

TOWNE ALKE

"Just for Fun"

By RAS BERRY

Carl Hyde goes in and buys a \$7.50 Stetson hat and is pretty proud of it and then he goes up to Hawthorne to the Harbor Dist. C. of C. meet and when he comes out some bozo has appropriated the hatpiece. But Carl, he don't get no sympathy from the gang he is with which includes the bus murr, George Procter, Al Bartlett, Al Gourdier and Willis Brooks.

A youngster come into Renn and Tomkins and seen Walter and says I seen your picture in the movies and Walter says how did you like it and the kid says fine I think it was the best of the comedies.

Twenty Years From Today Bill Klusman last night addressed an audience on the subject, "The City Trustees and the Paving of Arlington Avenue."

Doll Har and The Bat send in a insult to this town and we ain't gonna print it. Then two birds is pretty fresh, trying to get me to print something that says this town is asleep. This town ain't asleep. It's just playin' possum.

Then they says they is going to contribute some Torrance charades and they is welcome to do that,

only here's hoping their charades is better than their jokes.

Say, says Elmer Grace when the 1st Nat'l Bank folks is posing for their movie. Tell 'em something funny Ras and make 'em laugh. I ain't never gonna be overdrawn again, says Ras and even the camera man laughed so hard he forgot to turn the crank and they didn't get the picture of the way them bankers douted up.

Ted Frenger sends in a clipping eight feet long which I ain't had time to read yet and he addresses it to Razz du Barry and says (VAMP) H. Hot Dog!

Smile, says the movie man as he was shooting Ben Rappaport as Ben hands a bozo a smoke. Smile nothing, says Ben, how can I smile while I'm giving away a cigar?

Good morning, have you been subpoenaed yet, is the popular salutation in town these days.

TORRANCE CHARADES

Answers to Friday's

1. Gipsy-poken—Frank. A drinking vessel—Stein. A rise of ground—Hill. A Scotch accent—Burr. Frank Steinhalber.
2. Vegetable—P. A command to a plowhorse—G. The ocean—Briny. F. G. Briny—Ever. Vernacular for ate—El. The kind of practice that is bad—Mak. A verb meaning to possess—Own. Everett Malone.

Guess These

1. A man's name. First name (nickname), one syllable—Biblical synonym of awe. Last name, two syllables—Part of a fish and what

Chosen Chairman of Unofficial Presidential Inaugural Ball



Mrs. John Allan Dougherty will be chairman of the unofficial presidential inaugural ball which will be staged the evening of March 4 by the American Red Cross for the benefit of charity. President Coolidge, who does not dance, decided against an official ball. He will attend the charity affair, however. Mrs. Dougherty is a social leader in Washington.

Stage All Set For Old Santa To Do His Stuff

Merchants' Gift Presentations Call for a New Show Each Night

WHAT'S ON AT THE TORRANCE THEATRE

Tuesday—Pola Negri in the Ernst Lubitsch production, "Forbidden Paradise." Christie Comedy. International News.
Wednesday—Regular "Pay Day" Event. Hobart Bosworth and Pauline Stark in "Hearts of Oak." "Go-Getters" Comedy. News.
Thursday—Richard Dix and Bebe Daniels in "Sinners in Heaven." Bobby Vernon Comedy. Aesop's Fables. News.
Friday—Agnes Ayres and Antonio Moreno in "The Story Without a Name." Aesop's Fables. News.
The James A. Herne stage suc-

cess, "Hearts of Oak," will be shown Wednesday night, in connection with "Pay Day." Hobart Bosworth has the title role, supported by Pauline Stark, Francis Ford, Theodore von Eltz, and others.

Those who are not acquainted with the play are promised a story of thrills, love and pathos, with a most unusual and unexpected ending, an ending that will cause floods of emotion to well up in the breast of even the most hardened movie fan.

A popular pair, Bebe Daniels and Richard Dix, will show their wares Thursday night in the Alan Crossland production, "Sinners in Heaven." The tale has to do with a man and a woman thrown together on a South Sea island with no apparent hope of rescue, their problems and the solution thereof. A Bobby Vernon comedy, Aesop's Fables, and International News complete the program.

On Friday, the first night of the giving of Christmas presents at the theatre by the merchants of Torrance, the feature picture will be "The Story Without a Name," starring Agnes Ayres and Antonio Moreno.

The Torrance Players, a professional dramatic stock company headed by Roscoe Karns, will present at the matinee and evening performances Saturday a playlet taken from a well known and successful stage play. The picture will be a Fox melodrama, "Daughters of the Night."

The Torrance theatre in completing arrangements for the giving away of \$1000 in Christmas presents, which 56 Torrance firms are presenting to the people of Torrance and the surrounding country will offer a complete change of program every night for eight consecutive nights.

LEGION AUXILIARY
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. A. W. Greiner, 803 Portola avenue, tonight at 7:30. All are requested to attend.

AMERICAN FRUIT MARKET

Carson at Gramercy

Christmas Trees

Beautiful and shapely evergreens

3 to 4 feet	50c
5 to 6 feet	75c
7 to 8 feet	\$1.00
9 to 10 feet	\$1.50
12 feet	\$2.50

We have a nice assortment of Christmas Boxes and Baskets.

Boxes Packed for Shipment

Rome Beauty Apples

Extra fancy, per box \$2.75

Free Delivery to Any Part of City

Vaudeville Makes A Big Hit Here

Torrance and the surrounding country wants vaudeville. That fact was established Sunday, at the second showing of professional vaudeville at the Torrance theatre. The evening shows were well attended, and from the applause it was evident that the audience appreciates the quality of acts with which it is being presented each week by the management of the theatre.

The headliners were the Doreen Sisters, a dancing act deserving of praise. These Scandinavian ladies are accomplished dancers and merited the reception given them. Ford and Cunningham presented a smart song and dance act. For years this team has been on the Orpheum circuit, to which they return after the New Year.

Another old-time act which gave many a laugh was Ed Blondell and Company, with a skit that threw the audience into gales of laughter. Willis and Morris, and Walker and West were very good "filler" acts; they strove hard to please and were well received.

Next Sunday the Torrance theatre will present five acts of vaudeville of the same character.

Torrance Masons Name New Officers

Newly elected officers of Torrance Lodge, F. & A. M., are: John G. Wilson, worshipful master; John R. Fess, senior warden; John Guyan, junior warden; W. H. Stanger, secretary; Joe Stone, treasurer; John R. Winters, senior deacon; John McGasters, junior deacon; Everett Tomkins, senior steward; Hugh R. Seckler, junior steward; Andrew E. Perkins, tyler; O. W. Thistle, marshal; Jesse Sprout, chaplain; trustees, C. A. Paxman, C. H. Mueller and Dr. Lancaster.

William Whalin's Funeral Thursday

Services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Stone and Myers chapel for William Whalin of Wilmington. Mr. Whalin passed away December 13 at Rochester, Minn., where he had been under treatment by the Mayo Brothers. Mr. Whalin is survived by his wife and two sons, Roy L. Whalin of Torrance and Carol S. Whalin of Wilmington, and a nephew, J. O. Bishop, of Torrance. The funeral services will be conducted by the Masonic lodge, Interment at Inglewood.

J. A. Fitch, who has been a resident of Oakland, Calif., for several months, has returned to Torrance, where he has property interests, and after a short stay here he expects to go to San Diego for the winter.

TORRANCE theatre

PRICES, every day except Sunday: Adults, 25c; Children, 10c. Sunday: Adults, 50c; Children, only 15c.

LAST TIMES TUES. POLA NEGRI Rocque, Pauline Stark Adolphe Menjou, Rod La "FORBIDDEN PARADISE"

WEDNESDAY IS "PAY DAY"

Hobart Bosworth "Hearts of Oak" Pauline Starke
A thrilling and heart-throbbing melodrama of New England and the frozen North.

THURS. Richard DIX Bebe DANIELS "Sinners in Heaven" THURS.
See it on our recommendation. If it doesn't "bowl you over" I'm a white blackbird.

Comedy Aesop's Fables News

\$1,000.00 in Christmas Gifts

Beginning Friday, for five nights (Fri., Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed.) Santa Claus will be here to give you the sleigh-load of presents from the merchants of Torrance. Twice each night. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Second show at 9. Come to second show if you can; seats for everybody. Winning numbers will be called in front of the theatre as well as inside.

Five Big Nights Different Show Each Night

FRIDAY—Agnes Ayres and Antonio Moreno "THE STORY WITHOUT A NAME"
SATURDAY—A great Fox melodrama "DAUGHTERS OF THE NIGHT" and The Torrance Players, a professional dramatic stock company, matinee and evening

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a tiger running down Sartori avenue would create.

2. A man's name. First name (nickname), one syllable—Sad news on the first of the month. Last name, one syllable—A kind of duck.
3. Mar's name. First initial—if you were twins. Second initial—What makes so much noise in the loop in Chicago. Last name, one syllable—The way a girl who lisp would pronounce a synonym for liquor.

TRUSTEES

The board of trustees last night accepted a deed to the land necessary for the extension of Redondo boulevard to Madrona avenue. The deed was signed by the Dominguez Land Corporation, Chancellor-Camfield Midway Oil Company, and the Security Trust and Savings Bank.

An objection by the Pacific Electric company to the parking of automobiles too close to the car tracks on Cabrillo avenue was referred to the city attorney for recommendation. Several automobiles have been parked so close to the tracks that they have been struck by cars. It was asserted.

A franchise was granted to the P. E. to construct a spur track on Border avenue between 220th and 222nd streets near the Western Sheet Glass factory.

Progress Club Will Consider Water Question

Meeting Friday Night Will Be Devoted to Important Issues

D. Sullivan, Oliver Roberts and Benton Masters, all of Wilmington, are in the Torrance jail under \$500 bail imposed by City Recorder King. The three men were apprehended here Friday night by Officers Stroh and Edwards. Each had a bottle, according to police. Gerald Reilly was driving on Sartori street Saturday night. The taillight of his car was not lighted. Officer Edwards shouted to him, Reilly, according to Edwards and Officer Stroh, hurled a bottle to the pavement. He is charged with breaking a bottle on the street.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Edward Schwartz entertained Monday afternoon at her home, 1731 Marine avenue, with a birthday surprise in honor of Mrs. Paul Harestad. The color scheme was yellow and white, and was beautifully carried out in the refreshments, also in the table and floral decorations.

MOOSE HELP OUT

Mrs. Anna Stegmier will soon have a new home at 220th and Weston streets. The past two Sundays about fifteen members of the Local Order of Moose have worked on the new building. The local lodge has furnished all the labor. Mrs. Stegmier is the widow of Carl Stegmier, who died suddenly not so long since.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas entertainment to be given by the children of the Central Evangelical Sunday school will be held next Sunday evening. Rev. Zeller announced today.

GIGANTIC SALE NOW ON AT COLES

1/2 Price—1000 New Christmas Dolls—all week. Everybody goes to Cole's Variety Store. Big, gigantic sale—a sale that is becoming famous all over Torrance for its drastic price-cutting.—Adv.

Citizenship Class Honors Principal And Mrs. Wm. Bell

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Bell were the guests of honor at a party Thursday evening, held in the auditorium of the Fifth street school, San Pedro. The host and hostess were the graduates of the citizenship class. For three hours a jolly time and an instructive lesson on the social aspect of American citizenship was enjoyed.

Christmas Parties

The mothers and fathers of the junior class of the Redondo high school are giving an old-time Christmas party to the class in the ball room of the old hotel on Dec. 22. This party will be one of a series the mothers of the different classes are giving. There will be Christmas trees and stockings hanging up, and the party will be as it might have been forty years ago.

SURPRISE PARTY

A number of friends surprised Mrs. F. C. Sharps on her birthday, December 11. Several beautiful gifts were presented to the honoree. Light refreshments were served, after playing a number of games. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Sharps were Mrs. H. M. Tolson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Benzel, Mrs. S. C. Miller and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wertz, Mrs. Julia Hale, and Mrs. Woodside.



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