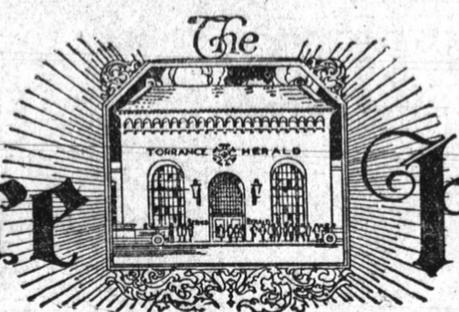


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## REDS CENTER IN TERRITORY NORTH OF HERE

### Sheriff Biscailuz Asks Supervisors to Enact County Ordinance to Control Agitators

"Red" agitators now are centering their activities just north of Torrance in the Hawthorne-Lawndale-Inglewood and Belvedere districts and in unincorporated areas of the county generally, according to Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz. In a letter to the board of supervisors this week, Sheriff Biscailuz stated the efficient work of the Los Angeles and Long Beach police departments in combating communistic activities had driven the agitators' principal headquarters from incorporated territories.

Biscailuz asked that the supervisors enact such ordinances as the city of Los Angeles now has, to cover picketing, distribution of handbills, street speaking, street meetings and parades.

"County authorities now are virtually restrained to laws against criminal syndicalism and breaches of the peace," Biscailuz wrote the supervisors. "The supervisors, however, decided not to instruct the county counsel to draw up the ordinance suggested. It has been the supervisors' policy to hear the spokesman of the communistic groups.

## Only One Minor Traffic Crash Mars Week-end

### Good Behavior of Citizens Give Police Force "Holiday" Too

While the remainder of the nation was busy piling up death records during the Christmas holiday season, Torrance was fortunate in contributing only one minor traffic accident to the grim total.

The one and only local traffic crash over the week-end occurred at the intersection of Amapola and Eldorado Monday evening. A light roadster, driven by Albert Tilt, 33, 33 Palmist street, Hollywood, collided with a sedan, driven by George Wheeler, 1225 Amapola avenue. While the sedan was badly damaged, only minor head cuts were received by Mrs. Wheeler and daughter, Martha. None of the four occupants in the roadster driven by Tilt were injured, and the car was only slightly damaged.

Seven ducks reported at the Torrance police station over the week-end was the theft of seven ducks from the ranch of G. L. White, 2347 235th street, which White stated had disappeared Monday night.

## Appraiser's Testimony In Outfall Sewer Case Is Thrown Out By Judge

Wide variation of opinion as to the damages that should be paid the Sepulveda Land Company for a 20-foot right-of-way for construction of the White's Point outfall sewer was given from the witness stand this week during the trial of the suit which seeks to provide Torrance and vicinity with adequate sewerage disposal facilities.

Testifying for the defendant land owners, A. H. Latner, an appraiser, estimated the damages to be \$485,000. Upon cross-examination by the attorney for the county sanitation districts, however, his testimony was broken down and Judge Douglas L. Edmonds, before whom the case is being tried, ordered Latner's testimony stricken from the record because the court held that it had been established that Latner was not a competent appraiser.

Wednesday the sanitation districts had three appraisers on the witness stand, Paul Crippen, A. R. Davis and George Moore. Each

## Local Industries Expect Large Orders For Colorado Aqueduct

"In the prosecution of the aqueduct construction, directors are sincerely desirous that material and equipment to be used may be drawn from local manufacturers. "It is the policy of the district to confine its employment to qualified residents of the member cities of the district, distributed in proportion to their respective contributions to the undertaking."

## Veteran Relief Manager to Talk At Lomita League

### Lomita Voters Join County Organization; Appoint 3 Representatives

H. W. Beach, manager of the Co-operative Relief Association in Torrance will be the principal speaker at the next meeting of the Lomita Voters' League, which will be held at V. F. W. hall, January 6, at 7:30 p. m.

At the last official meeting of the league, the Lomita unit voted to join the county organization. R. M. Jackson, president of the county council, and Mr. Goodpasture, county organizer of Bellflower, addressed the meeting; the latter speaker discussing Technocracy and the economic situation. Three delegates were elected to represent the Lomita league at the county council. Those named were Charles M. Smith, L. L. West and Mrs. Anna Barnett.

## Deputy Assessor Examinations to Be Taken By 49

### Five to Be Chosen In Lomita, Gardena and Redondo Townships

Forty-nine persons have filed applications to take the county civil service examinations for deputy county assessors in Gardena, Lomita and Redondo townships, according to Secretary Clifford N. Amsden. Date of the examination has not been fixed. Five deputies are to be chosen from the 49 applicants.

A fairer appraisal of property throughout the county is the aim of selecting the new deputies, as one of the provisions is that they must reside in the townships in which they will work. A total of 47 deputies are to be chosen throughout the county, it being the aim of the new plan to prevent assigning men to work in districts in which they are not familiar with the values.

A total of 415 persons will take the examination, one of the largest civil service examinations to be held in the county. The largest number to file for any one district is 148, who desire to work in the area including Wilmington and San Pedro and the following townships: Dominguez, Long Beach, Bixby, Signal Hill, Norwalk and Downey.

## George McManus, Cartoonist, Says He Lost Money In Torrance Oil Co.

Stating that he had "invested" \$15,000 in a proposal to stabilize a Torrance oil company and the Jiggs Corned Beef and Cabbage Company of Chicago, George McManus, cartoonist, last week caused the district attorney's office to redouble its efforts to locate John Craig Hammond, already indicted and charged with grand theft.

McManus, who can draw a plate of corned beef and cabbage and make it look appetizing as no other artist can, informed Deputy District Attorney Edwin Myers that Hammond had induced him to extend his financial backing for the concern, but that Hammond had apparently vanished.

McManus told the district attorney's office that he had backed the Torrance oil company, according to Hammond's plan to stabilize the concern, with \$15,000. The other \$3400 was to be applied in the financing plan for the corned beef and cabbage company, to place the delectable dish on the market in cans.

## Relief Members To Clean Vacant Lots of Debris

A clean-up of vacant lots in Torrance will be one of the first tasks of the New Year to be undertaken by members of the Co-operative Relief Association. H. W. Beach, manager, stated this week.

Beach expressed the hope that once the vacant lots have been cleaned, that citizens would refrain from throwing debris on them and thus keep vacant property within the settled portion of the city in a tidy condition.

Among the food supplies furnished the relief in exchange for labor this past week was a quantity of fresh vegetables secured from near-by ranchers.

## M. E. Choir Dons Vestments



Lower left: R. F. Heggie, leader; Mrs. Juliet Johnson, Mrs. Lorraine Uleich, Mrs. O. E. Hall, Gertrude Mowry, Rose Pace, Mrs. Phyllis Hamilton, Mrs. Juliet Brown. Center: Marion Wright, Mrs. J. Sann, Mrs. Mabel Ella Sweet, Mrs. R. F. Heggie, Mrs. E. N. Tomblin, Mrs. W. H. Stuelair. Top row: Thomas Ulrich, D. C. Turner, W. C. Crighton, O. B. Hamilton, W. Miesha, G. L. Mowry.

The choir of the local Methodist Episcopal church chose Christmas Sunday for its initial appearance in its new vestments. Opening the service with a processional down the center aisle of the church, the choir members made a very impressive appearance.

The vestments are of pure white and extend to within 15 inches of the floor. Sprigs of holly set in maiden hair fern adorned the gowns of each member and gave a delightful touch of Christmas to the new costumes.

Sunday evening the choir presented its annual Christmas cantata entitled, "The Angelic Choir," by Adams. The choir was ably assisted in this program by Julia Juliette Reed Brown of Pacific Palisades who read "The Angel and the Shepherds," and also by the services of Mrs. Lorena Ulrich of Torrance and Tom Ulrich. In order to afford many people an opportunity to hear the cantata who were out of town on Christmas, the choir will repeat the cantata this next Sunday night. It will be introduced with a beautiful cantata professional and the Christmas setting, consisting of three attractive, illuminated Christmas silhouettes, will be held intact.

## Community Chest Fund Is Still Short \$1300 of \$4000 Required

### Contributors

- Acknowledged last week, \$2527.89.
- Frank H. Steinhilber, \$5.00.
  - Mullen Lumber Co., \$5.00.
  - Dr. R. A. Bingham, \$5.00.
  - Dr. C. L. Ingold, \$5.00.
  - Employees First National Bank, \$10.00.
  - The Dialite Company, \$50.00.
  - Merry Maids Class of Central Evangelical church, \$2.00.
  - Episcopal Sunday school, \$1.00.
  - Mrs. Mina F. Stevens, \$3.00.
  - Mountain View Dairies, Inc., \$10.00.
  - A friend, \$2.00.
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  - E. W. Babcock, \$5.00.
  - P. H. Mize, \$2.00.
  - Employees Torrance Post Office, \$31.50.
  - James J. O'Toole, \$2.00.
  - Carl L. Hyde, \$10.00.
- TOTAL to 5 p. m. Wednesday, December 28, \$2677.39.
- CORRECTION: Due to a clerical error, Rev. O. D. Wender's contribution was published last week as \$15.94, which included the collection at the Union Thanksgiving church service. The report should have read:
- Rev. O. D. Wender, \$5.00.
  - Union Thanksgiving church service, \$10.94.
- BEACON DRUG WILL REMAIN OPEN MONDAY
- Practically all business houses in Torrance will be closed Monday, the official New Year holiday. By mutual agreement with the two other downtown drug stores, the Beacon Drug Store will remain open all day Monday, and all three drug stores will be open Sunday.

## THANKFUL TO NEWSPAPER

The Herald acknowledges with keen appreciation the following letter from the Torrance Community Service Association—December 23, 1932.

Mr. Grover C. Whyte, Publisher, Torrance Herald, Torrance, California.

Dear Mr. Whyte:

At a recent meeting of the directorate of the Torrance Community Service Association a motion was unanimously carried, asking that there be conveyed to you an expression of deep appreciation for the generous space given, and intense appeal made, in a recent issue of your publication, in behalf of the efforts of the members of this organization to raise funds to relieve distress, and enable the effective continuance of all Torrance relief and welfare agencies.

Your generosity and activity in this endeavor has enabled the realization of a highly appreciable increase in contributions, and it is our pleasure to extend our thanks for your spirit of complete cooperation this season particularly—a time when the help of every hand is needed.

Yours very truly,  
TORRANCE COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION  
R. R. SMITH,  
President.

## Mrs. Ruby Antis Taken Suddenly At Topeka, Kan.

Mrs. Ruby May Antis, 38, passed away last night in the Security Benefit Association hospital in Topeka, Kansas. She had been confined in the Topeka hospital because of an intestinal complication.

Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Antis was a talented musician and instructor of piano, and her unexpected death has cast a gloom of sadness among her children pupils and host of friends in Torrance. She had been confined in the Topeka hospital because of an intestinal complication.

Mr. Antis and J. G. Johnston, father of Mrs. Antis, left at noon today for Topeka to take care of funeral arrangements. They stated before they left that burial would be made at Leavenworth, Kansas, where the remains of the mother of the deceased are buried.

Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Antis leaves a four-year-old daughter, Shirley, to mourn her untimely passing.

## \$400,000 WATER BOND SUIT TRANSFERRED TO SUPREME COURT IN SAN FRANCISCO

### Arguments Against Validity of Bonds Set Forth In Briefs Filed By Attorneys For Water Company

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—With cities throughout Southern California closely watching the outcome, the United States supreme court at San Francisco this week was deliberating on the legal action brought by William J. and Melissa A. Wilcox to enjoin the city of Torrance and officials from proceeding with the construction of an additional water system in that municipality. The Wilcox's, it is understood, are being supported in their complaint by the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co.

The principal point at issue in the suit, which was appealed from adverse decisions in the lower courts by the plaintiffs, is the validity of the Municipal Improvement District Act of 1927 under which it is proposed by the city of Torrance to construct the water system.

## Young Manager Karl's Shoe Co. Is Badly Hurt

Irvin Bloom, popular young manager of Karl's Shoe Store in Torrance, is still in a very critical condition as the result of an automobile accident last Thursday evening, it was stated late yesterday by attendants at the Los Angeles General hospital where he is confined.

Bloom's right leg is fractured in three places and his left knee is crushed. He is also suffering from a concussion of the brain and has been unconscious since last Friday.

The accident occurred at Montecara street and 7th avenue in Los Angeles early Thursday evening, as Bloom was returning from work to the home of his parents at 2931 Chesapeake avenue.

Herman Snyder, who has been a member of the Karl organization for several years, is in charge of the Torrance store.

It was pointed out in the affidavits that bonds for municipal improvements under the Municipal Improvement District Act of 1927 were attracting no purchasers in the face of the legal action of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, who are husband and wife, against the city of Torrance.

One of the projects at a standstill because of the suit, one of the affidavits declared, is a sewer system in Laguna Beach.

The principal allegation of the plaintiffs is that the city of Torrance proposes to establish the water system for the benefit of the entire city while only assenting to those residing in the district in and near the project.

In the complaint, the plaintiffs allege that the area to be assessed is but one-fifth the size of the city's territory and that to tax only those residing in the smaller area the sum of \$400,000, which is the estimated cost of the plant, it would be utter confiscation of property.

It is further alleged that this procedure is against the property rights of property owners, the Fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States and a section of the state constitution.

The legal action dates back to August 11, 1930, when petitions bearing the signatures of 585 persons, constituting 10 per cent of the qualified electors, it is stated, were presented to the Torrance city council asking for an election to vote on the proposal to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$400,000 for the water plant.

The election was subsequently ordered and when the city council canvassed the vote on September 30, 1930, court records declare, it was found that the vote was more than two-thirds of the qualified voters.

On December 30, 1930, the city council passed an ordinance for the issuance of the bonds.

Thereupon, the suit of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox was filed, alleging that unless the defendants were enjoined from selling the bonds, "irreparable injury and damage to the plaintiffs and taxpayers within said improvement district" would result.

In the final brief filed by Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox through the legal firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, it is alleged that the Municipal Improvement District Act of 1927, while applicable to a project paid on a city-wide basis, cannot be used for proceedings in an improvement for which only a portion of the taxpayers of a city are assessed.

It was revealed in court records that while the city has a water producing and distributing plant, it is not sufficient to adequately supply the needs of the municipality and its residents.

## WOULD PAVE TORRANCE BVD. ST. CROSSINGS

### City Council Is Investigating Cost of Improving Streets Over P. E. Tracks

The holiday spirit pervaded the city council chamber Tuesday night when the city dads met to go through routine city business, after which an early adjournment was voted. It was a calm and peaceful night in the hall that only recently has witnessed so many spirited debates. One lone spectator appeared, besides a number of press representatives.

On recommendation of Chamber of Commerce directors, the city council approved a \$60 appropriation for an eighth of a page advertisement in the annual New Year edition of the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

The advisability of laying crossings over the Pacific Electric tracks on Torrance boulevard at a number of intersections was discussed and referred to committee to investigate the cost and report at the next meeting. Councilman Wright was particularly interested in extending Cravens avenue over the P. E. tracks.

## Relief Society Thanks Friends

### Distribution of 250 Christmas Baskets Aided By Many Contributions

Two hundred fifty Christmas baskets were distributed to needy families in this community by the Torrance Relief Society, and women of the society acknowledge with thanks the following contributions to the Christmas fund:

Previously acknowledged, proceeds of the police and firemen's ball, \$200.

- Mrs. Mary D. Armstrong, \$10.
- Catholic Altar Society, \$5.
- Sunshine Club, telephone girls of Torrance, \$5.
- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rupp, large donation of potatoes, apples, canned goods, bacon, cookies, etc.
- Polly Bartlett, toys and clothing.
- J. C. Penney Co., new clothing for little children.
- Rotary Anna, large donation of canned goods and groceries.
- Friends, canned goods, jellies, etc.
- High school, five baskets.
- Job's Daughters, one basket.
- Co-operative Relief Association, celery, cabbage, onions, oranges and grapes. Also the use of trucks and aid of men in handling and delivering baskets.

And all friends who assisted to make the annual distribution a success.

## Stockman Funeral To Be Held Friday

The death of Ralph R. Stockman occurred at his home at 25903 Cypress street, Lomita, Wednesday, December 23. Mr. Stockman, who was 77 at the time of his death, was born at Mukanago, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura B. Stockman, and a daughter, Mrs. Alma L. Robertson, of Lomita.

Services will be held at Stone and Myers chapel tomorrow, Friday, December 30, at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be made at Roosevelt Memorial cemetery. The Torrance Masonic lodge will have charge at the grave.

## ROBERTS' FAMILY DINNER SADDENED BY GRIM REAPER

News of the death of Mrs. Flora B. Elson, an aunt of H. W. Roberts, came as a shock to the Roberts family as they were seated at dinner Christmas day. Mrs. Elson, who was 75 years of age, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary E. Roberts, 2850 Francis avenue, Los Angeles.