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SECTION A

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Community MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

COMRADE WAYNE A. BOGART, master of ceremonies
May 30, 1932, at 2 p. m.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL PARK

Pipe Organ Concert, 1 to 2 o'clock

- To the Colors...Torrance Drum and Bugle Corps
- America...Assembly
- Invocation...Rev. Kemp Winkler, Torrance
- Thirty Seconds of Silence
- In Memory of Departed Comrades
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag...Assembly
- Introduction of Guests...Mayor Wayne A. Bogart
- Vocal Solo—"Sons of Men"...Cadman
- "Peace I Leave With You"...Dichmont
- Mrs. Lee B. Hawkins, Gardena
- Reading—"In Flanders Fields"...
Boy Scouts of America
- Dale Howe, Troop No. 3, Torrance
Selected...Boy Scouts of America
- Charles Shriner, Troop No. 252, Gardena
- Vocal Solo—"Requiem"...
Comrade Elmo L. Morris, Gardena
- Introduction of Robert A. Scott, Judge of
Superior Court, Los Angeles, by R. H.
Beaton, Assistant Gen'l Mgr. of Los
Angeles Harbor Department.
- Address...Judge Robert A. Scott
- Star Spangled Banner...Assembly
- Benediction...Father P. A. Connolly, Gardena
- Salute to Departed Comrades—Firing Squad
Redondo Beach Post
- Taps...Duane Winkle, Gardena

NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR STEEL PLANT

William R. Phipps, Former
Head of Utah Operations,
Placed In Charge

Wm. R. Phipps, manager of Utah operations for the Columbia Steel Corporation, has been appointed general manager of plants. The appointment will take effect June 1. He fills the position left vacant by the resignation 18 months ago of L. F. Rains, who was the last man to fill this post. Rains is now president of the A. M. Byers Pipe Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. While the new post does not carry the title of vice president, Phipps will be directly under Ambrose Dahl, president, succeeding A. T. DeForest, who will also assume his new duties June 1. His headquarters will be in San Francisco, and he is expected to arrive in Torrance on an inspection tour within about ten days. Phipps joined the Columbia organization in 1923 as general superintendent of the blast furnace plant at Provo, Utah. Later he became manager of the Utah operations which carried the responsibility for the operation of the mines, blast furnaces, coke ovens and other activities.

Mayor Klusman Arrested Pleads Guilty to Dennis

William T. Klusman, who six weeks ago donned a high silk hat in celebration of his victory over the Dennis administration for control of municipal affairs, yesterday was arrested for violating a county fire ordinance, and pleaded guilty before his old political rival, Judge John Dennis. The arrest was made on complaint of Frank Laski, fire marshal at Lomita, for violation of county ordinance 1897, section 5. The specific charges named in the complaint were for "willfully and unlawfully leaving an open fire unattended and did fail to cut a three-foot fire break as instructed in permit." Mayor Klusman had set a grass fire on his property on Narbonne avenue in Lomita, near Rose street, early in the morning. At noon, the Lomita fire department was called to put out the fire and the arrest of the negligent mayor at his Torrance residence followed. When Mayor Klusman appeared before Judge Dennis, the latter asked his old political rival if he had any objections to being tried before him; and if so, that he (Dennis) would call in another judge. However, Klusman raised no objections and pleaded guilty. "Your sentence will be \$50 or 50 days," said Judge Dennis—and after a long hesitation, he added— "and under the circumstances, I will suspend the sentence." The maximum sentence under the ordinance is \$500 fine and 180 days.

UNEMPLOYED ASK BONDS FOR EARLY RELIEF

City Council and Taxpayers'
League Support to
Be Sought

The immediate floating of a bond issue for the construction of some needed civic improvement was among the suggestions offered at a mass meeting of unemployed men held at the city hall Tuesday afternoon. Henry Perkins acted as temporary chairman of the gathering which was attended by approximately 100 unemployed men. In his opening remarks, Mr. Perkins stated that the meeting had been called simply to receive suggestions and discuss the best methods of bettering the situation. Perkins said it was not his idea to displace any present city employees, but to provide some means for creating more work. He suggested that a committee be appointed to approach the city council and ask if there was any civic improvement which might be carried out at this time, which would give three days work a week. Perkins stated that he was not questioning the fact that the council was doing its best to furnish employment within its present means. "Torrance has been promised a county health center for two years and if Supervisor Quinn has anything to say about it the city will get it." That was the statement today of Hugh B. Lawrence, field secretary to Supervisor Quinn, in commenting upon the plans and specifications for the health center and the communication from the Los Angeles County Medical Association, objecting to the "expansion" of further sums for county health center work at this time. Quinn is expected to return the building plans to the board Monday and recommend their adoption. It also is probable that the board will order bids advertised for at once.

Community MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Redondo Beach Post No. 184
AMERICAN LEGION
Assisted by Gardena Valley Post No. 187
and Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170

Hermosa Theatre
May 30, 1932, at 11 a. m.

- Song—"America".....Assembly
Accompanied by Gardena Boy Band
- American Legion Ritual.....
Commander Howard Stickney
Chaplain Rev. C. H. Parlour
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.....La Verne Jones
Boy Scout Troop No. 3, Torrance
- Adj. Elta Johnson.....Local G. A. R.
- Commander Jenkins.....
Local Spanish American War Veterans
- Vocal Solo—"There Is No Death"...Miss Nan Jones
Accompanied by Miss Grace Eaton Dow
- Introduction of Speaker of the Day.....
Comrade John Dunn, 2nd Vice Commander
- Memorial Day Address.....
Hon. Judge Clarence Kincaid,
Pres. Judge L. A. Municipal Court
- Song—"Star-Spangled Banner".....Assembly
- Observance Sixty Seconds Silence
- Benediction.....Father Moran
St. James Catholic Church
- Taps.....Archie McDougal

Lanz-Lintott Named In Suit For \$100,000

Hugh Roberts, Former Colu-
mbia Employee, Charges
Assault and Battery

A \$100,000 damage action, alleging assault and battery, has been filed in Superior Court by Hugh Roberts against P. W. Lanz and H. T. Lintott, plant executives of the Columbia Steel Company. In his complaint Roberts charges that he was knocked to the floor and then brutally beaten and kicked. The date of the alleged assault is given as last March 17. Roberts states that as a result of the assault he has been made sick and sore and will be ill for some months to come, with the prospect that he is permanently injured. He asks \$50,000 for his injuries and \$50,000 exemplary damages. When interviewed by the Herald regarding the pending suit, B. W. Lanz, plant manager of the Columbia mills here, flatly denied the charges made by Roberts, and attributed the action to imaginary grievances following a lay-off of Roberts from work at the Torrance mills.

DOCTORS ASK BOARD DELAY CONSTRUCTION

Medical Association Asserts
Time Not Propitious for
Further Expansion

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Buy a Poppy Saturday and Aid Veterans' Dependents

The appointment of Mrs. Roxie E. Sleeth as general chairman of the 1932 memorial poppy sale in Torrance has been announced by Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, president of the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. The sale will be conducted here May 28, the Saturday before Memorial Day, which has been designated as "Poppy Day" throughout the country. On that day every person in the city will be asked to pay tribute to the memory of the World war dead by wearing one of the auxiliary's veteran-made poppies. Mrs. Sleeth will be aided in planning and conducting the poppy sale by a committee of prominent auxiliary women including Mrs. Annie M. Greiner, Mrs. R. J. Deisinger, Mrs. Jean Patterson, Mrs. Thos. J. Wilkes, Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, Mrs. Maxine Smith. A num-

ber of other committees have been appointed to conduct special activities in connection with the sale. Because of the increased need for the relief work among disabled veterans and their families which the poppy sale makes possible, the auxiliary is planning to extend great efforts to make the sale this year larger than ever before. The sale is one of the largest auxiliary projects of the year and its success hinges on the success of its extensive welfare program which the auxiliary carries out for the needy families of veterans. All the women who take part in the sale work as unpaid volunteers. The veterans who make the poppies receive four cents for each flower and the balance of the money received is all expended in the auxiliary's rehabilitation and welfare activities.

Supervisors to Ask Bids On New Torrance Center

Plans for County Health
Building Visited at Board
Meeting on Monday

Plans and specifications for the new county health center building to be erected on the triangular piece of ground on Carson street west of the American Legion clubhouse will come before the board of supervisors on Monday for approval and adoption. Bids on the construction of the building will be called for immediately. The new center will be a two-story Spanish-type building with red tile roof. It will contain a large lobby, offices for nurses, sanitary officers and doctors, dental clinic, laboratories, special clinics for child hygiene, tuberculosis, eye, ear, nose and throat ailments, and will cost complete with equipment in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The supervisors still have before them the offer of S. G. Ries to sell to the county the Ingewood county health center on which the county is now paying a high rental. In connection with the establishment of this health center and the operations of other county centers, an economy measure is in prospect according to reports from the board. County automobiles operating out of the new Torrance, Pacoima, San Fernando, Van Nuys and Tujunga county health centers and between these communities and Los Angeles will be watched more closely next year, if the suggestion of Supervisor Frank L. Shaw, president of the Second (South Los Angeles) district is carried out. Shaw has proposed the establishment of a county transportation system, with a dispatcher system that would enable close tab to be kept on all county cars. Last year county employees turned in 9,729,317 as "mileage," for which the board of supervisors allowed them 5 cents a mile, costing the taxpayers \$54,908.65, according to records in the office of County Auditor Payne. Allowance for mileage next fiscal year already has been cut from 5 cents to 4 cents a mile, with an estimated saving of fully one-fifth to the taxpayers, or more than \$100,000. Shaw believes that another \$300,000 could be saved annually by the transportation system he proposes. Every county car would be in a garage, or at least at a standstill over week-ends and on holidays, the majority of the "assignments" for county cars would be cancelled, and various departments would be "charged up" with the cars at a uniform rate. The plan is to come before the supervisors, sitting as a budget committee, this week.

McDonald Tract Folk Organize to Fight Tax

Mayor Klusman Talks; P. W.
Gidding Named as C. of
C. Board Member

Alondra Park Tax Relief Association is the tentative name chosen last Friday evening by a group of 75 McDonald Tract residents at an organization meeting held in Perry school. F. A. Matson was elected permanent chairman and Mrs. Florence Archer, secretary, of the new organization which plans to meet the third Friday of each month to discuss McDonald Tract problems. The purpose of the organization is to secure relief from the excessive Alondra Park assessments and to procure improvements and advantages for the McDonald Tract from the Torrance city council. Through the efforts of Carl Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the state legislature passed an enabling act last session which would have permitted the county to take over Alondra Park as a county project and thus relieve McDonald Tract property owners of future heavy assessments. However, Governor Rolph pocket vetoed the measure, by failing to attach his signature. Mayor Klusman addressed the gathering last Friday evening and outlined his plan for the reorganization of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Percy W. Gidding was named as representative on the proposed chamber board from the McDonald Tract. Chairman Matson appointed the following committee chairman: Walter F. Snodgrass, lighting; A. K. Haase, schools; Michael O. Sullivan, Alondra Park, and Mrs. Florence Archer, streets. The next meeting of the association will be held June 17.

Ask Names Be Stricken From City Tax Roll

Residents of South Torrance
Seek New Way Out of
Lighting Dilemma

Withdrawal of a portion of the city of Torrance—that part annexed last June 27—from the Lomita lighting district has been continued until next Monday. Hearing was scheduled before the county board of supervisors for last Monday. By annexation to the city of Torrance, a portion of the territory of Lomita lighting district became incorporated territory. Property owners within the area still are in the Lomita lighting district, while street lights in the city of Torrance are covered by a general city assessment for the entire city. Owners of property in the annexed area have petitioned the supervisors to have their names stricken from the assessment rolls of the city of Torrance, as the easiest solution of a rather complicated situation.

Night Prowlers Steal Garage Locks

Petty thievery at the Mowry Court, 1617 Arlington, Thursday night netted the marauders a few tools from a Chevrolet coupe housed in a garage used by Mrs. P. P. Hartshorn, Apartment 1, and the lock off the garage door. Mrs. S. P. Shaw, Apartment No. 5, reported the loss of a long-handled magnetic type tack hammer and a garage lock. Dorothy Bartlett, Apartment 8, reported the theft of a garage lock. A Ford coupe, either gray or green, which looked as if it had been used on a desert trip, with two Goodrich and one Goodyear tire, and one tire either new or retreaded of unknown make, which was noted in the neighborhood about 11 o'clock p. m. on the night of the robbery, is suspected as being the car used by the persons responsible. Brock Russell, residing across from the Arnold grocery on Carson street, reported the loss of a saw and mantel from his wood yard.

"Believe It or Not" Miss Wonder Won First Prize

Miss Betty Mae Wonder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Wonder, was awarded a first prize by the San Francisco Examiner in a recent "Ripley Contest" on her announcement of her coming marriage. The announcement, as forwarded to the Examiner, read: "Believe It or Not—but I, the daughter of a preacher, am marrying the son of a preacher who is also a preacher. Our two preacher fathers, assisted by a friend who is a preacher will perform the ceremony. The application will be filed May 23 in Alameda county."

Business Houses Will Close Memorial Day

With the exception of the drug stores all business houses in Torrance will be closed for the day on Monday, May 30, Memorial Day. The office of the Torrance Herald will be closed on that day.

Shawger Resigns As Plant Manager At Rubbercraft

After 18 years of service in the
employ of the Eno Rubber Com-
pany, now known as the Rubber-
craft Corporation, William E.
Shawger, plant manager, has sev-
ered his connection with the con-
cern. The change will take effect
June 1 when Mr. Shawger will be
connected with the D. & M. Ma-
chine Works, manufacturers of oil
well machinery and equipment.

Water Co. Names Local Directors

Stockholders of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company this week elected the following officers and directors: E. C. Nelson, Torrance, president; Stewart Lapp, Los Angeles, vice president; John Crutcher, Los Angeles, secretary; J. W. McQuaid, Torrance, and Rupert E. Shotts, Columbus, Ohio, directors.

New Manager at A. & P. Tea Store

E. Lessone of Los Angeles has been appointed manager of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company store in Torrance, replacing Frank Morrell, who has been transferred to Pasadena. Mr. Lessone is now in charge.

NO MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD HERE MONDAY

Local Veterans Units and
Scouts to Join In Services
at Redondo, Roosevelt

No community services of a patriotic nature will be held in Torrance on Memorial Day, May 30, but the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion Auxiliary and the Boy Scouts of the city will join with the posts of the South Bay district and Gardena in two community services. One will be held in the morning with a parade at 10 o'clock in Redondo Beach, followed by patriotic exercises at the Hermosa Beach theater. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, exercises will be held at Roosevelt Memorial Park. All citizens of Torrance are invited to attend either or both of these services. Excellent programs have been arranged. In addition to the veterans and auxiliary units, thirty-five or more Scouts will march in the Redondo parade. La Verne Jones of Troop 3 will deliver Lincoln's Gettysburg address at Hermosa theater and Dale Howe, also of Troop 3, will recite "In Flanders Fields" at the afternoon meeting at Roosevelt. Other nearby services will be held at Ingewood park cemetery, with military maneuvers and parades by the Spanish War Veterans, American Legion, G. A. R., British and Canadian soldiers included. At 1 o'clock in Grace chapel, a program featuring the St. Luke Choristers, a choir of 50 men and boys, will be given. Dr. Bruce Baxter, dean of religion at the University of Southern California, will be the speaker.

Hold-Up Attempt Is Unsuccessful

Harry Pierson reported an unsuccessful attempt at a hold-up in which he successfully resisted the efforts of unknown parties to stop him at 218th and Vermont avenue, a short distance south of Carson street, Saturday night. The would-be stick-up man jumped on the running board of Pierson's car flourishing a gun. Pierson calmly shoved him off and the man fell in the street, but fired a shot at Pierson as he rapidly drove away. The man was described as being short and heavy set with black hair, with no coat. No description was obtained of his companion. Night Officer Ernest Ashton went to the scene but no trace of the handits could be obtained.

Girl Scouts and Chaperones Lost On Mountainside

Army Men, Ranger Rescue
Hiking Party Strayed From
Hermit Trail

When Mrs. Emma Merriam, active member of the Woman's Club, and Mrs. Paul Mize of C. C. M. O. camp accompanied Girl Scout Troop 79 of the elementary school on a trip to the Sierra Madre mountains Friday last, they did not even dream of the adventure and romance of the mountains that awaited them. "Not often in a lifetime does one have the experience of being lost in the mountains," said Mrs. Merriam. "The beauty of the night on a crest of the high Sierras, with a full moon, gleaming through the pine trees, the rushing waters of a creek, cooing doves, flying bats, and flitting moths almost compensated for the anxiety which preceded our rescue." At six o'clock Friday night, after receiving instructions from Dean Helen Laughlin of U. C. L. A., Mrs. Merriam, Mrs. Paul Mize, Miss Madeline Murphy and the tenderfoot scouts, Georgina Tiffany, Marjorie Page, Mildred Lane and Eva Mize hiked six miles over the trail leading from Corum's riding stables at Sierra Madre to Hermit Trail, and later became lost in the Big Santa Anita Dam Canyon on their way to Laughling Water Scout camp. Through the efforts of the owner of the Half-Way Inn and the forest ranger the scouts were rescued at 11 p. m. When the S. O. S. flashes appeared from a distant mountain, Miss Eva Mize, tenderfoot, gave the mocking-bird call, which was answered. Mrs. Merriam crossed the candles, and the call came clearly, "Be still. Help is coming." Four U. S. army men completed the rescue, when they came with knapsacks and led the trail to First Water Camp, where Miss Katharine Miller, local Scout captain, arrived at 12 o'clock midnight from Laughling Water Camp, after receiving the distress call.

Cigarettes Stolen From Harder Market

Burglars entered Harder's Market at the corner of Madrid and Sonoma avenue Friday night and robbed the place of a quantity of cigarettes. Entrance was gained by removing the pins from the hinges of the front doors. The loot amounted to about \$15. Officer John Stroth, who investigated, reported no finger prints or other clues. The pins were found on the north side of the store where the unlawful invaders had thrown them.