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## Free Culinary Demonstrations at Herald-News Cooking School

### FAMILY SWEEPSTAKES

McNeills, McLeans and Powells  
With Biggest Torrance Families  
May Expand Chests With Pride

New Directory Shows Family of Eleven to Be  
Largest in City; Who Is Raising  
Torrance's Children

Torrance's adult population is 68 percent married, and of the married portion of the population 81 percent are raising families of from one to nine children. The average number of children in Torrance families which contain any children at all is two. There are one hundred more married couples in the city than single adults, and 500 more children than unmarried adults—this not taking into consideration any of the post-season exploits of intrepid Dan Cupid.

These facts have been divulged by the canvass for the 1927 City Directory, printed by The Torrance Herald. The directory was compiled by Mrs. Laura G. Anderson. It gives Torrance a total population of 5375, and lists by name, address and phone number all persons of 18 years of age or over.

T. D. McNeill of 1744 Andreo avenue is Torrance's champion family man. Mr. McNeill is the head of a family of 11, including himself, his wife, and nine children. Runners-up for the family sweepstakes include Jerry McLean, 1828 Andreo, and George V. Powell, 1903 Arlington avenue, both of whom are the heads of families of ten.

The McNeills, the McLeans and the Powells are well ahead in the race for the Teddy Roosevelt trophy, but there are many others who may yet have to be reckoned with. A recapitulation of Torrance families which are above the average in the serious and important business of raising that most difficult and most praiseworthy of all crops—children—includes:

**Nine Children**  
T. D. and Mary McNeill, 1744 Andreo.

**Eight Children**  
Jerry and Theresa McLean, 1828 Andreo.

George V. and Rosella Powell, 1903 Arlington.

**Six Children**  
L. W. and Millie Andrus, 2708 Carson.

Joseph and Anna Bussinger, 2020 Arlington.

Robert W. and Ruth Dawson, 2212 Andreo.

S. Egbert and Claire Merrill, 703 Cota.

Peter and Stella Priamos, 23231 Hawthorne boulevard.

**Five Children**  
T. J. and Irene Wilkes, 2717 Carson.

Frank and Maude Price, 2662 Carson.

Frederick O. and Verona Roberts, 211 Hawthorne boulevard.

Harry and Fanny Van Mulligan, Madison Square.

Arza F. and Carra Weekley, 2165 Sierra.

Gus and Katherine Bray, 2011 Andreo.

H. V. and Mary Clark, Apt. 9, Western Avenue Court.

Mathew and Blanche Dener, 1754 Arlington.

Van N. and Mary Harris, 1301 Cota.

J. E. and Anna McIntier, 1735 Gramercy.

**Four Children**  
Reynold and Margaret Vanderhill, 2887 A. Road.

George D. and Clemma Watson, 1925 Andreo.

Anthony and Louise Zamperini, 2025 Gramercy.

Charles and Muriel Sherwin, 2307 Gramercy.

Dr. George P. and Nina Shidler, 4149 Post.

Frank W. and Elsie D. Smith, 719 Cota.

Wade and Irene Smith, 1218 Madrid.

S. C. and Helena Tubbo, 1924 Plaza del Amo.

Charles W. and Mary A. Newberry, 1919 Andreo.

J. E. and Olive Nickerson, 3721 Carson.

Henry and Minnie Priest, 2718 Carson.

Lyle C. and Earina Randies, 2325 Eldorado.

Ed and Doris Robinson, 2115 Arlington.

W. S. and Geneva A. McKnight, 637 Cota.

Orville and Sara Hudson, 1965 21st.

Clara O. and Ruth Leatherman, 812 Cota.

Paul A. and Leona Lincoln, 1027 Arlington.

Joseph and Rose Lukes, 1015 Portola.

Donald and Eva McDonald, 2469 Redondo boulevard.

R. W. and America Hadler, 812 Arroyo.

A. W. and Jane Hawkins, 721 Cota.

Rudolph A. and Lillian M. Huber, 1444 Post.

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### Art of Landscaping

HERALD WILL PUBLISH  
SERIES OF FEATURES

### As Told by Expert

Arrangements have been made by The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News with Sewell Egbert Merrill, instructor of horticulture at Torrance High School and a talented landscape artist, for a series of instructive articles on landscaping and gardening in California in general and this community in particular. The first feature is published today. Others will follow every week.

By SEWELL EGBERT MERRILL  
Instructor of Horticulture  
Torrance High School

"What a beautiful city, I would like to live here" were the words of my wife as we drove down El Prado for the first time, about eighteen months ago.

I believe that the impression received by her is one common to many others who pass through this community.

Citizens have a wonderful opportunity to make this one of the most attractive communities in California. Planned correctly from the beginning by one of the greatest of present-day landscape architects, Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., talented son of the man who designed Central Park in New York City, Torrance offers an ideal setting for beautiful homes.

A magnificent opportunity for an artist—his canvas, this well designed city with its many new homes springing forth, almost overnight! For brushes, beauty-loving home owners; and for paints, new lawns, new trees, new flowers, new shrubs. No erasures, no faults to be corrected; everything is new. It is up to us as citizens to "carry it" to paint the picture well.

It is with a view to contributing to a beautiful Torrance and particularly to helping the new home owner, who may also be new to gardening in the California climate, that a series of short articles on landscaping design and timely garden notes is being prepared for these columns.

Landscape gardening has been well defined by Frank A. Waugh, noted landscape gardener, as the art of improving land for human use and enjoyment in such a manner as to combine the maximum of utility with the maximum of beauty.

Art in this definition signifies fine art in distinction from the practical arts or handicrafts and implies that landscape gardening is a synthesis of painting, sculpture, architecture and music. There are many points of close resemblance amongst all these arts.

A fine art is a practice which seeks to create organized beauty by uniting several dissimilar elements into one harmonious whole. In landscape gardening, the elements are trees, shrubs, flowers, lawns, paths, and buildings. As the artist in oils uses several dissimilar elements, such as colors, brushes, and a variety of canvases, in the composition of a beautiful picture, so the landscape artist uses the surface of the land

### Mrs. West Finds Specimen of Venomous "Black Widow"

A specimen of Latrodectus Mactans, a venomous spider of great scientific interest occurring rarely in North America, has been found by Mrs. J. E. West of 1232 1/2 E. Arlington avenue, among geranium plants in her flower bed. Another specimen recently was found in San Pedro.

Latrodectus Mactans sometimes is known as the "black widow." Death has been known to occur in from twenty to twenty-four hours in a few cases of record in which persons were bitten by the "black widow." The spider was first seen in North America in 1892. It is sometimes believed to arrive in the country in Oriental shipments of incense.

Mrs. West sent the spider, with its cocoon, which she also found in her flower bed, to The Torrance Herald. The Herald called in Dr. Henry C. Smiley, health officer for this district, whose office is in Redondo. Mr. Smiley took charge of the specimen, and after having it examined by technicians, stated that it was of the venomous Latrodectus Mactans.

Dr. Smiley declared that there is no cause for alarm in the finding of the specimen. Its occurrence

in this country is not frequent. Specimens found are usually isolated, and the finding of one does not indicate that there are others in the vicinity.

Latrodectus Mactans is a medium sized, deep black spider, measuring about half an inch, including the legs, and with a heavy body. There are two orange or red spots on the abdomen. These are its chief distinguishing marks.

**Hull Home Robbed of Radio and Watch**  
L. W. Hull, of the R. J. H. Service Station reported to local officers Friday morning, that his home at 2580 Elgin street had been entered about 7:30 Thursday evening by two men who left with a radio and battery valued at \$140.00, a silver watch valued at \$50 and a small sum of money.

The radio had been stored with Hull by friends who are on a vacation. Neighbors saw the men go in the back door of Hull's home, but are unable to give a description of them.

### Arrangements Made To Give Housewives Expert Instruction

The Torrance Herald-Lomita News Free Cooking school announced last week, will open next Wednesday, July 27, at 1927 Carson Street, the former location of the Lewis Ripple Furniture Store. The school will continue on July 28 and July 29.

During the three days of the school, at which Mrs. Mabel MacEwing, a home economist of national note, will preside, housewives of the community will be given an opportunity to view actual demonstration of the cooking art from 2 to 4:30 each day. In addition to her platform demonstrations, Mrs. MacEwing, who is a practical cook and uses practical recipes, will be present at other hours of the day for personal conferences with housewives. Her recipes will be available to all who desire them, and she also is anxious to exchange recipes with Torrance and Lomita housewives.

There are no strings attached to attendance at the Herald-News cooking demonstrations. The school is free. All housewives of the community are cordially invited to attend as guests of The Herald and The News. An attendance prize of an automatic electric iron will be given away each day.

### Observations

Ford, Oscar II, and Israel—Invoking Police Power Against Ugliness—Charge That Rhodes Men Fail—When Congress Meets Again

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

(Republished from The Independent, Boston)  
SINCERITY leaps from every letter of Henry Ford's apology to Israel. What his renunciation of the Dearborn Independent's long warfare against the Jews may have lacked in timeliness, it supplied in earnest humility and honest courage. Many another man in the same situation might have whispered a quiet prayer to his editors and sentenced the anti-Semitic orge to silent death by strangulation. Not so Ford. He played it with a public blow—the only way in which the wrong, also public, could be righted. He had not only to make his peace with Jewry; he had also to make it with himself.

Ford's major fault seems to lie in a weakness for permitting altruistic fervor to prompt almost childish faith in irresponsible idealists. In two notable instances his sublime faith in visionaries has led him into pitfalls. During the war he became fascinated by zealots and sailed away on an absurd argosy to bring "the boys out of the trenches by Christmas." But the pictured calm of world peace turned into a storm of international derision, of which Ford was the butt. Later he lent susceptible ear to the Utopian dream of a richly endowed, free, fearless and unleashed magazine, to be devoted to the dissemination of truth no matter whom it hit. He put up the money, gave the editors the key, swore to keep hands off, and went about his many other affairs. As might have been expected, the magazine, subjected to none of the normal restraints of sane journalism, became minister to intolerance rather than handmaid to truth, and Ford, another hope crushed, washed his hands of the whole business.

By now, the altruistic manufacturer must have learned that rosy visions are often too evanescent to endure. The peace trip turned a dream to dust. The magazine, honorably conceived, dealt in dishonesty, sped bigotry stalking through the world, and dragged another Ford ambition to the earth. The Dearborn Independent is about to become a house organ.

Mr. Ford eats humble pie, but he merits admiration. He still owns a burning desire to do right by the world, else he never would have mustered the courage to make so complete an apology. His

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### Torrance Men Visit Industrial District

A delegation from Torrance, including many of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, last Friday went on an all-day inspection trip of the Los Angeles and Vernon industrial district. One of the features which made a lasting impression on the visitors was a trip through the great General Petroleum plant at Vernon, which is to be transferred to Torrance.

### Features In The Herald and The News

Facts & Factors  
The Model Home  
Cooking School  
Landscape Art

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

### Kingsley's Column Elicits Comment

"Observations", the column of comment written by W. Harold Kingsley, editor and co-publisher of the Torrance Herald and The Lomita News, again has elicited favorable and interested comment from a reader. Following is a letter from William H. Wallace, of the realty and investment firm of Knotts & Wallace, Long Beach:

"Dear Mr. Kingsley:  
"I am enclosing check for year's subscription to your paper, and take this opportunity of again commenting favorably on your 'Observations' column. I read it with a great deal of pleasure, and I feel in the independent manner in which you handle your subject, even though sometimes I differ in opinion. I take it that this is somewhat your idea, and makes the paper provocative of thought.  
"Cordially yours,  
"William H. Wallace."

Mr. Kingsley at present is an editorial writer for The Independent of Boston, nationally known magazine of opinion, during the absence in Europe for the summer of Arthur Pound, of The Independent staff. Mr. Kingsley will return to Torrance in September, and in the meantime is continuing the "Observations" column from Boston.

### BREAD MAKERS ROUT BANKERS IN TWILIGHT

Derricks Win One But Topple Twice—Other Baseball Excitement

It is a one-sided game Friday the Globe Bakery boys from Lomita handed the Bankers the short end of a 26-5 score in the Twilight Baseball league. It was not so bad in view of the fact that the Bankers were shy some of their regular players and failed to pick the best substitutes. The greatly improved playing field added much to the game as it made better fielding and base running possible and also made the ball seem heavier.

Mayfield led the Bankers in hitting with two blows while Gall got a three-bagger. It is hard to pick stars from among the Bankers. They rapped out 28 hits, many of which went for extra bases. Yelovich led with five hits in six times at bat, including two triples. Santich and Stanton each got 4 out of 5 and one of Stanton's was a home run.

The umpiring as usual was one of the features of the game. The score:

Globe Bakery		A	B	H	R
Gerhart, ss	.....	4	2	5	2
Groves, N., 2b	.....	5	2	3	1
Mele, p	.....	5	3	3	1
Groves, G., 1b	.....	5	3	2	1
Culvert, 3b	.....	3	1	3	1
Yelovich, cf	.....	5	3	2	1
Stanton, rf	.....	5	4	3	1
Santich, c	.....	4	2	2	1
Stiegh, of	.....	5	3	3	1

Bankers		A	B	H	R
Stuart, c	.....	4	4	6	0
Anderson, p	.....	2	1	1	1
Gall, 1b	.....	3	2	1	1
Mayfield, 2b	.....	3	2	1	1
Casper, 3b	.....	4	1	1	1
Schlick, ss	.....	3	0	1	1
Darling, if	.....	3	0	0	0
L. Deininger, cf	.....	3	0	0	0
R. Deininger, rf	.....	3	0	0	0

### COMEDIES MESS IDECO

Murphy's Comedians, with the assistance of their able manager himself playing right field, third base, shortstop and practically everything but pitcher—and he did take his pitcher's part to bat with him—won a tough game from the International Derricks Co. by a score of 14-10. The game was a sizzler from start to finish and it took an extra inning to finish it.

The Ideco outfit started right out with a substantial lead and held it until the sixth inning, when the tool boys tied it up at 7-7. At-wood singled in the seventh and scored on an error giving them a one-run lead. Webster came right back in the Ideco half by walking, stealing second and scoring on a overthrow at third. With the score 8 to 8 the Bombers went wild scoring six runs.

Manager Murphy started it with a circuit run on an error coupled with two overthrows. Hits and errors did the rest.

The Ideco boys staged a rally which looked promising at first but fell short with only two runs scored.

Simpson was the heavy hitter for Ideco while Bennett, Atwood and Leneo pounded the apple for the Comedians. Stamps in left (Continued on Page 7)

### RECEIVE MADRID MAPS

Assessment Map for Improvement from Carson to Dominguez Adopted

### IT'S CITY COUNCIL NOW

New Law Changes Board's Name—Sonoma Crossing Going Ahead

The Torrance City Council Tuesday night adopted the map of the assessment district for the Madrid Avenue improvement, including grading and curbs, from Carson street to Dominguez. The action is preliminary to the setting of the assessment for the work.

A letter from the Santa Fe Company informed the council that a concrete crossing over the Santa Fe tracks at Sonoma street would cost approximately \$12. The Council authorized City Engineer Leonard to proceed with the work of providing the crossing on that basis.

Secretary Willis M. Brooks of the City Planning Commission directed a letter to the Council requesting a joint meeting of the Commission and the Council at a date to be set by the Council, for the purpose of going over funds available to the Commission for the coming year. With one Councilman, Charles Raymond, absent on vacation, the letter was filed on Motion of Councilman Inman.

Attention of the Board, heretofore known as the City Trustees, was called to new legislation passed at the last session of the legislature, and now becoming effective, which designates the erstwhile Boards of Trustees of fifth and sixth class cities as Councils. The law also provides that the chairman of the board be known as mayor, the recorder of the city as judge and the marshal as chief of police. The latter designation already were in use in Torrance.

The Council session was very brief. The board went into session at 7:45, and had completed its session twenty minutes later.

### Permit Is Issued for Building of Big Apartment

R. D. Caesar to Construct \$40,000 Buick and Stucco on Sartori

The community is to have another big apartment house. A building permit has been issued by City Engineer Frank Leonard to R. D. Caesar for a \$40,000, two-story, brick and stucco apartment on lots 19' and 20, between Craven and Engracia on Sartori. J. A. Green of Torrance is the contractor. The building is to be of substantial type, beautified with a Spanish entrance on Sartori.

### Benjamin Harwood Is Called by Death

Benjamin Harwood, for many years directors of the Llewellyn Iron Works, and remembered in Torrance as general manager of the Llewellyn plant, died suddenly Sunday morning at his Los Angeles home from cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Harwood was 44 years of age. He came to California when young, and attended Los Angeles schools and the University of California immediately on leaving college in 1905 he became identified with the Llewellyn Iron Works, with which he remained until last fall, when he retired from active business life. Mr. Harwood served several terms as a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

His wife, Edith Campbell Harwood, two children, Betty and Benjamin, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Mary Harwood, survive. Funeral services were held in Los Angeles at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

**NOBLE GRANDS PICNIC**  
The Past Noble Grands picnic at Redondo Beach, Monday, July 26, will be a "Grand" affair. All Past Noble Grands are invited to bring along their basket lunch to the picnic grounds, at 11 a. m., and are assured of a good time. Visiting Noble Grands are welcome. Bring your cards.