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UNEMPLOYED REGISTRATION TO CONTINUE

Many Have Not Yet Signed
Up at Bureaus Here
and in Lomita

LOCAL HELP IS NEEDED

Ashley Says 95 Per Cent
of Unemployed Are
Without Funds

Approximately 200 men and 15 women are expected to have registered at the Chamber of Commerce here by 5 o'clock this afternoon. These men and women are out of work and in most cases, have worked badly according to Carroll Ashley, who has been in charge of the unemployed registration.

Ashley said this morning that he believed that only about 50 per cent of those out of work in Torrance and the Shoestring Strip adjoining this city have registered.

For that reason the bureau at the Chamber will be maintained for the remainder of the week. Every man and woman out of work should call at once and see Ashley, who will fill out the forms for registration.

Urges Local Help

In outlining his report, which will be compiled and presented to the Board of Supervisors by the Chamber in an effort to obtain an allocation for work for those who have registered, Ashley stressed the fact that many of those who are badly in need might be accommodated by local residents and firms right now.

"Any registering, maintenance or housework that you have been putting off until spring or summer could be done now and provide a few hours of labor for these people," he said. Full information on willing workers may be had at the Chamber of Commerce at any time.

Many in Dire Want

It is important that everyone without a job or trying to get by with only a part time one should register. A 100 per cent registration means that Torrance will be in a position to present a formidable array of facts to the Supervisors and make a strong presentation as to the pressing need of alleviating the unemployment situation here.

Fully 95 per cent of those who have registered have told him that they were without funds," Ashley continued. "I have heard some very pathetic stories and it is quite certain that the county cannot give work to all of those who have come for it. It will be up to the townspeople to help."

LOCAL INDUSTRIES ARE PUTTING THEM TO WORK

During the past week it has been reported that several local industrial plants, notably the Union Tool and Columbia Steel, are putting more men back to work. This gradual resumption of activity has greatly increased confidence in all lines of business, and indicates that better times are rapidly overcoming the depression of 1930. Well-founded reports also indicate that the two industries mentioned will continue employing men gradually until a normal force is at work.

AT DISTRICT MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rippe attended a meeting at Santa Barbara of the district trustees of Kiwanis last week.

Torrance Relief Society Elects Officers; Annual Report Issued

Officers chosen by the Torrance Relief Society to direct the work of the organization through the next 12 months are: Mrs. Nettie Steinhaber, president; Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, associate president; Mrs. Caroline Collins, first vice president; Mrs. George W. Dolton, second vice president; Mrs. Isabel Henderson, secretary, and Mrs. Florence Peckham, treasurer.

Mrs. Henderson, the treasurer of the Society last year, has made her annual report to the officers and membership. Total expenditures during 1930 amounted to \$1512.79. Included in this total are monthly items of food, milk for children, necessities, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Substantial Balance

The Society's income, totaling \$1721.79, was derived from memberships, sales, community drives, donations and gifts. To this sum was added a balance of \$81 which was brought forward from 1929. Membership and sales during the past year totaled \$1643.33; donations, \$373.36; refunds, \$35.05; and from community drives, \$110.00. The expenses for 1930, for rent, gas, cleaning, etc., amounted to \$114.18, Mrs. Henderson reported.

Bill the Barber Says

Most of us are firmly convinced that we could make a success of life if we only had the time

Will You Help?

Have you any Boy Scout uniform equipment that your boy has out-grown? If so, would you give or sell it at a reasonable cost to the boys of Torrance who have no uniforms?

Frank Steinhaber, scoutmaster of Troop 4, will be at the Scout hall (near the Legion's clubhouse on Carson street) from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock tonight, Thursday, and Robert Lewellen, scoutmaster of Troop 3, will be there at the same time tomorrow, Friday, night to receive such articles. They hope parents of former Scouts will help them furnish uniforms to the boys unable to provide themselves with equipment.

MANHANDLING CHARGES ARE TRIED FRIDAY

No Decision by Commission
On Trial Has Been
Made Public Yet

No decision has yet been made public by R. R. Smith, chairman of the Police Commission, on the outcome of the hearing Friday evening on the charge of "man-handling" preferred against Officer Ben Olson by Ralph R. Howe, of 1308 American avenue.

It is expected that Smith will present the report of the Commission to the city council next Tuesday night after the reading of the letter sent by Howe to the council recently in which he accused the officer of mistreating his 17-year-old son, Worthington, at the hearing Friday. The patrolman was given an opportunity to reply.

Olson denied the charge of "man-handling" and his hide-to-be, Marie Conoco, 14-year-old girl of a much older appearance, were returned to Lomita Monday from Whittier, where they had gone to spend a honeymoon after filing an intention to marry at Santa Ana a week previous, according to a report at the constable's office.

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State Appointee Is Brother of Former Local Churchman

Many friends of Dr. Harold H. Kelley, former vicar of the Episcopal church here and later superintendent of the Seaman's Institute at San Pedro, will be pleased to know that his brother, Rev. Leslie H. Kelley, was appointed member of the State Athletic Association by Gov. Ralph this week.

Rev. Kelley is pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church in San Francisco now. He accepted the appointment providing his bishop approved.

Cabrillo Men Delay Initial Meeting Date

Notice of Session Will Be
Sent Out Soon,
Conner Says

Because of the joint meeting of the Chamber directorate, city council and county officials Thursday evening, January 22, the first meeting of the proposed Cabrillo Avenue Civic Improvement Association, as fostered by Earl Conner, has been postponed.

A later date for the first meeting of the group which will endeavor to speed the improvement of the neglected business thoroughfare will be announced by Conner in the near future, he said yesterday.

Legion Hits Unofficial Canvasses

"Beware of all so-called 'American Legion' racketeering that lacks the endorsement of the local post officers," Earl Conner, commander of the Torrance Post, declared today in a warning statement to the public.

"The American Legion is unalterably opposed to any canvassing made by men or women who use the name of the organization to gain the sympathy of their victims," he said. "We have learned that the 10 cents-a-signature on a petition in favor of the veteran's bonus is again being worked in Torrance, and we again warn the people against contributing to such a racket."

Conner also said that the "telephone canvass" as worked by some people, not connected with the Legion in any way, to get subscriptions to newspapers or magazines was also unofficial.

Mexican Pair Thought Wed By Intention

Husband-to-Be Is Held for
Child-Stealing His
Bride-That-Isn't

The mere filing of an intention to wed is NOT a wedding ceremony, J. Alvarez, 28, of Los Angeles, learned Monday in Judge Dennis' justice court when he was arraigned on the felony charge of child stealing his intended bride.

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Would Raise Taxes

The boundaries of the area designed to be incorporated are roughly defined as the Torrance city limits on the west and north, Applan Way on the south and Walnut street on the east.

Opponents of the plan are emphatic in their denunciation of the project, asserting that the "secret" meetings prevented their knowledge of the idea that will bring high taxes because the low assessed valuation of all of Lomita is only approximately \$3,000,000.

They also claim that the new city would have no hope of annexing additional acreage because it is surrounded by other incorporated areas. Lomita also is served in a police way by a constable and three deputies and has fire protection from the county engine company on Weston street.

It is pointed out that past efforts on the part of a number of residents for incorporation have brought nothing but dissension and loss of revenue to those who have indulged in the scheme. By expending money for a lost cause at election, the county would not look with favor on future allocations for the community, those against the proposal declare.

END OF SEMESTER BRINGS COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT TWO TORRANCE SCHOOLS

Many Activities Are Scheduled at Senior and Junior High Schools for Next Week; Complete Program is Given

One week from tonight, 14 students at the Torrance Senior high school will have finished their education in local institutions. And on Wednesday afternoon, January 21, 47 Junior High pupils will advance to the Senior high school, where they will begin their final training Monday morning, January 26.

Next week will be Commencement week at both institutions with a number of programs and business sessions scheduled that are of interest to the entire student body of the two schools and their parents and friends.

The graduates of the Winter Club at the Senior High school are: Dan Barnard, Marie Carlin, Paul Copeland, Dallas Danford, Kathryn Fordyce, Merton Gilbert, Ara Lindley, Mary Louise, Lucille Oliver, Manabu Onada, Myrtle Perkins, Josephine See, Richard Stevens, and Joe Tavan. Eight boys and six girls. Joe Tavan is class president.

Student Body Election Here is the program of events leading up to the graduation program as outlined by Herbert S. Wood, principal of the High school, Wednesday, January 14: Semi-annual election of Student Body officers. Those chosen were: a. Betty Jane Rippe, girls' self-government president, there was no majority given any candidate for commissioner of oral arts and this office is to be filled at a special election held at a later date.

The students elected their new leaders for the next semester from the following nominations: President: Lee Herring, Alfred Mintun and Howard Totten; vice president: Bob Hannan and Harry Putnam; for secretary: Myrtle Winkler and Irene Wilhelm; for treasurer: Betty McIntyre and Simon Schipper; for commissioner of oral arts: Myrtle Holland, Marcella Kember and Willie Agripito; for advertising manager: George Lancaster and Bert Merrill; for commissioner of athletics: Norman Barch and Wilson Page; for boys' self-government president: Wilfred Fildale and Fred Marsteller; and for girls' self-government president: Jean Smith and Betty Jane Rippe.

Agriculture Assembly Yesterday afternoon the semi-annual Agricultural assembly was held under the direction of S. E. Merrill, agriculture instructor. Letters were awarded to winners in the various agricultural events held during the past semester.

Athletic Banquet Tomorrow, Friday, evening the annual Football and Basketball Lettermen banquet will be held at 8:30 o'clock at the High school cafeteria. Earl Fields and Raymond Smith, coaches, are in charge of the program. Various civic organizations of Torrance have been invited to send representatives and a well known college coach will be the speaker of the evening.

Baccalaureate Services Baccalaureate services with the graduating class as guests of honor will be held at the High school auditorium Sunday evening, January 18, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Joe Tavan, president of the class, is in charge of the arrangements for the program and has secured

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Frost Bite Costly To Local Man

This is Sunny California—and yet S. P. Grace, proprietor of the Grace Market at 1639 Carson street, suffered the loss of the tips of two middle fingers of his left hand because of frost-bite!

Just plain ordinary winter frost-bite—right here on the outskirts of Torrance!

But perhaps the weather isn't responsible after all, as Grace received the injury while working at his ice-making and cooling machinery. Everything, possible was done to have the frozen fingers thawed but they were beyond recovery.

Three Charged With Robbery Delay Trials

Local Boy is Accused With
Pair in Holdup of
Edison Office

The arraignment of two men and a Torrance boy charged with robbing the Southern California Edison Company's branch office at Gardena last Thursday afternoon, was postponed last night by Judge Frank Carroll, of the Gardena Township court, to Saturday morning, January 24, at 9:30 o'clock. The accused trio were remanded to the custody of the sheriff under \$10,000 bail each.

Deputy sheriffs arrested Forrest McKinley, 19, of 1117 Cota avenue, Torrance; Victor L. Sewell, 25, of Redondo, and Stueland Collins, 26, of Lennox, after tracing the license of the automobile said to have been used by the trio to McKinley. They are reported to have taken \$342.00 from the branch office after holding up Miss Ruth Steele, local agent, who merely was agent in the Edison office here. A sum of \$68 was overlooked by the men, she said. Sewell asked the court for more time to get an attorney last night.

Claims Boy Not Implicated The local boy's mother, Mrs. May McKinley, pioneer resident of this city, claims Forrest was not implicated in the actual robbery and had no knowledge of its happening. Mrs. McKinley says that Forrest was merely asked to drive the men, whom he knew, to Gardena, and once there, did not participate in the asserted crime nor did he drive the men away from the scene.

Miss Steele told deputy sheriffs she obtained the license number of the car driven by McKinley as the men were pushing it down the alley after the robbery. The car had fallen to start, she said. Forrest McKinley's employer here is reported to have said that the boy's job is open to him on his return to the city, as his record in the past has been of the best caliber. Arrangements are understood to be made to secure an attorney who will conduct his defense.

OLD SCHOOL MATES Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goudier Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross and Mrs. Tom Hughes, old school friends of Mr. Goudier.

Stories of Alleged Mayhem Act
Conflict But Prisoner is Held

After a preliminary hearing in Police Judge C. T. Rippe's court Friday afternoon, Paul Chudob, alias George Lang, 48, was held to answer in the Superior Court on a charge of mayhem. His bail was set at \$5000. Chudob was taken to the county jail Saturday to await his trial.

Lars Olson, 48, of 3150 Pepper street, the complainant and victim of what appeared to be a drunken brawl sometime during the night of January 3, accused Chudob of striking him. Olson lost his right eye in the fray.

Although Olson testified that Chudob hit him after ordering him (Olson) from the home of Dave Adamsen, at 2930-C Camino Real, Torrance, where the alleged act of mayhem occurred, he said he could not state whether or not Chudob was armed with a knife or sharp instrument at the time.

"As I came back in the house after going outside for a few minutes, he (referring to Chudob) walked up to me and said, 'Well, Ole, it's about time to leave,'" the complaining witness testified in

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That's Funny

Sam Levy is telling one this week of an acquaintance who came in and asked to cash a \$3 check.

A few days later the check came back marked "Insufficient Funds." When informed of the returned check by Sam the writer of the check remarked: "Insufficient funds, eh? That's funny, and such a big bank, too."

EXPECT 300 AT RAINBOW GATHERING

Torrance Lodge, Royal
Neighbors Will
Be Host

Fully 300 guests are expected to be present at the Rainbow meeting of Royal Neighbors lodges of the district which will be held in Torrance Friday night, January 16, at the Knights of Columbus hall. In connection with this important monthly assembly the Torrance lodge will put on an open installation ceremony when new officers of the lodge will take their respective posts. The installation ceremony will be exemplified by the Culver City lodge.

New Officers Officers who were recently elected are the following: Oracle, Mrs. Blanche Crawford; vice oracle, Mrs. Mary Baker; past oracle, Mrs. Lizzie Bennel; chancellor, Mrs. Adeline Smith; inner sentinel, Mrs. R. C. McMullen; outer sentinel, Mrs. W. R. Hoover; recorder, Miss Caroline Strahl; receiver, Mrs. Bertha Bradford; marshal, Mrs. Louise Walker; assistant marshal, Mrs. Pauline Grubb; greases, Mrs. Lightsey, Mrs. Shriver, Mrs. Elsie Smith, Mrs. Pauline Tourletto; flag bearer, Mrs. Martha Cooper.

Blames Hoarding Impulse From the bright dreams of thousands who watched their paper money slip away only to be swept away in the stock market crash, to the obsessing fear of "hard times" was only a step. In spite of the fact that money was as plentiful as ever, that employment was going to be had, that business was going to pick up, the impulse to tie up the purse strings, to cut down on their expenditures to the point where only the barest necessities of life were purchased.

Their hoarding impulse spread to their neighbors, and on to others until in six months buying had practically ceased, factories were shut down, workers were idle, business at a complete standstill. Like the winding up of a huge ball of twine, the industrial conditions had gotten into a snarl from which the only way out was to start to unwind.

As members of a national organization, Dr. Morse urged upon the Torrance contingent the need for doing their part in the unwinding of this huge business snarl.

Let Dollars Work "Spend what you can, all you can, you people who are employed, and spend not only for the actual needs but for the things you would like to have. Patronize the merchants of your community, so that by emptying the shelves of their merchandise, they may place new orders, which will bring about re-employment of workers in the factories now idle. Let your dollars do their utmost to break down this psychological obsession," she declared.

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FEAR COMPLEX IS SAID CAUSE OF DEPRESSION

Business and Professional
Women Hear Noted
Authority

FIRST OFFICERS SEATED
100 Members and Guests
Attend Club's Initial
Meeting Here

Stressing the need for combating the "fear complex" which has paralyzed business and industry all over the world during the past twelve months, Dr. Florence Mae Morse, president of the California State League, who was the principal speaker at the installation meeting of the National Business and Professional Women at Earl's cafe Monday night, presented a strong argument for immediate resumption of buying on the part of individuals as a means of solving the economic problem which confronts the people of today.

Dr. Morse, who is at the head of the department of merchandising at the University of Southern California, reviewed events of history to bring out the causes of present day conditions.

Sketching rapidly the conditions of life in this country 100 years ago, and in some parts of Europe even existing today, when such family groups was self-supporting unit, secure against the terrors of financial depression, Dr. Morse proceeded to discuss the underlying causes of the present stagnation which so keenly affects worker and employer alike.

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