

BIG BARGAIN EVENT SATURDAY

Will Erect Science Wing, Cafeteria for High School

BUILDINGS TO COST \$90,000

Home Economics and Laboratories Will Be Among Best in Southland

CAFETERIA UNDER "AUD"

New Dining Rooms Will Seat 300 Pupils and Faculty Members

Within 60 days work will start on additions and improvements at Torrance High School to cost \$91,000 including new equipment, Principal Herbert S. Wood, announced Tuesday.

The new science wing will give Torrance one of the most modern up-to-date science departments in the Los Angeles school system. Connected with the main building by an arcade, the kitchen will be a large addition to the auditorium, the new addition will be two stories in height and will be constructed so that it may be extended on the west end.

On the first floor will be modern cooking rooms and sewing rooms for girls. The kitchen will be equipped with one electric and several gas ranges. There will be a demonstration dining room with complete equipment, a large pantry and storerooms. The sewing room will be equipped with electric and foot-power sewing machines and all other necessary apparatus.

The cooking department will have facilities for a class of 24, while 30 may be given sewing instruction in the sewing department.

On the second floor above the home economics department will be the general science section with laboratories and class rooms for chemistry, physics and biology, all completely equipped.

The cafeteria will occupy the entire space under the large auditorium. Part of the excavation in already made, the west end of the basement having served previously as dressing rooms before the new gymnasium was built.

Entrance to the cafeteria will be from both the north and south sides, where arcways will provide entrances, light and air. The main dining room will seat 200 or 250. A separate dining room for the faculty will seat between 40 and 50. Two service lines will be installed in the main cafeteria.

Brotherhood Supper, Methodist church, May 6 at 6:30.—adv.

Banker's Son Is Severely Injured

George, Leech Sustains Hip Fractures in Accident at Columbia Plant

George W. Leech, son of J. W. Leech, manager of the Bank of Italy Branch in Torrance and well-known swimmer for the Los Angeles Athletic club, was seriously injured in an accident at the Columbia Steel plant Tuesday night.

Mr. Leech was working near an open hearth and stepped in front of a heavily loaded charge box being hauled through the plant by an overhead crane. He was crushed between the box and a partition. Rushed to the Torrance hospital Mr. Leech was unconscious for several hours. This morning X-ray pictures revealed a fracture of the left hip, a less serious fracture of the right hip bone and a contusion of the coccyx. In addition he was severely bruised and will be confined in the hospital for several weeks.

'Colonel' Forbes Delves in Verse

Ex-Soldier, Torrance Gas Station Man Ruminates About Life

"Colonel" J. E. Forbes, veteran of many a campaign in the Philippines operates a filling station at El Prado and Carson. Between customers he muses much on the ways of life and not infrequently sets down his ruminations in philosophical verse. The "colonel" as he is affectionately known by members of the Kiwanis club and other friends in Torrance can tell you plenty about those wild, rough days in the Philippine jungle, the barbarous Moros and the ways of American soldiers with native maidens.

Not long ago workers were wrecking a building near the "colonel's" station and between functions as waiter on empty gas tanks the colonel turned his mind to song. The result was a poem called "Wreckers" which was printed by the Automated Printing company and distributed among members of the Kiwanis club. Here is the poem:

WRECKERS I watched them tearing a building down. A gang of men in a busy town. With a ho, heave, ho, and a lusty yell, They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, are these men skilled And the men you'd hire if you had to build? He gave a laugh and said, "No indeed, 'Just common labor is all I need."

Am I a builder who works with care Measuring life by the rule and square, Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan Patiently doing the best I can, Or am I a wrecker who walks the town Content with the labor of tearing down?

REPRIMAND BOYS Answering a phone call Friday afternoon, Officer Bill Mallin found three boys between the ages of 10 and 12 on the grounds of the Torrance Flat Glass Company on Border avenue, where it is asserted that they had broken a number of windows. The boys were brought to the police station and reprimanded for their behavior.

Observations

Russell Owen's Work with Byrd—Newspaper Masterpieces—Will Irwin and Floyd Gibbons—Hank Tinkham and Some Telephone-Telegraph Tolls

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE dispatches of Russell Owen from Little America in the Antarctic where Commander Byrd and his intrepid party are "dug in" for the long, dark winter constitute about the best reporting it has been our privilege to meet since George Patullo covered the world war.

Owen's account of Commander Byrd's dive into the ice-filled bay to save a comrade; his story of the rescue of the lost aeroplane party, and his record of the retirement of Byrd's favorite dog were newspaper masterpieces of the first magnitude. His vivid word paintings of the strange phenomenon of nature in the cold, southern winter are worthy—almost—of a Ruskin.

THE romance of this splendid reporting strikes deep when one reads that the dispatches are sent by short wave length more than 12,000 miles to the wireless room at the Los Angeles Times. Owen's assignment came as a reward for previous work well done. Owen "covered" Lindbergh in Paris, back to Washington and at New York's big reception. To Owen's facile typewriter and the standing of The New York Times which published the Owen articles much of the credit for the phenomena of Lindbergh is due.

Not a reporter in New York but would have leaped to the Byrd assignment—rough seas, bitter weather and all. Owen's dispatches, however, prove that his selection was deserved. They will go down in newspaper history as among the best reporting of all time.

THERE are two kinds of news reporting—the spontaneous type performed in "covering" a great catastrophe of which no forewarning had been given; and the brand performed over a long period under assignment (as during a great trial or the present Byrd expedition, or a session of congress).

WILL IRWIN, a reporter on a San Francisco paper, reached a telegraph wire soon after the earthquake in the Bay City. Writing without time for preparation, under the stress of great emotion and with the San Francisco scenes vivid in mind he sent to waiting editors and the world a news story which hangs in many a newspaper office as the greatest in the history of journalism.

FLOYD GIBBONS was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune when the war broke out. He told his editors that some day a big passenger liner would be sunk. He "sold" them on the idea that he be assigned to travel the big liners until one was torpedoed. Gibbons rode back and forth over the Atlantic many times. At last his chance came. He was aboard the Lusitania when that liner was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland.

WE feel a bit sorry for Gibbons. After such exploits in the field of news life to him must be tame. We knew him on The Tribune in Paris after the war and even then he was restless, searching around vainly through the capitals of Europe for another great "yearn" and not finding it.

Today he is drawing upon his imagination and writing for Liberty a series in the past tense) of the next great war—an invasion of Europe of Mongolia in 1933. A great reporter with nothing worthy of his ability to report, he must delve into the fantastic and conjure up a war of his own.

THE best rough-and-tumble reporter in the mill-run of metropolitan news gathering was Hank Tinkham. It was said of Hank around Michigan that when he went out for his afternoon paper to cover a story there weren't enough news facts left for the morning sheets to build up a first paragraph.

HANK had been tipped off that the agreement was in the air. The telegraph facilities at Calumet were not sufficient to handle the great volume of dispatches which went out every night. Hank knew that when the agreement was made every correspondent would be fighting for a wire. One afternoon he learned through a miner that he would get news of the agreement before night. He hurried to the telegraph office, dashed off a short wire to his paper telling them what he was about and then gave the operator a pocket dictionary.

DURING the Waite murder mystery which rocked New York and Michigan Hank in the New York World office kept a long distance telephone open for three hours to Grand Rapids while waiting for the momentarily expected arrest of the young Grand Rapids scientist who had killed his wealthy mother-in-law and her husband with germ. Talk about your broadcast. I was on the Grand Rapids end of the line and Hank talked about everything from the price of eggs to the nebular hypothesis.

BUCK PLOT TO SINK CITIES

L. A. Scheme Would Make Branches of Independent Postoffices

LEADERS PROTEST MOVE

Declare Plan Would Steal Community Identity and Erect Political Machine

Seeing in the move of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to bring all Los Angeles county post-offices under the direct control of the Los Angeles city postoffice a scheme to rob smaller cities of their local identity and erect a new political giant, directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and officers of other civic organizations here Monday passed a resolution protesting the plan.

There are a few kinds of flowers, which are so meritorious that they are grown and admired the world over. People who grow gladiolus believe that flower stands at the head of such a list. There are a great many varieties of gladiolus grown and known by the same name in every civilized country of the world.

At a recent meeting of the organization of postmasters of Southern California, a resolution was adopted protesting the inferred request that the Los Angeles office become the "mother" of smaller independent offices.

The resolution which will go forward from Torrance declared that the centralizing of postal service in the Los Angeles office would: 1. Rob smaller cities of the identity; 2. Place in the hands of the Los Angeles office a powerful and dangerous political power; 3. Militate against the aims of civil service; 4. Run contrary to the democratic policy of non-centralization of government agencies.

Growing Oil Tool Company to Move; Line Is Increased

E. H. Barlow, of Barlow and Reynolds Oil Tool company, announced yesterday that the company will move on April 28 to a new building at 2192 Normandie avenue, a block south of Carson street. The company has leased the building for two years. The move was necessitated by a steady increase and enlargement in the company's business. In the new plant the company will add more equipment for the manufacture of two-piece pump rods, for which there is a steady demand in the oil fields. They have also added to their business a stock of Rowland valves, for which they have the agency in this territory. This line includes globe, angle and check valves and stop cocks, all brass, as well as a complete stock of pump packing and sheet packing for gaskets. The company's phone number will remain the same—489.

Uncle Sam Nabs Walteria Man

Former Postmaster Bell Is Indicted for Alleged Fund Shortage

The long arm of officialdom has been busy of late dealing with Robert E. Bell, former postmaster of Walteria, now becoming known as South Torrance.

First of all an inspector investigating Mr. Bell's capabilities as postmaster recommended his dismissal and an executive order arrived separating Mr. Bell from his position.

Then Mr. Bell disappeared for a time. Auditors went over his books and last week Mr. Bell was haled into United States district court on a charge of "being short" about \$1100 in his postoffice accounts.

Last Friday Mr. Bell was apprehended in his car in South Torrance, arrested, charged with being in a car intoxicated, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$500, assessed by City Recorder C. T. Rippey.

Advice Is Given About Gladiolus

People Told How to Plant and Care for Flowers in Soil Here

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Gladiolus should be planted over a period of at least three weeks to insure flowers at the right time as weather conditions affect their growth, also different varieties vary slightly in their growing time. As a measure of precaution all corns should be treated before planting with a solution of mercury bichloride proportioned one part to one thousand of water, remaining in this solution about two hours, or in a solution of Semosan for 7 to 8 hours.

In our light soils around Torrance and Lomita corns should be covered about 5 inches for the larger sizes, from 3 inches to 4 inches for the smaller sizes according to their size. It is most important that no fertilizer be applied to the soil for at least three months before planting, one year would be better. The soil should be thoroughly spaded and a mole enough to bring the sprout through the ground without further irrigation.

The chief needs of gladiolus to keep them growing and to produce the best blooms are frequent and thorough irrigation and cultivation. Do not let them compete with weeds for nourishment. You will be able to grow fine flowers without the use of any fertilizer but to produce the very finest flowers for exhibition purposes a little liquid manure poured in a furrow about four inches away from the rows immediately after

SHOPPERS TO SAVE MONEY

Merchants Band Together in Big Series of Alluring Special Events

'INSPECT STORE STOCKS' Committee Issues Frank Bargain Day Statement to the Public

The Torrance business district will be one great department store of special bargains Saturday.

Merchants, banded together to make Torrance the foremost shopping center of the Harbor District, are carrying the message of their attractive bargains far and wide throughout the territory between Long Beach and Redondo, San Pedro and Gardena.

Their purpose is to bring home in a series of eight gigantic bargain days the fact that Torrance is no longer a "small retail center but the actual shopping hub of a vast and rich territory. They have broadcast their message by moving picture slides, great street banners, direct mail messages and by the circulation of the Torrance Herald throughout the whole territory.

Saturday will mark the first of the series of eight big shopping events. There will be one a month from now to the end of the year. Commenting on the special event the trade promotion committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday issued the following statement:

There was a time when Torrance was young that it was necessary for local shoppers to buy much merchandise outside of the city. Today, however, the growth of the city has altered this situation entirely. Increased volume of business transacted by local merchants has effected a tremendous arrangement in stocks carried by Torrance stores—stocks which are now offered to the public at attractive prices.

Residents of communities outside of Torrance are aware of this, as is evidenced by the fact that all Torrance merchants do a great volume of business with buyers from out of town. The habit of shopping in Torrance is also growing among residents of the city. "It is to stimulate the 'buy in Torrance' habit that the series of special bargain days has been launched. On Saturday of this week the first of the series of these money-saving events will take place.

"The public is urged to take advantage of the special bargains offered by Torrance merchants—and to become acquainted with the stocks on hand in Torrance stores. We have full confidence that persons who investigate thoroughly will become regular shoppers in Torrance.

"We ask of the buying public no more than an opportunity to show them what Torrance stores have to offer. For we know that this knowledge will convince them of (Continued on Page 7)

BILL THE BARBER SAYS WOMEN'S CLOTHING ARE MUCH LIGHTER THAN A GENERATION AGO—BILLS ARE HEAVIER