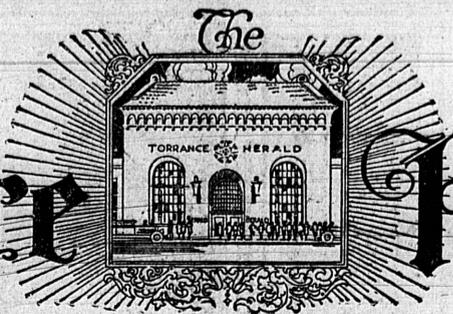


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# GAY '90's PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE CITY'S BEST IN HISTORY

## P. E. SCORED FOR LACK OF INTEREST IN IMPROVEMENTS

### City in Move to Obtain Beautification of Redondo Blvd.; Citizens May Act to Get Cabrillo Work Done

A city council grown weary of the Pacific Electric's continued neglect of both official and unofficial pleadings that the railroad's right-of-way on Redondo boulevard and Cabrillo avenue be improved, took a deep breath Monday night and plunged into the P. E. morass once more. But this time something is to be done—and done within 30 days on Redondo boulevard and in about the same time with regard to Cabrillo avenue's gravel bed.

Redondo boulevard's beautification and complete improvement lies between the city council and the officials of the Pacific Electric, while the correction of Cabrillo avenue's disgraceful condition will be a matter between the newly created Cabrillo Avenue Improvement Association and the P. E.

Between the two civic organizations Torrance should get action—and at once, judging from the strong statements made at the council meeting in condemnation of the P. E.'s unsympathetic and non-cooperative methods.

After a lengthy consideration of the Redondo boulevard "mess," the council unanimously adopted Councilman R. R. Smith's motion that the city should notify the P. E. at once to lay tracks on Redondo boulevard, in compliance with the deed granted the railroad company by the city. This implied that if the P. E. should refuse to make the improvement and fail to abide by the terms of the deed, the city would exercise its reversionary rights to the land and recover the property.

Thirty days time is considered the maximum period in which the P. E.'s construction work is to start or for the city to obtain an answer from the officials that no trackage will be laid. When the time limit for the P. E.'s construction of trackage on Redondo boulevard has expired, it was pointed out at the meeting, the reversionary rights can be enforced. That's that for Redondo boulevard.

### Conner States Case

In regard to Cabrillo avenue's sad condition, Earl Conner, commander of the American Legion, but speaking as a business man with interests on Cabrillo avenue, declared:

"I have appointed myself as a committee of one to form the Cabrillo Avenue Improvement Association. We have been struggling along down there in the sand between two streaks of rust, known as the Pacific Electric railway, for many years—and the dust merely gets deeper and deeper. It may be that we'll give birth to an idea to solve this problem. Something could be done on that street—but there won't be any improvement for some time to come, as it stands now with the Pacific Electric blocking us at every turn."

Conner then pointed out that the street is a menace to motorists because of its narrow one-way width—and deep shoulders, and stated that the only thing done to improve it since 1913 was the erection of private right-of-way signs by the P. E. and the railroad's excavation between the tracks to make the street even more dangerous.

### Councilmen Are Ired

"I give John Dennis and the council credit for plenty of work" (Continued on Page 2-A)

### BILL THE BARBER SAYS

LICENSE IS A SLIP OF PAPER WHICH COSTS 1/2 DOWN AND YOUR ENTIRE SALARY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

## PALMS LEASE IS PLACED IN ESCROW NOW

### Supervisor Wright is Elected Chairman of Board by Quinn's Motion

Immediately preceding the election of Henry W. Wright of South Pasadena, as chairman of the County Board of Supervisors Monday, the board, on motion of Supervisor Quinn, adopted a resolution to place the lease of the Royal Palms acreage in escrow, dependent on the clearing of the titles to the physical improvements on the property, the water rights and the boundary lines.

This was the most important piece of business transacted by the old board during a three-hour "clean up" session before the election of a new chairman. Contrary to a new chairman. (Continued on Page 6-A)

## K. of C. Will Greet National Officer Tonight

### D. F. Hallahan, Member of Supreme Council, to Inspect Lodge

D. F. Hallahan, representative of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus, will visit the Torrance Council here tonight, Thursday, while on an inspection tour of the California Councils. Extensive plans are being made for the reception of the national officer.

With Hallahan will be Henry W. McGowan, state deputy of the California jurisdiction. The councils of Redondo Beach, Ocean Park, Venice and Santa Monica will meet here tonight to greet the distinguished visitors and hear their messages.

### Will Make Report

He will make suggestions regarding the business administration of the council and will also report on the activities of the Supreme Council, chief of which at the present time is the boy work program. The Order sponsors the only graduate boy guidance course in the world at Notre Dame University and also conducts ten night institutes in boyology in operation with other boy work organizations. The Columbian Squires, junior organization of the Knights of Columbus, has circles in many parts of the United States and Canada and is growing steadily.

Mr. Hallahan will also give some interesting figures on the membership and insurance strength of the Order. The membership as of June 30 was 618,611 in 255 councils in the United States, Canada, Philippine Islands, Cuba, Mexico, Porto Rico, Newfoundland, Alaska and Panama.

### CAR SLIGHTLY BURNED

A coupe, owned by the Barlow Oil Tool company at 21902 Normandie avenue, caught fire from an unknown cause at noon today but was extinguished with sand by employees of the company before the fire department arrived.

## FESTIVITIES AT COSTUME EVENT TO CENTER AROUND CHRISTMAS TREE



## EVERYTHING IS READY FOR GALA PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION HERE

When the great shafts of powerful searchlights sweep across the sky from the city's huge Christmas tree near the flag pole—  
When the aerial bombs start exploding in the air above Torrance—  
When the 1000 brilliantly colored lights flash on at the community Christmas tree—  
**THOSE ARE THE SIGNALS FOR YOU TO START FOR THE "GAY NINETIES" PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT!**

Everything is ready for Torrance's best community party in its history—everything has been done to assure you and your family of three hours of real fun. You can't afford to miss it!

### Get Your Costume Ready!

From now until Saturday night at 7 o'clock you should be putting the finishing touches on that "Gay Nineties" costume that you are going to wear—because you should come dressed in the period that is remembered for its lace jabots, lighorn hats, sweeping skirts, derbies, luxuriant moustaches and choker collars.

Arrangements have been made for a battery of high-powered Kleig lights to amplify the lighting of the entire scene of the party and to sweep the skies announcing the all-city event. The thousand lights on the Christmas tree will be turned on for the first time at the start of the party, and other special lighting is being arranged.

Beginning at 7 o'clock, the streets around the decorated Christmas tree in the center of the business section will be roped off to permit the re-incarnated beaux and belles of the '90's to have full sway during their dances and entertainment.

### Grand March Around Judges

Here's the official program:  
Dancing and special entertainment from 7 until 8 o'clock by a nine-piece orchestra from Warner Brothers Studio.  
This orchestra has been instructed to play lots of old-fashioned musical numbers, such as "Blue Danube," "After the Ball," "Two Little Girls in Blue," "Seeing Nellie Home," "Old Dan Tucker," "Daisy Bell," "A Bicycle Built for Two," and "The

Sweetest Story Ever Told." According to advance notices this band has an exceptional entertainer and a number of special

## HOW THE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has appropriated \$100 to be used for cash prizes at the "Gay Nineties" party from 7 until 10 o'clock Saturday night around the Christmas tree.

Here is how the awards will be made:  
For the most typical and authentic "Gay Nineties" costume, first prize, \$25 in cash; second prize, \$15 in cash.  
For the funniest "Gay Nineties" costume, \$10 in cash.  
For the Prize Waltz Couple, \$10 in cash.

For the Prize Two-Step Couple, \$10 in cash.  
AND—Bags of money and candy to be distributed by Santa Claus to every child attending the party!

numbers are to be included on the program by the orchestra and its artist.  
At 8 o'clock the grand march of the costumed men and women and children. The local judges will select the prize winners during the promenade for both the

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## WATER SUIT AGAINST CITY IS DISMISSED

### Federal Court Throws Out Case Because of No Cause for Action

Federal Judge Cosgrove, as a mere formality, handed down a complete dismissal Monday of the case against the 14 city officials of Torrance by George W. Dilling, stockholder in the Torrance Water, Light and Power company, who sought to obtain a permanent injunction to restrain the city from creating its own water producing and distributing system.

The case, which had been instituted on October 7, was dismissed without prejudice, it is reported. Neither the plaintiffs nor the city's attorneys were present in court when the dismissal was made as the proceeding was without sufficient justification to warrant their appearance.

It is understood that the plaintiff had no cause for action in the United States court, inasmuch as he failed to show eligibility to enter that judicial system with his suit.

The city's attorney, Perry C. Briney, and the special counsel charged to defend the municipality, O'Melveny, Tuller and Meyer, are expecting that Dilling will file a new suit in the state courts, as that has been the plaintiff's intention during the past few weeks when the case was given continuances in the Federal court.

Although the case was dismissed, the temporary injunction restraining the city from further work on its public water system has not been lifted, Briney reported to the council Monday night. By an agreement between the attorneys for both sides, the case is held in abeyance for a week's time in order to find out from the plaintiff, Dilling, whether or not he will agree to a certain course of action, this being unannounced as yet.

## Torrance High Graduate Wins Poetry Honors

### Ruth Lingenfelter, Senior at U. of W., Has Work in London Book

Ruth Lingenfelter has won considerable honor for her poetry, according to word received this week by her father, Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter, of 1311 21st street.

Two of her poems are included in the Autumn Anthology, published by the Mitre Press, of London, as a collection of the best contemporary poetry of all countries. Miss Lingenfelter is a senior student at the University of Washington and is majoring in Journalism. She graduated from the Torrance high school in 1926.

## Three Army Men Are Jailed Here

Three Army men were fined \$25 each on charges of being drunk and in possession of a quantity of liquor by Police Constable C. T. Blyden Monday. They had been arrested early that morning. Unable to pay the fines, the men were held in jail and their commanding officer, Captain D. J. Rutherford, notified.

Captain Rutherford stated he would pay the fines for the men and later take disciplinary action against them through Army court martial. The men were Corporal Malone, 29, who Captain Rutherford said was a graduate of U. S. C.'s law school in 1913; and Privates E. W. Lambert, 24, and W. F. Flockhart, 22. They were connected with the 63rd Coast Artillery at Fort McArthur.

## PLANS FOR COUNTY CENTER HERE TENTATIVELY APPROVED

### Wooded Grove Next to Legion Club House Will Be Site of Several Buildings Costing \$160,000

Action to create a beautiful county center on the wooded grove next to the American Legion club house on Carson street is expected by the County Board of Supervisors at an early date now that all plans for the unit have been tentatively approved.

Mayor John Dennis and Carl Hyde, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who have been working with Supervisor John Quinn on the project, have been assured that the county will institute proceedings at once that will start a building program here to fully carry out the extensive plans for the three-acre site purchased by the Chamber of Commerce.

According to the plans, which have been approved by Quinn and Dr. J. L. Donaghy, county health officer, and others interested in the project, the following county units will be located here:

### Action in Three Weeks

A county clinic building, large justice court, sheriff's sub-station, the equipment of the station offices, H. A. Payne, county auditor, is quoted as declaring that funds are available now for the work.

It is estimated that the county will spend approximately \$160,000 for the buildings and landscaping of the grounds and a similar sum for the equipment of the station offices. H. A. Payne, county auditor, is quoted as declaring that funds are available now for the work.

Authoritative information has been received here that the Board of Supervisors will take favorable action on the county center for this city within the next three weeks and possibly earlier in order to have the buildings completed by September 1. This construction work is to be done as early as possible in order to carry out the county's expressed intention of providing as much work as possible at the present time.

## Redondo is Rejected

Few trees, if any, on the wooded site will be sacrificed in the construction of the buildings as the plans are drawn to utilize the trees to beautify the county center, according to both Mayor Dennis and Carl Hyde.

The buildings will be of stucco and will follow the Californian-Spanish type of architecture similar to that of the high school de-factory. Arched patios will connect the various buildings and offices.

It is the intention of the city to ask the American Legion to stucco the exterior of the club house after the county buildings are well under way in order to make the (Continued on Page 6-A)

## TEN MAILING COMMANDMENTS

### Christmas Day Will Be Holiday for Postal Workers Over Nation—So Mail Your Gifts Early and Often

Do your Christmas mailing early because December 25 will be vacation day for postoffice employees over the nation. There will be few exceptions to this holiday. Postmaster Alfred Goudrier warns. Special delivery letters and parcels will be handled and delivered promptly upon receipt, but all ordinary work will be suspended in the offices from 12 midnight, December 24, to midnight, December 25.

"The postoffice will make every effort to handle the Christmas mails without congestion and delay," Goudrier stated today, "but owing to the enormous volume this can be done only with the cooperation of the public. Compliance by Torrance residents with the following suggestions will greatly aid the postoffice and insure the prompt handling of your mail."

### Ten Commandments

Then Postmaster Goudrier presents the following guide of "ten commandments for Christmas mailing":  
1—Mail early and often. Don't wait until you have a lot of your shopping ready and then rush to the postoffice. Mail packages as soon as they are ready.  
2—All parcels must be securely wrapped in strong wrapping paper and heavy twine. Box everything that can be boxed in strong cardboard or boxes.  
3—Special packing should be made of unusual-sized articles, such as umbrellas, golf sticks, hats or cut flowers. Candies should be enclosed in strong outside boxes or containers.  
Addresses Complete  
4—Articles easily broken or crushed should be given special wrapping attention and labeled (Continued on 4-A)