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TORRANCE VOTERS FOR WRIGHT ACT LEGION DEDICATES HOME TONIGHT

VETERANS ARE ALL INVITED

Fine New Structure Monument to Strong Organization
HIGH OFFICERS COMING
New Heads To Be Installed; Public Opening on Armistice Day

All veterans of the World War are invited to attend the dedication of the new clubhouse of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, tonight.

High officials of the Legion will be present to install the officers and officially dedicate the splendid new structure to the veterans of Lamita township.

The following new officers will be installed: Commander, Nate Groenke; vice-commander, M. J. Fix; adjutant, J. R. Jensen; finance officer, C. A. Curtis; historian, James Scott; service officer, Fred Palmer; chaplain, J. W. Post; sergeant-at-arms, Frank Schumacher; executive committee, J. W. Post, R. J. Deinger, Donald Findley, C. B. Bell, Fred Palmer, and P. G. Briney.

State Vice-Commander A. B. Weddington, city manager of Avondale, will install the new officers. The Commander, Leon V. McCordie of the Los Angeles County Council will dedicate the building. Other high officials of the Legion will be present. Leonard Wilson and Bill Knoast, past county council commanders, have accepted the Torrance post's invitation, and so has the well known "Happy" Witz.

Next Thursday night, Nov. 11, anniversary of the beginning of the Armistice, the Legion will be open to the public. A public reception will be held from noon until the orchestra stops playing for the dance in the evening. Members of the Legion Auxiliary and the Post will be on hand all day to welcome visitors.

The new clubhouse is complete in all details. The structure faces Cota avenue. One enters into a large and attractively appointed room, on each side of which doors lead to smaller rooms which will be used for meetings. A well equipped kitchen is in the rear and opens to an apartment for a caretaker.

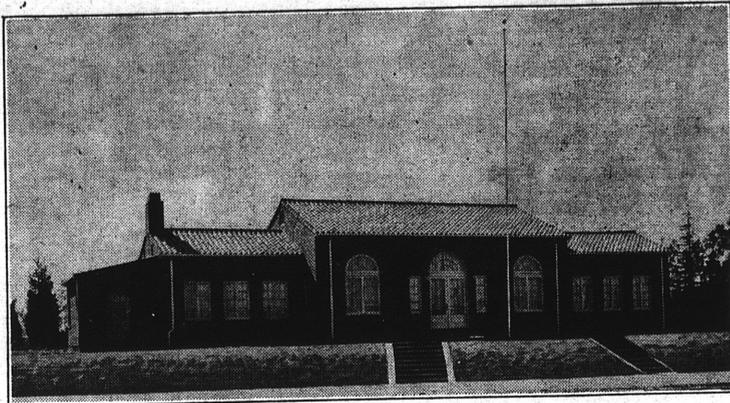
Air Turbine Plant Being Built Here

A new factory for the Torrance district was assured recently when the Adams Multiple Air Turbine Company, formerly of Los Angeles, started work on its new plant east of Normandie avenue and south of Carson street. The company recently purchased two and one-half acres from George Bale through the agency of Harry Bale and immediately started work on its new plant.

The plant of the company previously was located at 2431 East Fifty-third street, Los Angeles.

The product of the company is a wind motor of steel construction. Misses Elizabeth and Mildred Neelands of Gramercy avenue attended a Halloween party Saturday at the home of Miss Clara Louise Mansfield of Pasadena.

HERE'S AMERICAN LEGION'S NEW CLUBHOUSE



—Photo by LaPlante.

Free Recital Here On November 19

The Pokrovsky Institute of Los Angeles will give another free recital in Torrance on Friday evening, Nov. 19, at the Torrance Women's Clubhouse. It is said that the program will resemble that of the last recital in general. That is, together with a splendid array of professional artists, several young performers will be presented; among these the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerhass of this city. On the same evening there is to be a reward given for the best work done with any pupil under 14 years of age.

The reward is to be \$25 cash, and the students of the Pokrovsky Institute are to be barred from this competition. Those wishing to earn this reward should get in touch with the Pokrovsky Institute as to details not later than a week before the event.

FOOD SALE

Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 10, a food sale and bazaar will be held by the women of Christ Mission Guild at the parish hall, next to the Women's Clubhouse on Encarnada avenue.

A supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Ladies' Aid Society Will Meet Tuesday

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Andrus, 1670 Gramercy avenue. The meeting will start at 2 o'clock, and ladies may bring their own fancy work if they so desire.

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon, and a very cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested in church work.

GOURDIER AT CONCLAVE

Postmaster Alfred Gourdier attended the state convention of postmasters at Sacramento last Saturday. Officers were elected as follows, he reports: President, James E. Powers of San Francisco; first vice-president, Jack Funk of Redondo Beach; second vice-president, D. R. Johnson of Glendale. The next convention will be held either at Santa Monica or Glendale.

ATTENTION, C. E.

All Christian Endeavorers are requested to attend the Redondo district fall campaign rally to be held at the Hermosa Beach Baptist Church Friday evening, Nov. 12.

Paint, Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

Class Has Room For More Members

The millinery class which meets at the high school every Monday from 1 until 4 is still open for enrollments.

Some beautiful shades and handkerchiefs are being made by the latter method, which lends itself to the decoration of many articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

Special Service At Church Sunday

An interesting service will be held at Central Evangelical Church next Sunday evening. It will be a lecture on Bible history from the creation to the death of Abraham. The lecture will be given by Carl D. Fales of Los Angeles, and will be illustrated with about sixty stereopticon slides. It will be interesting and instructive for old and young. No admission fee, but an offering. The public all invited.

Mrs. F. A. Lincoln has returned from a visit with relatives at Fort Morgan, Colo.

Salvation Army Asks \$1800 For Year Work Here

Campaign to Last a Week Will Open Friday Morning

The Salvation Army will open a week's campaign for funds in the Torrance district Friday morning. The goal set by the workers will be \$1800, to finance the year's work in this area.

The Los Angeles Community Chest does not provide for Salvation Army funds here, and Chest workers will not solicit in this territory.

Envoy Ivy A. Grace, who is in charge of Salvation Army activities here, made the following report of relief work done in Torrance during the year ending Sept. 30, 1924: Charity rendered: 255 cases; Christmas baskets, 57 families; garments furnished, 199; furniture for households, 17; transient meals and beds, 30; hours of visitation, 756; families visited, 951; services held, 821.

The campaign will be so conducted that individuals may subscribe by the month.

Boy Scouts Plan November Outing

As the result of a successful one-day outing during October, in which 22 local scouts under the leadership of James H. Scott, in charge of hikes and camps for Torrance scouts, visited Mt. Lowe and Switzer's Camp, another outing is planned, to be conducted in November.

Mr. Scott is desirous of making this an overnight one, leaving on some Saturday afternoon and returning on Sunday evening. A mountain cabin is necessary under this plan, and if any resident of Torrance has a cabin, or could obtain the use of one, it is requested that they communicate with Mr. Scott at the First National Bank.

Test-passing results for the month of October are as follows: Troop No. 3, 10 tests; and Troop No. 4, 39 tests.

The local scout committee is desirous of obtaining second-hand uniforms for several scouts who are financially unable to purchase new suits. The committee appeals through The Herald to any present or former scouts who have uniforms in good condition that they have outgrown, to get in touch with Fay L. Parks at the Torrance Plumbing Company.

Troop No. 8, under the leadership of Robert Lewellen, meets at the Scout building on Friday evenings, and Troop No. 4, under the leadership of Edgar A. Reeve, meets at the same place on Thursday evenings. Visitors will be welcomed at all meetings.

Second and first class tests are given under the direction of the district commissioner on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings at the Scout building.

Business Zone for Arlington St. Denied by Council

Trustee Brooks, also secretary of the local planning commission, made a report which that body adopted unanimously against the rezoning of any Arlington avenue frontage for business purposes, the same referring more particularly to a recent application for rezoning of a parcel at 222d street and Arlington avenue, where the installation of a store in a residence was contemplated. The trustees accepted the report of the planning commission, and the clerk was instructed to advise the petitioners that the disposition of the trustees was opposed to the rezoning for business use of Arlington avenue frontage.

Ten Fire Hydrants for Cedar District

The matter of an installation of fire hydrants for the protection of the tract recently improved west of Madrid to Cedar and north of Carson street was presented, and after study of a map submitted showing the district the clerk was ordered to have ten hydrants installed in the area.

Observations

Crime and Law—Mussolini—The State and Mrs. McPherson—The Wallpaper Ballot—Recreational Costs—Harry Bassett, American Success

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

J. P. GALLAGHER'S series of articles now running in the Los Angeles Times anent the rule of criminal gangs in Chicago are not only interesting but enlightening. They set forth vividly and without undue elaboration the plain fact that the most powerful influences in big city life today are the organizations which exist by reason of efficient crime and murder.

In the meantime what is society doing about it? So far, almost nothing at all. We are protecting society against criminals with weapons forged in the innocent days of the dim past. We are fighting a modern war with slingshots, trying to combat a powerful and efficient crime organization with unorganized legions inadequately armed.

CRIME will run rampant through all our big cities until we reshape our laws of criminal procedure in such a way that they aim more at protection of the outraged than to safeguard the rights of the accused.

Under an autocracy criminals would be headed by the wholesale and gang leaders would be done away with on suspicion. While this is impossible in a democracy which guarantees every person the right of fair and impartial trial, yet democracy must not allow the pendulum to swing so far that property and life are inadequately protected while criminals get off scot-free due to legal technicalities.

In addition to the alteration of our criminal codes society must use more sense and less sentiment in its view of criminals.

A YOUTH of 18 tried to kill Mussolini the other day. He was immediately beaten to death by an Italian mob. The next day in every city of Italy Fascists thronged the street shouting death to the foe of the dictator.

In their judgment of Mussolini the people of Italy do not err. Despite his dramatics, despite some of his policies that seem overly rigorous in America, this indomitable man has nevertheless saved Italy from chaos.

Though his assumption as an individual of all the functions of the state to the point where he is the state is probably contrary to the constant progress of civilization toward complete democracy, yet none but strong measures could have saved Italy. Mussolini deals in fundamentals. He makes everyone work and produce. In any country where everyone is busy everyone is happy—or as nearly as mortals ever can be. In a country where everyone is busy no one is starving. In a country where everyone is busy revolutions are out of the question.

MUSSOLINI may have dreams of a new Italian empire, but he deserves the admiration of Italy and of the world for saving his native country from the dump-heap of Bolshevism.

We are sorry for the poor, misguided lad who thought to aid Italy by killing Mussolini. Yet we believe it would have been a disaster not only to Italy but to the world just now to have ended the life of this remarkable, albeit much debated, man.

WHEN the preliminary hearing of the case of the state against Alimee Sempie McPherson is decided, whether or not she is held for trial, it seems to us that it would be a good thing to forget the whole affair.

Most everyone is fed up on the details of this tiresome proceeding. Another recital of all the evidence before a court of law would cost the state a tremendous sum. And what would be accomplished? We are not among those who are thirsting for the blood of the evangelist. Neither do we regard her as one accused of a heinous crime. Society will gain nothing by her conviction. Society will gain nothing by her acquittal. The convictions regarding Mrs. McPherson are two. Some believe her innocent. Others believe her guilty. Regardless of the outcome of the trial these convictions will be unchanged.

After all, her trial is before the public more than it is before the courts.

And we think the public is sick and tired of the whole mess.

HOW many people intelligently studied the 28 amendments on which California voters cast their ballots Tuesday? If you were to guess you would probably say about 25 percent.

People are too busy or think they are too busy to study all of the phases of these 28 amendments. The amendments themselves were so far-reaching that at least an hour of study should have been put on each one before a person could have hoped to vote with real intelligence.

The ballot was so large that one standing in the cramped booths almost wished that he had been apprenticed in the paper-hanger's trade.

EIGHTY THOUSAND persons saw Stanford defeat the University of Southern California at the Coliseum last Saturday. The American people spend millions every day for entertainment. It is a good thing that they do. Life is not easy for rich or poor. Wholesome entertainment such as a clean show or a football game rests the mind and even the body. Anything that is wholesome and offers a medium for temporary surcease from mortal sorrows is worth more than it costs.

At the same time, as George Peckham and I noted the other day, a big portion of the American income daily goes for things that people do not actually need.

I cannot recall a candy store that ever went broke. But a large proportion of shoe merchants are forced to the wall.

HARRY BASSETT, president of the Buick Motor Company, died in Paris recently. He was only 51—in the prime of life. Once while editor of a paper in Flint I wrote his biography. So I know something of his life. He started to work for a dollar a day as a clerk. He had little education, but natural intelligence gained for him things that book-learning unbacked by native intelligence never would have won. He drove himself forward and upward by sheer force of his mind and strict attention to duty. He knew how his duties, he remained human. He played hard and often. He played as hard as he worked. He enjoyed life—probably the more so because he mixed play with work. As I think back over the details of Harry Bassett's life it strikes me that no man is successful who fails to enjoy himself a good deal while battling and struggling along the route. The difficulty is to mix play with work in the proper proportion. Most of us fall in this human alchemy and go to our graves without having lived to the fullest of our capabilities.

BASSETT'S career once more drives home the fact that a man of native intelligence who knows both how to work and play, who can be both a good executive and a good fellow, who knows

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DRY VOTE WINS BY 165

Campaign of Local Pastors on State Questions Is Successful

TORRANCE FAVORS HOME

City Lines Up With South on State Sectional Questions

Outstanding points of interest in the election returns from Torrance are the following results of the local balloting Tuesday:

George K. Home led Sheriff William Traeger by a vote of 463 to 344.

Senator Shortridge, Republican candidate for United States senator, fell behind his ticket here but carried Torrance over John B. Elliott, Democrat and dry, by a vote of 440 to 350.

All Republican candidates were given overwhelming majorities in Torrance.

The campaign of ministers here on several amendments bore fruit. Torrance voted against the repeal of the Wright act—508 to 343—a majority of 165.

The tax on oleomargarine was defeated here by a vote of 690 to 119.

Torrance voted thumbs down on horse racing, the count being 605 to 229.

The proposal of the northern part of the state to increase the gasoline tax met a rebuke here. The count was 624 to 168.

Torrance, however, voted in favor of the south's state highway measure, the result being 454 to 273.

Against Exemption The proposal to exempt private and parochial schools from taxation was defeated here by a vote of 546 to 221.

Torrance voted 483 to 238 in favor of the study of the Bible in the public schools.

The twice defeated water and power half-billion-dollar bond issue was defeated here 582 to 154.

Torrance voted 499 to 209 against pensioning judges.

The \$8,000,000 park bond issue proposal was approved here by a vote of 390 to 321.

The grade crossing elimination bond issue of \$5,000,000 was approved by a vote of 404 to 270.

The \$5,000,000 civic center bond issue was turned down by voters here, the count being 382 to 242.

The proposed amendment to the charter, increasing the Board of Supervisors from five to seven, was disappointed here by a vote of 366 to 175.

Approve Flood Control Flood control bonds were approved by a vote of 285 to 264.

Results in Torrance on other offices and questions were as follows:

For governor: Young, R., 691; Wardell, D., 137.

For lieutenant-governor: Pitts, R., 730; Dunbar, D., 95.

For congressman: Crail, R., 699; Wright, S., 76.

For assemblyman: Carter, R., 657; Anderson, S., 62.

For Superior Court judges: Hollzer, 419; Burnell, 433; Crawford, 425; Bledsoe, 393; Scott, 360; Schmidt, 298; Wood, 297; Keeler, 230; Westover, 225; Hill, 217.

For Superior Court judge, unexpired term of John Perry Wood: Edmonds, 341; McCartney, 258.

For justice of the peace, Lamita township: Patterson, 604; Jensen (written in), 3.

State Questions

Veterans' welfare bond act: Yes, 654; no, 97.

Taxing highway transportation companies: Yes, 522; no, 220.

Salaries of state officers: Yes, 319; no, 394.

Taxing short-line steam railroads: Yes, 448; no, 229.

Bonds for state buildings and universities: Yes, 515; no, 253.

Tax exemption for veterans: Yes, 447; no, 292.

Absent voters proposal: Yes, 432; no, 232.

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