant

In the parade also will be a historical pageant of the Torrance fire department. Original equipment will be shown and every piece of equipment added since the early days of Torrance will be included.

It is expected that the parade will include fire-fighting apparatus of some local industries.

After the parade the volunteers will give a public demonstration of fire fighting life saving, resuscitation. In this demonstration all the modern apparatus of the department will be used. Although the new big truck has been on hand but a short time the boys, by dint of hard practice, have mastered it to perfection. The wife and other new apparatus of this new truck will be demonstrated to the public.

Of course there will be a real fire—and it will be quenched by the Dingville department in pretty short order, 'gosh.

The Thomas Ince cup is awarded to the small city department that accomplishes the most for fire prevention during the year. The Torrance volunteers came close to bringing this cup home last year. While the big parade and demonstration on Saturday, Oct. 9, will culminate the efforts to win the cup, the boys have been working hard all year. Regular inspections of buildings have been made, frequent fire drills have been held at the schools, and considerable information regarding the best methods of preventing fires have been disseminated.

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