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## TORRANCE TO WELCOME CLUB WOMEN

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO ENTERTAIN NOTABLES OF SOUTHERN DIST.

More Than 800 Visitors Expected to Attend Presidents' Council Held Here Next Tuesday

The Torrance Woman's club will be hostess on Tuesday, February 2, to the largest gathering ever assembled in the city when it entertains the Presidents' Council, California Federation of the Los Angeles district, which includes the clubs of various counties of Southern California.

Preparations to entertain about 800 women, representatives of the clubs of many cities of the Southland, are being made.

The sessions, which will begin at 10 o'clock, will be held in the high school auditorium. Mayor John Dennis, DeKalb Spullin, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; and Herbert S. Wood, principal of the Torrance high school, have been invited to address the assembly and bid the visitors welcome.

At noon, the business sessions will be halted while the guests are entertained at luncheon. Owing to the large number expected to attend, the work of entertaining the guests will be divided between the Woman's club with Mrs. J. W. Neelands as chairman of arrangements, and the Methodist church women's organizations under direction of Mrs. Guy L. Mowry. High school buses will be held and transportation will be provided to take the visitors to the luncheon places. Past presidents of the Torrance Woman's club, Mrs. C. W. Stock, Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh, Mrs. TURN TO STORY 1

### President



Mrs. Caroline Collins  
Photo by Lenney Studio, Torrance.

Mrs. Caroline Collins, president of the Torrance Woman's club, has been identified with club work for a number of years. She is an active worker in the Torrance Relief Society, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was elected a member of the board of freeholders who drafted the proposed charter which will be voted upon at the coming municipal election.

### His Honor Gets Cold Feet When Up In the Air

Judge Dennis Tells of Sensations Experienced On First Flight

Judge Dennis got cold feet last Saturday when he took his first air-ride, but it wasn't the fact that it was his first time up that chilled His Honor's toes. The mayor says it's plenty frigid up 13,000 feet.

The mayor was invited along with other directors of the Metropolitan Water District to make an inspection trip of the Colorado aqueduct route and Hoover Dam. The party, consisting of nine passengers and two pilots, took off early Saturday morning in a big Fokker plane from Burbank.

They planned to stop at Las Vegas for lunch, but the wind was blowing so hard, that it was not considered advisable to land. So the big plane was headed up the Colorado river from the site of the proposed aqueduct intake and then headed for El Centro where it was refueled, while its passengers lunched.

"Were you scared, Judge?" the reporter asked.

"Well, I didn't mind the going up, but we struck some air pockets about the 12,000-foot level, and I can't say as I fancy the falling sensation," replied His Honor.

The plane was in the air 6 hours and 20 minutes, which is plenty long enough for the first time in the air, according to Judge Dennis.

### Presidents' Council Program

FEBRUARY 2nd, 1932

Woman's Club of Torrance—Hostess Club

- 10:00-10:15—Unity Singing, led by Ann Meservey; Mrs. John R. Hunt at piano.
- 10:15-10:30—Club Collect, led by Mrs. C. H. Abernethy.
- 10:30-10:45—Salute to the Flag, led by Mrs. J. O. Colwell.
- 10:45-11:00—Introduction of Hostess President, Mrs. Caroline Collins.
- 11:00-11:15—Open Forum, led by Mrs. Grace Y. Hudson, District Vice-President. Subject: "County Organization."
- 11:15-11:30—Conservation of Highways, Water, Waterways and Trees; Mrs. J. M. Shackford, chairman, introducing Mr. Gordon Ellis, U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Subject: "Forest Conservation—a Challenge to Women."
- 11:30-11:45—Group of songs by Miss Wanda Stachowicz, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Duffington, Torrance artist.
- 11:45-11:55—Community Service, Mrs. J. Russell Shea.
- 11:55-12:00—General announcements.
- 12:00-1:10—Luncheon.
- 1:10-1:20—Unity Singing.
- 1:20-2:05—Programs and Reciprocity—Mrs. Harold I. Cruzan, chairman, introducing Mr. Raymond Hoyt, superintendent of Playground Commission. Subject: "Adult Recreation."
- 2:05-2:20—Group of songs by Mrs. Knapp, contralto.
- 2:20-2:40—State Convention—Mrs. H. U. Sherwood, chairman local board.
- 2:40-3:20—"Law Observance"—Dr. S. Earl Taylor.
- 3:20-3:30—Registration.
- Appreciation.
- Adjournment.

### Taxpayers League In Torrance Lead By Beverly Smith

Local Resident Active In Securing Signers to Reduce Taxes

Beverly B. Smith, residing at the Castle Apartments, has been placed in charge of the work of obtaining signatures in Torrance for the Taxpayers League, a recently proposed organization, which has for its object the reduction of state, county and city taxes by at least 30 per cent. Signatures to the petitions which are being circulated are being rapidly obtained. Cards are coming in at the rate of 50 a day and already over 500 have become members.

It is planned to hold a mass meeting at an early date at which the objects to be attained will be fully explained. The date and place of meeting will be announced later. Taxpayers of Torrance, Lomita, and Keystone are joining in the movement, and the meeting to be held will draw citizens from all three communities.

"At every session of the legislature," says Mr. Smith, "all the various special interests of the state are represented by agents working for legislation favorable to them, and it is only the common taxpayer upon whose back rests the burden of maintaining the city, county and state, who is not represented at state assemblies in some effective organized way."

Individuals Protest  
"A few individual taxpayers have protested against the ever increasing tax burden but for the last ten years hard issue after hard issue, sponsored by organized strength, has been adopted and rarely has it been possible to get out more than a 30% vote."

The bond issues and special assessments have been urged by a TURN TO STORY 3

### CHAMBER GOES ON FIVE CENT TAX BASIS BEGINNING FEB. 1

Budget Cut To \$1000 Month. Hyde On Half Time. Support of Baseball and Mother's Clinic Withdrawn

Chamber of Commerce in Torrance will be operated on a five-cent tax basis beginning February 1, instead of spending the customary ten-cents per \$100 assessed valuation, according to action taken at a special meeting of chamber directors Monday afternoon.

The five-cent tax will give the chamber approximately \$1000 per month to cover all overhead expenses as well as to finance promotional activities. High pricing of overhead costs as well as the elimination of all charity work and further support of the night baseball field will be necessary in order to keep chamber expenses within the budget.

Excess money raised by the ten-cent tax and the salary of the Chamber of Commerce will be retained by the city council, but according to law, this money must be spent for the purposes for which the ten-cent tax was voted; that is, music, advertising or parks.

Hyde On Half Time  
Executive Secretary Carl Hyde accepted a 50 per cent cut in his salary for half-time work, it being necessary for him to devote about three days a week during the coming months to his duties as secretary of the Harbor Districts Industrial Survey, which is now being conducted by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and other chambers of commerce in the harbor district. Hyde will only draw \$150 a month hereafter from the local chamber.

Assistant Secretary Gilmeister is retained. Rent of the chamber quarters was reduced from 7% to 5% per month by the Bank of America.

Other items cut from the chamber's new restricted budget include: addressograph mailing lists, \$50; non-resident carmen, \$200; mother's educational clinic, \$15; TURN TO STORY 2

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### Public School Week Observed Late In April

Grand Master of Masonic Lodge Announces Date of 13th Annual Event

California's thirteenth annual observance of Public School Week will be held this year during the week of April 25th, according to the announcement made this week by Robert B. Gaylord, grand master of Masons of California. The week was originally instituted to call the attention of the public to the critical condition in the schools because of the shortage of teaching staffs due to war service and to bring the teaching personnel of the state to as near normal as possible.

While the week is fixed annually by proclamation of the grand master of Masons it has become recognized as one of the major civic events of the year, participated in by Chambers of Commerce, Parent-Teachers organizations, the American Legion, the Eastern Star, service clubs, civic and official generally and announced by formal decrees through the mayors represented in the League of California Municipalities.

During December, 5,185 bottles of milk were given free through the schools in the Tenth District; 7,452 children were cared for at the Health Centers and 4,657 cases treated. Garments to the number of 1,600 were provided and 536 pairs of new shoes.

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Abalones Cause Arrest of Two  
Young S. Lee and Dan Choy, Japanese, giving their address as 814 1/2 W. Jefferson street, Los Angeles, were arrested and brought before Judge Dennis this week on a charge of taking abalones out of season and of having undersized abalones in their possession. The men plead guilty to the latter charge, the first being dismissed. Lee was given a fine of \$25 or 12 days in the county jail, the entire sentence being suspended for six months, as it appeared that he was merely Choy's companion on the trip. Choy was given the same sentence of which \$15 or 8 days was suspended.

Mexican Hurt In Santa Fe Crash  
Juan Rivas, a Mexican residing at 2707 Cabrillo avenue, was slightly hurt Saturday afternoon when his car was struck by a Santa Fe train at the intersection of the railroad and Cabrillo avenue south of the city. Rivas suffered a gash on the forehead and his Dodge car was demolished. The crew of the train was the same one involved in the accident of last week when J. L. Hyde was injured at the Torrance boulevard-Madrid intersection.

Rippy's Father Passed Away Friday  
Cards received from Municipal Judge C. T. Rippy, who was called to Union City, Tenn., last week by news of his father's illness, state that Mr. Rippy arrived at 4:30 Thursday afternoon. He found his father unconscious, and at 10:30 Friday, the aged man passed away.

### Neighborhood Group Develops Into Important Civic Organization

When on Friday, March 18, 1921, a small group of women residents of what was then known as Vista Highlands, that district bounded by Torrance boulevard on the north and Carson street on the south and extending west from Cedar street, met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gilbert for the purpose of electing officers for their sewing club known as the Vista Highlands Neighborhood Club. Little did they realize that they were the nucleus for what is today Torrance Woman's club.

Membership increased steadily and plans were made to own a clubhouse. A building fund was established and plans were discussed for raising funds for this purpose. In 1923-24 much progress was made toward a clubhouse with interest and enthusiasm in club work very high.

In February, 1924, when it was found that the club had secured sufficient funds to warrant building, corporation papers were secured by Mrs. Isabel Henderson and a corporation was formed with J. W. Post as corporation president. A building lot was purchased in March, 1924, at the present site, 1332 Engracia avenue. Much credit is due the members of the building committee who worked out plans for financing and building the clubhouse. On June 11, 1925, ground was broken for the clubhouse with Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh as president, and the first meeting in the new clubhouse was held October 8, 1925, with Mrs. F. L. Parks as president. On October 29, 1925, a special meeting was held for the purpose of dedicating the new clubhouse. An invocation was made by the Rev. F. A. Zeller of the Central church and the president thanked members of the Business Men's Association and all those who had assisted in making the realization of a clubhouse possible. The dedication was made by Mrs. Urquhart, past state and district president, who had installed the first officers.

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Warning! Pay Your Auto License Fee This Week—Sure!

Pay for your 1932 auto license now or pay double later! This is the final warning given motor vehicle owners by Russell Bevan, registrar of the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

About 15 per cent of the fee for license plates after Sunday, January 31, will be just double the regular fee. Motorists who wait until February 1 to apply for plates will pay \$6 instead of \$3 if they own a passenger car, and \$40 instead of \$20 if they own a commercial vehicle.

Those who have made applications for plates and have not yet received them are urged by Bevan to be patient and to carry their receipts for licenses with them at all times.

Conference Held At Hollywood  
The National Regional Conference of the W. C. T. U. will be held in Hollywood, February 2 and 3, at the Methodist Church, South, at the corner of Vine and Hollywood boulevard. Two national officers will be present, Mrs. Anna Marden De Yo of Chicago, and Mrs. Nell G. Burger of Springfield, Mo.

On Wednesday a dollar luncheon will be served at the Friday Morning club. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Hattie C. Young, 310 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, by mail.

The Torrance Woman's club, which will be hostess next week to a throng of representative women of the district was organized about nine years ago with a small but earnest group as its membership. Their first president was Mrs. C. W. Stock, now of Redondo Beach. Meetings were held wherever convenience offered a place until in 1924 the membership had grown to such numbers that it was realized that a clubhouse

### P. T. A. Starts Member Drive

Parent Teachers Associations in the Tenth District are starting their spring drive for membership. This district has always been the largest in membership in the United States, and local chairmen are working towards a goal of 60,000. Dues in this organization are very low so that any mother of children in school may avail herself of the privileges of membership, and yet the sum collected helps to provide food and clothing for needy children and give them medical care.

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### Wilmington Well Looks Promising New Test Planned

So confident are officials of the Ranger Petroleum Corporation of putting their No. 1 well, located at Wilmington and Reyes streets, north of Wilmington, on production soon that they are already planning to sink another test on a 57-acre lease.

Reports from the No. 1 well are that a small flow on the pump has been secured from the 2000-foot level, but the crew decided to run another string of 500 feet before putting the well to a decided test. Considerable interest in the well is being shown among oil men of the district who expect to see it develop into a fairly heavy producer.

### Mrs. Baxter Ill With Tonsillitis

Mrs. Clara Baxter and son Don were brought home Monday from a Long Beach hospital where the boy had undergone a mastoid operation. Mrs. Baxter had contracted tonsillitis and since Don is recovering nicely and was able to leave the hospital it was thought best that both return home.

### School Boundary Lines Changed

Lomita, Orange St. and Carson St. Schools Affected By Ruling of L. A. Board

Changes in boundary lines restricting attendance to students living in the new districts, were made by the board of education at their regular meeting Monday evening, which will affect several local schools. The schools are the Lomita and Orange street, in Lomita, as well as the Carson street and Torrance schools.

Boundaries for the Orange street school have been changed on the east to Governor avenue and West-ern avenue.

The west boundaries for the Lomita school are now Torrance city limits, and extension of Hillworth avenue northerly.

Carson street school boundaries have been changed on the east to Martin street, extended, Martin street, 223rd street, and Wilmington avenue.

North boundaries of the Torrance school are now Knox street and extension.

Walteria school boundaries have been changed on the east to the extension of Hillworth avenue, northerly.

### Mess Call Brings 200 Legionnaires To Laugh and Eat

Corn willy and beans with plenty of java—just like the good old days of 18—greeted about two hundred veterans who gathered at the American Legion hall last Monday evening to hash over things past and present. It was one of the finest fun feasts that Bert S. Crossland post has ever staged, and the Legion clubhouse was packed to capacity.

The highlight of the evening's entertainment was a humor talk given by Leroy Dawson, Superior court judge. They say the judge is as dignified as a cardinal when he sits at his court, but he certainly stepped out of his courtly robes as he told of his experiences in the army. Judge Dawson lost an eye and a leg to help make the world safe for democracy and his humorous account of his experiences with army routine brought back fond memories and tears of laughter to the two hundred ex-soldiers and gobs who heard him talk.

### Veterans Join In Nation-Wide Member Drive

Five Candidates Obligated By National Commander Join Lomita Post

LOMITA—Veterans of Foreign Wars of this city joined in a nation-wide event of importance to the organization Friday night when they participated in the national broadcast from Washington, D. C. in which thousands of candidates were given the obligation attaching them to membership in posts all over the United States.

Five new members in the Lomita post repeated the oath after the national commander when the broadcast came over the air at 8:30 p. m. In all, 2200 posts took part, receiving an army of 16,485 new members. Those who took the obligation at Lomita were H. C. Anderson, George Hansen, O. H. Way, C. B. Terry and Eric Anderson.

A bounteous dinner, served by the Veterans Auxiliary, started the evening off right at 6:30. Guests numbering 135 enjoyed the banquet prepared and served under the direction of the president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. T. C. Erickson, and her committee.

W. H. Allen, of San Fernando, a member of the Lomita post, who is national deputy, presided and made a brief speech, during which he presented a gold button to Arthur Shackelford in token of appreciation of his work in securing three new members for the post.

Other guests at the affair who spoke briefly were Yappel Miller, department secretary, and Eva Brown, conductress, Auxiliary representatives.

Following the business session, the evening was spent in dancing and other social diversions, music for the dance being furnished by the Lomita Hillbillies under the leadership of Joe Metz.

### DETOUR ON REDONDO-RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD

Construction is in progress on the Redondo-Riverside boulevard between Western avenue and Hawthorne boulevard, and traffic is being detoured over graded dirt and gravel road.