

PUPIL ENROLLMENT SHOWS GAIN

Women's Club Executive Board Formulates New Policy

TO CENTER ON THREE EVENTS

Group Will Give Costume Party, Bridge Luncheon and Play

FIRST EVENT OCT. 26th

Mrs. George Watson Will Be in Charge of Ball

The executive board of the Women's club held its first meeting of the club year last Thursday when the policy of having but three large money-making socials during the year was adopted.

The club served the dinner for the district club dinner dance Monday night and also for the Plumbers' association on Tuesday night. The beautiful flowers for the tables were furnished by the C. C. M. O. gardeners.

Council Rebuffs Syndicate Plan

City of Torrance Not Interested in Difficulties of Realty Concern

Difficulties of a Long Beach syndicate in settling the affairs of a sub-division located in Wateries were brought before the city council Tuesday evening, in a request for a license to operate a pool hall.

Mr. Spaulding appeared before the council to ask that his syndicate be permitted to file a new map showing proposed street location in a portion of the tract, without being required to post a bond for the completion of the work.

No official action was taken. From the remarks of Mayor Dennis, City Attorney Briney, and members of the council, the proposition was not favorably received.

New Stop Signs Are to Be Posted

Boulevard stop signs are to be erected at the intersections of Marcellina and Cravens avenues, Border and Arlington avenues, and the present signs at the intersection of Post and Arlington avenues are to be changed, placing the stop sign on the Arlington side instead of on the Post avenue side as at present located.

Observations

Air Races Defeat Their Own Object—Stunt Flying Not Wanted—A Butterfly—One Vote Against Perpetual Life—Mack, Cobb and Speaker

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE National Air races at Mines Field are defeating their own object—the promotion of air-mindedness among people of Southern California.

Three serious crashes have taken place before the eyes of the spectators. All occurred while pilots were either stunt-flying or flying at high speed close to the ground.

Straight-flying in well-built planes is not dangerous. Zooming about at low altitudes, performing outside loops is extremely hazardous.

NATURALLY air-races must present the spectacular in order to attract crowds. But we doubt if even such spectacular events, touched by the swift hand of tragedy encourages people to take to the air.

Aviators would reply that pioneers must die if the airplane is to take its rightful place in civilization.

That is true—but it seems needless that they die merely to give thousands a thrill.

IN an eloquent plea not to "let them die" Commander Byrd has urged the public not to expect aviators to take long chances in flights where the safety factors are not all that they should be.

We hope that America becomes more and more air-minded. But we believe that state of mind will be reached more quickly by long flights in tri-motored planes equipped with radio and all other scientific apparatus than by sending courageous young men into the upper levels to fly outside loops and execute daring banks at low altitudes.

America needs those daring young men more than we need thrills.

Talk about the Roman gladiatorial shows! It seems we haven't changed much, we humans.

POOR pretty Lillian Lorraine. Ten years ago she was a pampered darling of Broadway, tripping her way to fame behind the bright footlights of the Ziegfelds Follies.

Time wears swift changes. Today the poor girl is at death's door penniless. Her fortune has been dissipated, her health wasted. The tinsel is gone. Only a worn, tired body and a depressed mind remain.

A butterfly indeed. She has taken her one short swift flight in the sun. Her experience should be, but will not be a lesson to other Broadway idols. They will never learn that Broadway and all its stands for in American life loves them warmly and forgets them quickly.

THE Republicans result at the Maine election look good. William T. Gardner, Republican candidate, was elected governor by a majority higher than any other Republican ever received.

The Maine results Monday looked better than ever because Maine borders on Massachusetts. And Massachusetts is considered one of the doubtful states this year. Smith claims it. So does Hoover.

New say Republicans. If Maine, next door to Massachusetts, goes more strongly Republican than ever before, it is foolish to worry much over Massachusetts. Some even went so far as to declare that the Maine results indicate a landslide for Hoover in November.

AT any rate the campaign is now opening with a vengeance. Senator Curtis, Republican candidate for vice president is coming into the Middle West. At the same time, and covering almost the same territory Gov. Smith will lead the Democratic assault on the central region.

PROF. A. F. HILL noted savant, is tinkering with life forces, striving—and with hope of success—to defeat death. His contention is that muscles and nerve cells may be refreshed with oxygen and life made permanent.

We hope the gentleman fails miserably. Perpetual life would be horrible to contemplate. It would be selfish to the nth degree. Future a world in which nobody dies except by accident. Birth control would be compulsory. Only a few children would be born and these to a few parents chosen by the state. With hope of permanent life the solace of religion would be removed.

OF course we are not taking the savant's theories with too much credence. But the vision of perpetual life is interesting to contemplate. We wonder how many citizens would vote for it if they could bring it about by the ballot.

We can conjure up nothing quite as purposeless, as aimless, as distressing as the life of a man destined to live forever. Personally—if science ever succeeds in perpetuating life—we shall lobby for a law against it.

ON the bench sit Cornelius McGillicuddy, Tyrus Raymond Cobb and Tristram Speaker. On the field, fired by the zest of youth, prances a baseball team of young men. Brains on the bench—youth on the field. It is a great combination. Sportdom hopes that it will win.

Cornie Mack is rightfully called "the grand old man of baseball." Fourteen years ago he built a great team, won with it. There was Plank, Bender, Coombs, Collins and the rest. Mack sold them all, started out to build a new team. For years his crew of ball players stayed in the cellar. But Mack's knowledge of baseball and ball players finally told. His team became better. He began to win games. Last year he was a threat. This year he is fighting it out for first place with the redoubtable Yankees.

FRANCHISE AWARDED QUANDT

Extension of Water Service in Meadow Park Area Intended

ROUTINE BUSINESS DONE

Tractor Purchase Goes to Los Angeles Low Bidder

Routine affairs for the most part occupied the attention of the city council at its regular meeting held Tuesday evening, Sept. 11.

Communications from the Weber Baking Company in regard to license fees re-opened a discussion which has occupied the council from time to time owing to the fact that the present city ordinance does not clearly cover all conditions under which outside confectioners enter the city for business purposes.

In addition to the problem stated in the Weber company's letter it was suggested that some investigation be made of the conditions imposed in other cities upon trucking concerns. It has been ascertained that some municipalities are imposing license fees upon companies engaged in hauling freight into the city as well as upon those which haul it out.

Upon application of the Pueblo Land Company the city agreed to pay the expenses of lighting certain streets in the district known as the Pueblo. These costs have heretofore been borne as a private expense by the Pueblo Land Company but since the streets in question have been dedicated to the City of Torrance it was decided that the light bills shall be paid by the city.

Four bids for the furnishing of a tractor were received and opened. On examination the bid of the W. E. Redell Company of Los Angeles of \$1445 was found to be low and the contract was duly awarded.

Action upon Frank Murray's request for a license to operate a pool hall at 1208 El Prado was deferred until the next meeting of the council because the present occupant of the premises has not yet surrendered his license.

Bids for the sale of a water pipe franchise for the district known as the Meadow Park tract and a strip of land adjoining the tract were opened. The only bid received was that of Charles E. Quandt and the franchise was awarded to him.

Mr. Quandt suggested to the council that a triangular piece of ground at the corner of Walnut and Hawthorne was somewhat unsightly and offered to relieve the condition by placing a hydrant there and furnishing water for the upkeep of a lawn or small park. Mr. Quandt's offer was accepted.

Health-Giving Spring Found in Torrance

Great Natural Resource Reported to Be Valuable Medicinal Aid

Will Torrance soon become a mecca for the ailing—with its new "Fountain of Health" that has recently been discovered? "It is not generally known," writes Mr. J. W. Cuffey, "that our city has acquired recently, a great natural asset, which if properly handled may lead to a great source of popularity to all over this district."

Our live real-estate visitors no doubt at once seize this opportunity for a boost of the city's latent resources. "I am referring to the medicinal spring at Torrance Beach, near a shack by Flotzmann castle on the beach. I was informed by the oldest inhabitant of a nearby beach-shack, that an old Indian once came to the spring and drank thereof, being sorely afflicted with tuberculosis. After a short while he was completely cured."

A sample of this water was sent to the editor of the Torrance Herald. It is clear sparkling water and has a soft, pleasant taste.

The spring is now used by Flotzmann castle and two other shacks at the beach.

Donald Girard Santore of the Rol-Tan Hotel spent the day at Hermon Beach Sunday.

Former Police Chief Anderson Found Guilty on Both Lomita, Long Beach Bank Robberies

Byron M. Anderson, former chief of police of Torrance, who was arrested last June after an attempted holdup of the Citizens State Bank branch at Long Beach, was placed on trial in Los Angeles Tuesday.

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Anderson had been released on parole from San Quentin where he was serving a sentence for bribery and extortion of which he was convicted while chief of the Torrance police force.

Torrance Team Whips Ole Hansen's Nine at San Clemente Game Sunday

With colors flying the newly reorganized Torrance nine attired in black and gold suits, hung up a win in their first game Sunday, trouncing the San Clemente team 4-2 in Ole Hansen's own back yard before a large group of local and about 40 Torrance fans.

Making it a battle all the way the Torrance boys won in the ninth when some smart base running and a San Clemente misplay brought the winning tallies across the rubber.

San Clemente scored in the first frame when McGree nicked his arm with a slow one. Mac has not been in the harness for a while and was not in his best shape. Torrance evened things up in the second when Wolf walked, stole second and scored after Goldman sacrificed him to third and Ducassau hit a fielder's choice.

Wolf was by far the most active local boy on the field during the day, scoring three of his team's runs and then hitting the longest hit of the day, a double to right.

San Clemente tied the score in the fifth and from then until the ninth the game was a matter of doubt.

Next Sunday's game will be played between the Torrance nine and the Santa Monica team at the C. C. M. O. Park, Torrance.

Score by innings: Torrance 010 100 002-4; Hills 000 200 100-2; San Clemente 000 000-0; Elite 110 010 110-5

Summary: Two base hits, Wolf; sacrifice hits, Goldman, Larenson; stolen bases, Morris, Wolf; losing pitcher, Brown; earned runs, Torrance, 3; San Clemente, 1; struck out, by McGree, 3; Brown, 6; base on balls, off McGree, 4; Brown, 2; hit by pitcher, Fenwick; wild pitch, McGree; double plays, Wolf to Ducassau to Clay; Howe to Wolf; Wolf to Atwood. Time of game, 1:54.

W. B. A. Study Club Met Monday

The W. B. A. Study club met at the home of Mrs. Henrietta Perkin at 2208 Gramercy avenue, last Monday evening.

After studying the ritual, and a discussion of the "Good of the Order," refreshments were served.

A great deal of fun was derived from the reading of the tea cups, for which 10 cents each was paid. The money from this went into the treasury.

There was a good attendance at the meeting.

Lancaster Family Home from East

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster returned recently from Flint, Michigan, where they went by rail to receive delivery of a new Buick.

Returning, they spent a day in Chicago, where Dr. Lancaster attended school and spent his internship, and later visited friends and relatives in Nebraska and Wyoming.

They spent several days in Yellowstone National Park, returning via Utah.

They were gone three weeks.

Proctor Autopsy Proves Death Was Unavoidable

At an autopsy performed by the county coroner upon the body of George A. Proctor, it was found that he died from strangulation, caused by an unavoidable congestion of the throat.

SESSIONS UNDER WAY

High School Gets Speedy Start Due to Good Program

ELEMENTARY CROWDED

Lower Grade Pupils Transferred to West Side School

High school pupils to the number of 460 enrolled at Torrance high on Monday of this week, the opening of the fall semester. This figure was expected to be increased by the scattering enrollment of the next few succeeding days making a possible total of 475 or more.

Attendance on the last day of school in June was 423, the highest number enrolled during the past year being 470.

Classes got well under way on Wednesday, due to the convenience with which the program had been arranged. In other years the better part of the first week has been taken up with preparations for the work.

D. O. Ferrell, who had been engaged to handle the physical education work, has found that he will be unable to take over the position, and a new director is being sought. Until the new teacher is engaged and takes up the work Mr. Ferrell has consented to act.

Miss Lillian Kuriles, English teacher, has been granted a month's leave of absence to extend her European tour. Miss Nancy Yerkes is substituting.

Elementary school registration shows an increase over the figures of last year, there being 380 pupils enrolled. Beginning next Monday the kindergarten, the first and second grades will be transferred to the Fern street school, with a possibility that the third and fourth grades will be transferred to the annex later.

A gratifying interest in the night school work is shown by the Monday night registration of 100. Many of the night population of Torrance are taking advantage of this opportunity thus offered to do evening work in subjects of value.

Choral Society Will Meet Tuesday

Over fifty Torrance singers pledged support of the Torrance Choral Society at the end of last season, and doubtless there are many more residents who will join them in making a huge success of this year's activities.

Regular and prompt attendance are the chief assets of any society of this type. Prospective members are urged to attend this first meeting and join at once. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 till 9 o'clock, unless a majority of the society decide on another meeting night.

The high school music studio has been altered during the summer, and can now accommodate full volume and a large membership.

Mrs. Eischen will assume the direction of the society as long as its active membership remains high enough to constitute a reasonable growth in attainments over previous years.

Legion Auxiliary Meets in Lomita

American Legion Auxiliary ladies will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Smith at 1051 Lucille street, Lomita, next Tuesday evening for a social meeting.

The Lomita members of the Auxiliary will be in charge of the meeting.

Those from Torrance who will attend the meeting are requested to meet at the clubhouse at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, and go in a body.

Miss Leora Sherer, sewing teacher at the high school, is ill and will be unable to teach for several days. Miss Emily Jackson is substituting during her absence.

Mrs. Thomas Edison has ever avoided publicity. But she is an admirer of the abilities of Herbert Hoover. She granted her first newspaper interview, coming out for Hoover.

Scarface Al Capone, Chicago gangster, doesn't appear much in public. Police and rival gangsters are too interested in his activities. But Scarface came out this week. Surrounded by a heavily armed guard of gangsters he paid his last tribute to "Boss" Lombardo, dead gangster, lieutenant of Scarface Al. While his trusty guards protected the house, Capone entered, knelt before the coffin which was banked with flowers. Thus another chapter was added to the gang history of Chicago.

Prince George of the Royal House of Great Britain is interested in screen stars. At Santa Barbara he declared his desire to fly to Hollywood to visit the celebrities of the silver sheet. London was queried. Promptly came the answer—refusal of permission. Even princes must obey.

John D. Clark of Denver is a millionaire—one of the self-made kind. Uneducated in "higher learning" he now has leisure. Instead of buying a yacht and cruising about he has entered John Hopkins University at Baltimore to study. Mr. Clark, free from business worries, says he is very happy.

Five million dollars worth of rare antique and precious jewelry has been recently stolen from sacred temples in Japan, according to an announcement which declares that most of the missing objects are being sought in the United States.

Sir Oliver Lodge is a learned man. So other learned men, scientists, listened carefully while he spoke to them at Glasgow, Scotland. The occasion was the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

From San Diego comes word that Abelardo Rodriguez, governor of the Northern District of Lower California, well known along the Pacific Coast, has an excellent chance of being named Provisional President of Mexico. Rodriguez' activities on the peninsula have kept him out of Mexico's revolutions. He has a constructive record, could take office without carrying with him past hatreds.

Houses rocked. Windows broke. Residents were mystified. Cleveland, Ohio, and the Lake Erie shore district experienced their first earthquake. Little damage was done.

No Coolidge ever says much. For months newspapermen have been trying to get the President and his son to say something about the son's matrimonial intentions. Neither would talk. Not so the young lady in the case. She Florence—Trambull—daughter of the governor of Connecticut admitted that she may marry John Coolidge sometime this winter. In that event the nuptials would probably be solemnized at the White House.

For the next two years at least, the United States will be represented on the World Court. By a vote of 41 to 7 the Assembly of the League of Nations elected Charles Evans Hughes to serve for the unexpired term of John Bassett Moore, who resigned. Hughes has been greatly honored by his own country, having held all the highest offices of the national government except President. He was chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. He was secretary of state. He ran for president, was narrowly defeated. He did himself and his country proud at the Pan-American conference at Havana this year. Now his capabilities as a jurist have won him world fame.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, sailed for Turkey, where she will teach at the Constantinople Women's College. She was accompanied by Miss Alice Morrow, sister of Dwight Morrow, ambassador to Mexico. Miss Morrow will be hostess at the college.

Herbert Hoover took the offensive. He attacked the Democrats. He declared that the signing of the Kellogg-Briand war outlawing treaties, the naval limitations treaty and the Dawes reparation plan are adequate answer to the Bourbon charge that the Republican administration has failed to contribute to the cause of world peace. In making his statement Mr. Hoover departed from his usual custom of refusing to be quoted directly.

AUTOS COLLIDE

Automobiles driven by Charles H. Mueller, Pacific Electric station agent, and Mrs. I. A. Whitaker, collided yesterday afternoon at the corner of Carson and Gramercy avenues. Both cars were slightly damaged, but no injuries were reported.

Four hour drying enamel \$4.95 gal. Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv.