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Capacity Crowd

Attends Closing Session of Cooking School This Afternoon

A record crowd, which filled nearly every seat at the Torrance Theatre, attended the closing session today of the three-day cooking school, sponsored by the Torrance Herald and Union Ice Company. Attendance for the three days was approximately 1,600. Many favorable comments have been received for the splendid programs in modern cookery conducted by Mrs. Nina G. Abbey, home economist in charge.

While a number of prizes have been awarded each day, greatest interest was centered upon today's contest, when the beautiful 75-lb. ice refrigerator donated by the Union Ice Company and the Sunbeam Mixer, contributed by the Torrance Electric Shop are to be given away. A great many other prizes have also been provided for the final session this afternoon.

Grateful appreciation is expressed by the sponsors of the cooking school to DeWitt Van Derlip, proprietor of the Torrance Theatre, for his generosity in donating the theatre for the three days. The newly decorated and refurbished theatre building proved an ideal place to hold the school, and the kindly co-operation extended by Mr. Van Derlip and his theatre staff is deeply appreciated.

Sincere thanks is also extended to the Poppy Flower Shop for providing two beautiful baskets of flowers for the stage and a corsage bouquet for Mrs. Abbey. The attractive jars of Creme de Milk beauty aid contributed by the Mayfair Creamery, Ltd., and the attractive bridge prize donated by the Torrance News Agency, as well as the many food prizes awarded by the co-operating food manufacturers were deeply appreciated by those fortunate in winning them.

Chester Cook, representing the Ben-Hur Coffee Company, served coffee to all those present at the closing session today; and Winifred Worth, home economist of the Jell-Well Company, prepared an interesting recipe with the new cube Jell-Well.

Mrs. Abbey Popular
Major credit for the outstanding success of the cooking school rightfully belongs to Mrs. Nina G. Abbey, whose pleasing personality endeared her to the women of this community. Perhaps the greatest compliment which she received was one that was not spoken at all—but was the close attention given by everyone in the audience to her programs. We are sure the "men-folks" and other members of local families will be grateful to Mrs. Abbey when "mother" proudly serves them with the attractive and toothsome dishes she learned about at the cooking school.

Honored At Bridge Party



MRS. NINA G. ABBEY, home economist at the Torrance Herald, Union Ice Company cooking school, being conducted this week, was the honor guest at a delightful bridge party last evening given by Mrs. E. L. Patterson, 1318 Acacia avenue. Both Mrs. Abbey and Mrs. Patterson are members of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Mrs. Abbey belongs to the Pasadena chapter and Mrs. Patterson to the Los Angeles chapter. A number of other members of the sorority from the Los Angeles chapter were also present.

Contract bridge furnished diversion. A guest prize was awarded Mrs. Abbey and a prize for high score to Mrs. D. K. Fredrick, of Long Beach. Others in the party were Mrs. Harry Lockridge, Mrs. William Hallerine, Miss Ruth Patterson and Miss Olga Selbert, of Long Beach; Mrs. Dorothy Klinepeter and Mrs. Mildred Tipkham, of Hollywood; Miss Abbey, of Pasadena; Mrs. Irma Dudley, Mrs. C. L. Inokid, Mrs. S. Sleeth and Mrs. Patterson, of Torrance.

Plans For Outfall Sewer Will Be Laid Before Directors On May 14

Directors of the county sanitation districts, on which this city is represented by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, will have plans and specifications for the \$2,750,000 White Point outfall sewer before them for adoption at their next meeting on May 14 and 15, according to A. T. Warren, chief engineer.

BAND MEN ASK APPROPRIATION FOR GASOLINE

Three members of the Torrance band appeared before the council Tuesday night to request among other things the appropriation of \$15 per month to pay gasoline expenses of members who reside in other cities. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday night, and attendance of these entails a certain expense for the out of town musicians. The council agreed to take the matter under consideration, and will probably include such an appropriation in the budget for next year. Funds at this time are low in each department, and no provision had been made this year for such an expense no action was taken at this meeting.

The bandmen offered their services for the opening night of the baseball season, when the Bluebirds start work this month. They also offered to play in the downtown section for the benefit of business men on such occasions as "Dollar Day" or similar merchandising events.

The band now has 23 members and is getting in shape to take part in civic programs.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Works Will Probably Get Contract

At an adjourned regular meeting of the city council, held Tuesday night, a resolution addressed to the PWA authorities was adopted asking them to recommend the acceptance of the bid of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, for the erection of a steel tank, tower and foundations for the Municipal Water District No. 1 of the City of Torrance. This concern submitted the low bid of \$26,265 at the regular meeting held last week.

Theft of Tools Is Reported

Theft of two cable pipe slings, valued at \$15, the property of the Oilfields Trucking Company, was reported by Percy A. Phoenix to deputies at Sub-station No. 8 last Friday. The tools were taken from Phoenix's property at El Segundo and Hawthorne boulevard. An employee at the property was named as a suspect. The matter was turned over to the petroleum division for investigation.

Mrs. Jones and Companions Recovering

First reports of an automobile accident in which Mrs. Charles V. Jones and three women companions were severely injured, which conveyed the information that the car occupied by the women had collided with a truck while attempting to pass another truck and trailer on a small hill, are now believed to be erroneous, due to the statement of a Filipino who was the first person to reach the scene after the crash.

This individual, who later called at the hospital in Oceanside where Mrs. Jones and the others were taken, is said to have given a very different version of the affair. He stated, according to report, that the truck involved in the accident had passed him at a high rate of speed and that the crash followed almost immediately afterward.

The Filipino left the scene to call an ambulance, and on his return found that another truck and trailer had pulled up by the side of the road, at the spot where the accident took place. Both trucks and trailer are said to be owned by the same company, a San Diego concern.

The accident occurred six miles this side of Oceanaside about 7:30 Tuesday evening, of last week, as the party of women were returning from San Diego. Mrs. Jones suffered a severe scalp wound which required 30 stitches to close, a sprained ankle and injury to her shoulder. Mrs. C. E. Hauenstein, of Long Beach, who was driving, is a sister of Mr. Jones, manager of the local Consolidated Lumber Company. She sustained a compound fracture of the right leg and numerous cuts.

Miss Elsie Mylar, of Long Beach, was cut and bruised, but not seriously. All the injured were removed to the emergency hospital at Oceanaside, where Miss Gray is still receiving treatment. She has recovered consciousness, but is yet unable to be moved. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hauenstein were later brought to the Long Beach Community hospital where they remained a few days and later were able to go to their homes.

City Recommends Acceptance of Tank Low Bid

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The council agreed to the substitution of red lead paint for enamel in lining the tank, which will set up a saving of about \$500 in the cost of the structure. According to City Engineer Frank R. Leonard this paint will be as serviceable as enamel and probably more satisfactory, in spite of the fact that the tank will have to be repainted at intervals.

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How Will You Vote At School Election

Next Tuesday, voters of Torrance and Lomita will join with other citizens throughout the Los Angeles city school district in electing four members to the board of education. Regrettable as it is, we doubt if any considerable number of local citizens have given the important problem serious consideration. Yet the school board which we will help to elect will determine the policy of the educational system which has such an important influence over the lives of our children.

As newspaper publishers we have perhaps been brought in closer contact with the two groups of candidates than many of our readers. We have had an opportunity to study their qualification and particularly to judge the campaign tactics which have been employed by the so-called "Security Ticket" and the "Progressive Ticket."

Because of the things we have seen and heard, we unhesitatingly recommend the candidates on the "Progressive Ticket," who are

George A. Briggs, William A. Henry, Robert H. Kee, Clara Norris Rakestraw.

Perhaps there are some candidates on the other ticket who would perform good service were it not for the unfortunate circumstances in which they will find themselves in the event they are elected. They may not favor the campaign tactics which have been employed in an attempt to elect them; but most certainly they have been "roped" in to serve special interests. It is our conviction that a good house-cleaning at the board of education would be beneficial, and this can only be brought about by electing the four candidates named above.

How Many Dimes to a Quart Letter Senders Want to Know

Torrance recipients of the famous "send a dime" letter, which started in Denver and is sweeping the country like a prairie fire, are trying to figure out just how much money that would be. Guesses place the sum anywhere from \$50 to \$500 but in order to prove up on their guesses, those who have faithfully complied with the instructions, sent their dime to the No. 1 on their list and handed on or mailed five copies to their friends, have provided themselves with a quart jar and are now waiting for the dimes to roll in.

When and if the jar is filled the results will be tabulated. Southern California has just recovered from the racing fever, when the ponies were the sole topic of conversation and is now busily discussing the dime letter. In view of newspaper articles telling of the ire of Uncle Sam who threatens to jail people for exercising their right to write letters and mail dimes, discussion waxes hot as to whether jail or no jail seems for the continuers of the chain.

Opinions as to the amount of money that will be gained or lost vary. Mathematical calculation proves that if the chain is unbroken down to the sixth man or woman on the list it is possible for that person to receive the tidy sum of \$1,562.50 in return for his thin dime, which plus his postage on five letters or the cost of delivering them by hand is the only outlay.

Children Rifle Rural Mailboxes

Mailboxes in the vicinity of 229th street and Narbonne avenue have been rifled with more or less regularity during the past two weeks, according to Postmaster Birds Paddock, of Lomita, who reported the matter to deputies of Sub-station No. 2, sheriff's department. On investigation, the deputies found that the culprits were two little girls, age eight and six years, and the children were given a stern warning to leave the boxes alone in the future.

HORSE STRUCK BY CAR SMASHES GLASS

Billy and Teddy Miller, residing on Eschelman avenue, Lomita, were slightly cut about the face by flying glass Sunday when a horse dashed a hoof through the windshield of the car in which they were riding. The children were given first aid at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

Water Project to Be Discussed

Secretary L. J. Gilmester of the Chamber of Commerce mailed out letters to all members of the group this week, urging their attendance at a meeting to be held starting at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, May 8, for discussion of matters concerning the Metropolitan Water District. The meeting is called at the request of City Attorney Charles T. Hippy, director on the board, and several district officials are expected to attend.

They will answer questions as to the source of water supply, contractual relations of the district with the secretary of the interior, authority of the district to construct the Parker dam, progress of the work, probable cost of water to member cities on completion of the work, and other matters connected with the project.

The decision of the supreme court denying the United States petition for a permanent injunction against interference from the state of Arizona has given rise to conjecture as to the status of the aqueduct and dam. The meeting next Wednesday night has been called because of the adverse rumors current in the city and all interested persons are invited to attend. It will be the purpose of those in charge of the work to clear up debatable points and explain and present status of the work.

All Records For Redemption of Property Broken

County Auditor Reports Huge Volume in Delinquent Taxes

County Auditor H. A. Payne reports all records of the redemption division of the county auditor's office were broken in April, 1935. There were 6,508 complete, and 13,488 partial redemptions made aggregating \$1,366,041.70. This represents the largest volume of business both in the numbers of payments and amount of collections for any single month in the history of the office. Total delinquent tax collections for present fiscal year to April 30 are \$7,412,014.06; last year to same date they were \$6,480,769.45, a gain of \$931,244.61. Collections for the entire fiscal year of 1934-25 totaled only \$1,149,855.32.

County Tax Collector H. L. Byram reports current collections to and including April 30 of \$75,385,916.89, which is 86.11% of total tax charge aggregating \$87,542,045.55. This compares with \$70,346,641.02 collected during last year to same date which was 78.10% of tax charge aggregating \$89,163,171. The increase for current year over last year to date is 6.95%. It will be another 10 days before final tabulations are made for all second installment payments paid as of April 20, 1935.

Former Postmaster Taken Suddenly Ill

Alfred Gouderler, 1807 Gramercy, former postmaster of Torrance, suffered a slight stroke while attending a theatre in Los Angeles in company with his wife yesterday afternoon, and is now receiving treatment at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. Reports from the hospital this morning are to the effect that he is resting more comfortably today.

TWO REPORTED INJURED

Junius Kellam, 1547 Broad street, Wilmington, and Mrs. H. B. Kellam were reported injured in a collision at Cravens and Engracia avenue, at 6:15 Tuesday evening. The extent of their injuries was not stated. Phil Schuyler, 1417 South Figueroa, Los Angeles, was the driver of the other car.

PLANS BEING PREPARED TO IMPROVE VISTA HIGHLANDS

Paving, Sidewalks and Curbs, and Sewers to Be Included in SERA Projects Offered By Torrance

Plans for the improvement of Vista Highlands, with paving, curbs, sidewalks and sewers, are being drawn by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard, and will be filed with the state relief authorities as an SERA project. The plans call for the work to be done in the district bounded by Cedar street on the east, Monterey street on the south, Juniper on the west and Torrance boulevard on the north.

Lower Water Rate is Proposed

As soon as figures prepared by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard, who is in charge of the water department, can be checked by C. J. Rambo & Co., city accountants, new water rates which will provide a reduction to consumers will be announced. Mr. Leonard stated at the meeting of the council Tuesday night. The rates will go into effect May 25, and be continued until December 25.

At that time the city expects to have in operation the new water mains which will be drilled this summer, and further savings are to be anticipated.

Progressive reductions will be made, said Mr. Leonard, as rapidly as conditions will permit.

Owing to the fact that the rates as read to the council are tentative and dependent upon the report of the accountants they cannot be taken as definitely established at this time, but are subject to change. The new rates propose a minimum charge of \$1.10 for the first 500 feet, or a drop of 15 cents under the old rate, and \$1.95 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In December it is hoped to establish a rate of \$1.00 minimum and \$1.75 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Bold Burglar Enters Justice Court Offices

Judge Frank R. Carrell and his office staff at the Gardena office of the Inglewood justice court, have many patrons who would like to break out of their jurisdiction, but it was left to a bold burglar to break in some time last Saturday night. Judge Carrell, in company with sheriff's deputies from Station No. 3, on Sunday visited the office at the corner of Western avenue and San Pedro street in Moneta, where they found the door wide open and the cabinets in Clerk Lillian Griffin's office ransacked.

Apparently nothing was taken as the intruder failed to locate \$60 in cash in the clerk's office and \$68 in Judge Carrell's desk. Entrance was made by means of the key to the street door, which had been stolen from Percy Lewis, 1166 West 163rd street, the janitor at the court and also for the Bank of America, Vermont and Gardena boulevard, in Gardena.

Lewis reported that he had left home Saturday evening to go to Los Angeles, leaving his work clothes in a closet at his home. The keys to the buildings where he is employed were in his pants pocket. The unknown person entered the Lewis home and secured the keys, then went to the business offices where he was successful in entering the justice court. At the Bank of America, deputies found that an attempt had been made to enter, but the intruder had used the wrong key, which was broken off in the lock.

Interest In Boy Scout Jamboree At High Level

Secretary Gilmester has written letters to the Kiwanis, Rotary clubs, Chambers of Commerce and other organizations in each city of the district, urging them to see that their troops of Boy Scouts participate 100 percent in this big meeting. Between 300 and 500 boys are expected, many of whom will camp Friday night in the park, others to arrive the following day for the program of Scout work.

NEW TRUCK

Purchase of a new Ford truck, at a price not to exceed \$1,000, for city use, was authorized by the council Tuesday night. One of the old trucks now owned will be turned in on the purchase.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE

Norma Talmadge, film actress, was born May 2, 1897.