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OKAY ARMORY FOR TORRANCE

Alpert's Celebrate Opening

Alpert's Furniture will hold an anniversary sale throughout the month of June in celebration of its one year anniversary. Lee Alpert, owner of the store, announced. Alpert, whose store is located at 2667 Torrance blvd., stated that his store's policy is to sell the finest and most famous brands of furniture at lower prices than they are usually sold for. While his store was modest-looking, it featured better merchandise at modest costs, he said. The store carries such famous brands as the following: American wood, Brown-Saltman, Bay-Murphy, Cal-Mode, Danna chairs, Glenn, Morris, Cal-Style, Tye, Inco, Superior Sleeprite, Gilcraft, L. A. Perloid and others. Any customer may have a guarantee in writing on any piece sold, Alpert stated. One of the features of the store is a free competent and complete decorating service from "floor" (Continued on Page 9)

Torrance is finally to have its armory and construction on the \$157,000 undertaking is to begin in about six months, according to a letter sent to this paper by Representative Vincent Thomas this week. This action followed in the steps of a letter sponsored by citizens of this community asking Representative Thomas that the armory be kept on the state budget. Representative Thomas sent the Torrance Press, which saw the need for the armory since three years, a copy of a letter signed by Colonel Earl H. Aulick, Infantry, Army Division Chief of the California National Guard. The letter reads as follows: STATE OF CALIFORNIA The Office of the Adjutant General 1215-16th Street, P.O. Box 1139 Sacramento, California CHA/id 2 June 1953

Honorable Vincent Thomas Member of the Assembly State Capitol Building Sacramento, California Dear Mr. Thomas: Now that the budget has been approved and signed by the Governor, I am pleased to advise you that the budget includes funds for the Torrance armory. (Continued on Page 9)

Republican Meeting Scheduled

A district-wide dinner meeting of the 17th Congressional District Republican Central Committee has been called for next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock (June 16) in Woodcrest School, 1159 W. 109th st., Los Angeles, by Jack A. Drown, chairman of the 17th district. "This meeting has been called for the purpose of 'across-the-board' discussions with members of the County Committee, State Central Committee, Republican Party volunteer organizations, District leaders and workers, to formulate specific plans in order that the maximum man-power and energies may be fully utilized to decisively win the critical 1954 elections," Chairman Drown said in calling the meeting. Frank E. Jorgensen, chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County, will be among the principal party leaders speaking. Also to be participating are Glendon Tremaine, chairman of the Los Angeles County Precinct Organization Committee; George Pterose, vice chairman of the United Republican Finance Committee, and others. Plans for the meeting are being directed by Drown, assisted by Mrs. Cora Woolley, vice chairman of the 17th Congressional District Republican Central Committee. (Continued on Page 3)

Initiation

Board to Get Hazing Issue

Members of the Board of Education will take action on the initiation issue at their Board meeting this coming Tuesday, June 16, at 8 p.m. They have received close to 80 pages of transcripts coming out of a private hearing conducted last week by Judge John Shidler, Board president. Twelve individuals involved in the matter were interviewed at the three-hour hearing, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. In the meantime letters, phone calls, and comments of all sorts have come in to the Press. Varsity Club Letter One letter, signed by the 17 Varsity Club initiates, and written on their own initiative, declared: "We feel that a great injustice is being done to the Varsity Club as well as to Coach Greybehl who we feel did everything in his power to keep this a safe and sane initiation which we who went through it feel it was just that." The members asked that this signed letter be weighed against "one exaggerated anonymous letter." All other calls, comments, and letters commended the Press for airing the issue and asked that something be done to remedy the situation. Dr. J. H. Hull said the school would not "pooch-pooch" the issue and would investigate it properly. On the other hand he did feel that the public response was light and at times critical of the publicity given to the issue.

Four Grads Win Watches At Breakfast

While all the graduating seniors enjoyed the senior breakfast held at the civic auditorium Tuesday morning at 9 a.m., four seniors considered themselves particularly lucky since they were each the recipients of a Bulova watch awarded by two local jewelers. Winners of a Bulova given away by A. Robinson of Lawson's Jewelers of 1317 El Prado were Yvonne L. Griffin and Kenneth R. Hall. Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabrillo, awarded watches to Betty Peterson and Robert Grieschaber.

We Disagree AN EDITORIAL

We disagree with School Board President Judge John Shidler's stand on the teachers' salary issue. We believe that a pay-hike should be granted not only to the beginning teacher but all up and down the line. We welcome the fact that the low supply of teachers has put the profession in a bargaining position where it can demand better salary conditions.

Sympathetic We are sympathetic to the pressure which the profession is exerting because of the sterling qualities of that profession as a whole. Together with the clergy, teachers have numbered among the most high-minded of human beings. It is unfair to continuously take advantage of the teacher's character and to deprive the teacher of the material recognition which he so justly deserves. Certain reasons are offered why a salary raise is undesirable. The chief argument is that a salary raise might place the budget in a precarious position. While we can appreciate this argument, we feel nevertheless that the arguments in favor of a pay-hike are more plentiful and powerful.

1. In considering this question, we would ask Judge Shidler and the members of the school board if they would work for the salaries which the teachers are getting? Could they support a family on such a budget? Would they feel themselves properly compensated for the preparations and qualifications required for the job?

2. Why should the teacher with a B.A., M.A., or Ph.D. degree continually receive less than members of other professions with identical qualifications?

3. The proposed pay-hike would raise every teacher \$150 A YEAR. This is hardly too much since five out of six other nearby unified school districts exceed Torrance on all salary levels but the B.A. minimum and maximum salaries.

4. When the need for a pay increase is as great and as deserved as it is in this case, it is necessary that the administrative plan is changed to suit the needs of the individual rather than subordinating the individual to the plan.

5. Finally we would bring up a point of honor. Human beings are usually not too self-sacrificing in any noticeable degree. Ever so often, however, we do find captains who will save their crew before they think of themselves, and shepherds whose first care is their flock. If, therefore, salary raise have been given or are being considered for the top administrative positions in our school system, as is the case, surely the teachers of that system ought not be neglected. We hope that the members of the school board will consider these points carefully before they meet this coming Tuesday to decide on this issue. A good salary is the minimum inducement for getting and keeping good personnel.

Positive Hazing AN EDITORIAL

"Shall initiations continue and, if so, under what conditions?" is the question posed by the recent Varsity Club incident. There is no reason why initiations should no longer be permitted. The only question is: What should the nature of initiations be? What do we mean by education? In the most general terms. Education, formal or informal, is the setting up of thought-patterns. It is unimportant if all of the charges brought against the Varsity Club were true to the minutest detail. Even if (Continued on Page 4)

KLINE HEADS OFFICE

If you need your glasses adjusted, straightened, or tightened drop in at the new Dr. Soss optometry office on 1268 Sartori ave., opposite Strum's department store



DR. A. F. KLINE Optometrist . . . in charge

this Friday and Saturday and the service will be given free of charge. If you would simply like to browse around and see what the very latest in technical equipment looks like and how

the office looks from the inside, Dr. A. F. Kline, optometrist, who is in charge of this office, cordially invites you to come and see. (Continued on Page 3)

Residents on Alert; Help Find Woman

Some people go in search of gold, some people go in search of happiness, but Mrs. G. C. Hopkins went in search of a woman. Her story appeared in this paper last week, and such was the public response that numerous telephone calls poured in to her, leading to the swift discovery of the woman for whom she had been looking. Mrs. Hopkins' intimate story as it appeared was so short it could have been an ad. In fact, it was an ad. It appeared in the Torrance Press classifieds and reads as follows: ELDERLY WOMAN who wants home. Late duties. \$70 mo. Can be off every evening. Sat. & Sun. Nice room to yourself. No children. FAirfax 87897 Why not tell us your story and watch the generous public response?

City Council Votes Ouster

By a unanimous decision, the city council voted to inform Frank Carpenter, recreation director for the city of Torrance, that his services will end at the completion of his probationary period in August.

Included in this motion made by Councilman Willys Blount was another specification to the effect that the number one man on the original list for the position be asked to accept the job. If this would not be possible, then an examination for the position should be given right away to interested applicants. In making the number one man provision, reference seems to be to Harry Van Bellem, an employee of the Los Angeles recreation system, who took top honors in an examination for the recreation post in January of this year. Carpenter followed in second place at that time but was given a vote of confidence by the council, though this vote was a narrow 3-2 decision. The first and original motion was to remove Carpenter. Councilman Victor Benstead was the first to ask for the removal of Carpenter some time ago.

RECREATION IMPROVEMENT APPROACHING

After a detailed study of the recreation problems in the city of Torrance, the Industries Tax Committee submitted its recommendations on the matter to the city council last Tuesday night. Steps are gradually materializing for a better recreational program in the city of Torrance, is the attitude among responsible circles in the light of such recent developments as the Carpenter ouster, the planned meeting with the Board of Education and the (Continued on Page 3)