

# Western Ave. Paving Work Starts

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# Endorse Woman's Clubhouse Plan

## Contractors Grade County's and City's Portions Of Road

County Lives Up To Promise To Keep Time With Torrance  
**OPEN IN 90 DAYS**  
30-Foot Pavement Will Provide Highway's Missing Link

Contractors for the city of Torrance and Los Angeles are grading Western avenue—the first step in the operations which will end when the highway is opened from the mountains to the sea in about ninety days.

The city contractor went to work on the highway between El Prado street and the northern Torrance limits Tuesday afternoon, starting at the northern limits. The county, having promised local officials to complete their portion at the same time the city's share is finished, sent the grading contractor to work Thursday morning.

The county will pave all of the highway between the northern Torrance limits and the end of the present pavement.

Scores of residents, jubilant that work on the highway has actually started after so many years of agitation, drove out to the scene of operations to watch the graders at work.

The new pavement will be of the asphaltic variety with concrete base. The highway will be graded to a width of 100 feet, with curbs constructed on either side. The pavement itself will be 30 feet wide.

## R. R. Smith Wires Thanks to Voters For Their Support

Notified by wire of the results of the municipal election last Monday, R. R. Smith, one of the successful candidates for the four-year term as city trustee, sent the following telegram to The Torrance Herald:

"Pittsburgh, Penna.—Please thank the citizens of Torrance for the confidence expressed in me. Assure them that I will endeavor to represent them as they would wish. My highest ambition is for the progress and development of Torrance. I depend upon their help and guidance to make this possible. Will arrive via Santa Fe about the 26th. Will advise you later."  
"R. R. SMITH."

## Another \$50,000 Business Building At Post and Cravens

Another two-story building, with eight stores on the ground floor and apartments above, will be erected immediately at the corner of Post avenue and Cravens street. The building will be similar to the structure on the opposite corner. It will be built by Sumitz and Rabinovich, Los Angeles capitalists, who own the edifice already erected.

The new building, ground for which has already been broken, will cost \$50,000.

## LOCAL MOTHERS ARE INVITED TO TWO MEETINGS BABY WEEK

The Mothers' Educational Center of Los Angeles, of which Dr. Maud Wilde is founder and president, will hold two great celebrations for children, the first being Baby Week, April 21 to April 27, and the second, Child Health Day, on May 1. Both celebrations were inaugurated by the United States government. Baby Week was instituted in 1916, and this year will be the first annual celebration of Child Health Day.

During Baby Week children will be examined by noted baby specialists. All forms of mental and physical handicaps, which include eyes, heart, lungs, throat, posture, speech and growth defects, receive special attention. All the work is corrective and preventive, as this is the basis on which Dr. Wilde has conducted the Mothers' Educational Center, which during the past eight years has weighed, measured and examined 35,000 children brought to the 36 branch centers.

As it is expected that a thousand babies will come to Baby Week, the registrations will be closed Friday night, April 18, at 4 o'clock. Registrations may be made by phoning 373-431. The Van Nuys and Torrance branch centers will be hosted at Baby Week on Friday, April 25, at Plymouth church parish house, 650 West Twenty-first street. The committee from

Torrance center is composed of Mrs. Forrest Young (chairman), Mrs. Chas. Stock, Mrs. Fred Hansen, and Mrs. Wm. Bell.

There will be two evening meetings during Baby Week. Monday, April 21, at 8 p. m.; Dr. Wilde will preside. Dr. George P. Clement will give an address of welcome, W. A. Hanson a piano solo, and Miss Dorothy Wilde will sing "Where Did You Come From, Baby Dear?" Dr. W. R. Livingston of Oxnard will give an address on "Twilight Sleep."

On Thursday, April 24, Dr. Henry Dietrich will give an address on "The Importance of Breast Feeding"; Dr. Guy Cochran, on "Children's Surgery"; Dr. Ralph Truitt, on "Child Guidance"; and Dr. Wilde, on "The Mothers' Educational Center."

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in child welfare work. The evening meetings will be held in the Plymouth church, 650 West Twenty-first street.

Saturday an open forum will be held on "Child Training and Children's Diet."

During the week Miss Clara Griceback will give demonstrations on bathing the baby. Photographs will be taken of the children, and the high score baby pictures will be exhibited on Child Health Day, May 1, at Plymouth church, at 2 p. m.

## Observations

Public Office and Motherhood—Japan's Gesture—Al Smith's Candidacy—Harry Thaw, Worthless—The 'White Spot'

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

MRS. HILTON PHILLIPSON, member of parliament from Berwick, England, has resolved to resign in order to devote more time to her children.

Public office for women is all right, except when it deprives children of a mother's attentions. We may legislate all we like, give women more and more powers of suffrage, but we cannot now and never will be able to quell the instinct for motherhood that burns in the breasts of all good women.

It is right that women should vote. It is right that they will be eligible to any public office that a man is entitled to hold. If the duties of office interfere with the duties of motherhood the office will be forsaken for the home. Nature has provided for that. Leave the decision in every case up to the individual woman. The rest of us can proceed with full confidence that the point at which public duties obliterate mother instinct will never be reached. The women themselves will not permit it.

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THE Japanese ambassador sent to the American Congress a protest against exclusion of Japanese immigrants. He asserted that passage of the bill containing the exclusion clause would be followed by "grave" consequences.

Congress then immediately passed the exclusion amendment, the Senate following the suit led by the House.

While this was going on American army aeroplanes were ready to steer their trans-Pacific course toward Japan.

Not long ago we met a military air-course to Tokyo. It is to be hoped that such a route may never be needed for other than peaceful purposes. But it is an odd coincidence that the planes should have been ready to start for Japan just at that particular time.

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A concerted movement is being made in Southern California to "Keep the White Spot White." Business in the larger centers of the Southland is undergoing the usual Spring slump. But this is as temporary as California sunshine is bright. Events can not permanently halt the progress of this district. The foot and mouth disease epidemic has made the usual Spring setback more acute than usual. Put down the disease, and things will be sailing along at their usual merry clip. The "Keep the White Spot White" campaign has its work to do, however. And part of that work is to drown out the voices of the pessimists who always cry wolf when they hear a kitten mew.

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AL SMITH, governor of New York, Tuesday told delegates to the New York state Democratic convention that he is a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. Smith has the support of Boss Murphy of Tammany. But he will not be nominated, Murphy knows it, too. So does Smith. The game is for Smith and Murphy to go to the national convention hall with the New York delegation in their vest pockets. Then when the time comes, Smith will withdraw and the big New York vote will go for the man whom Messrs. Brennan, Murphy and Taggart choose.

Did those New York delegates who cheered so long and so loudly when Smith announced himself, imagine for a moment that the governor of New York will receive the nomination? They did not. The delegates were hand-picked by Tammany and hand-picked delegates cheer when they are told to do so.

Smith would not be a strong presidential candidate. He caused the New York state assembly to repeal the state prohibition enforcement act. That won him considerable popularity in New York city. But it made no great hit with the dry rural districts of the middle west and west.

Then Smith came out with a strong announcement in favor of prohibition enforcement. But it was too late. The dry vote had Smith labeled as a wet, and he cannot wipe off the label. The powers of the Democratic party are too wise to nominate a man who has not been consistent on such an issue as prohibition. Smith will not be nominated.

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HARRY K. THAW, murderer of Stanford White, one of the few really great architects ever produced by the United States, has, after seventeen long years of dramatic court battles, been judged sane. By a technicality, attorneys have been able to continue the case and the outcome is still undecided.

At the hearing before a jury, Evelyn Nesbit saw her former husband for the first time in years. Thaw and his former wife cast furtive glances at one another, in a silent court-room drama.

Thaw's life and that of his former wife have been ruined by the events which transpired years ago, events which led Thaw, with mad jealousy, to kill White. Sane or insane, Thaw has done nothing with his life and with his millions for the good of humanity. He is a tremendous failure. Nor has he yet, after seventeen years in which to think things over, seen fit to assist in the education of the boy whom Evelyn Nesbit asserts is his son.

Perhaps before Thaw dies, he will look back on the sorry thing he has made of his life and make some outward sign that he has repented. If he would even now contribute substantially to the education of this lad, supposed to be his son, the world which knows him as a pitiful figure, might condone many of his other faults.

## EDISON BAND WILL PLAY AT FORUM APR. 22

Large Attendance of Citizens Expected at Tuesday Meeting

What the committee hopes will be the largest meeting of the Open Forum ever held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to take place next Tuesday night at Legion hall, when the 35-piece band of the Southern California Edison company will play a concert. Prior to the meeting the band will play in front of Freeman's cafeteria on Cabrillo street. Hurum Reeve will be chairman of the forum meeting.

## Friendless Man Is Found Dead In Room In Lomita

One J. Clark was found dead Wednesday morning in a room he had rented at 224 Narbonne avenue, Lomita. He had moved into the room Tuesday night. His death has been attributed to heart failure.

Before renting the room, he had told Chief of Police Anderson of Torrance that he had no friends or acquaintances here. The body was taken to the Stone & Myers undertaking parlors. Authorities have requested that anyone knowing the man consult with them, before the body is given to the county for burial.

Mrs. Hugh Cochran of Vancouver, B. C., arrived here Monday and will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. F. P. Lewis, of Anapola avenue.

## Civic Bodies Give Finance Campaign 100 Per Cent Aid

Business Men's Committee Tells Why Splendid Torrance Organization Should Own Its Home Activities

PRAISE CLUB'S WORK AND IDEALS

Donations Will Not Be Accepted, Women Insisting On Stock Issue According To Strict Business Basis

Torrance is 100 per cent in favor of a clubhouse for the Woman's club.

This was evidenced yesterday when the clubhouse committee of the Torrance Business Men's association, who will have charge of the sale of stock in the building, received letters of endorsement from officers of every civic organization in the city.

These letters praised the Woman's club for the excellent work the organization is doing in the city of Torrance.

Letters were written by the following: Carl Hyde, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Fred Stock, president of the Parent-Teacher association; Robert J. Deininger, commander of Bert S. Crossland post, American Legion; Hurum Reeve, president of the Torrance Business Men's association; Lee R. Taylor, president of the Freeholders' league; M. L. May, president of the Torrance District Realty board; Willis M. Brooks, vice-president of the Torrance Progress club.

The committee of the Business Men's association is composed of the following: Hurum Reeve, George Peckham, George Neill, Wallace Post, J. B. Hines, and W. Harold Kingsley. The committee made the following announcement today:

"The Woman's club of Torrance should have a clubhouse for the following reasons:

"1.—Every woman in the city is eligible to membership and the initiation fee is only \$2.

"2.—The scope of Woman's club activities is wide, covering social, educational and community activities.

"3.—With a clubhouse the organization will be able to do even more important work, especially among the younger people of the city of Torrance.

"4.—Every worth-while and progressive city in California boasts a woman's clubhouse.

"5.—The clubhouse will be a community institution.

"6.—The clubhouse will be more than self-supporting. Equipped with complete kitchen equipment, it will provide a center at which community dinners may be held, members of the club taking charge of the service.

"Subscriptions to the fund will not be donations. Shares of stock will be sold, the Woman's club reserving the right to buy back the stock at any time.

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It devolved on the Shell Oil company to explore record low levels in proven territory here to test the much-talked-of deep oil sands. The company now has a well down to 3995 feet and is making up 3-inch drill pipe with the apparent intention of going down still further.

The well is Kettler No. 2, located on the northwest corner of Shell's lease, just south of the old Redondo road.

The 8 1/2-inch casing was cemented at 3895 feet and the hole carried down with 6 1/2-inch casing to 3995 feet. The hole was then bridged back to 3936 feet, where the 6 1/2-inch casing was cemented.

It was at the 3936-foot level that the company apparently located the water stratum, which lies just below 3800 feet half a mile west and which was located on Miley's Joughlin lease to the east at 3812 feet.

Immediately after cementing the smaller string of casing, the drill crew started making a string of 3-inch drill pipe. So it is evident that the hole will be drilled deeper, after the mining bureau is satisfied that the water at 3936 feet has been shut off.

This important well has been cored continuously since the 8 1/2-inch casing was cemented, and the cores have shown continuous oil shale and oil sand, way down to 3995 feet, where the last core was taken.

If Shell succeeds in shutting off the water at 3936 feet and goes on further, the possibilities of a deep sand will be given a thorough test.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chewing of San Diego and their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Babb, of London, Ont., were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Lewis.

## DO YOU WANT A GOOD JOB? WELL HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Do you want a job? Here is one with no money in it, but there will be a good time, a good dinner and supper, and an opportunity to help a good cause. Experience not required.

If you can work all day, or only part of the day, bring your hammer and saw and come Saturday to Central Evangelical church and help roof the new annex or do other carpentering. The ladies will feed you well.

## ENTERTAINS FOR MRS. BERRY

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haydon entertained at dinner Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Walter Berry's birthday.

Covers were laid for the honoree and Mr. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Mrs. Agnes Gammel, and the host and hostess.

## PLAN FOR C. E. CONVENTION

W. E. Bowen, Jacob Groscup and Robert Spencer attended the executive board meeting at the First Congregational church at Redondo Beach Sunday, when plans were made for the Christian Endeavor convention to be held at Santa Monica May 2-4, inclusive.