



Altho the poker game in which Henry R. Clifton, right, wealthy English sportsman, dropped \$150,000 appeared to be a "raw deal" to give a visitor, the incident which is under investigation by the district attorney's office in Los Angeles...

C. P. Roberts Publisher, Dies in Wilmington

Death wrote "30" traditional newsmen's ending mark to the career of Claude P. Roberts, Wilmington publisher and postmaster, founder of the Lomita News Letter and former owner of The Torrance Herald...

The funeral service will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Calvary Presbyterian church in Wilmington...

Mr. Roberts' newspaper career took him throughout the north and southwest Pacific states. He was named postmaster at Wilmington in March, 1936...

He was a charter member and a past-president of the Wilmington Rotary club.

Here in 1923-23 He was born in Indiana in 1890 and went to high school in Chicago...

Review where he also covered mining news which took him to the Rocky Mountain News in Denver and then to Lander, Wyo. He first came to California in 1902...

Then he returned to the mining country of Arizona, went to Oregon and returned to this state in 1912 when he was a printer for the San Pedro News and Pilot...

Mr. Roberts discontinued his Enterprise but continued to issue The Lomita News Letter and The Torrance Herald as separate papers...

Following the disposal of his Torrance and Lomita papers, Roberts was in Long Beach for (Continued on Page 2-A)

Youth Has Fling in Boys' Week Observance Here

SATURDAY IS FINAL DAY

Youth was having its fling in an authorized manner this week here as Boys' Week continued to hold the interest of a large proportion of the young men enrolled at Torrance high school...

Today boys are manning various civic offices and positions to mark Boys' Day in Citizenship. The complete list of young officials-for-the-day is published in the adjoining column.

Tomorrow, Friday, is Boys' Day in Loyalty and Legionnaire James H. Scott has arranged a program based on a demonstration in flag etiquette...

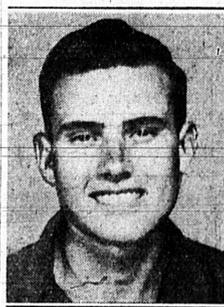
Friday is also Boys' Day in Safety and in Radio. A special open-air demonstration of traffic safety has been planned by Motor Sergeant Ernest Ashton...

Regarding radio, Instructor Francis Waddingham is arranging a tour of some Los Angeles broadcasting stations for boys interested in this industry.

A meeting of about 50 boys at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning will conclude Boys' Week here. At that session, Chamber Secretary L. J. Gilmeister will discuss a number of civic matters...

Metropolitan Water District, city officials, and the relationship of the Chamber of Commerce to (Continued on Page 2-A)

City Administration is in Youthful Hands Today



WILBUR FRANKLIN "Rizzoner" and



LEE ROY BENNER "the law" today

The Acting Mayor of Torrance had no trouble in stepping into Mayor William H. Tolson's shoes this morning...

Wilbur Franklin, mayor-for-the-day, took to the chief municipal executive's post like a duck to water...

Other young "city-officials" serving Torrance today are: Harvey Abramson, fire chief; Carl Andrews, city clerk; Lee Kirkpatrick, city engineer...

Arrangements are being completed here by the postoffice and Chamber of Commerce for observance of National Air Mail Week, May 15-21...

CONSTRUCTION AIR MAIL SOARS HERE WEEK NEAR

A rush of applications for building permits-five of them for wooden oil derricks valued at \$5,600 each-advanced the April total of new construction here to \$81,225...

The current construction year is now within \$40,098 of equaling the all-time record building year of 1927, when building to the amount of \$2,119,923 was recorded here...

Nine homes were started here during the last month. Other construction included one home alteration and repair job, two non-residence alterations, eight garages, one radio antenna tower for the new CBS-KNX transmitting station at 190th and Hawthorne...

SPECIAL CACHET FOR LOMITA MAILERS These envelopes bearing a special distinctive cachet will be available at the Lomita post office to all who send air mail letters during the week of May 15-21...

Table with 2 columns: Month and Amount. Rows for January, February, March, April, and Total.

Gets Injunction Against Pickets

The official will return next Thursday afternoon May 12, and again on May 19, to perform this service from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon...

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Fossils, 25 Million Years Old, Excavated Near Here

Discovery of some large fossils, encased in chunks of sandstone excavated from the Palos Verdes hills near Waverly has aroused intense speculation among paleontologists, geologists and students of past ages.

Their eagerness to penetrate the mysteries of the tons of bones, said to be in excellent condition, is understandable to the layman when it is understood that the remains threaten to explode the present theory of Southern California's geological youthfulness.

McGinnis Hopes Folks In India Won't Worry

Roger McGinnis, who was injured in an automobile-truck accident with four other gas company workers two weeks ago, has recovered from his injuries and is returning to work in a few weeks...

"The paper will arrive in India before my letter explaining I wasn't badly hurt and mother will worry about me," McGinnis said. "I'm getting along fine now and I hope my folks will see this story in The Herald and won't be concerned about my health."

Bible Class Will Honor Mothers

A special Mothers' Day program will be conducted by the Torrance Men's Bible class Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Boy Scout hall on El Prado. Attractive bouquets will be presented to the oldest and youngest mothers attending and there will be special music.

position Park museum for further study. The extreme age of the remains, geologists point out, may refute the theory that this region of the world is very young so far as geological ages go...

Studying the bone specimens with unusual interest today are Dr. Chester Stock, California Institute of Technology paleontologist; Dr. W. P. Woodring, U. S. geological survey expert, and S. Maus Purpe, consulting engineer. Subterranean disturbances millions of years ago, which formed some 14 laminated plateaus in the giant oyster bed where the remains were discovered, have forced the miocene strata to the surface, they explained.

OIL BOOM DRAWS MOVIE MEN; SIX NEW RIGS START

While the South Torrance quest for richer, high-gravity oil gained in activity, chiefly in the sector lying off Pennsylvania avenue south of Sepulveda to 234th street, newsreel photographers with sound trucks and in an airplane toured the booming field during the week to record derrick doings.

Library Contract Is Approved By Supervisors

Contract between the city of Torrance and the Los Angeles county public library, by which the county agrees to furnish library service here during the coming fiscal year, was approved this week by the board of supervisors.

Payment of \$7,080 is to be made to the county for the service, the county to furnish all books and library staff. More than half the cities in the county have similar contracts with the county, as it has the advantage of offering a much wider selection of reading matter to patrons of the library.

Old Drainage Plan Revived

A comprehensive plan for solving the drainage problems of the Nigger Slough area, submitted to the board of supervisors 12 years ago but about which little or nothing has been done, according to Flood Control Engineer C. H. Howell, today had been recommended by him to the present board for "careful study."

The report, prepared by Olmsted Brothers, consulting specialists of Boston, at the request of the then board, suggested that whatever projection work was projected, should be undertaken before costly improvements had been constructed in the area lying between Nigger Slough and the sea.

Among other regulations, the report suggested study to determine and lay to fix minimum elevations for proposed streets and houses or industrial buildings. Howell was not chief engineer of the board at that time, having been appointed some three years ago.

Two more steel derricks are being erected for the Texas company of Los Angeles at 2455 230th and 2332 229th. Both are understood to be grass-roots ventures. C.C.M.O. is repairing and extending its wooden rig at 2411 Sepulveda.

McDonald and Burns' Moore No. 3 is holding its field-record production of 600 barrels of 27 gravity, cutting less than one percent, according to reports received by The Herald. This well is located at 229th and Pennsylvania and was bottomed at 5,029 feet. Jack Doyle's well on the lease he obtained from Neil H. Anderson at 229th near Narbonne is said to be going strong at better than 200 barrels.

Carnival Queen Election Friday

There's a lot of electioneering going on at the high school these days in which seven attractive young ladies are deeply concerned. One of them will be crowned queen of the annual T. H. S. Carnival tomorrow and she will be crowned when the gala entertainment is presented May 20. Candidates for "Her Majesty" are from the senior and A-11 home rooms.

"Hayseed gathering" will be the theme of the 1938 Carnival and the committee in charge. Mrs. Marjorie Eischen, faculty director; Wilbur Franklin, Municipal Alvarson, Marjorie Page, Reggie Tolson and Harry Bell, promise it will be "bigger and better than ever." They plan to have some 37 different booths, concessions and shows.

Weston Leech is generalissimo of the parade to be held on the afternoon of the entertainment. Nearly every student is participating in the arrangements for the event, the proceeds of which will go to enrich the student body fund.

Woolner on Pump

Among the other noteworthy developments in the South Torrance field during this week were: Patton-Conway is opening its fee well on 233rd between Narbonne and Pennsylvania and is rigging up and setting boilers. Grubbs and Main are going in on the Woodyard Lyman No. 1 on 231st west of Pennsylvania and will re-drill. The derrick has been repaired and the draw works are in.

MacDonald and Burns are very active about their holdings in the sector around Pennsylvania; George W. Camp and the Woolner Oil company are reported to be readying equipment for new projects.

Sierra Development's well is said to be still wet on 231st and water trouble is giving Jack Doyle considerable trouble on his Bond No. 1 and Neil No. 1. Barber Al Bond who leases a property to D. O. L. reports a strange occurrence at "his well." He says that water appears to come up five on the pump between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon but before and after those hours the results are wet. He believes the tide may have something to do with this periodic oil production.

The old Timeo well, Cady of Washington, the operator, at 229th and Narbonne has been deepened 350 feet from its first deepening to 4,750 and was completed Tuesday. Tubing is now being set. The C.C.M.O. is preparing (Continued on Page 2-A)

Same Girls Win Two Local Essay Contests

Top literary honors in this city this year can be claimed by Miss Coral Lindeman, high school student who resides at 2227 Plaza del Anno. And runner-up for writing kudos is Miss Marian Sphegner, another T.H.S. student who lives at 1307 Portola.

They won first and second awards in two essay contests held within the past two weeks.

The latest accomplishment of the young writers was to capture the Air Mail essay contest, held by the local postoffice with the cooperation of the Torrance Retail Merchants' association and the high school.

In that contest, as well as the Fidae essay by the local American Legion Auxiliary, the names of all the student writers were not known by the judges until they had announced their decision. Each of the papers submitted in the two contests were given numbers by teachers and all identifying marks were erased.

For winning the Air Mail writing event, Miss Lindeman received a \$3 merchandise order and Miss Sphegner a \$2 order for second place, good at any local store. The orders were provided by the merchants' group. Honorable mention was given Ruth Norman, 1728 Gramercy, and Arthur Woodcock, 1218 Annapola, by the judges, Scott E. Ludlow, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson and Grover C. Whyte. There were 35 entries in the Air Mail essay contest.

Miss Lindeman has chances of winning additional awards for her literary efforts because both of her essays have been entered in the state and national Fidae and Air Mail contests.

PSYCHOLOGIST HERE TONITE

Tonight at 8 o'clock H. Malcolm-Smith, noted psychologist, will appear at the Civic Auditorium on a special program for local residents, according to the Torrance Business and Professional Women's club, who is sponsoring his free lecture engagement. Malcolm-Smith is widely known as "success builder," having assisted thousands of ambitious men and women to discover the work they are best fitted for and coaching them to financial security.

The program tonight is designed to help people of all ages who are seeking harmony in the home, lasting friendships, better business ethics and financial security. According to Malcolm-Smith, "opportunity is greater today than at any time in the history of America, for those who are ready for it. I think America is now ready and willing to follow intelligent direction. All the average person needs is one good idea put into practice, to bring the comforts and a fair share of the luxuries of life."

He says he will cover many of the important secrets which brought success to more than 500 of America's most successful leaders in his talk tonight. The Business and Professional Women's club plans to attend the meeting in a group and members urge every local resident to be present to hear this unusual speaker.

Shidler Qualifies for State Bar

San Francisco news dispatches Tuesday morning reported that John A. Shidler, son of the late Dr. George P. Shidler of this city, had successfully passed the state bar examinations and is now qualified to practice as an attorney. The report also disclosed that Hiram Johnson III, grandson of the U. S. Senator, had also passed the bar tests. Attorney Shidler indicated yesterday that he may start his law practice here.

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