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## BEACH CAMP FOR SCOUTS IS OUTLINED

### Will Carry Out Plan To Have Centers for Nature Study

With the appointment of a committee of Boy Scout Commissioners in the Harbor District to plot the center of the scout population in this district in order to find a central location for a beach camp, plans were launched to build a Boy Scout recreational center near here that will complete the system of boys' camps in the county.

This project was started Monday night at a meeting of the Scout Commissioners and scoutmasters at the monthly round-table meeting, held at the Methodist church in Gardena. According to the plan broached by V. T. Klusmann, director of all Scout camps in the county, a beach camp site is desired that will accommodate at least 250 boys at one time.

### Will Be Close To City

There are three or four similar camps now being operated by the Scout executives in different parts of the county, each one being maintained for the study of a different form of topography and natural life. One is in Griffith Park, another in the High Sierras and a third at Big Pines. The beach camp will be used for a study of marine life. An appeal for the annual Field Day, as instituted by the Scout officials in the county has already been made for the seaside resort.

Because this city is located in about the center of the Harbor area, it is believed that the ocean camp will be located close to Torrance or Lomita. Frank Steinhauser, scoutmaster on troop No. 4, and Robert Lewellen, scoutmaster of troop No. 2, were present at the meeting and endorsed the plan.

## Knights Templar To Meet in Pasadena

All the Knights Templar commanderies of the three Southern California districts will meet in Pasadena, Saturday, October 25, for their annual Field Day. As Torrance comes under the jurisdiction of the San Pedro Commandery, No. 60, the Eminent Commander William C. Ball requests all members to meet at the Masonic Temple in Pasadena at 2 p. m. in full uniform. All attending knights are invited to participate.

A parade will start from the Masonic Temple on Euclid avenue between Green and Del Mar streets at 2:30 p. m. After the parade, the knights will go to Brookside Park where competitive drills will be held.

## TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Catharine Iverson, president of the 19th district, assisted by the Compton drill team, will install the newly elected officers of the American Legion Auxiliary here, at their clubhouse, Thursday evening, October 23. A stunt party will follow the installation. There will be no meeting Tuesday evening, October 21, as previously announced.

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## FASHIONS FOR MEN ONLY!

### Latest Decreases in Masculine Attire Are Reported Direct from Torrance Haberdashery Salons; Colors Are Important To Male Ensembles—Particularly in Regard To the Er-Ah-Under Garments!

What will the well dressed men of Torrance wear this fall and winter? This is a question which may well be agitating the minds of Beau Brummels here, with the fall now upon us, and the resultant changes in fashion.

Although men as well as girls go neckless and bare-legged during the summer (that is, if they are "brave" enough) fashion decrees

## Armistice Day Plans Extensive

### Legion Enlists All Groups To Observe Nov. 11

More attention will be given to a unified civic observance of Armistice Day, November 11, this year in Torrance than has been done in recent years. If the plans of the Torrance Post of the American Legion are carried out, this year a large parade of the two service clubs, women's organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and every other group operating here will wind through the business section of the city with a band playing the music to the Legion clubhouse.

There's a short but impressive program will be held in which the Legion's ritualistic ceremony in memory of those who "went west" during and after the World War will be an outstanding feature. The high school orchestra, the elementary glee club and other singers and musicians will participate. The program will be over about noon, those in charge of the program have stated.

## Insurance Man Uncovers Huge Bootleg Plant

### Old Farm House Used for "Cutting" Whiskey Is Found By Accident

More than 165 gallons of bootleg whiskey was found at a full-fledged "cutting" plant operated in a farm house on 19th street, between Western and Normandie avenues, according to Sergeant John Stroh and Officer William Malin, who investigated the plant Sunday afternoon.

The illicit activities of the place, which has been occupied about a month, according to the owner, were discovered by an insurance salesman who called at the rear door while soliciting more business Sunday. As the salesman, whose name was not learned, knocked on the door, two unidentified men fled from the house across the field and toward the main street. The salesman called the local police.

### Search for Operators

In addition to the liquor, contained in jars from one-half to five gallons capacity, bottles of coloring fluid, labels and bottles were discovered by the police in the garage, one being registered to Jesus Orduz, Hermosa Beach. The other did not have a registration slip. After a preliminary investigation the local officers notified the Los Angeles police who are now conducting a search for the two men alleged to have been operating the plant. The owner of the property told police, it is reported, that he rented the place to an Italian who said he was from Ventura.

## CONFIRM COSTS

The assessment for the opening, widening and extending of Figueroa street from Manchester to 19th street was confirmed by the Los Angeles council this week.

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## UNIQUE CASE ON ELECTION TO END SOON

### McGinley-Hill Dispute To Have Early Decision From Court

When the McGinley-Hill case hearing on a permanent writ of prohibition issued by the appellate court to prevent hearing of the recount case, involving a recheck of the votes for the assembly candidates in the 72nd District, in the superior court came before the presiding judge in the appellate court Tuesday, the matter was taken under advisement. A decision on McGinley's move to enjoin the Registrar of Voters and the Secretary of State from holding a general election on November 4 in this district is expected in a few days.

With their attorneys, both principals in the case appeared, in court, Senator Henry E. Carter, appearing for McGinley, argued that the court had no right to deprive the superior court jurisdiction in the re-setting case, and cited a number of examples. Although the case is without precedent in primary law, the attorney sought to prove that somewhat similar acts by the courts indicated the rights in the case.

The appellate court some weeks ago issued a writ of prohibition to prevent the superior court from re-setting the case for trial after a misunderstanding in the time of trial caused the case to be thrown out of court. Ray Hill's attorney had the court recently argued that the court did not have the right to reset the case and that its jurisdiction was lost when McGinley failed to appear at the previous trial.

## Compton Holds Off Water Vote

### Won't Ballot on District Plan Next Month

Compton will probably vote on the question of entering the Metropolitan Water District at the next general municipal election, to the citizens of Torrance—to the citizens of America for that matter, for thousands "listen in" to the broadcast of the Taubman class (Continued on Page 4-A)

Opposition to the entrance of the city of Compton in the District, composed of cities who will share Colorado River water following the completion of a great metropolitan aqueduct, has been experienced in the Compton Chamber of Commerce so far, it is said.

## DODGERS ARE OUTLAWED BY GARDENA NOW

### Handbill Nuisance Checked In New City; Others Have Laws Also

Distribution of handbills, dodgers, posters, circulars, shopping news or any other type of advertising matter from door to door will be prohibited in the City of Gardena after November 7th, according to an ordinance passed unanimously by the newly-created City Council of the baby-city of the Southland.

The action was taken by the council in response to numerous complaints by housewives about their laws and doorsteps being cluttered up with obnoxious handbills, according to Councilman Earl Stewart. Merchants also, Stewart said, have for a long time been dissatisfied with the influx of out-of-town sale bills which have deluged the community.

The Gardena ordinance prohibiting the distribution of handbills is similar to those in effect in Inglewood, Compton, South Gate, Alhambra, Burbank, Claremont, and other progressive cities which pride themselves upon the tidy appearance of their city streets and lawns.

### Many Complaints Here

The legality of such ordinances was tried in the city of South Gate some time ago and the State Supreme Court ruled that a city has the right to abate the handbill nuisance by the passage of prohibitory ordinances. Violation of the Gardena ordinance carries a maximum penalty of \$500 fine and (Continued on Page 8-A)

## NOTED LONG BEACH PASTOR TO SPEAK AT BIBLE CLASS DINNER

### 300 Are Expected To Hear Rev. George P. Taubman at Monthly Program To Be Held Monday Evening Here

All tickets for the Men's Bible class dinner Monday night have been sold. The limit of 300, set by the committee in charge of the event at the Women's clubhouse, was reached early Wednesday morning, and consequently no more sales are being made despite the big demand for the tickets. William Cascoigne, genial street superintendent, disposed of 151 of the pasteborders alone, with George Dolton totalling 120 tickets sold.

Those who desire to hear the program after the dinner will be welcomed to the clubhouse without charge after 7:30 o'clock Monday night, the time when the dinner part of the program is expected to be over.

Rev. George P. Taubman, pastor of the First Christian church, Long Beach, and teacher of one of the largest men's Bible classes in the world, will be the principal speaker at the monthly dinner and program.

## Torrance Team Battles South Gate At 3 P.M. Friday

### Every one of those 700 seats guaranteed for the use of townspeople by Principal Herbert Wood at the Torrance High school field is expected to be occupied by a cheering football fan tomorrow (Friday) afternoon when the Torrance Tartars take the field against the unknown South Gate eleven.

More seats will be provided on the sidelines if the local adult attendance exceeds that number, he said today. The game Friday afternoon starts at 3 o'clock and will be the first local appearance of the 1930 football team.

The high school students will occupy one section of the stands with the townspeople filling the remainder of the seats. The Torrance team is reported to be in fine condition for the game and is determined to wipe out the sting of a 19-19 tie game with El Segundo last Friday.

## Navy Participates In Church Service

Commander Chaplain M. M. Witherspoon, of the U. S. Navy, together with the U. S. S. Mississippi band and other artists will be on the program, October 26, at the First Methodist Episcopal church. This program is not to revive the war spirit, but to bring people to see that world peace is the message of Jesus Christ and the church, according to Rev. R. A. Young.

## 2600 REGISTER TO VOTE

### Lomita Has "Excellent" Rating with 2297 Qualified Voters; Less Than One-Third Register Here

Only 144 citizens of Torrance failed to recognize their right to vote in the November election. Just that number would have put the city in the class of municipalities having a "good" or one-third registration.

According to information received from Registrar of Voters Kerr today, Torrance gained 113 additional registrations during the period between the August primaries and October 4 when the books closed for the general election in November. This additional voting strength gave the city a total of 2600 qualified voters.

Lomita went into the class of "excellent" communities by virtue of almost a 39 per cent registration, having a total of 2297 voters qualified to vote in November. Lomita gained 151 during the period when the books were opened after the August primaries.

Total county registration, Kerr reported, is \$53,676, or a gain of 28,750. This figure includes 439,061 men and 414,614 women. The city of Los Angeles has 476,735 voters. There was a preponderance of Republican registrations with the Democrats, second; Prohibition, third, and Socialist groups, fourth. There were 71,326 voters in the county (including the city of Los Angeles) who declined to state their party affiliations.

Registrations of nearby cities are as follows: Compton, 3953; South Gate, 7857; Huntington Park, 10,657; Long Beach, 62,879; Santa Monica, 14,812; and Inglewood, 8190.

## High School Invited To Contest at Davis

### By The United Press

SACRAMENTO.—Torrance High school has been invited to join contests to be held at the University Farm, Davis, November 1, when fruits and vegetables will be judged by agriculture students from schools of the state.

Sponsored by the Division of Pomology at the College of Agriculture, the contests are part of a policy adopted by the college of taking an active interest in high school agriculture classes.

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## PAGE VOICES FUTURE FOR HARBOR AREA

### Tells Harbor Chambers of Trend in Automotive Production

That within the next few years the Ford automobile will be manufactured completely in the Harbor industrial area and that it is probable that General Motors and other plants will locate in this area were statements made by W. Rufus Page, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, at the monthly meeting of the Harbor District's Chambers of Commerce last week.

Page, who is chairman of the Harbor Chambers industrial committee, referred to an address made by an official of the Wilmington Ford plant to the manufacturing and industrial committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, in quoting the executive as saying that the Wilmington unit of the factory has been designed to make all the pressed-steel parts and that the plant will be finished when the complete manufacture of all the car is done in the Harbor district.

### Dean Dexter Talks

He also said that officials of the motor car company had been obtaining costs on steel works from Torrance plants and on glass from the Pittsburgh concern that is starting to erect a glass plant at Santa Ana. In his address, Page pointed out that Southern California now makes all of the units for motor cars, including rubber, steel and glass. He also declared that large manufacturers are "migrating" west from the east coast and that Ford's arrival here would eventually usher in General Motors and other large car makers.

Page's talk preceded an address by Dean Dexter of Whittier College, in which the noted educator pointed to the better understanding now between employe and employer. He told of the gradual lessening of strikes with the coming of a new generation that believes in fair play.

## Increase Noted In Real Estate

### Upward Trend in Dealings Is Seen in Report

For the first time in many months the real estate market throughout the county showed an increase, not only in comparison with the preceding month, but also in relation to the corresponding month last year, according to California Title Insurance Company. The county as a whole enjoyed an increase of over 6 per cent in realty filing in September, compared with September of last year, and 10 per cent over fillings for August, 1930.

Fifty deeds, and 17 trust deeds were filed last month affecting local real estate, compared with 53 deeds, one mortgage and 16 trust deeds filed during August. Seven new tracts embracing 353 parcels of land were officially opened in the county during September, making a total of 150 new subdivisions containing 8530 lots, opened this year to date.

## 250 Kiwanians Hold Division Meeting Here

### Oratorical Contest Is Held At Women's Clubhouse Tuesday Night

More than 250 Kiwanians from all clubs in Division No. 1, which comprises the Harbor area, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica, were present at the Division forum meeting held at the Torrance Women's clubhouse Tuesday evening.

A banquet preceded the program of entertainment and the finals in the Division speaking contest. The local Kiwanis club was host to the large gathering with Bert Acre acting as toastmaster. Louis H. Hamilton, of Huntington Park, a lieutenant governor of the California Nevada Kiwanis district, had charge of the meeting.

## Long Beach Wins

Ten speakers participated in the contest to decide the best orator to represent the Division in the coming district convention to be held in Oakland. Phil McCaughan, of Long Beach, was awarded first place by the judges, with Dr. Manning Clark, of Los Angeles, second, and Roy Rosenberg, of Inglewood, third. Jack Gill, of the Torrance club, spoke in the contest.

James Leech was in charge of the entertainment which consisted of three young lady musicians from a Hollywood radio station. Impromptu outbursts of songs and the appearance of the Inglewood club as a men's chorus carried out the program of fellowship.

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## Noted Singer At Rotary Meeting

### Clyde Plummer and Water Bureau Head Speak

Weyland Echols, noted tenor, was the guest artist at the Rotary club meeting today who sang several numbers which were well received by the service clubmen. Echols has sung over both the National and Columbia broadcast chains and has won an appreciative audience on both the concert and radio station stage.

Clyde Plummer, candidate for sheriff and H. L. Van Norman of the Los Angeles Bureau of Water and Power, also spoke at the meeting, which was in charge of President Sam Levy.

## Heart Attacks Are Fatal For Three Citizens

### Two Torrance Men and One Lomitan Expire Very Suddenly

Two well known residents of Torrance and one Lomitan man passed away suddenly this week from heart attacks. James Charles Murphy, age 41, of 1008 Amplitude avenue; Myron A. Beckwith, age 65, of 3029 Andrea avenue, and Franklin Davis, age 72, of 2745 Weston street, Lomita, were called by the grim reaper within the space of two days.

Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Beckwith died Sunday, while Mr. Murphy expired suddenly Friday morning. Funeral services were held for Mr. Davis, husband of Maria Davis, at the Stone and Myers chapel this afternoon with Rev. Elliott officiating. Interment followed at Roosevelt Memorial Park. He had lived in Lomita for the past nine years and was born in Ohio.

### Services Are Held

Last rites for Mr. Beckwith were held yesterday afternoon at Stone and Myers with the members of the Torrance Masonic lodge in charge of the services at the grave in Inglewood. Rev. Strait, of the Redondo Evangelical church, officiated and Mrs. Ulrich sang. Mr. Beckwith is survived by his wife, Jessie E. Beckwith; a daughter, Oma; a sister, Nettie Beckwith, and a brother, John Beckwith, both of Modesto. The deceased was born in this city, August 3, 1875, and had lived here for seven years.

James Murphy is survived by his wife, Evalene B. Murphy, and two sisters who reside in Los Angeles. He had worked in the P. E. car shops and lived here for the past seven years. Service was held at the Stone and Myers chapel Monday afternoon with Rev. Lingenfelter, officiating. Mary Thompson sang and the local American Legion post had charge of the funeral service at Angelus Abbey Mausoleum.

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## Local Hospital Staff Urges Voters To Endorse Prop. No. 6

As one of the 64 non-profit hospitals in the state, the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, through its board of directors and staff, urges the voters of Torrance and Lomita to endorse Constitutional Amendment No. 6, exempting such institutions from taxation, at the November 4 election.

The proposed amendment, which was recommended to the voters of California by the combined vote of the State Senate and Assembly, follows: "Any hospital or sanatorium, charitable or otherwise, within the State of California, not organized or conducted for private profit, shall take and hold exempt from taxation its property and income, when such property and income are used exclusively for hospital or sanatorium purposes."

### Means Lower Costs

This amendment is a step toward lower hospital costs, the directorate of the Memorial hospital here asserts. The annual tax assessment imposed upon non-profit hospitals must be collected from the patients or the community. This costs an average of 19 cents per day per patient, it is estimated, and it is further pointed out that often the tax means an added cost of 58 cents per day per patient, or \$6.88 for the average stay.

None of the officers, directors or trustees of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital receive any payment for their services. In addition, the operating expenses of the institution are kept as low as possible by a group of charitable-minded local women who frequently meet to sew, make bandages and mend uniforms, nightgowns and linen used at the hospital.

California and two small Western states are the only ones in the entire Union that have failed to recognize the educational and humanitarian work performed by these non-profit hospitals.

A "Yes" vote on Amendment No. 6 will put California in the procession with her 45 sister states who are lifting the burden from the institutions which are doing so much to relieve the suffering of all mankind.

## CITY IS GIVEN CONTINUATION FOR DEFENSE

### Test Case of Water Bonds Is Held Up Until November 3

## CITY RETAINS LAWYERS

### O'Melveny, Tuller, Myers Retained To Protect Torrance's Rights

No objections were raised by the firm of attorneys representing George W. Dilling, ex-mayor of Seattle and stockholder in the Torrance Water, Light and Power company, in his suit against the city of Torrance and its 14 officials to prevent the construction of a publicly-owned water system, when O'Melveny, Tuller and Myers, counsel for the city, asked for a continuance of the first hearing of the case before Federal Judge George Ongrive Tuesday morning. Consequently, the court set the date for the continued hearing for November 3.

Because of the far-reaching ramifications of Dilling's complaint against the city and its officials in which he alleges that the construction of the publicly-owned and operated water plant by the expenditure of a \$400,000 bond issue voted here September 25 would be unconstitutional, the continuance of 20 days was declared necessary by the city's attorneys.

### Noted Attorneys Engage

The case is a test of the Improvement Act of 1927 under which the bond issue last month was held. Meanwhile, all engineering work on the proposed city water system is at a standstill in accordance with the temporary restraining order contained in the bill of complaint served on the city officials here last week.

At a special meeting of the city council, held last Thursday afternoon, the firm of O'Melveny, Tuller and Myers, well known counsel-at-law, were engaged to defend the city and thus prove the constitutionality of the Improvement Act and to clear all legal matters pertaining to the bond issue at the same time.

Perry G. Briney, city attorney, in assisting the special attorneys retained by the city, was present at the hearing Tuesday when the continuation was agreed upon.

### City Expected To Win

The plaintiff, Dilling, is represented by Gibson, Dunn and Gardner, Los Angeles attorneys. Dilling was not present at the hearing, it was reported.

Complete confidence was expressed by a number of city officials in the attorneys engaged to defend them and the city, O'Melveny, Tuller and Myers, it is understood, assisted County Counsel Mattson in framing the Improvement Act of 1927, which is the bone of contention between (Continued on Page 7-A)

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