

SHOP TALK

S'leh S'leh! Pohn klat si yekul
 of eh tuo ta lia s'leh keew!
 As busy as a cat on a tin roof
 in a hail storm; as screwy as
 "Wrong-Way" Corrigan; as dither-
 ish as an old maid who finds a
 man under her bed; all this and
 more are the members of our
 Herald staff this week as our
 Special Edition "Torrance-On-the-
 Air" goes on the press.

Weak and weary and glad
 that's over, staff members are
 today picking up the loose ends
 dropped so hurriedly over two
 months ago when work started
 on the "special." It was hard
 work and took many extra hours.
 But like all newspaper work
 it was interesting in a way no
 other work can be interesting.
 We who are in it don't know
 why, particularly. It must be
 the thrill of seeing our own
 brain child in print... to know
 that the cold, hard type... as
 it appears to outsiders... is
 really the expression of a thought
 that came out of your own head
 however bad it may be... and
 we mean the IDEA!

To be complimented in this
 "special" is Mike Strasser, City
 Editor, who labored long over the
 stories and "heads" that fill the
 pages, spent countless hours in
 research & planning... that the
 edition might be a success. Mike
 wrote almost every line and
 Shop Talk, for one, congratulates him.

Contrary to common belief, as
 much tenesness and drama can
 be packed into the office of a
 "small weekly" as in the vast
 City Room of a metropolitan
 daily. Only in the movies, of
 course, do men run wild, tear
 their hair, cuss out the boss and
 marry the publisher's daughter.
 Even the big sheets reflect no
 such tripe as this. But to the
 "small weekly" the news it
 handles, the ads it gets, the work
 it does is just as important to it
 and the people it serves as the
 world wide scoops that pour in
 over teletypes are "big stuff" to
 the mammoth daily.

Depleting this in a grand
 manner was a movie "short" several
 years ago starring the now de-
 ceased "Gib" Sale. In this opus
 of the screen Sale was a small
 town newspaper publisher who
 had the good fortune to have the
 body of a big shot gangster
 dumped on the curb in front of
 his office, pumped full and
 shoots holes. With the biggest
 story of the year right in his
 lap, Sale, after much to do, gave
 the gangster three lines on an in-
 side page in the obituary column.
 Mrs. Smith's baby, a big sale at
 local merchant was having and
 some other local stories were too
 important to take off the front
 page.

Such is a "small weekly."

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DIST. CLUBWOMEN CONVENE HERE TODAY

LOCAL CLUB HAS NOTABLE CIVIC RECORD

For the past 17 years the Torrance Woman's club, affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, has been a vital cultural and social factor in this city. It has been at the front of nearly every movement for civic betterment and has contributed toward all objectives of community welfare.

Organized April 16, 1921—a month before Torrance was incorporated as a municipality—this organization has attracted and held the interest of hundreds of women here who have benefited from their association. The Woman's clubhouses on Engracia avenue is a well-appointed building which, until the completion of the Civic Auditorium, served for most of the community gatherings here.

Today the building, pictured elsewhere on this page, is still serving as a meeting place for church groups, dancing academies, lecture assemblies and entertainments in addition to being the headquarters for the woman's club itself.

Torrance is proud of its Woman's club and its welfare activities, among which the operation of the Mothers' Educational Center is outstanding. If this was the only accomplishment of the organization it could well rate as a No. 1 community benefit. But the Mothers' Educational Center is only one of the many worthwhile interests of the group.

Dr. Maude Wilde, who founded the Center of the local club, has continued her interest in the program today is one of its leading consultants. Her work in children's health is nationally known.

Officers who are now directing the Woman's club are: Mrs. Lillian Barrington, president; Mrs. Charles Schultz, first vice president and program chairman; Mrs. D. W. Quigley, second vice president and membership chairman; Mrs. A. I. Price, third vice president; Mrs. H. F. Schultz, recording secretary; Mrs. Paul Vonderahe, Federation secretary; Mrs. A. R. Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Lock, W. H. Gilbert, E. A. Miles, Mrs. Raymond Rogers, Sr., and Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, directors.

Few Towns Sell Liquor
 INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (U.P.)—But 110 out of 464 Indiana towns under 5,000 population sell liquor by the drink.

Nearly 1,000 are City Club's Guests

"Legislation Day" is the theme for the season's first Presidents' Council of the Los Angeles District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, being held here today. Nearly 1,000 club executives and members from San Luis Obispo, Inyo, Ventura, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties were participating in the meetings which were scheduled to end at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The all-day session was opened at 10 o'clock by Mrs. John Stearns Thayer, District president, in the Torrance theatre. The Woman's club of this city is hostess for the day with Mrs. H. C. Barrington, president, in charge of arrangements. An attractive luncheon was served at noon in the Civic Auditorium and the afternoon session continued at 1:30 in the theatre.

Boy Scouts of this city directed the visitors for the day to the meeting places. Gene Bordeaux bugled the assembly call and with the advance of the national colors by Bobbie Lewellen and a group of local Sons of Legion, the session was under way.

Legislative Matters
 The salute to the flag was led by the district chairman and Mayor William H. Tolson welcomed the delegates to this city. Among the guests presented were Mrs. Dean Sears, Legion Field chairman; Mrs. Bettina Miller, president of the National Business and Professional Women; President Earl Conner of the Kiwanis club, President Harry Abramson of the Rotary club and Alden W. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Velma Schultze presented a valuable gift to Mrs. Thayer and Rev. Fred T. Porter pronounced the invocation.

Mrs. Edmond M. Lazard of Los Angeles, new District Legislation chairman, is in charge of the legislative part of the program. At the morning session she explained propositions to appear on the ballot at the November election, with particular emphasis on those in which Federation members are interested, without reference to issues or candidates. She advised the clubwomen to vote according to their best judgment. Mrs. Lazard presented Charles F. Wright, director of the Speakers' Bureau of Los Angeles County Council against the Repeal of the Sales Tax, who spoke on the measure called Sales Tax Repeal—land value tax, an initiative constitutional amendment.

Information Said Vital
 At the afternoon session two speakers were introduced by the Legislation chairman to tell about proposals on the ballot of the Los Angeles City election tomorrow (Friday). Neil Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades Council and president of the State Federation of Labor, spoke on proposal 2, and Dave S. Smith, chairman of the Citizens Committee to Regulate Picketing, talked on proposal No. 1.

Mrs. Thayer, in speaking of the purpose of the current sessions, said: "We, as thinking women and voters, cannot have too much information about the legislative issues that are before us. Upon the vote on some of these amendments may hang the future of this great state. The time is past when anyone may say 'I am not interested in elections.' Today each one must seek information, weigh it carefully, and then decide for herself."

During the morning, Mrs. June Webster, District Music chairman, presented Miss Lou MacIldain, dramatic soprano, and Miss Velva Kipler, mezzo-soprano, from the studios of Madame Florence Holtzman. Mrs. Webster also led the assembly singing.

Mrs. S. Bernard Lancaster of Culver City, new drama chairman for Los Angeles District, has charge of the afternoon entertainment when members of the Dionysians club were to appear in the following program: A group of musical readings by Helen Warfield Wenger; character sketches by Velma Frances Bissell; a playlet, "Shadows of the Past," written by Alma Hauff, and presented by Helen Warfield Wenger and Velma Frances Bissell.

FOOD IS STOLEN
 A lunch counter stand operated by H. C. Allen at 1688 Carson street was reported broken into last Sunday and \$50 worth of food stuffs and \$1 in cash stolen, according to police.

NEW DISTRICT CLUB CHAIRMEN PLAN ACTIVE SEASON OF STUDY AND WORK IN THIS AREA

The Los Angeles District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, has seven new chairmen this year. They are making plans for intensive work along their various lines. Six of the activity leaders and their plans are:

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP: Mrs. Elsbey W. Reynolds of Pomona is the new chairman of American Citizenship, having been chairman of this same committee for two years during the regime of Mrs. Howard U. Sherwood as district president and for four years in the Pomona Ebell club.

The vice-chairman of the committee, Mrs. Francis Eugene Payne of Los Angeles will direct a question box on citizenship and the conferences which will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at District headquarters will feature outstanding speakers on phases of American Citizenship.

At the first conference, Oct. 12, at 10 a. m., Mrs. E. C. Bolows, an acknowledged authority on government procedure, will speak on "Law Observance" and the American Mother for the year 1936 will speak on "Children." Members of Mrs. Reynolds' committee are: Mmes. DeLos Delano, Viola Hickok, J. W. Welch, J. M. Duncan, Harry Ward Brown and Otis J. Trux.

LEGISLATION: Mrs. Edmond M. Lazard, Legislation chairman, will hold conferences at District headquarters the second Monday of each month, beginning Oct. 10, and will present speakers on measures before the Legislature and Congress in which the Federation is particularly interested. Among these are the Neutrality Act, the Pure Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, etc. The committee consists of Mrs. Roger W. Pryor, vice-chairman, and Mmes. J. Sidney Jones, Stella Harris and George J. Schuetz.

EDUCATION: "Our Responsibility Toward California's Educational Program" is the general theme for the coming year adopted by the Education division of which Miss Mildred L. Hollister of Los Angeles is chairman. She says that the following questions will be discussed at the regular monthly conferences in District Headquarters at 10:30 a. m., the third Saturday of each month in an effort to reach a better understanding of conditions in California:

What are the actual existing conditions in this state? How do they compare with opportunities offered to children, young people, and adults in other states? Are we helping other states solve their problems, by meeting ours in a progressive way? What are we getting for the money we have invested in the business of education?

Do we as voters see that wise legislation is passed? What is the unique part, earnest club women are able to take in bringing about a better understanding of the needs of education for the growth and stability of democracy? How can we best help the youth of today in its endeavor to find a place for itself in the rapidly changing world where so many such a place has been denied to so many of our young people?

Interesting speakers, music, panel discussions, moving pictures, exhibits and other visual aids will help to carry out the theme. The Education committee is composed of Mrs. Edmond M. Lazard, vice-chairman; Mrs. Anna Blackstone, Mrs. Alice de Haaff, Mrs. W. H. Franklin, Mrs. Wm. H. Hunt, Mrs. Mark Jones, Mrs. Hyde McFadden, Miss Mary Virginia Morris, Mrs. Mary Hiller, Mrs. Robert M. Preston and Mrs. Ernest W. Roth. The first conferences will be held in the convention hall of the Progressive Education Association Annual conference at the Biltmore Hotel, Oct. 14.

NATIONAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION: This activity relating to problems and study of forestry, public parks, water usage and soil protection has Mrs. Edwin S. Fuller of Inglewood, former chairman of Nature Study in the State and District Federation, as chairman. Vice-chairman of the committee is Mrs. C. A. Burnett, who is also State Chairman of Conservation with the Progressive Education Association.

Special attention will be given to the study of the trees in the parks and state forests, with the hope of learning to identify them by their leaves. Study of recre-



MRS. HENRY C. BARRINGTON

Who, as president of the Torrance Woman's club, is chief hostess today of the Federation gathering in this city. Mrs. Barrington is now serving a second term as leader of the Woman's club here, having been "drafted" for return to office early this year.



MRS. S. BERNARD LANCASTER

Who is the new Drama chairman for the District. She is presenting the entertainment this afternoon at the first Presidents' Council at the Torrance theatre. Mrs. Lancaster, who lives in Culver City, will hold regular monthly conferences at District headquarters and will conduct the one-act play contest next spring.

Her committee is composed of Mmes. F. F. Greenough, vice-chairman; R. A. Hamlett, Francis J. Gabel, Edward Hummel, John H. Onstad, J. T. P. MacDonald, Charles F. Sarver, Douglas Howe, P. B. Miller and J. T. Benson.

of Handicrafts, Mrs. W. G. Ross of Bell, says: "I firmly believe a clubwoman should have educated hands as well as an educated head." With this as her object she is planning conferences at District Headquarters the third Monday of each month, with classes in pottery making, wood carving, linoleum carving, leather, copper, and aluminum tooling; decoration of wood novelties and small furniture, stylocraft, glove making, flower arrangement, making of fabric flowers, and costume jewelry. Every nook and corner of the entire lower floor of the building is in use.

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STUDENT PREXY... This week Dick Leech, son of Mrs. Harriett Leech, began his term as president of the Torrance Junior high school student body.



MRS. JOHN STEARNS THAYER

District president who opened the day-long Council session this morning at 10 o'clock in the Torrance theatre. Mrs. Thayer is one of the best-informed clubwomen in Southern California and the meetings today are a tribute to her executive ability as an executive.

Car Robberies Believed Solved By Sunday Arrest

With the arrest and conviction of Albert Austin, 47, Los Angeles, on charges of petty theft, local authorities hope that the series of car robberies at Torrance beach has been broken. Austin was apprehended late Sunday afternoon by Sergeant Ernest Ashton and plead guilty to the charge. He was given a 90-day jail sentence of which 60 days was suspended on condition that he stay out of Torrance after he has done the remaining 30 days.

Ashton said he observed Austin systematically attempting to unlock car doors with the aid of a long wire which he inserted in the ventilator openings at the side of the machines. Austin's wife who was standing on a nearby knoll was believed to have served as a "look-out" for him while he tried to enter the parked autos.

After arresting the Angeleno, Sergeant Ashton located the owner of the car on which Austin was working and when the motorist went thru his clothing in the car he declared \$3 in cash was missing. Austin at once offered him a \$5 bill "to keep from going to jail" altho he denied he robbed the car.

Drivers Escape Serious Injury In Car Crash

Two cocktails consumed by Mrs. Florence Lacey, West Los Angeles nurse, an hour before she became involved with a heavy-duty produce truck and a power pole on Torrance boulevard and Hawthorne avenue Monday afternoon must have been potent refreshment.

That was the observation of local police officers who extricated her from her almost completely demolished car, rushed her to Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment of a severe cut on her chin and then booked her at the police station for driving while intoxicated.

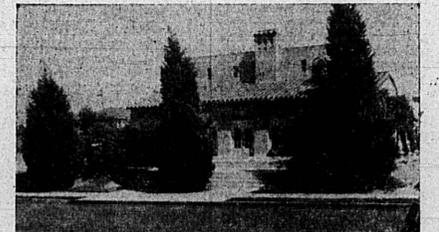
Mrs. Lacey is accused of smashing into the produce truck, driven by Alvera Santa Maria, Los Angeles, and then bouncing across the highway to wrap her already damaged car around the power pole. Santa Maria was unhurt but his truck was badly smashed up. Mrs. Lacey was released on bond a few hours after being booked and will appear for trial here Sept. 20.

ation and public parks in all parts of the district by individual club chairmen will be encouraged to determine whether these areas are properly distributed and what part they may play in crime prevention.

Conferences will be held the second Friday of each month at 10 a. m., in District Headquarters, when outstanding authorities will be presented in talks of much interest and instruction. This group will cooperate with the Nature Study division of the District Federation, of which Mrs. J. H. Conby is chairman, in an effort to have recreation park-bird sanctuary lands set aside from public funds before the birds are driven out by drainage or other use of the land.

Mrs. Fuller hopes to take the group on one or two trips of particular interest during the year to study the possibilities of marshlands as recreation areas and bird sanctuaries and to see the program of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in San Gabriel Canyon and other places.

HANDICRAFTS: The chairman



WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE... Here is a late view of the attractive community center on Engracia avenue that is the home of the Torrance Woman's club. Within its wide front doors many civic functions have been held and the building is also used for a number of private social or cultural affairs.

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