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THEATRE OPENING TOMORROW NIGHT

MOVIE STARS TO SPARKLE AT OPENING OF THEATRE FRIDAY

Special Program Arranged For Gala Affair Tomorrow Night; Theatre Redecorated and Sound Improved

Everything in and around the Torrance Theatre will be aglow and aglitter tomorrow (Friday) night for the gala opening of the newly remodeled showhouse under the management of Kaplan Theatres, Inc.

Celebrated movie stars will be present to add to the stellar program arranged by Sam Klein, assistant to Mr. Kaplan. A number of outstanding radio personalities will entertain the audiences on the opening night with their favorite numbers, Mr. Klein stated.

Two complete shows will be given so that all who desire may enjoy the special program arranged for the opening. Doors will be open at 6:30 o'clock. There is no advance in prices for the opening night; main floor seats are 25 cents and balcony, 15 cents.

Big Program
The new management has secured James Cagney's knock-out comedy, "Winner Take All," as the feature attraction for the opening of the theatre. The picture is full of cleverly directed situations, action, and hilarity, with Cagney at his best. On the special program also are Bing Crosby in "Dream House," a Mickey Mouse cartoon, "March of the Olympics," and a delightful musical number by the Steady Maestros entitled, "Pie-E Pie Bluebird." Another treat for music lovers will be a recording organ number called, "An Organologue," with Jesse Crawford at the organ. The same program will be repeated Saturday.

M-G-M Pictures
It is the policy of the new management to turn to story one.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS TO SPEAK FRIDAY

State Senator Henry E. Carter to Address Voters of Torrance

State Senator Henry E. Carter, Republican candidate for member of congress from the 17th district of which Torrance is a part, will speak to residents of this city tomorrow evening, 7:30 to 9:30, August 19, at the Torrance high school auditorium, at 8 o'clock.

SENATOR CARTER
HENRY E. CARTER
Torrance is well known here, especially because of the able manner in which he handled legislation which vitally affected some of our local industries, protecting them from invasion by cheaper products from other states.

Senator Carter is a native Californian, the only candidate who is such, and has always had the interests of his home state at heart. He was the only member of the senate who stood by his conviction that the Sharkey bill was the wrong thing for the oil industry of California. He was chairman of the oil committee during the last session of the state legislature and through his untiring efforts this measure when brought before the voters of the state at the May primary was defeated by a heavy vote.

Senator Carter declares himself to be in favor of the soldiers' bonus, a protective tariff on oil, fish and all California products, more adequate protection of labor, government security for bank deposits, reduction of taxes, \$7,000,000 breaker project, resubmission to the electors of the 18th amendment, and in opposition to cancellation of foreign debts.

Officials For August Primary Are Appointed

Judges and Clerks of Twelve Polling Places In Torrance Named

Officials who will be in charge of the 12 polling places in Torrance at the August 30 primary election were announced today by W. M. Kerr, county registrar of voters.

Other polling places in the Torrance area include six in Gardena, two in Keystone, two in Moneta, one at Illinois, consolidated with a Gardena precinct, one at Victor, consolidated with a Torrance precinct, and one at Norman, also consolidated with a Gardena precinct.

Officials of Torrance precincts follow, with the location of the polling place given first in each instance:

Torrance No. 1—Residence at 1321 1/2 Prairie avenue. Inspector, Michael O. Sullivan; judges, Alice E. Elliott and Lena Gahworf; clerks, General F. Gilliam, Edwin R. Boston and Edward R. Stephenson.
Torrance No. 2, with which is consolidated Victory Precinct—Residence at 1403 Acacia avenue. Inspector, Helena J. Miller; judges, Ola M. Gilbert and Mary E. Franger; clerks, Howard P. Raymond, Clara O. Baxter and Irene Ashley.
Torrance No. 3—Residence at 776 Border avenue. Inspector, Rosalind A. Paige; judges, Ellsworth Burnside and E. Wallace Kider; clerk, Charles H. Price. Mattie Lou Lee and Maymie B. Atwood.
Torrance No. 4—Residence at 1532 Marcella avenue. Inspector, Frances B. Clark; judges, Edith M. Kaeser and Marguerite T. Wright; clerks, Fanny C. King, Clara A. Modest and Mary W. Clark.
Torrance No. 5—Residence at 1350 Engracia avenue. Inspector, Harley M. Haynes; judges, P. Hall Martin and S. Robert Billini; clerks, Roxie E. Sleeth, Alice M. Spehger and Julia B. Neelands.
Torrance No. 6—Residence at 911 Anapola avenue. Inspector, Olga M. Terry; judges, Bernice E. Guy and Juanita N. McNew; clerks, Monte L. Darling, Alice O. Thomas and Annie M. Greiner.
Torrance No. 7—Residence at 1328 Amapola avenue. Inspector, Clara S. Stanger; judges, Lorene Ulrich and Bessie A. Paour; clerks, Bernice E. Hyde, Minnie B. Rose and Gladys E. Obole.
Torrance No. 8—Residence at 1734 Arlington avenue. Inspector, Persia K. Fess; judges, Ralph Z. Hoer and Laura W. Shelton; clerks, Jean Guyan, Frederick A. Tiffany and Lucy Peterson.
Torrance No. 9—Residence at 218 Andros avenue. Inspector, Helen Leslie; judges, Mary J. Babcock and Harvey Sowell; clerks, Cecil L. Kerber, Jerry McLean and Nellie C. Bain.
Torrance No. 10—Residence at 719 Narbonne street. Inspector, Catherine B. Fin; judges, Martha B. McCaffrey and Ella J. Miller; clerks, Corn V. Frowfelter, Halle C. Morante and Minnie E. Smith.
Torrance No. 11—Residence at 2009 Arlington avenue. Inspector, Charles E. Ackley; judges, Henrietta Perkin and Grace F. Bartlett; clerks, Nelson H. Reeve, Melba J. Hall and Gus L. King.
Torrance No. 12—Assembly hall at Hawthorne and Newton streets. Inspector, Charles H. Quandt; judges, Nora E. Venable and Carrie H. McLain; clerks, Edith Buckingham, Dixie Sexton and Anna M. Light.

Aged Resident Dies After Long Illness

Heart trouble, to which he had been subject, caused the sudden death on Friday, August 12, of Joe Husbands, aged 73 years, who passed away at the family residence, 1808 Gramercy, at 8:15 p. m. Mr. Husbands, a retired railroad conductor, merchant and farmer, had been ill for the past three years as the result of a stroke, and had had two heart attacks prior to that which caused his death.

Funeral services, under Masonic auspices, were held from Stone & Myers chapel on Monday, August 15, at 2 o'clock, Rev. John B. Speed officiating. Cremation took place at Pacific Crest.

Mr. Husbands is survived by his wife, Hattie O. Husbands; four sons, William D., Paul T., James E. and John C. Husbands, and one sister, Mrs. Cosy Phillips, of Eldorado, Arkansas.

Mr. Husbands was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on June 19, 1859. The family has resided in Torrance for the past ten years.

Theatre Man Dies Suddenly Monday

Edward Kaplan, 50, an associate of his brother, Louis Kaplan, in the firm of Kaplan Theatres, Inc., died suddenly Monday morning at his home on Kenmore avenue, Los Angeles, from a heart attack. He leaves a widow and a married daughter.

The deceased had been active with his brother last week in perfecting plans for the remodeling of the Torrance Theatre, and apparently was in good health.

School Playground to Be Reopened

Playgrounds at the Torrance elementary school will be open for boys and girls of all ages beginning Saturday this week and continuing every day between 12 noon and 6 p. m. until school opens, September 12, it was announced by officials of the board of education today. Miss Dorcas Basserson has been appointed supervisor of the playground activities and all sorts of games, including baseball, will be enjoyed.

YOUNG MAN DIES AS CAR PLUNGES OVER EMBANKMENT

Clayton Axness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Axness, 1165 Coia avenue, was almost instantly killed Saturday, August 13, when his car left the road near Oxnard and plunged over a 25-foot embankment. Axness suffered a skull fracture and died shortly after without regaining consciousness. His companion, a young man friend who had joined him at Santa Monica, was uninjured. Axness, an employee of the Woolworth store at Santa Barbara, was returning to that city after having spent his two weeks' vacation with his parents in this city.

Alondra Park Situation Still Vexing Problem

If the county board of supervisors cannot find some means of alleviating the special assessment burden upon property owners in the 219-acre Alondra Park assessment district, the county will have a \$580-acre park on its hands. That was the situation laid down to the supervisors this week by property owners in the vicinity of Gardena and Torrance, in a last attempt to secure county aid.

As a result of the work done by W. B. MacDowell, chairman of the property owners' group, the supervisors today are considering an allocation of \$100,000 from the county general fund and the levy of a tax that will provide only for current accruing interest and sinking fund charges, and not for defraying delinquencies.

Failure of the supervisors to levy a tax, according to the Mattoon Act provisions, to defray these delinquencies undoubtedly will result in a writ of mandamus action against the supervisors if the bond holders to compel them to levy the delinquency tax, it was conceded.

"I would rather such an action be filed against us than for property owners to lose their property, which in most instances is all they've got in the world," Supervisor John R. Quinn stated.

Supervisor Quinn proposed an allocation of \$100,000 from the general fund to wipe out the delinquencies in the \$580-acre assessment district. That this could legally be done was contended by those seeking relief. Supervisor Frank L. Shaw, however, was of the opinion that it would be wiser to refuse to make a delinquency levy, which would afford property owners relief until special measures could be put through the next session of the state legislature.

Evening Classes At Torrance High

Torrance, Wilmington and San Pedro high schools are selected for evening school work in the harbor district for next school term beginning September 12. This announcement was made today by the board of education. The harbor district schools are three of 25 evening high schools to be conducted in the Los Angeles school system.

Leg Amputated Due to Injury

S. R. Harper, young dairy employee who was injured in an accident July 31 when his motor cycle collided with an automobile on Hawthorne boulevard near the Santa Fe overhead crossing, has had his right leg amputated as a result of the crash. Gangrene set in, and the leg finally had to be taken off below the knee. His condition is still very serious.

Drum Corps Men Back From Oakland

Members of the American Legion drum corps returned from Oakland where they had entered the contest held Monday in connection with the annual convention. The boys showed up well but did not place in the finals, partly due to the fact that their troop had fewer than 40 members. Of the five teams that competed in the finals none had less than this number in line.

ELDER FAMILY HAS RETURNED FROM TRIP

Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Elder and family have returned from a two weeks' vacation trip spent in the Mammoth Lakes district in the High Sierras. Mr. Elder says the trout were a little hard to get but they were able to make several fine catches and brought home 17 beauties.

Long Sought Son Returns Tuesday to Parents' Home

Bert Skansen Pays Surprise Visit to Family in Lomita

Home again after 15 years, Bert Skansen, former A. E. F. man, now a successful business man of Paris, France, brought joy to his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Skansen, 2742 E. Flower street, Lomita, when he arrived there Tuesday morning.

Skansen's arrival was entirely unexpected, as for years parents and son had lost touch with each other. Each had spent much time, money and effort in an endeavor to locate the other, but until recently their efforts were not successful. Then through an address in a Los Angeles telephone book, which Mr. Skansen had had sent to him in Paris, the contact was made through a sister-in-law, and the joyful reunion at the Skansen home took place.

Mr. Skansen enlisted in the First Arizona National Guard in 1917 at which time he was engaged in mining in that state. Later he was transferred to the 15th Infantry and then to the air service, where he was master mechanic in charge of many planes.

After his honorable discharge at the close of the war, Skansen went into the garage business in Paris, which he has carried on very successfully ever since.

Columbia Steel Co. Makes Correction In Building Permit

Officials of the Columbia Steel Corporation appeared at the office of the city engineer on Monday of this week and secured the reduction of the building permit taken out two weeks ago from \$400,000 to \$185,000.

Under the original permit equipment was included as well as all buildings, foundations, etc., required in the expansion program. The new permit includes only the building program and does not take in any of the equipment necessary for the work.

Keystone Election Officials Are Named

The following judges and clerks have been appointed to serve in Keystone at the primary election, August 30:

Keystone precinct No. 1—Polling place, Residence, 21643 Moneta avenue. Inspector, Charles A. Braze; judges, Henry Plesel; Wm. J. Wells, clerks, Florence A. Leever, John W. Dorchak, Charles L. Keonf.
Keystone precinct No. 2—Polling place, Carson street school, Carson street, between South Main and Avalon. Inspector, Addie V. Stewart; judges, Frances A. Forrest, Winifred L. Nahmens, clerks, Charles H. Traub, Mabel E. Stevens, James I. Jones.

Former Resident Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Albert Naish, formerly of this city, passed away very suddenly at her home in Los Angeles Saturday morning, August 13, according to news received by friends here. The family resided in Torrance a number of years ago. Mr. Naish being then employed by the Union Tool Company. In 1917 they removed to Oakland, and later the family came to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Naish is survived by her husband and one daughter, Phyllis. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 o'clock from the Little Church of the Flowers in Glendale.

SAN PEDRO COUPLE WED

Joseph Robert Allen, 2400 Pacific avenue, San Pedro, and Miss Bertha Elizabeth Saunders, 2333 So. Grand avenue, San Pedro, were married Monday, August 15, in the office of the justice of the peace, Judge John Dennis. The groom is an army man.

PACIFIC SMELTING EMPLOYE SERIOUSLY BURNED IN BLAST

Cap Blows Off Furnace Enveloping Ellis Clayton In Stream of Molten Metal; Death Ensues Seven Hours Later

Ellis Clayton, residing at 1824 Arlington, died at 2:50 o'clock Wednesday, August 17, from burns received in an accident which occurred at the Pacific Smelting Company's plant on Western avenue. The accident occurred shortly before 8 o'clock, only 15 minutes before Mr. Clayton would have gone off shift for the day.

Clayton was tending a furnace at the plant when due to some undetermined cause the cap blew off and Clayton was caught in a blast of molten metal and fire which enveloped his whole body. His clothing caught fire and before aid could reach him and tear the garments away he was burned over almost the entire surface of his body. Only a small patch of his skin on the abdomen, the soles of his feet, and a portion of his legs which were protected by his shoes, escaped the effects of the terrific blast.

Clayton was taken immediately to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where he passed away seven hours later. The body was removed to Stone & Myers. A coroner's inquest will be held later.

He has been an employe at the smelting plant for more than a year and was highly esteemed by his employes and fellow workmen, all of whom are deeply affected by the unfortunate accident.

Old Swindle Is Revived; Many Receive Letters

The old "Spanish prisoner" swindle has bobbed up again. After a period of quiet, the letters which once created a furor of excitement among the credulous ones who in 1925 and later accepted their statements as gospel, are re-appearing in the south and west, states from Georgia to Oregon.

This time the swindle is operating from South America, instead of from Spain as in the earlier days. The letters say the writer needs help to care for a 12-year-old daughter. He has on deposit in two banks in the United States the sum of \$350,000. The intended victim who receives the letter is invited to come to South America, pay court costs of the prisoner's bankruptcy trial and receive documents authorizing him to obtain the money on deposit in the United States.

For this aid, one-third of the \$350,000 is offered. The prisoner cannot receive direct correspondence, so a code telegram to a third party is attached for use if the victim is interested.

According to a statement from the Western Union Telegraph Company, a number of these cablegrams have been offered at their offices by intended victims. They include persons in Georgia, Oregon, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Subsequent letters say the South American trip is unnecessary, that by advancing a certain sum the prisoner's release can be obtained and he and his daughter will then proceed to the United States. If that money is sent, a third letter requests money to buy steamship tickets, all this on the strength of a promised share in the \$350,000. That is the last that is heard of the "South American prisoner."

Due to the action of the Western Union in refusing to forward the cablegrams and in warning the people who offer them for dispatch, many persons have been advised that they are probably being victimized. The letters have been pouring into these south and western states, and anyone who receives such a communication will be wise to disregard it.

Edison Agent Here Goes to Hermosa

Mrs. Hazel McBride, who has been local agent for the Southern California Edison Company in Torrance for the past five years, has been transferred to Hermosa Beach and will leave the office here next Saturday. Mrs. McBride will take a short vacation before entering upon her duties at Hermosa, on September 1. She will be replaced here by William Dunland, former chief clerk at Redlands.

Reserve Officers Ordered to Duty

Reserve officers ordered to active training at the Presidio, Monterey, California, who mobilized August 14, for two weeks' duty, included Lieutenant Gordon G. Glidden, 1414 Cravens avenue, Torrance, and Captain Merton A. Albee, 729 Via Del Monte, Palos Verdes Estates.

Torrance Protests Increased Bus Fares

Torrance will have representatives present at the hearing before the railroad commission which will be held in Long Beach, August 26, to protest against the increase in bus fare rates which has been asked for by the Motor Coach Company serving this territory.

The Motor Coach Company a short time ago petitioned the railroad commission for permission to increase fares between certain points on their line, claiming that present revenues were inadequate to furnish a reasonable profit.

Dr. Smiley Speaks On Health Center

Dr. H. C. Smiley, health officer for the Redondo-Torrance district, was the principal speaker at the Monday night meeting of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, held at 8:30 o'clock at Earl's Cafe.

Basich Bros. Are Awarded Contracts

Basich Bros. of Torrance, have been awarded a contract for grading and paving 10.6 miles between San Pablo Creek and Carquines bridge in Contra Costa county, at a low bid of \$322,792.10. They were also low bidders on the 16.5 mile section in San Bernardino county between Summit and Mountain pass, which is to be graded and surfaced with oil treated crushed gravel or stone. Their bid on this piece of work was \$218,690.

Union Services Are Well Attended

The union Sunday night church services that three of the Torrance churches are conducting during the month of August are being splendidly attended and a fine spirit of brotherhood prevails. On next Sunday evening the services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church and Rev. George Elder, pastor of the First Christian church, will be the speaker. The general public is invited.

Miss Lucy Hearne of Boston was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Clark last week.