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SECTION B

## Obscene Magazine Sales to Be Probed by Coordinators

### TAX ROLLS NOW OPEN FOR STUDY

Any Torrance taxpayer may have access to the copies of the assessor's rolls now at the Chamber of Commerce to compare the assessed valuation of his or her property with that of other property. The board of supervisors this week issued the following statement for those seeking reductions in assessments.

"This is a board which only attempts to equalize assessed values as between different properties in the county," the statement pointed out.

"The law does not permit the board to take into account a decline in income, unemployment or recent low-sale price. Usually you can determine the fairness of your assessed value by comparing it with similar property similarly located.

"If you can show the board that your property is 'out of line' in comparison with other similar property, the board will give full consideration to such facts," the statement said, concluding: "Please do not ask for reductions on grounds not allowed by law."

The last day upon which applications for reductions in assessments may be filed is July 17.

### Church School Opens July 31

A community vacation church school will open Monday, July 31, at the Christian church. The school will continue for two weeks under the direction of Alice M. Robertson of Los Angeles. The departments will include beginners, Mrs. Marie Benson, superintendent; primary, Mrs. Veda Peer; Junior, Mrs. Aliene Muir; and Junior High, Mrs. Laura Pisel.

Preliminary plans for the school have been in charge of the local Ministerial Association and the County Coordinating Council's field leader, Mr. Whithead, who has made two visits to Torrance to assist in this enterprise.

While the school has been launched by the churches cooperating in the Ministerial Union, all children and young people in the community may enroll. The promotion committee consists of Rev. H. G. Banks, W. E. Bowen, Mrs. Lorna Hammack, Lloyd Hammond and Mrs. Boyd Thompson.

### Wooldridge Writes

People who think by the inch and talk by the yard should be dealt with by the foot.

### BANNED LIST IS OFFERED AS GUIDE

With the list of 72 publications which have been banned from newsstand sales in Pasadena as a guide, a local committee was appointed by Judge Robert Lessing at the Torrance Coordinating Council meeting Monday night to investigate the assertedly "lewd, obscene and spiritually destructive literature" which may be offered for sale here.

The committee, headed by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, is expected to submit a resolution condemning the sale of all magazines and journals which are calculated to destroy or weaken the moral or spiritual fibre of local residents. Members of the committee are Mesdames Neil Whitney, Hillman Lee, John E. Minor, Irene E. Davis and V. Grimm.

Attention of the Coordinating Council to the current "war on obnoxious magazines" was directed by Rev. Harry G. Banks, pastor of the Methodist church. He discussed the campaign against such harmful publications which was instituted by the Catholic church.

Rev. Banks also read the resolution adopted by presidents of five colleges or universities, two high churches and Vierling Kersey, superintendent of Los Angeles city schools, which formed the League for Clean Literature.

This organization is headed by Dr. Remsen D. Bird, Occidental College; Dr. Rufus B. von Klein-Schmidt, U. S. C.; Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, U. C. L. A.; Dr. Robert A. Milliken, California Institute of Technology; Father Charles C. McQuillen, Loyola College; Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens, Episcopal church; Archbishop John J. Cantwell, Catholic church; and Kersey.

The League, Rev. Banks stated, is making an "earnest appeal to all parents, children, school authorities, publishers, merchants and news agents to see to it that obnoxious magazines be cleaned and purified in their contents or purged forever from circulation."

The organization solicits the support and cooperation of all citizens, he said.

Judge Lessing in naming a committee to investigate and make recommendations to the Coordinating Council said that the list of 72 publications now banned from newsstand sale in Pasadena could be used as a model for a similar list here.

However, he urged the group to make a close study of the local situation, determine how many of the asserted pornographic publications are in circulation in Torrance and seek the voluntary cooperation of newsstand dealers before recommending any drastic action.

Woman Directs Pearlers DARWIN, Australia (U.P.)—Mrs. J. E. Edwards believes she is the only woman in the world to embark in the heretofore masculine job of pearl fishing.

### Local Man On Way to Visit Alaska Friends

Enroute to Seattle where he will catch a ship bound for Alaska, Henry Seymour of 2114 West 182nd street, is now heading for St. Michael, Alaska and renewal of friendships made in the Arctic many years ago.

He is making the trip to inspect coal deposits he owns near Anchorage and property in other parts of the peninsula. Seymour spent 28 years in the Arctic. In 1924 he brought six Eskimo children to California after caring for them and seeing that they received elementary schooling in their native land.

These youngsters appeared on radio programs with Stewart Hamblen and his troupe several years ago but Seymour lost track of his proteges in 1933. His trip north will be in the nature of a flying visit because he expects to return home in about a month.

### Lomita Fleet Reserve Picks New Officers

Succeeding Ed Katzorke, H. E. Crum was elected president of the Fleet Reserve association, Lomita branch, last Friday night. With other new officers he will be installed at a meeting Aug. 4. Other annual election results were:

Orley E. Burton, former secretary advanced to vice-president, F. J. Beaudreaux was elected secretary and D. R. Cash was named treasurer. The new executive board will be composed of William A. McVeigh, W. M. McCart, Robert Estes, C. R. Clark and Alfred Marlen.

Meeting at the same time as the men's association, the Ladies' Social club planned a public party for July 21 under direction of Lella Clark and Anna Dannenhauer and scheduled a picnic for next month. The club's election will not be held until next February.

### Walterians Settle Love Spot Amicably

Having settled their differences, assertedly over their mutual attentions to a Walteria widow, George D. Hieldbrandt, 40, of 24410 Neece avenue, and Clarence Stoeger, also of Walteria, walked out of the city courtroom apparently the best of friends last Saturday.

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon placed against Hieldbrandt on complaint of Stoeger was dismissed by Judge Robert Lessing when the complainant requested the case be dropped and indicated he would not testify against the defendant.

### Old-Time Dance Series Under Study

Having met with signal success in sponsoring student dances every Friday night in the Civic Auditorium, the Torrance Coordinating Council may undertake the presentation of a series of old-time dances for the enjoyment of older residents.

Judge Robert Lessing, chairman of the Council, announced after discussion of the proposal Monday night that he would appoint a committee to make a recommendation concerning the revival of Virginia Reels, Lancers, schottische, polka and square dances in the Auditorium.

If the series is launched, the Council will not permit any speeches or distribution of literature of any kind at the entertainments. An old-time orchestra would be engaged to provide the music.

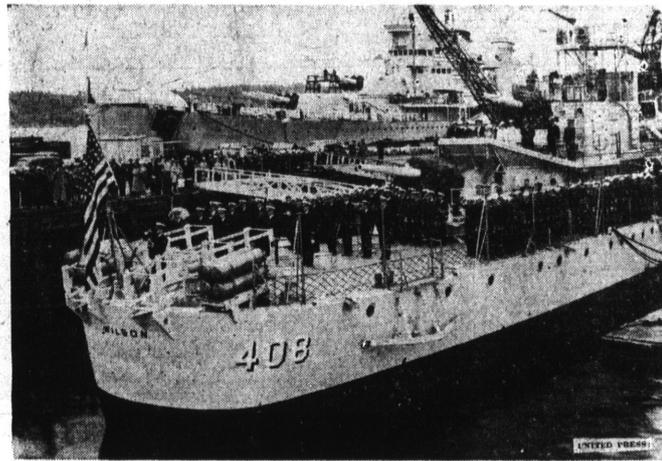


IN CRISIS... Upon the shoulders of President Ignacy Moscicki rests nominal leadership of Poland in the Danzig crisis.

### Lomita Kiwanians Hold Steak Fry

First of a series of special summer Lomita Kiwanis club meetings to change the usual routine of dinner sessions and speakers at the Fleet Reserve hall was held Tuesday night by the organization at Banning Park where a steak fry was enjoyed.

Chief divertissement of the evening was a horseshoe pitching tournament, under direction of Roy Trunnell, program chairman.



NAVY'S NEWEST DESTROYER... Chief Quartermaster F. H. Dannenhauer runs up the flag on the stern as the destroyer Wilson, newest vessel in Uncle Sam's navy, joins the fleet at the Bremerton, Wash., navy yard, where she was built. U.S.S. Minneapolis in background.

### "Trailer Vagabond" Tours Highway 40 to Denver, Colo.

By WARREN BAYLEY  
To travel from Salt Lake City to Denver by car you have a choice of three routes. One (the short-st) is over highway 30 through southern Wyoming. Another (the longest) is over highway 50 and takes you thru southeastern Utah and on thru the mountains by way of Grand Junction and Salida, bringing you out at Pueblo by way of the Royal Gorge.

Or, if you prefer, you can leave 50 at Grand Junction and go by way of Leadville and Colorado Springs. The third is over highway 40 and inasmuch as it takes you over three of the most beautiful passes in the Colorado mountains, I believe it is of sufficient interest to warrant a few notes. Another thing that might have prompted my decision is that this route goes through Steamboat Springs and I have often wondered how it came by such an unusual name.

The ride from Salt Lake City to Steamboat Springs is thru the

usual mountain country and outside of Dinosaur National Monument there is no outstanding scenery or points of interest. From Steamboat Springs to Denver it is one "On" and "Ah" after another, for these are the Colorado Rockies and they are almost matchless in their beauty.

Up 11,314 Feet  
Beginning almost at the city limits of Steamboat Springs you start to climb. 24 miles to the east you pass over the first Continental Divide. At the summit the Colorado Historical Society have erected a monument which informs you that this is "Rabbit Ears Pass—Elevation 9,680 feet. Named after Rabbit Ears Peak, which was so called by the earliest trappers because of its appearance. Continental Divide between North Park and Yampa Rivers."

From the pass the descent is short and gradual and soon you begin to climb again. As it keeps on "timber line" gets very

close and snow becomes abundant even though it is the latter part of May. The altitude nears the two mile mark and breathing is quite a problem if you try to get out and move around. At the summit another marker informs you that this is "Berthoud Pass across Continental Divide between South Platte and Colorado River Drainages—Altitude 11,314 feet..." Water falling on the west side of this marker finds its way into the Colorado River and the Gulf of California. Water falling on the east side goes into the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Mississippi.

Denver is now less than 100 miles distant. The road down goes thru many little mountain towns whose chief business is taking care of the tourists and sportsmen that come by the thousands. It really is a vacationist's "paradise."

Incidentally, Steamboat Springs was so named because of a spring that tooted like a steamboat. However, the building of the railroad took the toot out and only the story remains.

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No. 13 Envelopes Firemen CINCINNATI, O. (U.P.)—While representatives of 13 fire departments were holding a meeting at suburban Cheviot City Hall the 13th of the month they were interrupted at 10:13 p. m. by a call from the Cheviot fire department.

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