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TOURIST TALK TO BE HEARD THIS EVENING

All Year Club Speaker To
Address Harbor District
Chambers at Riviera.

If you haven't heard Charles A. Horrworth, field secretary of the All Year Club of Southern California, give his dramatic talk on a little-known but very important source of revenue for all residents in the Southland, you should hear "What a Tourist Means to Southern California" at the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce dinner meeting tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse in Torrance.

Various sub-committees of the organization are meeting this afternoon but the feature event of the monthly session is always the evening program. Redondo is host to the Harbor District organizations which include about 53 booster groups in this district.

The dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock. D. S. Hays, president of the Redondo chamber, will give the address of welcome, and J. E. "Chic" Henning, Los Angeles councilman and president of the Harbor Chambers, will return the response. A program of entertainment will intersperse the speaking during the course of the evening.

QUARANTINE STOPS GAME FOR CHARITY

Because little Bobbie Ingersoll "caught" a touch of scarlet fever and is quarantined, there will be no benefit football game between the Torrance Military Academy and St. John's M. A. next Saturday afternoon.

The academy and its cadets are all included in the quarantine, according to Col. Ingersoll today. Bobbie is the superintendent's 7-year-old son. The confinement was imposed on the school this morning after the second section of the Herald, containing the story of the game Saturday, had been printed.

"We are very sorry that we have to break our date to play for the Torrance Relief Society," the colonel said. "Bobbie is not seriously ill but the sign is up and we will have to be confined to barracks for eight days."

Bobbie participated in the parade yesterday and had a very good time. He is reported quite restless over his enforced confinement. Because the football season is rapidly drawing to a close it is believed that there will be little chance of scheduling a later benefit game and that the whole idea will have to be dropped.

Ask Rentors to Stay On Premises Sunday

Owners or managers of apartments, courts or other rental property in Torrance are requested by the Chamber of Commerce to stay on their premises next Sunday in order to gain the most advantage from final "Torrance as a residential location" advertisements which will appear in Los Angeles and Long Beach newspapers this week-end.

Co. Beaches Report 8 Million Bathers

Out of the \$111,650 people who visited county beaches during the past year, 538 required the assistance of lifeguards, while in 23 cases the surf victims were revived by means of resuscitators, according to the annual report of the County Department of Recreation Camps and Playgrounds submitted to the Board of Supervisors by F. E. Wadsworth, superintendent. Out of the eight million people in attendance there was but one life lost, according to the report.

Four Ministers Organize Local Church Group

Plan For Union Thanksgiving
Service; Will Meet
Again Nov. 18

Torrance now has a Ministers' Association. Last Saturday the pastors of four of the churches of the city met and inaugurated plans for such an association at the home of Rev. O. D. Wonder, pastor of Central church. Those in attendance were Rev. George Elder, Christian church; Rev. John Speed, Baptist church; Rev. Kemp Winkler, Methodist church, and Rev. Wonder.

The officers chosen were Rev. Elder, president; Rev. Winkler, secretary, and Rev. Speed, treasurer. All of the ministers of the city are being invited to affiliate with the new organization. Regular meetings are being planned at which matters pertaining to the interests of the churches will be discussed.

The next meeting will be November 18. At the meeting last Saturday arrangements were made for the annual Union Thanksgiving service. The service this year will be held at the Christian church with Rev. Wonder as the preacher. Further announcement will be made later.

Parlez vous Francais?

Comprenez vous l'francais?
If you do—your understanding of the French language will be appreciated by a Torrance schoolboy.

The student asked the Chamber of Commerce if it could obtain some authentic, up-to-date information on the French Cathedral and town of Rheims—so the chamber wrote to the "Chambre de Commerce Francais de New York, Inc."

Imagine Carl Hyde, "Gill" Guimelster and the student's collective embarrassment this week when the information arrived—printed entirely in French! Therefore this help for help of an interpreter.

Chamber Leader Turns 'Greeter' At State's Line

Incoming Visitors Get Data
On Torrance From
Spurlin

Although he was not permitted to hand out Torrance literature at the Daggett and Yuma gateways to California, DeKalb Spurlin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, succeeding in placing a large amount of local information in those cities and Needles last Saturday and Sunday when he went on a personal "greeting tour" of the state's eastern entrances.

"I found that the hotels, auto camp, stations and various information stands were glad to get Torrance data for distribution to incoming motorists," he said this week on his return. "And I talked with quite a number who were coming to California for the first time. I was surprised to learn that many of these prospective residents had already heard of Torrance and desired more information."

They Know About City
Only about four per cent of those entering the state are looking for work, Spurlin noted. He declared that motor travel has dropped to about 40 per cent of what it was during August and September when approximately 400 cars a day entered California.

"I am convinced that people are reading the advertisements we have been publishing to promote our residential advantages and also that the publicity given Torrance in a number of Southern California magazines was being eagerly absorbed by the newcomers. I believe the city could benefit from the services of citizens who would be willing to tell 'Torrance's story' to those visitors as they enter the state. However, I don't believe the chamber should pay for such promotion, it would have to be a gratuitous civic service," Spurlin declared.

NOT FAR AWAY
GERBER—(U.P.)—Someone's doing his Christmas shopping early. The first Christmas parcel for 1931 arrived here by parcel post from Dunsmuir, addressed to Mrs. George S. Smith.

Kubo Held On Traffic Count Only

A hearing is expected to be held here Friday afternoon on the charge of reckless driving against George Kubo, 15-year-old High school student who was involved in an accident at the intersection of Carson and Maple streets October 31 that caused the death of Reuben H. Downing, 49, Long Beach.

Although the coroner's jury investigating the accident decided it was "accidental death caused by the negligence and excessive speed on the part of Kubo," no more serious charges have been filed by the district attorney's office against the schoolboy.

It was revealed at the inquest by J. M. Wright, attorney for Kubo, that the Japanese boy and his family, who live in Lomita, are paying for all hospital and funeral expenses in order to save civil litigation. The reckless driving charge was filed by Sergeant John Stroh of the local police department before Downing died at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital last Wednesday afternoon.

At the inquest the boy testified that he and Hitoshi Hatada, also of Lomita, were driving, between 40 and 45 miles an hour on Carson street just before the accident. Kubo declared he turned "a little bit" to avert an accident when he saw Downing's machine nearly across the intersection.

C. G. Cullett, Long Beach, who appeared in court swathed in bandages and apparently badly shaken, was with Downing at the time of the crash. He said that they were more than half over the crossing when struck by Kubo's car, which was going at a high rate of speed.

M. J. FIX TO MOVE PLANE PLANT SOON

Dyer Airport Will Be Site
of Airplane Factory,
Training School

M. J. Fix, of this city, has announced that he will move the Courier Monoplane Company in the near future from the present plant and office at Long Beach to the Dyer Airport, 13614 and Western avenues. Fix is president of the company which plans construction of a large plant for the manufacture of Courier planes.

Additional hangars will be erected at the airport and machinery, valued at \$80,000, will be moved to the Western avenue location. Fix stated a large number of men are expected to be employed at the factory according to the president of the concern which was organized in 1928. R. S. Flaherty, also of this city, is secretary-treasurer of the company.

Student training classes will be conducted in addition to the manufacture of planes. Two Courier-type aircraft, a cabin and training ship, are on the Gardens Valley field now, both of which have won prizes at a recent airplane show in Los Angeles. The Courier Monoplane Company has been located at the Long Beach municipal flying field for the past three years.

German Major Is Guest of Legion

Major B. G. Rechenberg, high ranking officer in the German army during the World War, was the guest and principal speaker at the Legion meeting here Tuesday evening. Major Rechenberg gave the Legionnaires his view of the war from the German viewpoint and recited many interesting as well as humorous happenings of the great war.

According to the Major, who presented a forestal appearance, the boys in the German army were in pretty much the same classification as the Americans, each pulling triggers and not knowing why. The local Post gave the Major a great reception and a very successful meeting was the outcome of this program.

DR. PROCTOR WILL ADDRESS CLUBWOMEN

Dr. Minnie Proctor will be the speaker of the evening on November 17, at the regular dinner meeting of the National Business and Professional Women.

In addition to Dr. Proctor's talk on her trip to Europe some months ago, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber will bring some reminiscences of early days in Los Angeles and her personal experiences as one of the pioneers of this section.

ARMISTICE OBSERVANCE IS CITY'S FINEST SINCE 1918

This city observed the 13th anniversary of the World War's end yesterday as Armistice Day has never been celebrated here since that memorable day back in 1918.

Under a warm morning sun, the largest parade ever formed here, assembled at the square in front of the Pacific Electric station, and marched to the High school field where a simple but impressive program was held.

It was estimated that fully 20,000 people witnessed the procession as it moved up Border avenue to Marcellina, to Carson street and then into the High school field. Attendance at the program was estimated at between 1000 and 1500 persons.

Impressive Spectacle
A dress parade and manual drill, ending with a snappy exhibition of a crack platoon, by the Torrance Military Academy opened the program. The observance was concluded by all participants and spectators facing the west as a rifle salute and taps, played by the trumpeters in the Legion Drum and Bugle corps, paid tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

It was an impressive spectacle. The morning sunlight brought out the full glory of the colors, uniforms and flags. It was a true civic observance, participated in by all veteran and auxiliary organizations of Torrance and Lomita, aided by the presence of service clubs, police, fire and city officials.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the parade, led by Motor Officer William Malin and Col. N. E. Jamieson, chief of staff, L. M. McCleary, Legion marshal, the "Guns" who served a year and a day, on horseback, moved out from the station square. Next in line was a car driven by Police Chief Calder and containing Mayor Dennis and Councilmen R. R. Smith and Carleton B. Bell. Police officers followed in a second car. Fire Chief Ben Hancock and Assistant Chief A. D. Stevenson rode in the chief's high-powered roadster ahead of a fire truck manned by uniformed members of the department.

Four Gold Star Mothers
Two members of the Grand Army of the Republic, well-known Lomita residents and voluntarily put in the dust arrester in order to curb annoyance to "our good neighbors."

"Would you tell our Walteria friends that if any further grievance comes up to take their complaints direct to me or the plant superintendent, Mr. M. Stockton?" Gossman requested. "We will be very glad to work out any difficulty at once. Mr. Stockton also will be pleased to meet any resident of Torrance at our plant and show them how we manufacture our products."

At the present time there are about 85 men at work at the Dicalite plant—the name of which, by the way, is pronounced "Dica-lee"—where the earth is used in the manufacture of a large number of commercial substances. Gossman revealed that the company owns deposits sufficient for over 50 more years of intensive operation.

Ship 200 Tons a Month
The field here is almost unlimited, he said, and at the present time about 200 tons a month of the material is shipped to all parts of the world. The Dicalite company is considered by industrialists as one of the major plants in the Harbor District.

The Herald also learned from the company officer that Dicalite is composed mostly of pure silica which is used as a purifying agent for sugar and also as a base for insecticides, both substances being used by humans and on plants without injurious effects.

Inspection Visits Welcomed
Gossman declared that his company was eager at all times to cooperate with Torrance and Walteria residents and voluntarily put in the dust arrester in order to curb annoyance to "our good neighbors."

Want To Save Fine Particles
Gossman told the Herald that his company was just as anxious not to permit the fine powder to escape as the residents, stating that those minute particles of the earth were the most valuable of the score or more of products which the Dicalite Company manufactures. The complaint of the Walteria residents had been referred to the county supervisors.

Now with the installation of the new equipment, it is expected that no diatomaceous dust will cause annoyance. The only thing to escape from the arrester will be pure, live steam, the official declared.

"We will have to shut down our plant for three or four days in order to complete the set-up of the blower and water spray," Gossman said. "By November 20 it will be in operation and all dust, even during breakdowns, will be confined within the plant."

Diatomaceous earth, the foundation of all our products, is not injurious to human or plant life as it has been claimed," the vice president continued. He explained: "It is composed mostly of pure silica which is used as a purifying agent for sugar and also as a base for insecticides, both substances being used by humans and on plants without injurious effects."

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Planners Meeting Saturday

The outstanding feature of the Association of City Planners of Los Angeles County, meeting at the Woman's clubhouse here, Saturday, November 14, will be the presentation of an important report concerning the Harbor District.

This report will be made by William J. Fox, chief engineer of the Regional Planning Commission, and it contains a number of vital factors which merit the attention of all civic-minded residents of the Harbor area. Known as the Fourth Section report of Los Angeles County planning, it embraces a multitude of subjects which contribute to the betterment of the vast territory south of the Compton city limits to the county line and beaches.

Various sub-committees will meet at the Woman's clubhouse before noon for routine work and after lunch, which will be served by the members of the local Woman's club, the general business meeting will be held. It is at this meeting that Engineer Fox will present his study of planning conditions. City and Chamber of Commerce officials of Torrance will be present at the Planners' session to learn in what manner the section report pertains to this community. The meeting is open to all residents but reservations for the luncheon should be made with Carl Hyde at the chamber offices.

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The party planned by the Juniors and Seniors will cost less than half of the banquet and will entail no extra expense to parents, it is reported. It is felt that more students will attend the party as it will not mean special frocks and outfits for those participating.

'DOUBLE' TAX FOR LIGHT IS NEAR SOLVED

County May Refund Money
To City; Auditor Agrees
To Find "Way Out"

County Auditor Payne has agreed with City Attorney Don Findley that the property owners in South Torrance should not be charged "double taxation" for both county and city lights and that the county lighting district was automatically dissolved by the annexation of the South Torrance area to the city.

The only hitch in the proceedings is that the County Lighting district extends beyond the South Torrance area and therefore there is some question as to how the money, collected by the county by county tax, is to be turned over to Torrance and how much the possible refund will be. Then the city will have to find a method by which the property owners are to be reimbursed for their double light bill.

Payne told the city attorney he would look up the law on the matter and inform him and the city council just what will have to be done in order to satisfy all concerned. This information is expected to be sent here in time for the council meeting next Tuesday evening. The difficulty arose when South Torrance taxpayers received their tax bills recently and found the county was still charging them for lights when they were in the city of Torrance and subject to Torrance light payment in the municipal tax rate.

RELIEF DRIVE TO BE ENDED

Preparations will be made today and tomorrow to bring the drive to raise "at least \$3000" for the Torrance Relief Society to a close within the next week. The campaign's goal has not yet been reached, according to Chairman J. W. Post, but several individuals and firms who are believed possible contributors have yet to be reached.

"We hope to end the drive with the \$3000 raised but cannot tell right now if we will accomplish that goal," Post said. "Contributions are still being received at the Chamber of Commerce. We will issue a detailed report on what money was raised here for needy families as soon as we hear from several more prospective donors."

SCHOOLS GET TWO-DAY VACATION THANKSGIVING

All school classes resumed instruction work today after being closed for Armistice Day. The third month of school will end Friday, November 20, and Thanksgiving holidays will be Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

Mother Signs Insanity Bill Against Son

Raymond Cowan Is Arrested
After Attempt To
Kill Mother

Asserting to police that her deaf-mute son, Raymond, age 20, tried to kill her and succeeded in striking her a number of times, Mrs. Maude Cowan, 811 Annapola avenue, signed an insanity complaint against the young man after an altercation in the family home late Saturday night, according to police reports.

Young Cowan was placed under arrest by Officer Edwards early Sunday morning and taken to jail. Mrs. Cowan is reported by police to have signed the complaint Sunday after which the prisoner was taken to the psychopathic ward in Los Angeles for observation.

Police Chief Calder said Monday that he did not believe Cowan was mentally unbalanced and declared that he thought the boy was intensely nervous, becoming "wild" at times.

Banquet Is Out; Party Voted In

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It was reported that the deepest well may have to be cemented to a lower level in order to gain the okay of the Mining Bureau and the Higgins Brothers are willing to go to that expense if paying for the test later today to determine its potentialities.

Efforts to learn what progress is being made at the Davis leased well on Pepper street west of Pennsylvania avenue also in South Torrance were fruitless as Davis was not on the property when a Herald representative called yesterday and today. Davis is also deep drilling to a lower level than its present stand at around 3700 feet.

Loeb Takes Spurlin Case To High Court

Claiming that the Appellate Court failed to consider pertinent matters and well-founded rules of law applicable to them, attorneys for Arthur M. Loeb took an appeal to the State Supreme Court this week from a decision of the District Court of Appeal which reversed a Superior Court judgment against DeKalb Spurlin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and affirmed a previous judgment against H. J. Kimberle in an action for damages for injuries received in an asserted attack in June, 1927.

Loeb lost the sight of one eye and suffered other injuries in the asserted attack, which grew out of a family difference between Julian Petroleum Corporation, in which U. C. Le A. defeated St. Mary's, 12-0, the local Drum and Bugle corps participated in the parade and demonstration given at the stadium by a number of Legion posts, other veterans' organizations, Boy Scouts, and the army and navy.

TO REGISTER WORKERS ON WEEK ENDS

City Hall Will Be Used For
Signing Up Eligible Aque-
duct Workers.

Mayor John Dennis said this week that a representative of the Metropolitan Water District will positively be at the city hall here all day Saturday, November 14, to register Torrance citizens who desire jobs on the Metropolitan aqueduct when the construction of that gigantic tube starts.

It was expected that registration would start here last Saturday, but the material for the "signing-up" was not ready in time. The registrar will be here each Saturday for about three or four successive weeks to take the names and data on workers qualified to hold jobs on the Metropolitan project.

Must Be Citizens One Year
Only bona-fide citizens, or those who have been registered voters in Torrance for one year prior to October 13, 1931, are eligible for registration in this city. As the available work will be allotted to member-cities in the District on the ratio of their assessed valuation, Torrance is expected to furnish about one per cent of the labor on the project.

It should be remembered, and it is expressly stated on the cards that will be given each registering worker, that no labor may possibly be available until next May or when the bonds for the project are held salable by the courts.

Motorcycle Crash Takes Life of Boy

Young Seaman Is Victim of
Tragic Accident In
Lomita Saturday

LOMITA.—A motorcycle accident caused the death of Paul Otis Starkey, seaman, U. S. S. Oklahoma, Saturday afternoon and nearly caused serious injuries to several bystanders at the corner of Pennsylvania and Poppy streets. Starkey, with Ralph Parsons and A. C. Goffinet, also seaman on the Oklahoma, had come to Lomita to spend the week-end at the Parsons home.

Miss Marie Parsons, her brother and Goffinet were standing on the sidewalk on Pennsylvania street as Starkey came riding down Pennsylvania. As he slowed down to dismount, the motorcycle suddenly skidded, throwing him head first against the curb. The motorcycle crashed into a shade tree in front of Miss Parsons' missing her by inches.

Had Many Friends
An ambulance was called and the young man rushed to the Torrance-Jared Sidney Memorial hospital, where first aid was given and later in the day he was removed to the hospital ship, U. S. S. Relief, where he died Monday morning without regaining consciousness. Death was due to a compound fracture of the skull, it was reported.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at San Pedro, Chaplain Pierce of the U. S. S. Oklahoma, officiating. The body was shipped to Roanoke, Virginia, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O. Starkey, reside.

Starkey had many friends in Lomita where he spent most of his time when on liberty. The night before the accident he had attended a party at the Seigh home. A clean, unassuming boy, only 20 years old, his merry smile and ready wit had made him many friends who mourn his untimely death.

Local Drum Corps At L. A. Ceremonies

Local Legionnaires in charge of ticket sales here for the Armistice Day game yesterday believe about 100 Torrance residents enjoyed the military spectacle and arid contest at the Los Angeles Olympic Stadium. Presiding the game, in which U. C. Le A. defeated St. Mary's, 12-0, the local Drum and Bugle corps participated in the parade and demonstration given at the stadium by a number of Legion posts, other veterans' organizations, Boy Scouts, and the army and navy.