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THE HERALD'S PLATFORM FOR TORRANCE

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PAUSING TO CONSIDER BOYS' WEEK

WE doubt the advantages of Boys' Week, now being celebrated throughout the country. Ask yourself these questions:

Is it advisable to disrupt a whole school week by programs such as now are being carried out in cities throughout the nation?

Would the boys profit as much from application to routine school work as by participation in the events sponsored this week by older men?

Is it possible that it were just as well for adults not to make little tin gods out of boys in adolescence? Can the thing be carried too far?

It is not our wish to put a wet blanket on the enthusiasm of those who are sponsoring this Boys' Week business. But we Americans are ruled so much by mawkish sentiment that we hip-hip-hurrah an altruistic movement through with flourish and gusto, often without studying the possible effect of the movement or considering the need of the activity.

That boys are helped in thousands of cages by older men is without question. But personal contact between man and boy is far different from organized programs where men in a group take interest in boys in a mass for one week a year and then forget the individual lads during the remaining 51 seven-day periods.

The energy expended by adults during Boys' Week might possibly bring more beneficial results if applied to study of the public school system.

The history of the world's greatest men reveals that they struggled up the ladder by dint of hard work and constant application to every task at hand, and without organized weeks to prove to them as lads their importance in the future destiny of the race.

Boys' Week looks well on paper. But it will hurt us none to pause for a moment and consider if it does any good, whether it can do any harm, and whether it springs from adult masculine desire to display sentiment before the world or from a scientifically arrived-at conviction that boys are benefited by adult adulation.

You don't fool the boys. Boys' Week is popular with them. It brings freedom from routine school tasks. It introduces novelty into lives that thrive on the unusual. It is fattening to the vanity of youth. It is fun.

Change the program and see how well the boys would like it. Suppose, in order to bring home the necessity of hard work in every recipe for success we take the youthful life of Lincoln as an example and invite all lads to split wood or rails for a week.

We very much doubt the continued participation in the program by the boys. Stones in the structure of character are not easily

lifted into place. We seriously doubt if parades, burlesque trials, special track meets and the consumption of hot dogs, arranged to replace the regular school routine, are among the events which youth must experience in order best to fit himself for life.

GOING AFTER LIGHTS THE RIGHT WAY

THE usual non-competitive procedure of obtaining an ornamental lighting system happily will not be employed in Torrance. The Board of Trustees has definitely decided that such a procedure is an indirect raid on the people's money and has determined to guarantee complete competition among lighting companies before any steps are taken to provide a system in this city.

The customary procedure is as follows: Agents of a company with a certain type of post to sell circulate petitions naming that particular post. If such a petition is approved by the city officials bids are advertised for.

But inasmuch as the type of post is already stipulated, and because only one company makes this post, real competitive bids are impossible. Other contractors who wish to enter bids must buy this certain post from the manufacturer, but the cost thereof is so much higher than the cost of the manufacturer that the independent contractor has no chance.

Did anyone ever see an independent contractor win a bid, for a patent-paving job in competition with the holder of the patent? Yes. But on so few occasions that it is logical to conclude that in all these cases there was an understanding between the patent-holder and the contractor.

The same conditions exist when lighting systems are concerned. Advance specification of type of post almost certainly will eliminate competition and increase costs.

We believe the people of Torrance want lights. We believe also that they want to know what those lights are going to cost before they start action to install a system. And we believe, furthermore, that the plan agreed upon by the trustees will guarantee costs, insure adequate competition, and secure a lighting system at a rock-bottom figure.

How to Play BRIDGE A new series of lessons by Wynne Ferguson Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

Mr. H. G. Wells, the well known English writer, in his latest book has the following to say about card playing: "Cards! The marvel of cards! All over the world millions of people drawing nearer to death and nothingness, were pursuing the chances of the four thirteens: Bridge, Whist, Nap, Skat, a hundred forms of it. Directly they could get in out of the wet and dark, they sat down to that sort of thing, to being endlessly surprised, delighted, indignant, and despondent by chances that any one who chose to sit down to it could work out and tabulate in a week!"

While the writer doesn't know Mr. Wells, he is willing to wager that he isn't a bridge player. No one who has ever played and enjoyed it would write such nonsense. Cards are a diversion, and diversion is just as necessary as business or religion or any of the other serious pursuits of life. Tallyrand, the great diplomat, once said that the card player was sure of a happy old age, and the writer agrees with him. Bridge, the greatest of all card games, is always a joy and its endless variety is always full of charm. But to get the greatest pleasure from any game you must play well, and to play well you must improve your game.

The play of the hand is always interesting, particularly when playing with dummy. The following example is illustrative of certain principles that should be thoroughly understood:

Problem No. 33 Hearts-A Clubs-A, Q, 3 Diamonds-10, 9, 8, 7, 3 Spades-A, 10, 9, 7

Y : A : Z : B :

Hearts-10, 8, 7, 4 Clubs-10, 9, 7, 4 Diamonds-none Spades-Q, J, 8, 6, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and passed. A bid one diamond, Y one no-trump, and B passed. Z bid two spades, all passed, and A opened the king of diamonds. How should Z plan the play of the hand? An analysis of the play and the hands of A and B will be given in the next article.

Discarding is one of the puzzling points of auction, so any problem that illustrates a common principle of discarding should be carefully studied and understood. The following is one of that type:

Problem No. 34 Hearts-A, J Clubs-A, 7, 5, 4 Diamonds-none Spades-K, 5

Y : A : Z : B :

Hearts-Q, 9, 5 Clubs-9, 6 Diamonds-none Spades-Q, 10, 8

Hearts-none Clubs-K, 8, 3 Diamonds-Q, 7 Spades-A, J, 7

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z so play the hand that they can win all the tricks against any defense? Solution in the next article.

Answer to Problem No. 32 Hearts-K, 8, 5, 2 Clubs-A, 7, 5, 2 Diamonds-3, 7 Spades-10

Y : A : Z : B :

Hearts-none Clubs-Q, J, 10, 8 Diamonds-8, 5, 3 Spades-K, 4, 3, 2

If diamonds are trumps and Z is in the lead, how can Y-Z win all of the tricks against any defense? Z should lead the queen of clubs, which A should cover with the king. Y wins the trick with the ace. Y should now lead the king of hearts, on which Z should discard the eight of clubs. Y should now play the deuce of hearts, which Z should trump with the eight of diamonds. Z should now lead the jack of clubs. Z should then lead the five of diamonds, winning the next two tricks in Y's hand with the jack, seven of diamonds, no matter what A plays. On the second diamond lead Z should discard the ten of clubs. Y should then lead the seven and ten of clubs, which are now good. A is forced to make two discards. One discard is a spade, but on the second discard he is in trouble. If he discards a spade Z's king and four of spades are good. If he discards a heart Y's eight of hearts and Z's king of spades are good. In any event, therefore, Y-Z must win all of the tricks. It is a pretty and interesting problem.

World Series Roundup Will Be Staged in Big L. A. Coliseum

LOS ANGELES.—That the Los Angeles Rodeo, designed as a "world series" for the champions of all the big roundups and stam-pedes, will be a \$200,000 show is revealed by detailed plans for the affair, just announced by Edward N. Vall, noted horse and cattle man and chairman of the executive committee for the Los Angeles National Horse Show Association, sponsoring the spectacle, to be staged May 20, 21 and 22 in the mammoth Los Angeles Coliseum, an arena seating 90,000.

The appearance of the world's acknowledged trick ropers and riders at the show is assured by contracts just signed. Heading the list of the lariat experts is Chester Byers, for the past 15 years recognized as the peer of all ropers in the United States and Mexico. Second only to Byers on the roping roster of fame are Tom Kirnan and Bob Calen, who will appear to thrill the crowds.

Buck Stewart, with Kirnan and Calen, both of whom have won international recognition as mounted stuntsmen, heads the list of the cowboy trick riders under contract. Tad Lucas, for the past few years the recognized queen of all feminine stars of the rodeo, will lead the string of cowgirls who will be seen in daring feats. The stars will bring 18 head of fine horses with them from Fort Worth, Tex., as no ordinary broncho can perform his high kicking stunts. Hugh Strickland, veteran of all the big rodeos and arena director for the show, let here this week for San Antonio, Tex., where he will arrange for 150 head of wild Brahma steers to be brought to Los Angeles for the rodeo. These

the largest ever offered for a three-day event of the character, the vanguard of famous cowboys and cowgirls who will assemble from all parts of the country has already put in an appearance. J. W. Harris of Breckenridge, Tex., winner of the broncho-riding event at the Sequoyanennial rodeo in Philadelphia last July, and Vera McGinnis, who won the woman's relay at the Wembley exposition in London, are among the first to arrive on the ground.



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SACRAMENTO.—Heavy gains in both registrations and receipts for the first three months of 1927, as compared with the corresponding period a year ago, are reported by Frank G. Spook, chief of the division of motor vehicles.

Indicative of the general prosperity of the state, there was a gain of 128,497 in the actual number of motor vehicles registered, the total for the three-month period being 1,518,429 against 1,388,932 registered at the same time a year ago. Receipts for the period totaled \$7,113,424, a gain of \$425,858. This money is apportioned to the State Highway Commission and the various counties to keep California's roads in repair.

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