

TORRANCE PERSONS AND PASTIMES

Comings, Goings and Doings of Folks Hereabouts

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Finster attended the football game at Pasadena New Year's day.

Mrs. Anna Kelly of San Diego was a guest Sunday at the home of her son, Ed Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pennington and Mrs. John Bowers were Sunday guests of friends in Uplands.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parr, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lightbody of Park Terrace picnicked at Hermosa Beach New Year's day.

Mrs. Thelma Reineman and daughter Dorothy and Harry Warren spent Sunday with Long Beach friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul of Long Beach gave a dinner New Year's day in honor of the forty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren of Andree avenue. The hosts and Mrs. Warren were childhood friends. Covers were laid for the honorees, their son Harry, Mrs. Thelma Reineman and daughter Dorothy.

Mrs. Edward Thompson of Long Beach is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompson of Andree avenue during Lieut. Thompson's stay at Fremerton.

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NEWS WRITERS 'KID' PRESIDENT AND CABINET AT ANNUAL FEAST OF WASHINGTON GRIDIRON CLUB

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Coolidge, members of his cabinet, senators, congressmen, governors of states, and prominent bankers, business men and capitalists, to say nothing of 12 sons of former presidents, listened to Gridiron club's latest grilling of national affairs, carried out at the December dinner of the famous newspaper men's organization Saturday, Dec. 8.

Nothing from the recent invasion of Pennsylvania avenue by New England to the ruckus caused by the progressives in congress was overlooked, and Secretary Hughes' cryptic press conferences on foreign affairs were made the butt of a byzantine skit which took the dinner by storm. Hardly had the dinner gotten under way when the presiding officer, Arthur Sears Henning of the Chicago Tribune, the retiring president, was startled by the appearance of Mr. High Official News Source, who entered surrounded by a group of eager young reporters. One of the group, addressing the official as Mr. News Progenitor, demanded to know of "politics and persons, of treaties, debts and war," to which the High Official News Source answered:

"Good morning, youngsters of the press. I am glad to see you here. What can I tell you all today to clear the atmosphere?"

Reporter: "Oh, Mr. High Official, is it true that Poincare has sent a note to Mr. Hughes to say he cannot pay?"

High Official: "You really mustn't quote me, for I'm jumpy as a flea; if some one must be indiscreet, it never will be me.

So, not for publication, but to stay your horrid fears, I'll tell you confidentially, the French bore me to tears."

Reporter: "Now tell us, Mr. Spokesman, what do you really think—

Is there a foreign policy, or just a lot of ink?"

High Official: "To speak with anonymity, with caution and restraint, just as a private citizen, with no official taint,

My answer is as follows: The world's a frightful mess; we cannot move too swiftly, but must hasten as in chess.

The Johnsons rave, the Borahs howl, the Underwoods accuse; but, yes, we have no policy, excepting Mr. Hughes."

Reporter: "I'd like to have you say, sir, if McCormick's charge is true. Are you a Lotophagi, or is that word taboo?"

High Official: "I cannot deal with persons who refer to me in malice. The lotus is a plant, I think; see Secretary Wallace."

Reporter: "Please tell us, Mr. Source of News, the world would like to know what is your real opinion of the Doctrine of Monroe?"

High Official: "I really can't commit myself to anything precise, but President Monroe thought out a very neat device.

It's heads, I win, and tails, you lose, although we don't admit it.

Our neighbors on the Rio Grande can never thus outwit it."

Reporter: "The bootleg trade in Jersey are as sore as sore can be

That you have made them risk their lives full 12 miles out at sea."

High Official: "The sailor's life's uncertain, save when on a sea of Scotch; but then there are no risks involved when no one's on the watch.

There was a time, not long ago, when Britain ruled the waves; but Wayne B. Wheeler threatened me, and so I made them slaves."

Reporter: "Now tell us, Mr. Spokesman, please, what Obregon will do; you gave him what he wanted most, but what did he give you?"

High Official: "He sent an empty oil can, which contained a horrid dent.

But we can't stop to argue; so why the hell dissent? But I must close this conference. It is a waste of time

To talk to men in whom I count stupidity a crime.

Your amplified conjectures, cunningly disguised as facts, may make the truth belated; but they hide official acts.

The world of slight attention in which rumor stalks as news is not my work, nor due to my diluted interviews."

"The Pilgrim on Pennsylvania Avenue" was the title of a sketch furnishing a vehicle for a play on presidential candidates and the prominence of New Englanders in the administration. The roll call disclosed Henry Cabot Lodge, Secretary Weeks, Frank W. Stearns, close personal friend of President Coolidge, William M. Butler, national Republican committeeman from Massachusetts, Senator Moses and Senator Brandegee.

After a call for "Captain" Coolidge to come to counsel with the Pilgrims as to how they might remain on Pennsylvania avenue, his representative, C. Bascom Slemm, appeared, pursued by Indians, including Big Chief Magnus Johnson, Bill Borah, La. Follette, and Hiram Johnson.

Senator James E. Watson appeared dragging a witch known as the Spirit of the World Court, and Priscilla came also as the "1924 Nomination," getting off her famous line about "speaking for yourself, John" to Secretary Weeks' plea in behalf of "Captain" Coolidge.

"A Midsummer Night's Scream" showed Henry Ford and Miss Democracy, the former brought under a spell by Puck, and fitted with a donkey's head, to worship Miss Democracy. Both awoke disillusioned after Ford had sung a song about the White House.

Another telling stunt was brought off by a character known as "Dr. R. E. House," discoverer of scopolamin, the truth serum. It was administered to Senator Underwood of Alabama; George E. Brennan, Democratic "boss" of Illinois; Speaker Machold of the New York assembly; Representative Longworth, majority house leader, and Senators Pat Harrison of Mississippi and James E. Watson of Indiana. The strength of the serum was evident from its effect on Senators Harrison and Watson, the former predicting a Republican victory in 1924, a victory the party was clearly entitled to from its magnificent record, and the latter predicting the nomination of Senator Hiram Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rader attended the football game at Pasadena New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren, Mrs. Thelma Reineman, Harry Warren and Miss Dorothy Reineman were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson of Redlands.

CERTIFICATE OF DOING BUSINESS UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are transacting business in Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the firm name and style of California Oil Tool Company; that the name in full of all members of such partnership are Louis J. Smith, John Sidebotham, Martin Schuerman and G. B. M. Smith; and that the places of our respective residences are set opposite our respective names subscribed hereto.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this first day of October, A. D. 1923.

LOUIS J. SMITH, Torrance, Calif.

JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, Lomita, Calif.

MARTIN SCHUERMAN, Gardena, Calif.

G. B. M. SMITH, Torrance, Calif.

State of California, County of Los Angeles.—ss.

On this 12th day of December, A. D. 1923, before me, L. J. Hunter, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Louis J. Smith, John Sidebotham, Martin Schuerman, and G. B. M. Smith, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

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