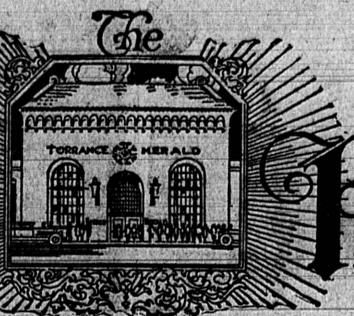


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## SPECIAL LICENSE GIVES ALL FISHERMEN GREAT LIE-WAY

### Permit Helps Anglers Develop Good Yarns to Embellish Accounts of Their Catches

Now is the time for all good fishermen to dig into the archives of their imaginations for the best fish story, regardless of the truth or veracity of its important details, with which to embellish their tales of the present season.

It is not correct or polite to say that a fisherman "lies." Better say that a good fisherman never spoils a good story for the lack of a few words. One of our local merchants is issuing a special Lie's license which explains this just cause for exaggeration. The regulations are:

#### Rules of "Yarning"

- (1) Lies may be told at any time or any place without notice.
- (2) Cameras may be used, scales doctored and elastic rulers employed.
- (3) Borrowed or rented fish may be used at all times.
- (4) No lies may be retracted but may be added to at will.
- (5) An extra quarter pound or half inch will always be added.

The permit also states that the license is null and void if used for any other purpose, such as the weight of babies; tire and gasoline mileage; golf scores; prohibition matters, and all private or business purposes.

We suggest that all local anglers obtain these licenses before reporting their catches to the Herald in the future.

#### All Get "Limits"

The opening day of trout season, May 1, found many Torrance rod and reel men whipping the mountain streams for the wily trout. So far as it can be ascertained, all of them caught "the limit" without trouble—but perhaps they were equipped with that special permit described above!

#### Where did they hook 'em?

Well, each fisherman has his secret haunts and should you ask him where he went, he'll tell you—but even Admiral Byrd and his polar expedition could never find these secret holes from the description and location data that he gives you!

#### 2 Bandits Rob Man At Torrance Beach

Two armed men held up and robbed C. E. Mangle, Los Angeles, about midnight Sunday at Torrance beach, the victim reported to police here.

Mangle said that he had been robbed of about \$10 in cash and a gold watch valued at \$60. His description of the bandits was given all branches of the sheriff's office and surrounding police departments.

#### OPEN SUNDAYS

Torrance druggists have resumed their summer schedule of all remaining open on Sundays until further notice. During the past months the drug stores have followed a plan of just one establishment remaining open Sundays.

## Great Film of Exploration Trip Will Be Shown Here on May 19

Mexico: From the days of the Conquistadores to modern times. From the primitive to the twentieth century. From the trackless wastes of deserts, the savage tribes, the ox-drawn carts to the latest purring eight-cylinder model. From the isolated village to the sophisticated scenes of the most modern metropolises.

Through all this and more will be taken those who attend the dinner meeting which will be open to the public of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, at Earl's cafe, Tuesday evening, May 19, at 7 o'clock.

#### Epic Trip to Be Shown

Through the courtesy of the Automobile Club of Southern California, arrangements have been made to show the exploration trip begun in March, 1930, to lay out the southern portions of the International Highway which is planned and partly completed from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Links of this great highway have been completed along the Pacific Coast from the Mexican border to the Canadian line. The Canadian project is being completed through that territory.

But on the south, Mexico found itself without sufficient means to carry on the great and costly work of exploration and survey. To relieve that situation, and to bring assistance that so great a project with its possibilities for international good will, trade and speedy travel might not be abandoned, the Automobile Club of Southern California undertook the work of survey. Two expeditions have already been completed, and others will

be sent out next year and later to complete the work to the terminal at Rio.

#### Was Modern Pioneering

In March, 1930, five automobiles, containing a crew of nine men, surveyors, engineers and cameramen, started on the first leg of the journey. Incredible labors, ghastly dangers, weeks of toil to surmount obstacles almost unmountable are written, or rather photographed into the record of that trip. Through country never before traversed by men, to say nothing of a man in an automobile, the caravan blazed a clear trail, which today is being followed by the road builders of Mexico.

Mountain country through which the southern Pacific railroad spent \$28,000,000 to build 14 miles of road, was traversed by this caravan; surveys made and the highway route laid out. Through desert wastes, through primitive isolated villages, the explorers fought their way on. Weather conditions halted the work for the season when in Mexico City had been reached.

From this point the exploration work began in March, 1931, a trip which has just been completed. (Continued on Page 2-A)

## School Board Election Gets But 138 Votes

### Little Interest Is Evidenced Here: Only 93 Votes Cast in Lomita

Only 138 Torrance electors were sufficiently interested in the school board election Tuesday to go to the five polling places in the city and cast their ballots. This represents but slightly more than one-half of one per cent voted.

#### Perry School Annexation Is Believed Won

Word that the Perry Avenue School district will be annexed to the Los Angeles City School system, of which Torrance is a part, is expected from the County Board of Education in the very near future, according to Carl

These candidates received the following votes in Torrance: Letitia J. Lytle, 119; William E. Beaudry, 115; Lucius C. Dale, 109, and Arthur W. Eckman, 105. The latter two are incumbents.

#### 48 Most Ballots

The remainder of the ballot was cast in Lomita, where 93 votes were cast.

These candidates received the following votes in Lomita: Robert L. Beveridge, 16; George M. Cuthbertson, 14; Thomas L. Colburn, 13; Barry Sullivan, 12; Edward A. Sandler, 10, and Ralph J. Aroy, 7.

The polling place drawing the largest number of votes, 46, was at 2118 Carson street. The poll at the American Legion club house counted 25 voters and the others were listed in this order: 1915 Andree, 24 votes; 1031 Arlington, 22 votes, and the Walteria school, 22 votes.

#### 93 LOMITA VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS TUESDAY

Only 93 votes were cast out of Lomita's registered voting strength of 2297 at the school board election Tuesday. Mrs. Lytle was given the most support with the others being listed in this order: 1915 Andree, 24 votes; 1031 Arlington, 22 votes, and the Walteria school, 22 votes.

#### Unused County Funds May Be Given Torrance

If the county council rules that the Board of Supervisors may divert unused but appropriated funds for the relief of unemployment in the county, Torrance stands a good chance to get an additional \$15,000 fund with which to provide employment to local men.

This information was brought back to Torrance by a committee composed of Mayor John Dennis, Councilman R. R. Smith and Carl Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce, who presented a resolution to the Supervisors last Friday, which requested the fund for road improvements here to give men work.

Until the county council makes his report, no official action will be taken by the Supervisors on any request for employment funds. No money is available from regular sources at this time, Supervisor Quinn told the local delegation.

#### ROTARIANS FLOCK TO CATALINA FOR MEET

Many Torrance Rotarians "shipped aboard the lugger" and went sailing yesterday and today to Catalina for the 16th annual conference of clubs in the Second District of Rotary International. The meetings on the island will close tomorrow night. The largest local contingent slipped anchor yesterday to attend the picnic staged by 2000 Long Beach public school children.

#### City's Own Story Needs More Time For Presentation

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#### Garden Club To Hear Mrs. King

A special meeting of the Torrance District Garden club will be held at the Legion club house Thursday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock. The club has been fortunate in securing Mrs. Helen W. King, through the courtesy of the Los Angeles Times, to give her lecture on "Southland Garden Opportunities" illustrated with colored pictures and autographs.

After the lecture Mrs. King will be glad to answer any questions and give advice on any garden subject that may be brought up. She will also be able to advise on any question regarding entering and preparing to enter your flowers in the coming Legion Flower show, to be held June 5 and 6.

#### No April Fires Makes Record

A new record was set by the city of Torrance in April when only two fire alarms were received by the fire department and neither caused any damage, according to a report filed with the council Tuesday night by Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink.

Fire apparatus only traveled seven and one-half miles during the past month and this included four fire drill trips, the chief's report stated. There was an average of 10 men to each drill.

#### Mother's Day to Be Observed by Class

A special program is planned by the Torrance Men's Bible class for next Sunday morning on account of Mother's Day. This session will be an open meeting at the Torrance theater and the program will start at 9:25 a. m. All ladies of Torrance and vicinity are especially invited to attend.

Last Friday evening more than 200 attended the picnic given by the class at Banning Park. Games and contests were featured.

#### Convicted Slayer Of Walteria Man Faces New Charge

Ray R. Brown, convicted of murdering Carlisle Lord, Walteria resident, is appearing before the Superior Court this afternoon to face a new felony charge. A representative of the Colorado State penitentiary is expected to testify that Brown served time for burglary in that state in 1921.

In the event Brown is found guilty of being a "two-time" offender, he will be sent to Tolson instead of San Quentin. Brown's asserted accomplice in the Walteria murder, Charles Moe, already has been sentenced to San Quentin but has an appeal on file with the Appellate Court.

#### AMEND CITY WATER SUIT

Urgent Public Need For Early Decision Cause

An amendment has been inserted in the petition which forms the basis of the city's suit to validate the \$400,000 water bond issue to set up in more detail the reasons why the city claims the Appellate Court should take jurisdiction in the mandamus proceeding. City Attorney Perry G. Briney reported to the council Tuesday night.

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## RAISIN QUEEN



#### BOND VOTE ORDINANCE HELD OVER

Freeholders Election Is Set For June 9; Council Meets Monday

(A large sketch, showing in detail, a proposed plan for a model city park, the bonds for which are to be voted on June 9, will be found on the first page of the second section of today's Herald.)

An adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held next Monday evening for the purpose of the final reading and adoption of the ordinance calling for a special election to permit the citizens of Torrance to vote on the \$150,000 park and playgrounds bond issue.

The other half of the consolidated election, which is set for June 9, which is the calling for a vote to decide the personnel of the board of 15 freeholders who will draft a city charter, was approved by the council Tuesday night when Ordinance 220 was adopted.

A few minor adjustments are to be made in the wording of the ordinance calling the bond election and the names of the election boards at the five consolidated precinct polling places are to be inserted before the meeting Monday night. City Attorney Perry G. Briney reported.

#### Legion Benefit To Be Big Show

Vaudeville Acts Are Booked; Food Is Wanted

Six acts of Fanchon and Marco and RKO vaudeville will be given in conjunction with a program of featured artists and musicians when the American Legion's benefit show will be staged Friday, May 15, at the high school auditorium.

In addition to the vaudeville numbers, the Redondo Legion's 52-piece band will be presented as well as a surprise musical contribution by a local organization. The price of admission will be foodstuffs of any kind or description. The food, canned goods, vegetables, pastries—anything, will be given to the Torrance Relief Society for distribution among the local needy families.

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The northern part of Lomita, comprising about 660 acres and 125 people, will vote on the annexation question Tuesday, May 26, at the polling place located in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hills at 2844 East Elgin street.

#### No Old Bond Costs

Here are the baseless rumors in circulation and true statements of facts gleaned by interviewing Torrance city officials and the general laws of the state and city:

(1) That if the north Lomita section annexes to Torrance, the people there would have to assume a share of the \$400,000 bond issue voted by Torrance September 25, to construct and maintain a publicly owned and operated water system. The true facts are that this bond issue was voted only by Torrance citizens residing in the original city limits and that the issue only applies to that section of the city.

(2) That the northern section of Lomita would have to participate in the assessments for the Torrance ornamental street lighting system. The answer to this was found to be the same as the preceding rumor: That only the

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## Refinery Here To Open Under New Direction

### Former U. S. Plant Will Be Re-Named and Put On 24-Hour Basis

Refining activities will start at the plant formerly operated by the United States Refinery Company, located on a five-acre tract in the rear of the International Derrick and Equipment factory on Carson street, within a week or 10 days, according to H. S. Graham and W. N. Boley, who with A. A. Carter and O. M. Clink have taken over the refinery.

Graham and Boley told the Herald yesterday that the refinery, whose name is now being selected, will start work at the end of that period on a schedule of 2000 barrels of crude per 24-hour run.

The new operators are going to install an asphalt plant and lubricating oil process at once, they reported. The refinery, which has been closed since last September, was valued at \$1,250,000 and is in almost perfect condition. The plant was operated by the United States Refinery Company until it consolidated with the Signal Oil Refinery at Hynes.

Both Graham and Boley declared they were well pleased with the plant's physical condition and lay-out. It is equipped with a large loading rack on a spur line for both trucks and railroad rolling stock and has about 30,000 barrels storage capacity. It is equipped now to turn out gasoline and fuel oil.

Both Carter and Clink are well known in the Torrance oil field. Graham comes from the Venice and Signal Hill production areas and Boley said he was just "breaking in" the oil industry. About 10 men will be employed after the plant starts operations. Extensive improvements and renovating of the exterior of the refinery and grounds is planned.

#### Harry Phillips Epworth Prexy

Is Honored With Office At Whittier Convention

Harry Phillips, well known graduate of Torrance High school, was honored Saturday at Whittier when he was elected president of the Epworth League for the Long Beach district. He was installed in office Sunday at the conclusion of the Whittier convention.

Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Phillips, of 2023 Andree avenue. He has been working for an ice company here to earn money which will put him through college. Harry was a member of the class of 1927 and besides holding office as president of the Boys' League and Senior class, was active in basketball and baseball.

#### 5-Day Week Approved By Co. Official

Any reduction in wages as a means of solving the present economic condition of the country would seriously interrupt a return to prosperity because it would reduce the standard of living, a letter to the City Council from the County Bureau of Employment Stabilization declared.

A five-day working week was approved for all employers and great momentum could be lent this movement if municipalities would institute such a schedule, the letter, which was read Tuesday night, stated.

The city clerk was instructed to reply to Supervisor Frank L. Shaw, director of the bureau, that the city will cooperate along the lines suggested. No definite program was set forth by the council for future working schedules, as only three members of the board were present at the meeting.

#### MRS. CARLSON'S DEATH SPURS MRS. ERICKSON'S DEFENSE TO END TRIAL

### BULLETIN (Special to the Herald by United Press)

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—An autopsy of Mrs. Esther Carlson's body to determine whether arsenic poisoning played some part in her death was ordered today by Coroner Frank Nance. Mrs. Carlson died yesterday in the county hospital without making a confession which had been expected by authorities.

A report was prevalent that the woman may have died from arsenic poisoning, but Coroner Nance said he would not order a chemical analysis unless the autopsy proved that such an analysis was warranted.

Medicine with an arsenic content had been administered to Mrs. Carlson while she was in the hospital, Coroner Nance said in discrediting the reports. A sensation was created in Superior Judge Reuben Schmidt's court where Mrs. Erickson is on trial for the arsenic death of Lindstrom, when the report that Mrs. Carlson's death may have been due to arsenic became known.

The fact remains, however, that no satisfactory explanation has ever been made of the photographs of three children, found in Mrs. Carlson's trunk, which were identified by one woman, Mrs. Mary Kruger, as being children of Mrs. Gunness.

When Mrs. Erickson's trial was abruptly adjourned yesterday, her attorneys were battling to have a statement, said to have been made to investigators by Mrs. Carlson that she denied receiving any of the \$2000 from Lindstrom's bank account, stricken from the record and to prevent additional statements from being read.

Lindstrom's two sons, Peter and Charles, had testified that Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Carlson had removed the \$2000 from their father's account the day after his death. Later the women were declared to have returned \$1600 of the money.

The trial opened last Friday after the selection of a jury composed of five men and seven women. Testimony that Lindstrom, who was 81 years old, was killed by arsenic poisoning and that three and three-quarter grains of the deadly drug were found in the vital organs, was introduced by a county autopsy surgeon.

#### Prosecutor Scores

Dr. J. S. Lancaster, Mrs. Erickson's personal physician, B. A. Beekman and John R. Stanton, Lomita bankers; L. L. Willis, Long Beach druggist, and Charles Myers, local mortician, have already testified in the case.

Yesterday Mrs. Hannah Cline, a neighbor of Lindstrom's, stated she called at his home several times before his death and helped care for him. Her testimony that Mrs. Erickson stopped her from throwing the contents of a basin, into which Lindstrom had vomited, to the backyard by saying "it would kill the chickens," was the hardest blow given the defense since the trial opened.

No information could be obtained from either the defense or the prosecution as to the approximate time the case will be given to the jury. The defense has yet to introduce its own witnesses.

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