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o spur tracks will be con- ted west from the main line. streets will be improved to east and west, and one north south. When these are im- ed they will be dedicated to city.

ater, light line, power lines all other utilities will be in- led.

ith the development of the s under way, Torrance is look- forward to the early industri- ation of the district, for the pany has put its nationwide ustrial department to work at function of interesting factory ctives in the advantages of rance as a west coast manufac- ing center.

hamber Urges Study of Water Problem in City

Directors Ask Trustees to Study Situation to Apply Remedy

Dissatisfied with conditions as they are and hoping that a remedy may be applied, the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon unanimously passed a resolution requesting the Board of Trustees to launch an investigation of the water problem in Torrance.

The resolution placed the board on record as favoring municipal ownership of the water system, but did not state whether the board favored purchase of the system of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company.

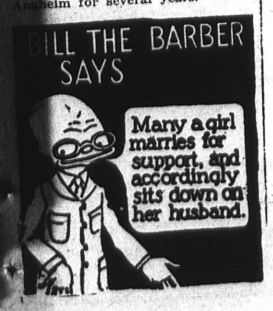
The board seemed to favor municipal ownership provided the source of supply for Torrance may also be owned by the city. Recent wells drilled by the C.-C. M. O. and the Columbia Steel Corporation in Torrance are producing excellent water, it is reported. The directors requested the trustees to instruct the city engineer to study the water problem carefully with an eye to ultimate action.

Kiwanis To Hear Archie H. Vernon

Archie H. Vernon, commander of Los Angeles American Legion Post No. 8 and past commander of Minnesota, will speak at the Memorial Day luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at American Legion hall Friday noon.

New Pastor Will Preach in Pulpit Here Next Sunday

Rev. G. G. Schmid, the newly appointed pastor of Central Evangelical Church, will occupy the pulpit Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. Schmid has been preaching at Anaheim for several years.



Blow Test Has Wet Evening at Tool Factory

Everett Allen and Charles Cree, employes of the Union Tool Company, are large-chested men, and they are justly proud of the fact. But just which possessed the greater lung capacity was a moot question which yesterday reached a point where Everett and Charles considered it necessary to take steps toward settling it.

They obtained a length of garden hose, filled it with water, and stationing themselves at either end engaged in a blowing contest. The battle of wind was a draw, and they both collapsed, with water-filled lungs. A yard foreman laid them out on their faces, and by dint of much back-pounding, with consequent spouting of water, succeeded in putting them back in condition for their jobs.

The question now to be settled is whether Everett or Charles has the greater liquid capacity.

Legion To Join Roosevelt Park Memorial Service

Bert S. Crossland Post Will Celebrate With Gardena, Compton, Redondo

Torrance residents who wish to celebrate Memorial Day are urged by Commander R. J. Deininger of Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, to take part in special services which will be held at Roosevelt Park under the auspices of the Torrance, Compton, Gardena and Redondo Legion posts.

'Owing to the fact that Memorial Day this year falls on Monday, making a double weekend holiday during which many people will be absent from the city, Bert S. Crossland Post will not attempt a memorial service in Torrance," Commander Deininger said. "The post will join with Gardena, Compton and Redondo in exercises at Roosevelt Park, and residents who would attend such services in Torrance are urged to go to the park."

The Roosevelt Park program will commence at 2 p. m. with an organ concert by C. Harold Dick.

At 3:30 the Legion service will be held. Rev. M. L. Leitch of Moneta will deliver the opening prayer and there will be an address by Lieut.-Gov. Buron Fitts. A firing squad will be mustered from Fort MacArthur, with taps by Lloyd White.

Flowers will be distributed during the exercises by United States army planes of the Black Falcon Pursuit Squadron, commanded by Lieut. H. B. Pentland, and flag services will be conducted by the Gardena Valley Boy Scouts.

Letters Reveal Columbia Steel Co. Appreciation

W. L. Booth Thanks Individuals and Groups for Big Celebration

Evidence of the Columbia Steel Corporation's appreciation of the celebration staged last Wednesday when the company's $2,000,000 sheet mill started operations were received by many individuals and organizations in Torrance this week in the form of letters from W. L. Booth, manager of the Torrance plant.

The following letter was received by The Herald:

COLUMBIA STEEL CORPORATION
Torrance Plant
Manufacturers of Steel Products
Torrance, Calif.
May 20th, 1927.

Messrs. Kingsley & Whyte,
Publishers—Torrance Herald,
Torrance, Calif.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Columbia Steel Corporation, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for the wonderful cooperation and spirit shown us on the occasion of the opening of our new sheet rolling mill.

The celebration as a whole was a brilliant success, and the Columbia Steel Corporation feels indebted to you and the citizens of Torrance for the loyal support shown us.

We trust that the growth of our industrial city may continue, and that success and prosperity may be yours.

Very cordially yours,
W. L. BOOTH,
Manager.

PUEBLO STORE SOLD

Jack Isenstein has sold his Pueblo store to Nogar and Watnabi. Mr. Isenstein disposed of the stock and leased the building to the buyers, who will take possession on June 1.

Herald Editor Accepts Summer Position as Editorial Writer On Famous Magazine in Boston

Kingsley Joins Staff of The Independent Until September; Associated Press Man Editor Here During Local Publisher's Absence

By GROVER C. WHYTE

W. Harold Kingsley, editor and co-publisher of The Torrance Herald and Lomita News, will leave next Tuesday morning for Boston, Mass., where he has accepted a temporary position as editorial writer on The Independent, one of the pioneer magazines of opinion in New England.

Mr. Kingsley will substitute on the staff of the magazine for Arthur Pound, nationally known writer and author of "The Iron Man," which created a sensation in educational circles four years ago. Mr. Pound is leaving for Europe for the summer and the editors of The Independent selected Mr. Kingsley to take his place.

The Independent, for which Mr. Kingsley will write editorials and book reviews this summer, was established in 1848, the year before the California gold rush. It is one of the best known journals of opinion in New England and is noted for its literary style, eminent good taste, and independent treatment of current events.

Mr. Kingsley's work will consist of writing editorials and book reviews for the magazine, which is issued each Saturday. The Independent is published by The Atlantic Monthly Press, which also publishes The Atlantic Monthly and The Sportsman.

Friends of Mr. Kingsley are congratulating him on the recognition of his ability as an editorial writer which his selection for the position in Boston, the seat of Harvard University, implies.

Mr. Kingsley will return to his work here in September, when Mr. Pound returns from Europe.

During Mr. Kingsley's absence The Herald and The News will be edited by Ralph O. Brown, a newspaper man of long experience and established ability. The publishers of The Herald and The News were insistent that a man of high ability and long training be selected to guide the editorial destinies of the two papers so that during Mr. Kingsley's absence they would maintain the same high journalistic standing which have made them the outstanding weeklies of Southern California.

They are happy that they were able to secure the services of Mr. Brown. Like Mr. Kingsley he brings to bear on his work a wealth of practical experience. For the past two years he has been bureau manager of the Associated Press in Baltimore, Md. Prior to his assignment to this important post with the greatest news collecting and disseminating agency in the world Mr. Brown was Associate Press bureau manager in Buffalo and in Albany, the capital of New York. He has been with the "A. P." for five years. Prior to that time he was associated with daily newspapers.

Mrs. Carl Hyde Named President Of Parent-Teacher Association

Mrs. Carl Hyde was elected president of the Torrance Elementary Parent-Teacher Association at the election Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. J. Neelands was elected first vice-president; Mrs. Edd Huddleston, second vice-president; Mrs. Fred Hansen, secretary; Mrs. Frank Mastri, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock, historian; and Mrs. George Steadman, auditor.

Mrs. H. O. Perry, first vice-president, occupied the chair, in the absence of Mrs. Shidler.

It was voted to change the name from Torrance Parent-Teacher Association to Torrance Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, as very few high schools have Parent-Teacher Associations, most of them having Mothers' Clubs.

Delegates to the state convention were named in part. Mrs. James H. Milburn was elected by the executive board to represent them at the convention. Mrs. Carl Hyde and Mrs. G. H. Sapp will also represent the association. Torrance is entitled to 25 delegates. In the absence of Mrs. Shidler, president, members wishing to attend can obtain credentials from Mr. Bell's office at the school.

The executive board voted that one member appointed by the president would have charge of the refreshments at the meeting of the association during the next year and that she have five women to assist her.

As many complaints have been coming to the school on the condition of the water in Torrance, Mrs. Fred Hansen was appointed a committee of one to see if it could not be remedied.

A letter from Mrs. Shidler, president of the association, who had been called north by illness in her family, was read.

The treasurer gave a clear and concise report showing all money received and how it was expended.

A short program given included a polka dance by the kindergarten children and a sailor song by the older boys—a sample of what will be given in the entertainment to be given on the night of the carnival, June 10.

The winners of the bronze and the gold medals for dancing in the Harbor Ditsrict Elsteddfod, Miss Virginia Bell and Miss Meta Booge, of San Pedro, gave a scarf dance and a Spanish dance, respectively. Both were in costume.

Baskets of beautiful gladiolus grown in the school garden adorned the stage.

Mrs. Mabel Ella Sweet, having the most mothers present, won the plaque for her room, and since her room has had the plaque for the majority of the months during the term it will remain permanently.

Mrs. Ruth George's room won the rocking chair permanently for the rooms downstairs.

May baskets prettily decorated and containing sandwiches and cakes were passed at the close of the meeting. Tea was served with the baskets.

Foley in East Quits Trustees Board by Mail

Rumor Says Charles Raymond Will Be Appointed Next Tuesday

Mayor John Dennis this week received from City Trustee Tom Foley a letter of resignation from the Torrance Board of Trustees. Mr. Foley, who was en route to the east when the letter was written, thanked the members of the board for past favors. His letter follows:

Mr. John Dennis,
Chairman, Board of Trustees,
City of Torrance, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I desire to tender my resignation as city trustee.

Thanking you and the other members of the board for the many favors extended me during my term of office, I am

Very respectfully,
T. F. FOLEY.

Mr. Foley's resignation will be presented to the board next Tuesday night.

In city hall circles it is rumored that Charles Raymond will be appointed to fill the vacancy. Members of the board would neither affirm nor deny the report.

Mrs. Frances Clark, Mrs. Susie Confer, and Mrs. Ada Parks were guests of Mrs. S. F. Webb Saturday at the opening of the Busy Bee in Glendale.

Torrance People Know Lindberghs

"Slim" Lindbergh, intrepid New York to Paris flyer, idol of two hemispheres, son of Minnesota, was at the University of Wisconsin as a schoolmate of J. R. Jensen, Torrance attorney. Mr. Jensen rode from Minnesota to Madison on trains with young Lindbergh several times. He says that Lindbergh was not much of a student while at the university, but was well known for his interest in machinery.

Mrs. Anna Stadig of Torrance was well acquainted with the Lindbergh family in Little Falls, Minn., where the now famous flyer was born.

O. H. Oberg of the Sample Store in Torrance was a friend of Lindbergh's father when the latter was prominent in Minnesota politics as congressman from the Sixth Minnesota district.

ASKED TO LUNCHEON

Press chairmen and presidents of the Tenth District P.-T. A. are invited to attend the press luncheon to be held at noon Thursday, June 16, in the Chamber of Commerce building, Los Angeles.

Local Stars who attended memorial services Tuesday evening at Harbor Chapter, O. E. S., were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, Mrs. Jessie Beckwith, Mrs. E. A. Thompson, Miss Hermine Oetkin, and Charles N. Mueller.

Use Duro-cote for that leaky roof. Consolidated Lumber Co. —Adv.

FINE NEW UNITS AT SCHOOL

High School Being Made One of the Finest in California

TO BE READY IN FALL

Agricultural Class Boys To Aid in Landscaping of Grounds

Torrance, when the new building program for its high school is completed this summer, will have one of the finest and most complete secondary educational units in Southern California.

Principal Herbert Wood, who is in direct charge of the building operations, expects to have all of the new units, including the modern gymnasium capable of serving from 1200 to 1500 pupils, ready for occupancy when the fall term opens. While the building program is going forward on a substantial scale, Principal Wood estimates that the school by fall will be very little if any ahead of its space requirements. The effect of the establishment of the new Columbia sheet mill, with its consequent influx of workers, has yet to be felt. This, and other industrial developments during the summer, Principal Wood believes, will add materially to the school registration, filling almost immediately the additional available classroom space.

The entire building program, however, in common with the gymnasium, is being carried out on a scale which will allow expansion to accommodate 1200 to 1500 pupils without change in essential features.

Gym Is Great

The gymnasium is one of the intensely interesting features of the expansion program. It will not be one of the largest physical education buildings in high school use in this part of the state, but Principal Wood believes that, by taking advantage of apparent defects in many other buildings of its type which were visited before the plans were drawn, it is being made one of the most comprehensively designed and completely equipped school gymnasiums in California.

The building is being constructed in two sections, one for girl pupils, the other for boys. This division will be carried even to the main gymnasium floor, which will have huge folding doors through the center, extending from baseboards to roof. These doors will be closed when the gym floor is in use for class and training work, but, folding into the wall, they will allow use of the entire floor space for interschool or interclass contests. The floor is constructed to withstand the most strenuous usage. Its maple surface is based on a secondary slap floor, which in turn rests on two-by-four joists, with the entire flooring supported by three-by-four sleepers imbedded in concrete.

View Unobstructed

Use of steel girders to support the roof has obviated necessity of pillars obstructing the view from the balconies, which will seat from 700 to 800 spectators. The special construction of the building also will prevent spectators crowding on the floor during or after contests. Entrance to the galleries will be only by permanent outside stairways. A stairway and a gallery entrance will be at each corner of the building, with a separate ticket window for each.

Equipment in the girls' section of the building approaches the sumptuous. Twenty private showers, each with two private dressing rooms attached, have been installed. In the construction of the showers California marble has been used throughout.

On the boys' side a big shower room, with the showers ranged around the walls, has been constructed of waterproofed cement.

For the safeguarding of the pupils' belongings, basket lockers of advanced design, equipped with combination keyless padlocks, have been installed. Of open construc-

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Holiday Games Scheduled With Catalina Nine

The Torrance Merchants baseball team will go to Catalina Island for two games with the Wrigley outfit over the Memorial Day holiday. Games have been scheduled for Sunday afternoon and Monday forenoon. Charles Mueller, Pacific Electric agent, has offered a half-fare inducement for Torrance fans if 50 or more will make the trip. The team hopes to organize a rooting section for the island games, and has asked its supporters to see Mr. Mueller.

Observations

The International Aspects of Lindbergh's Great Flight; A Hero Substitutes for the Diplomats—After That Achievement, for What May World Not Hope!

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE world still vibrates with the emotions which swept the hemispheres when Charles Lindbergh, bashful, clean American boy, completed his epochal flight from New York to Paris.

In the face of his achievement words seem idle. Before his simple, straightforward courage comment seems superfluous, praise inadequate.

The world sits at his feet and worships. For humans love heroes who are unassuming, who still know how to blush, who put the deed ahead of honor bestowed because of the doing.

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YOUNG Lindbergh is this sort of hero. Not the dashing type, the swashbuckling sort, he. Instead an uncommunicative, smiling boy, undreaming of the honor which the world is paying him and abashed but dignified before the ceremonies of the adoring French.

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EUROPEANS have long judged Americans by the brash characteristics of many of our citizens who travel abroad. Their picture of an American is one that resembles our domestic cartoons of the middlewestern "butter and egg" man, or a race track tout. Finding in Lindbergh traits of an altogether different variety, they take him to their hearts. Without doubt the French would have heaped honors on any American who achieved the flight across the broad bosom of the Atlantic. For the accomplishment would sit well on any shoulders. At the same time they are agreeably astonished to find in this hero out of the west a type of American who does not fit their traditional idea of what an American should be.

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WHEREFORE Lindbergh's dignified reticence will do much to alter the European attitude towards men and women from this side of the Atlantic. Ambassador Herrick realizes this. He cabled President Coolidge that the United could not have set about deliberately to select a man to represent the youth of America and find an individual better qualified than Lindbergh.

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PERHAPS there is none who reads this who has not devoured every word of the many tomes that have been printed about our newest world hero. So we are not concerned here with the stupendous achievement of this young man.

Great as was his daring, his careful planning, his youthful optimism and his glorious success, the international and scientific aspects of his flight are more important.

Since the war France and the United States have been drifting far apart in their relationships, and public mental attitudes towards one another. Misunderstandings on both sides of the Atlantic have widened the breach. Economics has spread the span.

The unfortunate circumstances attendant upon the deaths of Nungesser and Coli drove home another wedge.

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SO delicate was the situation in the Nungesser-Coli affair that it received official cognizance both at Washington and Paris. The breach seemed too wide to close again.

Then came Lindbergh out of the mists of the Atlantic, accomplishing in less than a day and a half what diplomats could not have achieved in years.

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PEOPLE in the mass are ruled by emotions rather than by intellect—a truism, to be sure, but one now worth consideration. For it is with emotions that we have to deal in giving thought to the international remedies which Lindbergh's flight applied to a failing friendship between the French and American peoples.

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AS Lindbergh's flight was the essence of drama, as it touched the epic, so was the reaction of the French people to the event patterned and shaped by emotion. Ecstatically they hailed him, ecstatically they regard him still. From the lips of the multitude that swept over the Le Bourget field when the Ryan plane came down out of the heavens unconsciously rose the shout of "Vive l'Amerique." Later as newspapers told them of the quiet, retiring traits of this young hero, of his visit to the mother of Nungesser, of the details of his great exploit, the French came to regard him as typical of the fresh, daring youth of America. A new conception of Americans and things American was born. Thus an attitude of chilly harshness toward America, itself born of emotion, was kindled in a short hour into a new warmth of friendship and understanding. Surely this is of international importance.

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ON this side of the Atlantic, where a people thrilled with the daring of Nungesser and Coli, and later, shocked at their loss, were aghast at the misunderstandings in Paris, the reception which France has accorded our Lindbergh will not soon be forgotten. Given perhaps to chagrin at the anti-American demonstrations after the failure of the Nungesser flight, Americans warmed to the magic of the French emotion. Surely this too is of international importance.

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IN the final accounting the relationships of nations are formed by public sentiment. As the fever-heat of peoples at war is brought on by propaganda of hate, so the warmth of international amity is fed by the fuels of understanding.

Creating mutual good will in France and in America, Lindbergh's flight has vast significance. He has forged a new link of admiration and respect, almost of love, between men and women of the two republics. Through the airways of a great ocean he has been a messenger of concord and understanding.

Setting out on a great adventure he accomplished a great diplomatic mission. Heroism, which all mortals comprehend, has substituted ably for statesmanship, which most mortals regard with suspicion.

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SCIENTIFICALLY Lindbergh has pioneered a new trail in transportation. Without a sextant, charting his course by the sole aid of a ground compass, he has given the world the right to hope that trans-Atlantic travel by aeroplane may some time be an everyday event. Carrying 90 pounds overload, 5200 pounds in a plane with a wingspread of only 46 feet, he has given a hint of what may lie ahead as the weight of motors is decreased per horsepower generated and as the science of aeronautics proceeds towards perfection.

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IF this lad, practically ignorant of the advanced science of navigation, in a small and overloaded plane, unassisted by a companion expert, can fly 3600 miles, through 1000 miles of sleet storm and rain, over land, over ocean—10 feet above the water and 10,000 feet above the level of the sea, the world may set its hopes to new high levels and dare to imagine things that weeks ago were beyond the far horizon of possibility.

Hail Slim Lindbergh.

Gardner's Orchestra Official Musicians For Station KMIC

Milt Gardner's orchestra has been appointed the official music-makers for radio station KMIC at Inglewood, and henceforth Torrance radio fans will be able to listen in on them whenever KMIC is on the air. Last weekend the orchestra, together with the KMIC staff, went on an outing to Catalina Island as guests of Major Mott of Catalina station KFWO.

In addition to Mr. Gardner, who is manager, the members of the orchestra are Leonard Webb, Don Santori, Ralph Hamilton, Eddy Dean, and Glen Critchfield.

Mrs. Melissa Findley Dies in Los Angeles

Mrs. Melissa Painter Findley, mother of Vice-President Donald Findley of the Dominguez Land Corporation, died Tuesday at her home, 114 South Dillon street, Los Angeles. Mrs. Findley was 80 years old and had been in failing health for some time. In addition to Vice-President Findley, another son and a daughter, Norman P. Findley of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Lucretia J. Findley of Los Angeles, survive.

Funeral services will be held from the Little Church of the Flowers at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, with interment in Forest Lawn cemetery.

SUES FOR HURT TO NAME

Charles M. Smith Names Henry Peltzer in Superior Court Action

SAYS ARREST MALICIOUS

Asks Damages for Prosecution in Lomita 'Four-Cigar' Case

Litigation that promises to develop into a heated aftermath to the arrest, prosecution and dismissal of Charles M. Smith, Lomtia postmaster, on a charge of burglary made by Henry M. Peltzer for the asserted theft of four cigars, was instituted in Superior Court yesterday when Smith filed suit against Peltzer for $50,000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution.

The complaint filed by Smith through his attorney, W. T. Kendrick Jr. of Los Angeles, declares that the defendant "maliciously intended to injure the plaintiff in his good name and character." It declares that Peltzer appeared before Justice of the Peace S. D. Patterson and "maliciously and without probable cause whatever" charged Smith with "wilfully, unlawfully, feloniously and burglariously entering the store" (of Peltzer) and "with felonious intent to commit the crime of larceny." The complaint charges that Peltzer "procured said justice of the peace to issue a warrant for the arrest of said plaintiff upon said charge, well knowing that said charge was false and untrue and without foundation in fact."

The complaint sets forth the details of Smith's arrest and his furnishing of bail in the amount of $1000 and points out that on May 9 Superior Judge Douglas L. Edmunds dismissed the case and exonerated Smith.

The instrument recites that the plaintiff, ever since 1910 with the exception of two years service in the navy during the war, "has been a resident of the community of Lomita, and that since 1915 plaintiff has been and is now a regularly appointed, qualified and acting postmaster . . . for the community; and that the plaintiff, prior to the filing of said charges, has heretofore borne an unblemished reputation and is now and for some time past has been a large property owner in said community."

The complaint asserts that by reason of the Peltzer charges Smith "was injured in his reputation and person and was prevented from attending to his business." The plaintiff sets the damages to his reputation at $50,000 and asks for judgment in that amount plus costs.

Smith was arrested early in a morning of last February when, after taking four cigars from the counter of the store which he had sold to Peltzer and which is located in the lobby of the postoffice, he was confronted by Deputy Constable Ben Wayt, who had hidden in the store all night. Smith asserts that he had a right by lease provisions to enter the store and an understanding with Peltzer that he might take cigars from the counter in the morning before the store was opened and pay for them later. Testimony to this effect by Smith was ruled out by Justice Patterson during the preliminary hearing of the case in the Lomita court.

Isensteins to Put Up 10 New Houses Near G. P. Acreage

Jack and Perry Isenstein announced Tuesday that they have acquired five acres east of the pueblo in Torrance and will start at once on an improvement and building program for the development of the acreage as a first class residence district.

Sidewalks, sewers and all utilities will be installed and streets improved. Ten houses will be erected this summer. The Isensteins plan to have the houses ready for occupancy by General Petroleum workmen who will soon be employed in the big oil company's $10,000,000 construction job in Torrance.

The houses will be of the four-room and five-room type. The acreage was purchased from William McInnes of Hollywood.

EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The Mothers' Educational Center will be held Friday, June 2, from 10 until 12.

Babies may be registered Friday at the Women's Clubhouse, where the center is held regularly the first Friday of each month.