

May 22

PLAYGROUNDS FOR TORRANCE

PLAYGROUND WANTED

Did you ever stop to think how badly Torrance needs a playground for its children, and no city in all Southern California can boast a finer bunch of kids than we can? Every man will work day and night to see that his children are well housed and fed, but often overlooks the one thing that they want most—a real place to play.

All healthy growing youngsters must spend a lot of their time in the open to be at their best, and the modern city of today sees to it that they have the best there is in the way of playgrounds—a track, ball ground, swings, rings, trapeze and slides—all dear to the memory of childhood. These are badly needed in our city.

Some enterprising citizen who has been a boy himself not so many years ago could offer a lease on the necessary ground and all the merchants, factories and citizens generally see that the place is properly equipped.

"How dear to our hearts are the days of our childhood, when fond recollections present them to view."

The children of today will be the citizens of tomorrow. Why not give them this happiness? It will be a fond memory in their lives always and they will remember this city when all other places are forgotten.

Nature furnishes a wealth of sunshine, the near-by sea furnishes a well-tempered breeze. Don't you think it's up to us to furnish the playground?

WOMAN'S CLUB

Torrance Woman's Club held a called meeting in the Legion Hall on May 1 to transact the business that was suspended at the meeting of April 24 on account of the district officers being present. All officers except the treasurer and auditor were present at roll call. A communication was read from Long Beach inviting the president of the Torrance Woman's Club and one representative to be present at the Reciprocity Day, May 15. An invitation was also read from the Hermosa Beach Woman's Club inviting the club as a whole to visit the Hermosa club on May 8. Redondo Woman's Club will also be present. The object of this meeting is to be better acquainted with one's neighbors and it is hoped a large delegation from the Torrance Woman's Club will attend.

The Torrance Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p. m. on that date, and the start will be made from the hall. All wishing to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Willis Brooks, 1829 Arlington avenue, who is in charge of the transportation. A good program has been promised.

Mrs. Sam Levy has been placed, in charge of the transportation to the State Convention to be held in Bovard Hall, Los Angeles, May 3, 4, 5 and 6, and all who wish to attend and those who have cars that can be used are asked to notify her.

The committee that was appointed to investigate the Near East Relief reported that the funds went direct to Armenia through the Black Sea and not through Russia, as had been reported.

Madames Emma Briney, L. C. Miller, Nettie Stienhiser, Mrs. A. B. Shriner and Mrs. Davidson were appointed on the election board to serve at the election of officers. The members will receive their ballots this week and all ballots to be valid will have to be returned to this board before noon on May 22. Mrs. Post, Mrs. Brookard, Mrs. Milburn were appointed to confer with the American Legion in regards to help in furnishing their kitchen.

All the club members who were present at the district convention, with the exception of Mrs. Sammons, who was absent on jury duty, gave a short report on the points that most appealed to them at the Santa Monica Convention. The club adjourned to meet at Legion Hall at 1:30 p. m. Monday, May 8.

O. E. S. NOTES

The Torrance Chapter O. E. S. visited the Gardena Chapter in a body Wednesday evening.

The District Deputy, Mrs. Beulah Morrissett, will be present on Thursday evening, May 11. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. Charles Mueller and Mrs. J. H. Stanger attended the entertainment given the 1922 matrons by the assistant matrons at the Vista Arroyo Hotel in Pasadena on Friday.

Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order Eastern Star, will give a card party in F. L. Park's new Plumbing Shop across from the postoffice Wednesday, May 10, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., for Masons, Stars and their friends.

A COMPLIMENT

Dear Editor of Herald—We thank you ever so much for giving us that delightful Bible story, "Joseph in Egypt." Please ask the same lady to tell us another.—Mr. Parsons, "Keystone."



NINTH YEAR

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1922

NO. 18

Big C. of C. Banquet In Torrance

Gov. Stephens To Community Boosting For School Bonds

Be Principal Speaker

Thursday evening, May 11th, will be a date long remembered by the people of this community. The Fourth Supervisorial District C. of C. meets at Legion Hall in regular monthly session. Governor W. D. Stephens is expected to be the speaker of the evening, together with some of the supervisors and leading men of other towns in this district. These meetings circulate around among the various towns of the fourth district and it's up to Torrance to entertain this month. Some of the live wires from the surrounding towns will be here; in fact a good many of them, and it's to the individual interest of every man in this community to be on the job and listen to the discussion of live issues that interest all of us. A radio program will be a feature of the evening, also special music of unusual merit, together with an unique exhibition of Torrance products. The feed starts at 6 p. m. sharp (\$1.00 per plate), followed by four hours of rapid fire entertainment. Torrance is showing the way, let's keep the home fires burning. This will be your ideal chance to bring your neighbor and get his name on the big register.

About 350 people attended the monthly Forum Monday night in Legion Hall, several fine musical numbers, interspersed the speeches of the various city councilmen. The predominant theme of the evening was co-operation, a plea for unity of purpose in the upbuilding of our community. Showing of the Torrance Industrial film was the star performance of the evening. Everyone agreed that this vivid picture of actual operations in Torrance would prove a winner for our city, wherever shown.

Some one has suggested that the P. E. band and the Union Tool Quartet be secured to go into Los Angeles and other towns of Southern California and furnish the special music while this film is being exhibited. Here is a wonderful opportunity for cooperation. There are plenty of automobiles belonging to the C. of C. to furnish the boys transportation. Let's go. Torrance means business.

UNION TOOL TEAM GOING GOOD

The third game in the Industrial League was played in Torrance last Saturday, the Union Tool winning from the representatives of the American Door Co. by the score of 5 to 2. 'Twas a good game up to the sixth, and the tally stood one to nothing in favor of the U. T. Co., and then a batting rally started by Riggs and two errors resulted in three counters. The American Doors made their two runs in the seventh, when the U. T. pitcher allowed three bingles and a free ticket to first. Other than that, the opposing team could not make a dent in the U. T. defense. The U. T. boys scored another in the eighth, due to timely hitting of Atwood, Newby, Widener and Lakey.

Next Saturday's game will be played on the local lot with the team from the Pacific Door and Sash Co., and word comes to us that their team is a hard one to beat.

BUY A STRAW HAT

Today and tomorrow have been declared "Straw Hat Days" for Torrance, and undoubtedly the merchants here will sell many dozens of the late models in straw hats and Panamas. The windows of gent's furnishing stores show the very latest in sailiors, with high crowns, low crowns, narrow brims and otherwise, with weaves and bands of a variety that the most fastidious critics in head gear may be satisfied with their selections made here at home this year.

Torrance's Plan To Aid Humanity With Gift Of \$100,000 Hospital May Yet Be Realized

One of the keen disappointments that has fallen to the lot of Torrance as a city was that the provision made in the will of Mr. Torrance providing for a \$100,000 hospital has been delayed through a technicality of law. However, those in close touch with late developments are hopeful that Mr. Torrance's bequest for a hospital here will soon be realized. The following appeared in a recent issue of the Times and is of interest to those who live in Torrance: Jared Sidney Torrance, capitalist and philanthropist, left an estate of about \$3,000,000. This was made known when the report was filed by E. P. Werner, inheritance tax attorney, with State Controller Riley. A tax of \$167,852.88—one of the largest inheritance taxes of local record—will be paid.

Mr. Torrance, for many years

conspicuous as a developer of natural resources in California, died in March of last year at his home in South Pasadena. He was in his sixty-ninth year, and had been a resident of this state for more than half his life.

At the time of his death Mr. Torrance was president of, or director, in more than a score of land, water and oil development concerns, one of these, the California Development Company, the chief factor in the reclamation of fast desert acreage.

He was the founder and principal builder of the industrial town of Torrance, a clause in his will providing for the erection of a hospital to cost \$100,000 for this community. Provision for the building and maintenance of a library at Torrance also is made in

the will, and bequests are made to the Southwest Museum, of which Mr. Torrance was president when he died; the Barlow and La Vina Sanatoriums and the McKinley Industrial Home for Boys, in all of which institutions he was a director.

Besides the widow, Helena C. Torrance, to whom the sum of \$500,481.91 is left, in addition to the homes at 929 Buena Vista street, South Pasadena, a sister and brother are each named beneficiaries to the amount of \$96,695.90. A niece and three nephews are bequeathed \$241,739.73 each, and three great-nieces inherit \$80,114.68 each. The sum of \$25,000, it is stipulated, shall be given to found a free library in the town of Gowanda, N. Y., the birthplace of the dead man.

Chamber Of Commerce Secretaries Find Torrance Hustling, Hospitable

TORRANCE MEANS BUSINESS

That's the impression about thirty Southern California Chamber of Commerce secretaries took home with them last Saturday evening after a busy day of fun and entertainment tendered by the local C. of C. The fun started about 10:30, when everybody climbed aboard the Toonerville trolley for a tour of the city. Said trolley was a car of ancient vintage dug out of the P. E. scrap pile. It made the first thirty feet of the trip safely, then stopped and refused to budge for a time, but was finally coaxed and talked (modestly forbids our repeating the exact words) into action again.

Some 300 feet was finally negotiated after a score of six perfect stops. The last came near being fatal, for the expedition was starting a crossing cop squarely in the eyes, and he was not slow in making it known to all who cared to listen that traffic on that particular spot was closed indefinitely. After much inquiry and a heavy flow of oratory the fact was disclosed that he was guarding the Santa Fe right-of-way and the trip was at an end so far as he was concerned.

But at this juncture the Torrance whistle split the atmosphere with a mighty blast, the cop went home to lunch, Mayor Fitzhugh stepped forward, extended the city's official welcome and everyone entered waiting autos and sped away to finish the trip, which included the residence, business and factory sections of the city.

The visitors got an eye-opener from the inspection of the P. E. shops, never imagining that Torrance industries were being operated in such a big way. The shop band played some lively airs that was a fitting climax to a well-spent hour.

Lunch was served at the Evangelical church by the Ladies' Guild. Some one carelessly left the door open and the Union Tool Quartet blew in disguised in their shop overalls and sang several breezy songs that won them much praise and a big feed.

The business session at Legion Hall was called to order by Secretary Pottenger. President Gour-dier extended the welcome in behalf of the Torrance Chamber.

The Torrance publicity film was

introduced and was unanimously praised as an ideal vehicle for use in city building. The talk fest was carried on in rapid fire manner by Fraser of Anaheim, Purrington of Calexico, Bush of Hollywood, Jones of Sierra Madre, Johnson of Wilmington, Bayer of Los Angeles, Ellis of Alhambra, Stanley of Pomona and Sharpe of the P. E.

The flow of oratory was steady and convincing, stuck to the groove of C. of C. problems and activities and rounded out a highly profitable day. Everyone went home convinced that he had found out every thing about the other fellow, and especially sure that Torrance is a regular town and means business. Next meeting will be at Catalina.

The official register bears the following names: Alfred Gour-dier, Torrance; H. R. Pomeroy, Redondo Beach; W. E. Mellinger, Hermosa Beach; J. O. Stevenson, Hollywood; F. H. Hamilton, Sawtelle; F. J. Stanley, Compton; M. A. Fraser, Anaheim; M. J. Hay, Whittier; H. W. Nice, Orange; F. M. Letteney, Huntington Park; J. C. Metzgar, Santa Ana; H. E. Ellis, Alhambra; D. T. Jones, Sierra Madre; L. W. Johnson, Wilmington; W. E. McCleery, Van Nuys; Cecil Wilcox, Lankershim; Chas. P. Bayer, Los Angeles; H. D. Pottenger, Torrance; M. C. McKinney, Santa Monica and Ocean Park; J. Barthel, Venice, and M. F. Shepard, of Moneta. Also several wives of secretaries and a number of local officials and business men.

You are a brainy bunch of community builders, gentlemen, and Torrance extends you a hearty invitation to come again.

The gay bonnets worn by the little flower girls were designed and made by Mrs. Edw. Brennan, who is always ready to help in civic affairs.

A NEW FIRM IN TOWN

The Lyons Electric Company, located in the El Prado Block, was purchased Tuesday by William Sykes and Victor Hanson, the latter having been engaged for some time in the battery and ignition business in Moneta. Both are young men of ability in the chosen businesses of theirs, and everyone prophesies a bright future for them. Radio appliances will be added to the fine stock of electric goods carried by the Lyons' Electric firm, and a general contracting business will be conducted. Further announcements will appear next week.

A YOUNG MAN'S OPPORTUNITY

Through the War Department, able-bodied young men, ages 17 to 28, are afforded an opportunity to attend the Citizens Training Camp to be held at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., July 6 to August 4, 1922. Regular army officers and Reserve Corps officers will be in charge and act as instructors.

All expense, including fare to and from San Francisco, uniforms, food, quarters, arms, ammunition, etc., is furnished free by the government. Clean recreation, physical and military training, as well as a splendid course of study, is afforded by this camp.

After attending these camps for three years and passing required examinations students are eligible to commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps. The courses embrace air service, infantry, cavalry and artillery.

Anyone desiring to enroll for this camp may leave names with A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, who will make appointments for interviews with Capt. C. W. Huntington of the 364th Infantry, 91st Division Organized Reserves U. S. Army. As priority in applications governs, it is desirable that those wishing to enroll see Mr. Bartlett immediately.

AMERICAN LEGION DANCES

This (Thursday) evening the local Post of the American Legion are staging the first of a series of special dancing parties, put on to furnish their club rooms. At this writing these parties promise to be real good-time affairs, and the Legion boys are working every minute on the sale of tickets. Have you one?

What the Legion members most desire is a greater representation of Torrance people at its parties, and to this end special invitations were mailed to Torrance residents whose names an addresses were known to the committee. It was impossible for the Legion to reach everyone in this way.

In the way of music, we must state that the Legion orchestra is second to no dance orchestra in Southern California, and Mr. Avers is to be highly complimented on the talents of his musicians.

SHOW RESPECT

On Wednesday, May 3, all activities at the Union Tool Co. ceased for a period of five minutes in respect to the memory of Mr. William Hardee, chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Supply Co., and one of the original founders of that company, who suddenly passed away on May 1.

TO BAKERSFIELD

J. Isenstein made a flying trip to Bakersfield last Monday morning, traveling by automobile and returning early Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Workman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Phillips of Andreo avenue.

Need Of The Hour Is Recognized Here

(L. A. School District)

Classes now meeting in halls, cloakrooms, basements, office buildings, churches, clubrooms, 430 temporary inadequate buildings.

Lack of room keeps hundreds of children from school. Building sites will double in cost. We must buy now!

Adequate schools necessary to commercial and industrial growth. We must have more schools!

22,000 new students this year, and they are coming even faster. Three students enrolled to two desks.

60,000 new students in three years! 765 half-day classes now. Two years ago there were 105.

20,000 children out of school half the day.

Remember the growth of the school population and the city population is proportional. Bond Election June 6, 1922

TRUSTEES MEET

The City Council met in regular session at the City Hall Tuesday evening at 8:00. All five members were present. City Engineer Postle stated that building permits for April were in excess of \$15,000. The new steam laundry was granted a permit for the erection of a steam boiler room; also license for operation of plant.

After discussion of various methods, it was decided to secure a steam roller to run over the streets that are being repaired with rock and decomposed granite. A resolution was presented and approved instructing the city clerk to advertise for bids for printing of the street improvement bonds.

The city clerk was instructed to advertise in the Torrance Herald for bids for the resurfacing of sections of Arlington, Cabrillo and El Prado streets. All proprietors of garbage cans are requested to keep same covered in a sanitary manner, as the city ordinance covering this matter will be rigidly enforced in the future. The dog population of this town are due for serious trouble unless they are protected with a license.

Numerous vital issues were up for discussion, such as more street lights, better water pressure, adequate fire protection and a zoning system. If you think our city Dads have a sinecure you should drop in on them some Tuesday evening.

The mass of necessary improvement problems confronting them are well nigh unsolvable until the city's finances are strengthened. We have a council of sterling men, and its the duty of Torrance citizens to aid and back them up in every way possible.

BIG 3 LAUNDRY

Some of the machinery of the Big 3 Laundry has been delayed in transit which will delay the opening until May 15. Mr. Stone is an optometrist and a hustler as well as an expert laundryman, and promises Torrance a first-class plant. When he starts to blow a Torrance whistle send your clothes to the laundry whether they need a bath or not. Co-operation is what makes the town grow.

MOTHERS' DAY

The American Legion and its Auxiliary will be in charge of the Mothers' Day services at the Auditorium on Sunday, May 14. Every one is invited to attend these services, especially those who are away from home or separated from their mothers.

Next week the complete program will be published in these columns.