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OVER 150 PLAN TO ATTEND S. W. ORATORY MEET

John Young to Make Try for
Pacific Southwest Honors
at Shrine Auditorium

Tomorrow night at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles will be a big night for Torrance High school, when John Young will compete in the Pacific Southwest finals in the national oratorical contest. The Torrance boy has shown marked ability and has been selected by large majority votes of the judges in the several eliminator contests prior to the event Friday evening.

A special section in the Shrine Auditorium has been reserved for Torrance people and tickets may be had for the asking at the high school office. Admittance will be by ticket only on the lower floor and reservations will be held only until 8 p. m. Those coming after that hour will be obliged to sit in the balcony. Principal Herbert S. Wood states, "Those planning to attend the contest tomorrow night who have room in their cars are asked to drive by the Torrance High school and pick up students."

Curtis D. Wilbur, former Secretary of the Navy and now judge of the United States Court of Appeals, will preside at the contest. Doors will open at 6:30 p. m. and the musical features will begin at 7:30 p. m. Because of the nature of the program, which must not be disturbed after the speaking begins, all who attend are asked to be seated by 8 p. m. The singing of school songs, the shouting of school yells, the waving of banners and other demonstrations common to school contests, with band music interspersed, will make the time lively and interesting; so those who arrive early will get the full benefit of a colorful entertainment.

Seven district winners will compete, including schools from Southern and Central California, Nevada and Arizona. The winner of this Pacific Southwest final, will go to Seattle on Friday, May 9, for the Pacific Coast finals.

The Los Angeles Times tendered a luncheon at the Sala de Oro, Hillmore Hotel, Los Angeles, last Friday for contestants, coaches, and principals. Those attending from Torrance were John Young, Principal H. S. Wood, and two coaches, Mrs. Lois Engel and Miss Irene Mills.

NEW FACTORY IS COMPLETED

Jordan & Taylor, Inc., Will
Employ Nine Men With
Bright Prospects for Future

The new factory building of Jordan & Taylor, Inc., at 1513 Border avenue, was completed this week and operations will begin immediately. The new plant will employ nine men at the outset and four families are already making arrangements to move to Torrance, according to J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company, who is assisting the new residents in finding homes here.

A special lifting device to replace sucker rods in drilling oil wells will be manufactured by Jordan & Taylor, Inc., in the new plant. The building is 30 feet wide by 120 feet long and includes a group of three offices. The product of the company is now in oil well equipment, but petroleum engineers predict a rapid development of the local plant as the merits of their products become better known.

BEVERLY HILLS.—(UP)—Someone put a cat in the aviary of Edmund Goulding. Needless to say the feline followed instinct. Many valuable birds "disappeared."

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

LOVE IS A GAME OF CHANCE AND EVERY GAMBLER IS A JOINT



Gypsy Tribes of Nation Gather at Torrance For Wedding, 3-Day Feast

The marriage of a Bohemian princess to the son of a Gypsy chieftain was the occasion of one of the most colorful Gypsy festivals ever witnessed in the nation—and it all happened near Torrance just north of East road on a high knoll between Vermont avenue and Main street last week-end.

From every State in the Union came these wandering tribes of Bohemia. But the long-trek across the dusty highways was not made in covered wagons or astride ponies, but in high-powered automobiles of the most costly makes—Cadillacs, Packards, Cords, and even Rolls-Royces with license plates of New York, Washington, Illinois, and a dozen other States, came whirling to the three-day celebration at Torrance.

Early Saturday morning the vanguard arrived with a great tent. A yawning barbecue pit was dug and other arrangements made for the reception of the 250 others that were to follow.

Saturday was the wedding day. Beautiful gypsy girls in their most colorful silks and satins. Beads—enough to encircle the globe and ear-rings sufficient to sink a battleship. The aristocracy of Bohemia was on parade, for this was the wedding of the nobility of the plains.

Whatever titles the royal couple may have enjoyed among their Gypsy comrades, they were married under their American names of Dora Adams of New York, and Frank Miller of Los Angeles.

Sunday was the Feast Day. Important items of the menu were:

- 17 barbecued pigs
- 15 lambs
- 25 turkeys
- 150 chickens
- 250 gallons of wine.

A Hebrew band of 19 pieces furnished music for the day and night of dancing. Tambourines jingled, shoulders swayed, hips wiggled. It was the feast and festival of the year, in which 250 Gypsies took part and 5000 Americans witnessed.

Tuesday, camp was broken, and the party was over.

Social Gathering Latter Day Saints

The members of the Church of Jesus Christ, L. D. S., will observe the second anniversary of the establishment of their organization in Torrance with a social gathering to be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 7 o'clock. All members and friends of the church are invited.

Hard Times Dance! Here 'Tis, Jest as They Wrote It

Hard Times Dance—Come one! Come all! Support the Senior B's Hard Times Dance. Prize given for best Hard Times Costume. Prize Dance! Only 25 cents. Students, Alumni and their families. Either dance or play cards. Come Saturday Night, May 3rd, 8 o'clock.

NORTHWEST TO VOTE JUNE 2 ON ANNEXING

Special Election Called on
June 2 for McDonald Tract
District Annexation to Torrance

A special election of voters in the McDonald Tract district northwest of Torrance will be held on Monday, June 2, to decide whether or not this district will annex to the City of Torrance.

The election was called Monday evening at a meeting of the Torrance City Council following the reading of a petition signed by forty residents of the McDonald Tract area asking that the annexation election be called. City Clerk Bartlett stated that there were 118 registered voters in the proposed territory to be annexed and that he had checked the signatures on the petition with the county records and certified that it contained well over the required 25 per cent of registered voters necessary to call the election.

The boundary lines of the proposed annexation are the west side of Western avenue, from 196th street north to Strawberry avenue; west one-quarter mile to Illinois street; north on Illinois to Riverside-Redondo boulevard; west on Riverside-Redondo boulevard to Hawthorne boulevard; and south on Hawthorne boulevard to the Torrance city limits at 190th street.

The consolidated precinct for the entire district will be located in a vacant dwelling belonging to John Kirch at the corner of Electric street and Prairie avenue. Polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. on Monday, June 2, 1930.

LAST CALL
ON CENSUS

Census rolls for Torrance are nearing completion and persons who have blanks are urged to mail them to Thomas Jennings, field assistant to the supervisor, Chamber of Commerce, Inglewood, Calif. His telephone number is Inglewood 1763.

That The People May Know

What I Learned at the Joint Meeting This Week of the City Council and Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce

PARKS—PARKWAYS—JUNIOR COLLEGE—TORRANCE THEATRE
By GROVER C. WHYTE

Last Monday evening I attended, as a reporter, the quarterly joint meeting of the City Council and the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and I came away after the four hour session, feeling that Torrance is indeed fortunate in having such a high type of public servants and civic leaders.

Gathered around the table were twenty men thinking constructively for the development and betterment of their home city. Throughout the entire four-hour discussion there was not the slightest indication of personal aggrandizement or private gain. It is true, opinions differed on some matters, but every one of the twenty men were united in the one endeavor to do what they thought was the best for the entire community. When you read of the petty squabbles of other towns—the light fingered conniving of small-town grafters, and the ignorant stubbornness of honest but narrow minds—there is good reason to be proud of the type of men who are giving their thought and their time, gratuitously and wholeheartedly to the government and development of Torrance.

Would you like to know some of the constructive subjects discussed? Well, I'll tell you. Of course, there was nothing official in the proceedings. It was an informal round-table discussion where honest men spoke their minds freely, and where differences of opinion were ironed out frankly but amicably.

MCDONALD TRACT
The proposed annexation of the McDonald Tract was discussed. Benefits to Torrance and to the residents of the neighboring community were explained. Torrance will benefit by the over three million dollar additional assessed valuation. McDonald Tract folks will enjoy lower taxes and protection against the ever threatening arm of Los Angeles, the equally expensive annexation to Redondo, or the remote, but possible, blunder of incorporation of the proposed City of Alondra Park.

PLAYGROUND
Next came the purchase of the playground on Carson street between the Legion Clubhouse and Plaza del Amo. Have you ever noticed this beautiful wooded spot? It's just made for a park for the children to play in and older folks to rest in. The Chamber of Commerce is to buy this 2 1/2-acre beauty spot for a little less than \$15,000 and pay for it over a four year period from their ten cents per \$100 tax fund,—without any extra cost to taxpayers. The City park department men will clean it up in spare time. The City Council will provide playground facilities and possibly a wading pool for little tots out of funds from the general tax. No bonds to pay off,—no increases in taxes to worry about. Just another benefit from living in a well governed city.

JUNIOR COLLEGE
"Torrance Should have a Junior College. It is located perfectly from a geographical standpoint, just the right distance from Long Beach and Compton," said one of the men at the meeting. A discussion followed after which it was decided to make a check of the number of Torrance young folks attending Junior Colleges out of Torrance and to petition the Board of Education to institute the Junior College grades in the present school buildings. There is no Junior College in Centinela Valley and Torrance is the logical location for one.

CITY CHARTER
The need for an adequate city charter was explained and tentative plans made to appoint a committee to study the best type of city charter of industrially minded towns like Torrance. At present, Torrance is operating as a sixth class city under the State laws. Many provisions of the stock-type sixth class city are unfavorable to Torrance and when most cities reach the size and importance of Torrance, they "write their own ticket" by adopting a charter drawn for their particular needs. We will hear more from the charter committee.

PARKWAY
Other matters of importance to Torrance discussed were the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway and the improvement of Tract 4070. There are some big surprises coming up on the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, which will save the taxpayers of Torrance a great deal of money. City Engineer Frank Leonard has been burning the midnight oil perfecting a plan for the parkway that will cut the cost to Torrance about half what the present promoters of the parkway count on charging us. We'll give you all the dope on this revised money-saving plan of the City Engineer in our next week's issue.

In the meantime, you can rest assured that the members of the City Council and the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will do nothing detrimental to your best interests. None of them has an "ax to grind,"—all of them are working unselfishly for your good and mine. That's the impression I always get when I attend meetings of either body, but it is particularly apparent at these quarterly "get-together" meetings of the two civic bodies.

THE TORRANCE THEATRE
The "talkies" have been the salvation of the suburban theatre. Before the advent of sound pictures, (Continued on Page 4)

TO OPEN BIDS ON NEWBERRY BLDG. TODAY

New Automotive Structure
Also Started As April Building Permits Almost Equal Last Year

Bids for the new building at the corner of El Prado and Sartori avenue to be occupied by the J. J. Newberry Company department store will be opened today.

The structure will be 50 feet on Sartori and 110 feet on El Prado. It will contain an L-shaped store room for the J. J. Newberry Company with fifty-foot frontages on both El Prado and Sartori. The balance of the building will include a corner store and two smaller stores on El Prado.

New Automotive Building
The Crescent Oil Company will begin the erection of a \$2500 building at 1548 El Prado, corner of Carson, at once. The new structure will be used for the display and sale of automotive accessories in conjunction with the Forbes Service Station, retailers of General Petroleum Corporation products.

Building Permits
Building permits for April this year are well up to the same month last year. The exact figures are: April, 1929, \$46,715.00; April, 1928, \$41,650.00.

NEW LODGE BEGINS WORK IN TORRANCE

Institution Ceremonies Take
Place Tonight in Levy Hall
on Cravens

More than 60 men of Torrance have signed up to become members of a Torrance lodge of Knights of Pythias. The new lodge will be instituted tonight, May 1. Ceremonies will take place in the Sam Levy Hall on Cravens avenue, where in the future the regular



CHARLES J. CRELLER
Grand Keeper of Records and Seals
meetings of the lodge will be held. Charles J. Creller, grand keeper of the records and seals, from the grand lodge office in San Francisco, will direct the institution.

The first rank degree will be exemplified by a team from the North Long Beach Lodge. The second rank will be put on by a selected team, and the third rank by Central Lodge of Los Angeles. The work of organizing this and also the Lomita Lodge which will be instituted Monday night, May 5, was done by Tom L. Hicks, district deputy of Long Beach.

Officers for the new lodge have been selected. J. R. Jensen will lead the staff as chancellor commander. His aides will be Wm. Peterson, vice-chancellor; J. S. Bartlett, prolator; Walter Schlick, keeper of records and seals; D. W. Quigley, master of finance; R. S. Silence, Master of Exchequer; Wm. Husbands, master at arms; A. A. Todd, inner guard; Dr. C. W. Alton, outer guard; H. W. Fields, J. E. Higgins, John Davis, trustees, were elected for one, two and three-year terms respectively. The honor of Past Chancellor was conferred upon Dr. J. S. Lancaster, E. E. Barkidul, Tom Waters and Harry Clark for their past known services to the order. W. H. Gilbert will have charge of the entertainment and refreshments for the evening.

PALO ALTO.—(UP)—Traffic officer Gordon Davis answered a call to investigate an accident. He found his own car the one wrecked. His brother had borrowed it.

PROPAGANDA IS BLAMED IN OIL TARIFF DEFEAT

Official of Independent Petroleum Association Attacks
Speech in Long Beach

Insidious conservation propaganda and the fear of the general public that the price of gasoline will be increased are the two outstanding things to be overcome before a tariff can be imposed on crude oil, it was said by Roland Rich Woolley, counsel for the California division of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, in an address before members of the Long Beach Breakfast Club at the Pacific Coast Club Tuesday of this week.

The speaker said that the United States never had produced enough oil to meet its needs. From this fact he argued that it is unfair to ask the American producer to conserve and curtail while hundreds of thousands of barrels of crude oil pour into the country from Venezuela.

Gas Bill Attacked
The speaker also attacked the California gas wastage bill, the constitutionality of which is being determined in the Superior Court in Long Beach. The act is unconstitutional, he said, and virtually amounts to confiscation of private property.

The statute is far too drastic in its provisions, and under its terms 30 per cent of the independent producers must go out of business, it was asserted.

Another speaker in support of a tariff on oil and a fair adjudication of the oil conservation and curtailment problem was Louis Titus, who represented the independent producers at Washington in the recent tariff fight.

Mr. Titus said that the delegation of independent oil men who went to Washington arrived after the bill had been passed by the House and when it was too late to do anything about the matter at that session. He pointed out, however, that the efforts of the representatives of independent producers had opened the way for further consideration of the tariff at the next session.

Report to Be Made
A report is to be made to the Tariff Commission, Mr. Titus said, which will contain all the facts relative to the cost of production of oil in the United States and Venezuela, and a tariff which will put the oil production of the two countries on a parity will be recommended.

Mr. Titus said that oil from Venezuela can be laid down on the Atlantic seaboard for 65 cents a barrel, while it costs midcontinent operators \$1.70 a barrel to produce a similar quantity. He said that the so-called conservation program now partly effective was inspired by major oil interests and aimed at the American independent producers.

J. R. Dorsey of Kern County said that the American oil industry is suffering from "conservatism" at the present time.

"The producers in my section of the State are not opposed to conservation and curtailment when such a program affects all interests alike," Mr. Dorsey said. "However, we do not consider that the present plan is fair. We are asked to curtail our production while 500,000 barrels of oil come in from foreign fields. Further curtailment in our fields in the San Joaquin Valley will mean additional unemployment and bankruptcy for hundreds of people."

"A tariff of \$1 a barrel on crude oil is vital if independent California producers are to survive," Vern Dumas, president of the association, said that the Independent Petroleum Association of America is in the fight on the California gas wastage suit with every weapon at its command. He said that it takes 2800 cubic feet of gas to produce one barrel of oil, and that under the terms of the recently enacted statute, which allows the producer to blow only 10 per cent of his gas, the great majority of the independent producers will be ruined.

Curtis Paving Co. Buy Another Acre

The George B. Curtis Paving Company, have purchased another acre of land adjoining another on Normandie avenue, which will be used for expansion. The sale was made through J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company.