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ED NELSON NAMED ON COUNCIL

Property Owners Ask City Condemn P. E. Rights of Way

WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

To investigate law enforcement and recommend judicial changes to halt the American crime wave President Hoover has named a committee of distinguished citizens. They are headed by George W. Wickersham, attorney general during the Taft administration and Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under President Wilson. Others are Frank J. Loesch, vice president of the Chicago Crime commission; Roscoe Pound, dean of the Harvard law school; William I. Grubb, Federal judge of Alabama; Monte W. Lemann, president of the Louisiana bar association; William S. Kenyon, Iowa judge; Kenneth Mackintosh, former chief justice of the Washington Supreme court, Paul J. McCormick, Federal judge in California; Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Va.; Miss Ada L. Comstock, president of Radcliffe college. The committee is non-partisan. No member has ever been definitely aligned with wet or dry organizations.

Letters threatening the safety of Constance Morrow, 15-year-old sister-in-law to be of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, prompted the knight errant of the air, with Mr. and Mrs. Morrow's consent to spirit the girl into a plane and speed her to North Haven, Me. The letters demand $50,000. A "decoy" girl took a package to a spot designated. Detectives watched, but nobody came for the package.

Just as the meeting of the international reparations commission was about to crash on the rocks of discord throwing Europe into financial turmoil and ruining a large market for American exports a long and seriously worded telegram was received by President Herbert Hoover at Washington. It was from O. D. Young and J. P. Morgan, American delegates to the meeting. It has not been made public, but it brought immediate results. Mr. Hoover called a hurried meeting of the cabinet and leaders of both parties in Congress. A unanimous decision was reached. The next day the commission was told that the United States would reduce its bill to Germany by 10 per cent and spread the balance over a long term of years. The concession amounted to about $30,000,000, but that represents almost the amount which France and Belgium were demanding and which did fair to doom the meeting to failure.

Washington knows that the whole network of European problems tangle around the reparations riddle. The action of the administration constitutes little more than a grand gesture, statesmen agree, but they likewise declare that is is just the gesture to prevent a crisis at Paris.

President Hoover appeared at his office Monday morning wearing a conspicuous black eye. He had fallen against a tree while fishing in Virginia Saturday.

Charlie Zack of Chicago has long been a militant crusader against prohibition. That isn't all. When the law went into effect Zack declared his independence by stating that "from now on I'm going to drink and drink plenty." His wife says he has kept his word, she is suing for divorce.

The dirigible Graf Zeppelin left Friedrichshafen, Germany, with many passengers including a gorilla aboard. Over Spain one motor went bad. The great ship was turned back. Over France all motors stopped, SOS signals whizzed through the ether. French officials wirelessed the ship that the French would aid in landing the big dirigible. It was brought safely down at Cuers, France, by the help of French soldiers. The German press for the first time since the war praised the French for their generosity.

Patients reclined on beds. Doctors worked diligently in laboratories and operating rooms. Attendants bustled hither and thither. Busy normal activity prevailed in the famous Cleveland clinic. Suddenly there was a crash, a flash. People outside the building saw the roof bulge. Immediately throughout the white building rushed suffocating gas. Men and women leaped from windows. Others fell prostrate almost instantly. In all 126 died in the building or in hospitals later. Scientists declared the explosions of stored X-ray films threw off a deadly gas. Heroes of

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CABRILLO PROBLEM ACUTE

Parking Regulations Changed to Relieve Situation on Business Street

WILL DISCUSS PAYMENTS

Council Plans Action as P. E. Prepares to Construct Curbs

Early institution of proceedings to acquire and pave the Pacific Electric right of way on Cabrillo avenue and on Redondo boulevard was urgently requested of the city council in a letter signed by nine owners of property on Cabrillo and read at Tuesday night's council meeting.

Pending a decision as to what form such proceedings will take, the parking difficulties on Cabrillo will be changed to relieve the hardships which merchants on the street have suffered since the regulations against parking on the right of way were put into effect. As soon as the pavement is painted parking will be allowed at an angle of 45 degrees, facing the curb. This was agreed by the council Tuesday and Wednesday Street Superintendent Gascoigne's crew started painting the pavement. A parking limit of two hours will be in force, lasting until 6 o'clock at night, after which there will be no limit.

Cabrillo avenue merchants told the council that this system of parking will assist them greatly.

Mayor Dennis and other councilmen declared Tuesday that they were ready to start acquisition proceedings for the right of way at once, providing an equitable distribution of the costs of condemnation and paving could be arrived at.

The letter requested that board to start proceedings under the Mattoon act, which enables a city to acquire property and improve it before a condemnation price is determined by a court, or by agreement between the owner and the municipality. In such proceedings, however, the city would be required to furnish a bond guaranteeing payment to the owner.

Mayor Dennis told The Herald that he believed it would be equitable for the city at large to pay for the land to be acquired if the property owners on the street would pay for the paving.

When condemnation proceedings were discussed two years ago the Pacific Electric agreed to accept $192,000 for the Cabrillo avenue and Redondo boulevard rights of way. Since that time, however, the city, by virtue of an old agreement between the railroad company and the Dominguez Land Corporation has secured easement for a number of crossings over the right of way and these are now improved. These easements cover a large portion of the area previously proposed for condemnation and city officials believe the amount asked by the P. E. would be materially reduced as a consequence.

City Engineer Leonard told the council Tuesday night that he had been given to understand that the P. E. contemplated early construction of curbs along the Cabrillo avenue right of way. He said the effort of the city to secure from the company a lease agreement allowing point use of the right of way by the company and the city and to pave the area had failed, the company holding that such an agreement might put a cloud on their title.

Sam Rappaport and Earl Conners, Cabrillo avenue property owners told the council that business on the street had dropped off by 25 percent since the parking regula-

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Women's Club Celebrates 8th Birthday at Meeting Wednesday

With the past presidents of the club and the publicity chairman as guests of honor, the Torrance Women's club celebrated its eighth birthday on Wednesday, May 15.

The Keystone Women's club was a special guest with twenty-five members present who were introduced by the president, Mrs. E. M. Poole.

A splendid program was given, much of it being a surprise, especially that of the Women's Club quartette, Mrs. W. J. Neelands, Mrs. P. G. Briney, Mrs. Archie Lewis, and Mrs. Lorene Ulrich, who sang "A Brown Bird Singing" and "The Eyes of You."

Mrs. Frank Sammons, president of the club, gave a very interesting report of the state convention at Santa Cruz. Mrs. B. H. Lingenfelter and Mrs. R. E. Roelofs gave reports on the Reciprocity day at the Pasadena Shakespeare club.

Mrs. Sammons announced that as the date on which the club charter was closed had never been decided definitely and that it had been suggested that the date when the club was admitted into the federation be set as the date of the closing of the charter, making all those who were members of the club at that time charter members. This suggestion was adopted unanimously by vote of the club. The date of the closing of the charter was November 4, 1922.

Mrs. A. W. Greiner spoke of the poppy sale to be conducted for the benefit of the ex-service men.

An act from the operetta, "Up in the Air," to be given by the high school, was given by Nyla Tansey and Junior Hudson.

After the program the past president, Mrs. Frank Sammons, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. F. L. Parks, Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, Mrs. J. F. Stone, Mrs. W. M. Brooks and the publicity chairman, Mrs. J. H. Milburn, who has completed seven years in this office, were introduced. Mrs. Sammons, who is serving the club for the second time was introduced as the present president.

To Mrs. Milburn as an appreciation of her long service in one office, was given the honor of lighting the candles on the birthday cake and giving the birthday wish. In a few short remarks Mrs. Milburn told of the what had been told the new publicity chairmen at the first conference she attended in Los Angeles. "You get out of a thing what you put into it," but Mrs. Milburn claimed that she had gotten much more from her club work than she had even put in. The many wonderful friendships formed, not only in Torrance but all over the district.

Many baskets of beautiful flowers were presented to the club as birthday gifts. The Keystone ladies presented a basket of gladiolus which after the session was given to Mrs. Sammons. The other baskets were given to the shut-ins.

At the primary election, held before the club session, Mrs. Hurum Reeve received the nomination for second vice president, Mrs. S. C. Collins for corresponding secretary, Mrs. Archie Lewis for treasurer. The directors nominated were Mrs. F. L. Parks and Mrs. George Peckham. The executive board at a meeting Tuesday morning apointed Mrs. P. G. Briney auditor and Mrs. R. V. Roelofs director. These candidates will be voted upon at the meeting of June 6.

Lighting Assessments Now Payable at City Hall After June 29 Bonds Will Be Issued if Costs Not Paid

Property owners who wish to pay their lighting assessments in full may do so between now and June 29. On that date payments which have not been made in full will go to bond.

Owners desiring to learn the exact amount of the assessments may do so at the city hall, where payments of the assessments may be made between now and June 29.

Assessments are based on the following front foot costs: Residence districts—93 cents; semi-business districts—$1.145; business districts—$2.20 plus; Cabrillo avenue (combination trolley and light) —$5.606.

City Engineer Leonard said Tuesday night that the bonding house which will take up the bonds has promised to have an agent in Torrance during the next 30 days to receive payments from those who do not wish their assessments to go to bond.

New 40-Piece Torrance Band in First Free Concert on Monday

The newly organized Torrance municipal band will make its debut here next Monday night, marking the first appearance of any Torrance band in a public concert here.

At 7:30 p. m. the 40-piece band will lead a parade starting on El Prado in front of the Torrance Herald building and proceeding along El Prado to the High school auditorium where a fine program will be played for the public.

Under the direction of John T. Watson, well known band leader, the Torrance Municipal band has been rehearsing faithfully for several weeks. A large crowd is hoped for at the concert Monday night in celebration of this city's first appearance of a Torrance band.

The program of the concert follows:

March, "King Cotton," Sousa; Overture, "William Tell," Rossini; Waltz, "L' Estudiantina," Waldteufil. Descriptive, "A Hunting Scene," Bucalossi; "Medley of Southern Songs," Isenmann.

Intermission.

Overture, "Caliph of Bagdad," Boieldieu; Intermezzo, "Wedding of the Rose," Jessel; "Gems from the Prince of Pilsen," Luders; Finale, "Campus Memories," Seredy.

Juniors Olympics Men Meet Here

A meeting of the executive committee of the Junior Olympic games was held at Torrance High school Monday afternoon for the purpose of discussing changes to be made in rules.

Attending the meeting were Boyd Comstock, director of junior Olympic games, D. W. Lott, supervisor of municipal sports of Los Angeles; Braven Dyer; John Ness, managing editor of the Los Angeles Times, and Sigurd Nylander, athletic coach at Torance High, and member of the committee.

REV. SCHMID RENAMED

Reverend and Mrs. G. G. Schmid returned Monday from the annual conference of the Evangelical church held at San Diego last week.

Reverend Schmid was reappointed to the pastorate of the Central Evangelical church here.

HOME MADE COOKIES

Mrs. Addie Blackmer, 2409 Carson street, is advertising in this issue her home-baked nut cookies, which she will supply fresh daily. Large quantities will be made to order. The cakes are attractive in appearance and of delicious flavor.

LOMITANS IN HOT ISSUE

Annexing Petition Filed in Torrance Day Ahead of Incorporation Papers

CLERK CHECKING NAMES

Hearing on City Move Set for June 3 Before Supervisors

That the petition of North Lomitans for annexation to Torrance was filed in Torrance a day before the petition for incorporation was filed with the board of supervisors was ascertained this week. Last week it was erroneously announced that the incorporation petition had been filed on May 10. The clerk of the board of supervisors yesterday informed this newspaper that the petition was received there on May 15. The annexation petition was filed with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett of Torrance at 11 a. m. May 14.

The city council of Torrance Tuesday night received the petition asking for an annexation election and referred it to the city clerk for the checking of signatures. It is expected that he will have the petition checked in time for next Tuesday's meeting of the council.

The board of supervisors will hold a hearing on the petition for an incorporation election at 10 a. m. June 3. Prior to this meeting petitions opposing the calling of an election will be presented to the board and the supervisors will hear verbal arguments on both sides.

The board has discretionary powers in the matter of the incorporation election, but it is legally mandatory that the Torrance council call the annexation election in case the petition contains the signatures of sufficient registered voters in the territory proposed for annexation. Whether they will do so next Tuesday depends on the results of the clerk's check.

Both camps declared this week that they would win at the supervisors' hearing on June 3. The campaign for and against incorporation was being waged intensely throughout Lomita this week. Both sides were unusually active.

Frank Dalton of the D. and M. Machine Works, who lost the suit brought by Mr. and Mrs. Trefethern and who has been an active incorporationist left yesterday morning for the East on business. Since the court decision on the suit he has been less active for incorporation, declaring that the verdict will force him to move his plant out of Lomita, possibly to Torrance. The decision is being used by incorporationists as an argument for making a city of Lomita so that zoning laws may be passed protecting industries as well as residents.

Triple City Lodge to Elect June 4

The first nomination of officers was held Tuesday evening, at the regular meeting of Triple City Lodge, No. 333, I. O. F. Election will be held Tuesday, June 4.

Following the meeting Tuesday evening, the following members drove to Torrance and enjoyed a late supper at Fred Freeman's cafe; Alex MacPhail, Carl Ross, M. P. Richey, H. B. Goodrich, Howard Owens, Walter Myrick, Coy Farquhar, L. M. Pollock, Fred Boice, J. L. Luck, K. Herve, Julius Gertsen, Jack Ferguson, Jesse Kastrop, Bill Straub, John Stroh, W. H. Haslam, and Mr. Sadler.

A fraternal visit to Gardena Odd Fellows lodge is planned for Wednesday night, May 29, the brothers will meet at the Temple and proceed en caravan.

Observations

Walking a Mile to School, Does It Make Character? —The Farmer Is Relieved, But Who Pays the Bill?—Henry Ford, the Prophet

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THOUGHTS while driving through the orange country in the morning. Boys and girls waiting at the crossroads for the bus. Their grandfathers walked miles to the little red schoolhouse, often breaking the snowdrifts. Some people think the comforts and ease of modern life are making for a weak race.

That's poppycock. Walking miles to school every morning and miles back every night never was and never will be the recipe for success. The modern system saves time and energy. The men and women who walked far to school were no better than will be the boys and girls who now ride over paved roads in busses.

Ninety percent of a person's character comes to him by inheritance. The other ten is due to environment and training. The man who succeeds after working his way through college doesn't succeed because he worked his way but because of the strength of character which prompted him to do so.

You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, nor a sow's ear out of a silk purse.

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PEOPLE who yearn for the good old days when men were men and women were good cooks forget the hardships of earlier times. Only the rosy hues of memories remain, shutting out the clouds.

It's all right for boys and girls to work and to have responsibilities, but hardships are credited with too much in the building of character. Lincoln would have been Lincoln if he never had split a rail. His predecessors in England were wonderful men and women. His strength came to him from a long, hardy line.

Modern life encourages the budding of character by giving it nourishment. Men who rise above hardships do so in spite of the difficulties, not because of them.

The time will come when the Mendelian law of heredity will be applied to humans as it now is to rabbits and racehorses.

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ORANGE trees bearing blossoms and fruit at the same time. Lovely round, fluffy trees. In Florida orchard owners are terrorized. The Mediterranean fruit fly has been discovered there. Congress at President Hoover's behest has appropriated more than $4,000,000 to help fight the dangerous pests. California is interested. Aid has been sent to the infested area from this state. We can afford to help Florida in this crisis. We cannot afford not to. Once Californians might secretly have gloated over Florida's misfortunes. Not today. Scientists know too much. They know that if the fly spreads in Florida it may reach California. We do well to fight the danger in Florida now. The aid sent Florida by California is more than a grand gesture.

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FARM relief bills are all very well, providing they can be designed to help farmers without raiding the treasury. The bill before Congress seeks to aid growers by providing money to assist their own co-operative organizations. The government didn't help the orange growers start their co-operative. They went it alone. If they grow a surplus they cut down shipments, thus keeping the prices at a fair level. Not so with wheat, corn, cotton. The debenture plan would provide money to pay off farmers for surpluses. The plan is pretty, but it won't work. If Farmer Jones can get certificates, backed by Uncle Sam, for every bushel of wheat he cannot sell in the United States, he will plant even more wheat the next year. Surpluses will be perennial. Hoover is right. If farmers are to be aided they should be helped to help themselves, not rewarded for growing more crops than people demand.

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LIBERTY puts it well. Oats are not required in such quantities as when horses were in general use. Acreage once sowed to oats now produces corn and wheat. Hence an all too-frequent surplus. Girls the world over have forsaken cotton for silk. That hits the Southern planters. But the government can't help that. Farmers, like manufacturers, are subject to the hazards of business. True manufacturers are protected by the tariff. But the cotton undermanufacturers are not paid off when their business went on the rocks. Nor did the government reimburse buggy manufacturers when the horseless carriage drove Dobbin off the roads.

The country cannot prosper unless farmers are making both ends meet. Farm relief is essential to prosperity, but farm relief based on unsound economics will impoverish rather than enrich.

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WHEN governments start giving people something for nothing right then people begin doing nothing for something. England put out doles for unemployed. Non-workers were paid because they couldn't find work. Immediately thousands, thus protected against starvation, began to dodge rather than seek work. Dole receivers refused jobs. The system was a flat failure.

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WE can legislate all we please, the farmers cannot be helped until they help themselves. And whether we like it or not the day is near when the little farm will be a thing of the past. Already through the middle west large corporations are working vast farms, using modern machinery of all kinds, bringing mass production to the old back forty multiplied by 100.

The little farmer with 160 or even 640 acres cannot afford the machinery necessary to get his costs down below market price. He hasn't enough land to keep his machinery busy and his investment carrying charge eats up his profit. Chain farms, co-operative producing as well as co-operative marketing will some day solve the farmers' problem. That's too bad, but so is rain on the Fourth of July.

And after all if the farmer is poverty-stricken under present conditions as his own boss, he will be better off if by working for someone else on a profit-sharing basis, he can show some net earnings. His identity may be merged under such conditions, but who of us is independent?

Some men possibly there are who prefer an empty stomach and freedom of action to restricted action and a full paunch. But they are exceptions, known to history as martyrs, and usually meet an untimely end. We dare say most farmers would choose security even without 100 percent independence as preferable to poverty with curtailed liberty.

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THE interview with Henry Ford written by Samuel Crowther in last week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post places Ford as a prophet. Increase leisure with the five day week, according to Ford, and you stimulate demand for all sorts of goods. High wages

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MAXWELL POLICE HEAD

Appointments Are Made Necessary by Death of Charles Raymond

G. A. R. STEINER RESIGNS

Technicality Prompts Him to Quit; Will Be Named Again

E. C. Nelson, cashier of the First National bank was appointed to the Torrance city council Tuesday night.

G. A. R. Steiner who recently was appointed to the board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Inman, resigned, because not until May 24 will he have lived in Torrance for a year. He will be re-appointed to the council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles E. Raymond.

Mayor Dennis appointed Councilman G. A. Maxwell as chairman of the police and fire committee. Mr. Raymond headed this important committee prior to his death.

Subsequent to the death of Mr. Raymond a number of veterans of the war were circulating petitions requesting the council to appoint N. F. Jamieson, commander of the Legion post here. The petitions were not presented Tuesday night, Mr. Jamieson having informed his friends that business duties would make it inadvisable for him to accept appointment.

Oil Firm Moves 2 Plants Here

Arrival of Well-Known Drilling Contractors Is Deemed Significant

Homer Risden and Nels Hogan, widely known members of the oil well drilling firm of Hogan and Risden announced this week that they are moving their shops from Huntington Beach and Long Beach to Torrance, where they will concentrate all their facilities in the building at 1827 218th street.

The company is moving a large quantity of the machinery to the plant in Torrance and will engage in the manufacture of several oil well machinery products.

The Hogan-Risden firm is well known as mechanical engineers, oil and gas engineers, makers and designers of fishing tools, production experts, operators of oil well machine and welding shops and drilling contractors.

While members of the firm had nothing to say on the subject the concentration of such a firm in Torrance at this time is regarded by field men as indicating early activity in the drilling of deep test wells in the Torrance and Lomita field. It is an open secret that many large operators have purchased many leases in this district during the past few months and are still buying acreage and leases.

Mr. Hogan is negotiating for the purchase of a home in Torrance.

Contract Let for School Buildings

George Mittry, 816 West Fifth street, Los Angeles, Monday was awarded the contract to construct the new wing at Torrance High school and the new cafeteria under the auditorium building. Principal Herbert Wood has notified all local sub-contractors to communicate with him if they wish to bid for sub-contracts.

Read the Special Bargain Section--Buy in Torrance Saturday