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### Man Injured by Hit and Run Car

Ramon Orsca reported to the Torrance police that he was struck and knocked down by a hit and run driver on Redondo boulevard near Hawthorne Sunday. He sustained minor injuries.

### Easter Cantata at Central Church

An Easter cantata was presented by the Central Evangelical church choir Easter Sunday evening at 7:30. Mrs. P. G. Briney directed the cantata. Miss Virginia Watson was the accompanist.

The program was as follows: "A New Song," the choir; "Ride on in Majesty," men's chorus; "Midnight in the Garden," Mrs. Neelands, Miss Burmaster; "And He Bearing His Cross Went Forth," Mr. Bell and choir; "If I Have Not a Scar for Him," Mrs. Fred Lutes; "Now Upon the First Day of the Week," choir; "Tell the Glad Story," ladies' chorus; "Death is Swallowed Up in Victory," Miss Burmaster and choir; "The Song of the Redeemed," Mr. Curtis and choir; "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock," Mrs. Lutes; "We Shall See Jesus," Mr. Bell and choir; "Rejoice and Be Glad," choir.

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### A. R. Wightman Is 98 Years Old

### Wedded Before He Saw Oil Lamp "Behave Yourself" Is His Advice

"Don't get too excited over politics—and behave yourself."

That is the recipe for a long and happy life given out of the experience of almost a century by Andrew Robert Wightman, grand old man of Torrance, who celebrated his 98th birthday Monday.

With mind alert and knowledge mellowed by the memories of a long and useful life, Mr. Wightman at his home at 1521 El Prado recalled incidents of the past. "I was born in a town called Friendship, in New York state," said Mr. Wightman, "and lived there a number of years. During my residence there the town was divided and half the town was still called Friendship, and the other half Bolivar. The section where I resided was called Bolivar, and this town in turn was divided into two towns, and that same section became the town of Wirt. Thus I lived in three towns and never moved."

Mr. Wightman smiled as he told the story and continued his reminiscences.

He was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1857 and entered Alfred University, Albany county, as a professor of ancient languages. He founded the chair of Latin and Greek at Nebraska Wesleyan College and was appointed to a professorship in that institution. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred at Wesleyan and he was later dean of that institution.

He began his teaching career at the age of 18 and continued it for 62 years. The greater portion of this time was spent occupying the chairs of Latin and Greek. Mr. Wightman was married before he ever saw a kerosene lamp. About 16 years ago he went to South Dakota where he homesteaded for a couple of years. "The Indians had the first choice of the land there," he stated, "and the government tried to divide it so there would be Indian property, settlers property, Indian property, etc., but the Indians didn't like to do much work. They wanted land by returns, and when very little work would keep them living. They refused to put down wells or make such improvements and frequently sold their land if it did not have natural resources."

It was in South Dakota where Mr. Wightman, a hale and hearty eighty-year-old, three miles to town over the hills and pastures,

and return laden with groceries and supplies.

It was here too, that after he had retired from teaching, that he was asked to teach at the little country schoolhouse.

Speaking of the interesting data he had about his ancestors he said, "The Wightmans came from the Isle of Wight. Therefore the name Wightman. The first Wightman of which we have any record is Edward Wightman, a distinguished puritan who was burned at stake because of his religious views were not tolerated by the English."

My father, Edward Wightman was named for this martyr. The son of the martyr Edward Wightman together with his son and grandson, came to America and organized a church in Connecticut. The three generations held the pastorate at this church and preached the Methodist creed there for over 60 years.

Mr. Wightman has been a staunch Methodist for over 80 years. He is active in religious activities in Torrance, and on his 98th birthday April 1, was the recipient of 98 large pink carnations from the Methodist church here.

He is intensely interested in politics and affairs of the nation and never fails to vote. He recently cast his vote for Herbert Hoover, and on inauguration day sat by the radio at his home for 5 hours to listen in on the speeches.

He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate for president that was defeated.

A tear was loosed at the corner of his eye, and coursed down his cheek. It was the excitement—or perhaps the memories.

Mr. Wightman is the father of E. J. Wightman, manager of the Bank of Italy in Long Beach, and of Mrs. W. H. Sinclair of Torrance. On his birthday he received many out of town letters, cards and telegrams, as well as a huge birthday cake sent by his granddaughter and grandson in eastern Nebraska.

Sunday morning at the Methodist church, the service will be in honor of Mr. Wightman. There will be special music by the Boys' Quartette, and Reverend R. A. Young will take as the subject for his sermon "Birthdays."

Dr. Alfred Hughes of Long Beach will be among the distinguished guests present at the service.

### Plant Now for Flower Show

AN EDITORIAL BY FRED C. McNABB

Elderly people have a more patient outlook on life than the youngsters. This is particularly true in gardening. You may see an old man of 80 hopefully planting a young tree. The older the gardener grows, the more he turns to the slow growing things. Despite this fact annuals are plants for the very young and the very old. Annuals are for the young and more impatient gardener who wants quick results and display. They are the best introductions to gardening for children who can see them develop and bloom before the winter has time to waste. Annuals are the ideals for effect, while we wait for the slow growing things. While a bush is growing to blooming size we may have year after years of gay blooms from annuals. There was a time not so long ago when gardeners despised the annuals as too transitory and not a subject for real and permanent gardening. There are some who still have that feeling. They are missing much. In the slow moving and serious affairs of life we must have bright moments of diversion. The annuals furnish these bright spots in the garden walk, the permanent subjects are moving slowly. They are fleeting things but brightest of all and if put to a popular vote most people would declare the annuals the indispensables of the garden. Plant them liberally. A few seeds now and this summer will give us their burst of bloom to brighten our gardens until frost.

Annuals are plants that bloom in the first year from seeds and the plant dies after the one season. Tender annuals must be sown in the spring, April to June, but hardy annuals may be sown either in the spring or fall, October to May. The following are suggestions for planting now and during the next two months: Asters, American Beauty and California Giants; Ceceles Plumosa; Centaurea Americana; Salpiglossis; Calendula; Campfire; Early Cosmos; all Poppies; Larkspurs; Carmine Lustrous and LaFrance; African Marigold, flat-topped type; Zinnias, both the little pompons or the large Dahlias Flowered and California Mammoth. Zinnias especially should be planted at this time and for the next three months. They are lovers of hot weather and will repay richly with a riot of beautiful color for all the extra attention you show them.

This is Dahlia planting time. Dahlias should always be planted in full sun. Set a stake where you wish to plant the dahlia tuber, place the tuber in a horizontal position in a hole 4 inches to 5 inches deep. The soil should be moist enough when tuber is planted to last it until the sprout is above the ground, watering before the sprout is above the ground makes it difficult for the sprout to come through the ground. The following are a few of the many good varieties of dahlias.

there are many more, that are as good but these will give satisfaction to any amateur grower and cover a wide range of color as well as being all reasonably priced varieties: Jersey Beauty, Tommy Atkins, Mrs. I. D. VerWarner, Elton Vanderveer Maude Adams, Mrs. Carl Saubach, Rose Nel. In the pompon varieties Almee, Annie Doncaster, Clarissa, Dee Dee, Little Art and Yellow Gem.

### Women of Church to Present Skit

"The Singin' Skule Regiment" is the descriptive name given to the farce that will be presented by the Ladies' Council of the Christian church Friday evening, April 26.

It is a spirited play with funny situations, witty dialogues and choruses woven together in a work of humor. Action for the play is based on the closing exercises of an old fashioned country "Singin' Skule," with costumes representing every decade from the dark ages to the present time.

Catherine B. Smith of Los Angeles will direct the play and take the leading role, assisted by a cast of 40 local people.

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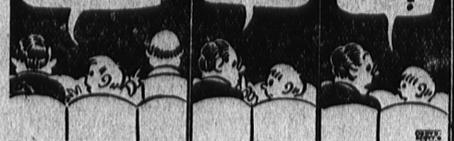
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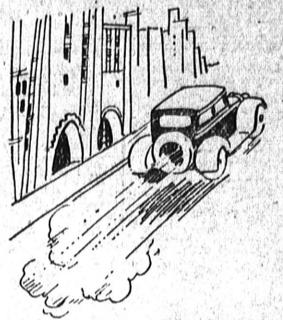
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### OBITUARY

MRS. KATY SCHULTZ

Mrs. Katy Schultz died at her home at 811 Arlington avenue Saturday afternoon of heart trouble. She was born in Austria Hungary 64 years ago, and has lived in California 21 years. A year and a half ago she came to Torrance, where her husband found employment with the Columbia Steel Corporation.

She is survived by her husband, Louis Schultz, and a married daughter in Lodi, California. The body was shipped to Lodi for burial.

### Weeks World News

(Continued from Page 1) to avoid the fog. The plane crashed into a mountain side, killing Everett, three others.

That Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, American alone of all allied chiefs opposed the signing of the Armistice in the statement of Gen. Mordacq French, in his new book, "The Truth About the Armistice."

Henry J. Allen, widely known newspaper publisher of Kansas and former governor of his state has been appointed to the United States senate to fill the vacancy created by the election of Charles Curtis to the vice presidency. The appointment, it was stated in Washington, was welcomed by President Hoover, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Allen.

J. C. Smith and C. T. Rippe spent Monday in Los Angeles on business.

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By Geo. Probert

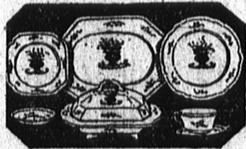
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