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## FOUR PETS POISONED IN WEEK

Police Issue Warning as Dogs Die of Strychnine Doses  
IN POSSESSION OF CLUES  
Chief Patterson Warns Public Against Setting Out Poison

Who is the dog-poisoner in Torrance?  
The police department wants to know, and is tracing several clues in an effort to apprehend the person or persons who have poisoned four dogs during the past week.  
All of the dogs died of strychnine poisoning, according to physicians who inspected them. This fact, together with other information in the possession of police, constitutes the basis of the police hunt for the guilty ones.  
Two dogs were poisoned last Friday night. They were the Airedale belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks and the boon companion of the two Brooks boys, and the splendid German police dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Renn and the steady friend of the Renn lad.  
Sunday night Hurm Reeve's dog died of strychnine poisoning, and another dog, the owner of which has not been ascertained, was shot by the police before the poison had had its full effect.  
Chief Patterson said today: "The police department has information which may, if corroborated, lead to an arrest. I wish to warn the public that it is against the law to set out poison. More than that, it is extremely dangerous to the lives of children. Any person guilty of putting out poison will be summarily dealt with."

Seventeen Rigs Abandoned Here in Four Weeks  
Eleven Discarded Holes in Edge Territory; Six in Lomita

Seventeen oil wells, would-be oil wells, or ex-oil wells went into the limbo of abandoned holes in the field here during February. Eleven of them were in edge territory where production was questionable, and the other six were in the closely drilled Lomita section of the field.  
Among the edge wells listed for abandonment which are already being dismantled are the following: Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, Torrance No. 20 and No. 21, in edge territory near Arlington avenue and Plaza del Amo in the city of Torrance; Francis No. 1, a wildcat north of approved territory; Mutual Oil Company's Consolidated Mutual Oil Company's Winkley No. 1, a harbor boulevard wildcat; Oakley No. 4, an edge well in northeastern territory; Julian Petroleum Corporation No. 1 and No. 2 on the southern edge of the field; Petroleum Midway Company's Scott No. 1 and Bowers Company's Dolores No. 1, the field's eastern drilling outpost.  
The following wells in proved territory are listed for abandonment: Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company's Torrance No. 24 on El Camino Real; Associated Oil Company's Torrance No. 1 and Narbonne avenue in Lomita; George F. Getty's Torrance No. 7, No. 8 and No. 18 in Lomita; Henderson, Cheney & Cotton's Torrance No. 1 in Lomita.  
Torrance No. 24 of Chanlor-Canfield is in a district characterized by profitable production, but numerous collapses of casing and the subsequent failure to make the hole produce, despite almost a year of effort, have prompted the company to abandon it.

ILL IN HONOLULU  
Mrs. Warren Horrell writes from Honolulu of the critical illness of her little daughter June. The Horrells resided on Poppy street until Mr. Horrell, a chief petty officer, was ordered to Honolulu.

## Lomita Couple Celebrate Their 62nd Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William Mendelson

Surrounded by thirty-two members of their immediate family, Mr. and Mrs. William Mendelson of Poppy street celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary Sunday, when their daughter, Mrs. Ethel Mendelson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mendelson, of Culver City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and family, Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mendelson, Maywood; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitten and family, Los Angeles; Frank Lacey of Whittier; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Donagan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Gola and family, and the hostess' family.  
Those who enjoyed the bountiful dinner served by Mrs. Mauer were Mr. and Mrs. Mendelson, and Mrs. Ethel Mendelson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mendelson, of Culver City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and family, Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mendelson, Maywood; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitten and family, Los Angeles; Frank Lacey of Whittier; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Donagan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Gola and family, and the hostess' family.  
The rooms were filled with beautiful flowers presented by friends and relatives. During the day several friends called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Mendelson.  
A splendid program of music and songs was presented during the afternoon, interspersed with selections on the radio.

## C. C. M. O. Comes From Behind to Win Double A Championship by Staging Seventh-Inning Rally

When the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company crew came to bat in the seventh inning of the title game against the Southern California Gas Company last Sunday afternoon, the score was 3 to 1 in favor of the Gassers.  
With the championship of the Double A League at stake the Oilers figured that this wouldn't do at all. So they set about to alter the situation—and when the dust cleared away as the third out was recorded the tally read: C. C. M. O.—4; Gas Company—3. And it stayed that way until the finish.  
Wherefore the Torrance oil men possess the championship and will play against the Babek Autos at the C. C. M. O. park Sunday, to decide which is the faster league, the A or the Double A. The Autos are champs of the A league, having won 16-straight games.  
The game last Sunday was a dinger. Quinn and Selfert pitched and let their opponents out the gate with five singles.  
In the second inning the Gassers stepped out and translated an error two sacrifice hits and a double and three-bagger into a trio of runs.  
Thus the score stood 3 to 0 until the fifth, when the C. C. M. O. Copeland swung his bat to first, Messal swung his budgeon on a blow, Hathaway stopping at third. Mollie connected for a two-bag clout, scoring Hathaway and Messal. Mollie took third on Copeland's out. With the score tied, 3 to 3, Lewis combined judicious use of bat and bean and lofted a long sacrifice fly to left and Mollie beat the throw home by an eye-winker.

## Standard Seeks to Extend Oil Field Farther to Southwest

From the standpoint of production it is apparent that the General Petroleum Corporation selected the wrong side of the Poggi lease for first development. Three Poggi wells were completed last week along the north line of the property but near the northwest corner. No. 4 is making about 125 barrels a day, but No. 1 has not yet cleaned out and No. 2 pumped to the sump for a day and then sanded up.  
Better production from the Poggi property is expected when wells are completed near the northeast corner of the lease. North of this point the Superior Oil Company recently brought in Torrance No. 58 for a yield of 350 barrels a day.  
Most new development in the field is taking place in the vicinity of the Poggi property. The Marine Oil Company is prepared to spend in its second well west of the general Petroleum tract. North of the Poggi holdings Superior is running five strings and the Petroleum Securities Company is drilling five on the Kleinmeyer lease.  
Standard spudded an interesting well last Saturday when drilling was started at the Ellinwood No. 2. This location is almost a mile west of production and not far east of the Redondo golf course. Production from Ellinwood No. 2 would open up a big territory for drilling.  
The Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company's Del Amo No. 14 and Standard's Ellinwood No. 1 are better producers today than they were when they first came in. They are yielding about 200 barrels a day now, having increased from 100 barrels every 24 hours. This increased yield may have had something to do with the location of the second well so far west on the Standard's lease.

## Legion Will Meet at Bank-Tonight

Members of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, will meet tonight at the First National Bank to consider a new constitution and by-laws and to decide whether the local organization should go on record in favor of official observance of Memorial Day and Armistice Day as national holidays.  
A letter sent to all legionnaires by Adjutant C. B. Bell points out that state universities in California have elected not to observe these two holidays and that a bill is pending in the state assembly making such observances official.

## Women's Club To Hear Talk On California

Mrs. Margaret Frick Will Speak on Institutions Thursday  
Mrs. Margaret Frick of Redondo will speak on "California Institutions" at the meeting of the Women's Club at the high school auditorium Thursday at 2 p. m.

## Memorial Hospital Is Ultra-Modern In All Details

Jared Sidney Torrance Institution Reaches Stage in Construction at Which Well Planned Features Are Revealed

ATTENTION TO IMPORTANT DETAILS NOTEWORTHY

Auxiliary Lighting System in Operating Rooms, Floor Lights and Sterilizer in Nursery Examples of Modern Planning

"Dedicated to humanity" by Mrs. J. S. Torrance on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone, the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital is rapidly nearing completion and will be, according to hospital authorities who have inspected it, the most modern institution of its kind in the Southland.  
The building has now reached the stage at which the careful planning and the attention to detail of its planners are becoming evident.  
As one enters the main doors at the front he is flanked by two rooms, on the one side an office, and on the other a reception room. The entrance leads to the Memorial room, from which halls lead in both directions to the patients' rooms.  
The floors of these halls will be of battlement linoleum flanked by gray green tile. The entire color scheme of the interior, in this shade, known to be of the most restful to human eyes.  
The patients' rooms are unusually spacious, providing a large amount of air space per bed.  
No Overcrowding  
Except in cases of emergency no more than two patients will be housed in the smaller rooms and not more than four in the large. At the end of each hall is a spacious sun-porch which will be used by convalescents.  
Interesting small rooms open from the halls. One is a warming room in which aprons and bed-sheets are installed to warm sheets and bedding. Another is a work room for nurses; another a diet kitchen connected with the basement kitchen by a dumb waiter.  
On the ground floor rear wing are the nursery, two operating rooms, maternity rooms, nurses' rooms, doctor's rooms, sterilizing room, X-ray department.  
In the nursery the lights will be located on the floor so that they never will shine in the babies' eyes. Apparatus will be installed for the sterilization of all water which babies are bathed.  
The sterilization room is located between the operating rooms, which are spacious and well lighted. A modern feature of the operating rooms is an auxiliary lighting system. This will be operated by batteries which charge them during the night operation. The auxiliary system will be immediately turned on and the operation may proceed without interruption.

A Handy Room  
The hospital entrance is at the rear and opens to an emergency reception room, where patients may be prepared before going to the wards or the operating rooms. Here all entering patients will be examined, so that no contagious disease cases be admitted to endanger the other patients. Here emergency operations may be performed, and patients bathed before entering the hospital proper.  
A trip to the basement reveals the excellent manner in which the hospital has been erected. The building is entirely of reinforced concrete and is completely fire-proof.  
The kitchen in the basement is large enough to function for a hospital double the size of that now being built, so that it will be adequate even if extensions are added.  
In the basement also are a large laboratory, storerooms, dining rooms for nurses, male and female employed help, and sleeping quarters for the employed staff.  
The hospital will be heated by steam throughout.  
As one passes through the halls and corridors he notes numerous niches which will be used for fire hose and extinguishers.

Nurses' Quarters  
On the second floor of the hospital are located nurses' quarters and quarters for the superintendent. The superintendent's quarters include a bedroom, sitting room, and private bath. The nurses will be provided with a sitting room. In the superintendent's and nurses' sitting rooms there are open fireplaces.  
In the rear is a sunny pergola, protected from the wind, for convalescent patients.  
The walls of the hospital throughout are soundproof.  
There will be a radio and telephone connection at the bed of each patient.  
A spacious dark room is provided for the development of X-ray plates.  
The hospital will be governed by the board of directors of the association, recently elected.

According to the stipulations made by the late Mr. Torrance when he signed over to the association stock in the Brack Shops, it will be compulsory for the hospital to accept a certain percentage of charity cases. The dividends from the Brack Shops to the hospital amount to about \$700 a month, and will continue for 99 years.  
According to the board of governors, the hospital will serve the entire neighborhood district in addition to Torrance.

## Weekend Camp For Boy Scouts Of Harbor District Opened

The Boy Scout weekend camp of the harbor district, located at a point west of Portuguese Harbor on the coast between San Pedro and Redondo, is now open to the Scouts of the district.  
The private road leading to the top of the bluff above the camp is now closed. Scouts hiking to the camp or making the trip on bicycles or in autos will use the road leading to Portuguese Harbor, which road is marked with signs visible from both approaches. In following this road appropriate signs will be followed, where autos need to be parked, and the trail to be followed from the parking place. Plowed fields must not be crossed under any circumstances.  
The camp features a club house, two bunk houses and tents in which to sleep, running water, fireplaces for cooking purposes, and an outdoor dining room. An attractive campfire set with benches has been provided. The camp is equipped with a radio outfit, a branch library, and a complete athletic equipment. Interesting hikes up and down the beach may be taken, with visits to several caves in the vicinity.  
Scouts interested in fishing can enjoy the sport from the rocks along the beach, and those in-

terested in nature study can find many unusual specimens of sea shells and sea life. The camp site was used by the Indians for many years, and various forms of their stone implements that have been found on the grounds or in the vicinity are already in the camp museum. A sandy beach in front of the club house provides swimming facilities and a competent life guard is present at all swimming periods.  
The camp is open to all harbor district Scouts at each weekend from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, with a religious service Sunday morning. The camp is under the direction of Philip Peck, assistant district commissioner, and camp director, who will be present at all times when the camp is open.

## ENJOY BALL AT S. P.

A thoroughly enjoyable time at the Pacific Steamship Company employees' benefit ball, held Saturday evening in America Legion hall, San Pedro, is reported by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson, Misses Alice and Melva Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Val Morasco, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ericson, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Neutebaum.  
The ball was a success in every respect, and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the employees' fund.

## Observations

Coolidge Relies on Weeks in Mitchell Case—Where Congress Speeds—Dog Poisoners in Torrance—Trade Looks Up

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE has decided that Secretary of War Weeks shall deal with the case of Brig. Gen. Mitchell, who has developed into such a stormy petrel.  
Meantime the investigation into the condition of the air forces of the army and navy is suddenly terminated.  
But it seems likely that it will be taken up again by the new Congress. For if the testimony taken by the committee has done nothing else it has awakened congressmen and senators to the fact that the United States has an air force, and that it is not the best air force in the world, and has awakened the public—which is even more important—to the fact that the government spent \$13,000,000 on its air forces last year and didn't get much for the money.  
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THE Muscle Shoals problem remains unsolved. The postal increase bill has not been finally approved. The proposals for farm legislation are scarcely out of the embryonic stage. A score of other important matters await action at Washington. But a bill to increase the pay of congressmen went over in short order.  
Ten thousand dollars a year is not too much for Uncle Sam to pay his congressmen. But it is possible that the Uncle would be a bit more enthusiastic about their pay raise if they would show as much speed in handling other legislation as they exhibited in approving—without a roll call—the bill that increased their own salaries.  
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THERE are few more despicable persons in the world than those who set poison for boys' pets.  
Several dogs have been poisoned in Torrance during the past ten days. Two of them were valuable animals. Neither was vicious. A boy in two homes was stricken with sorrow when their beloved dogs died.  
A boy and a dog loved properly together. They have a mutual understanding and love that are sublime.  
The person who deliberately poisons a boy's dog not only breaks the law, but proves himself a low cad.  
I would like to be the judge who is called upon to sentence a person found guilty of poisoning a boy's dog.  
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THE little theatre movement is finding favor in Southern California. All seats have been sold for several performances of "The Taming of the Shrew" at the newly opened Sam Toy Sho, the charming small playhouse of the Marta Outman School of the Theatre, 1510 South Figueroa street, Los Angeles.  
The little theatre makes possible the presentation of many plays which cannot be presented profitably in the large theatres. The opening of the Sam Toy Sho guarantees lovers of better drama an opportunity of witnessing good plays presented by well trained and talented young actors in a delightful miniature playhouse.  
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SIGNS of a trade revival are evident. Witness the gains in bank clearings in California last week.  
San Francisco, with clearings of \$197,600,000, showed an increase over the week before of \$47,700,000, and over the corresponding week of 1924 of \$14,500,000. Los Angeles, with clearings of \$174,740,000, showed a gain of \$44,961,000 over the week before, and \$5,160,000 over the year before. Oakland, with clearings of \$21,856,000, exhibited a gain over the preceding week of \$6,018,000 and over the year before of \$5,289,000. San Diego, with clearings of \$12,597,700, registered a gain of \$877,000 over the week before.  
Some of the other notable increases in bank clearings over the period immediately preceding were as follows: Long Beach, \$3,458,554; gain, \$1,139,441. Sacramento, \$7,878,238; gain, \$1,269,478. Pasadena, \$7,189,142; gain, \$1,597,143. Stockton, \$2,589,500; gain, \$98,900. Santa Monica, \$2,376,781; gain, \$88,463. Bakersfield, \$1,349,507; gain, \$435,594. Hollywood, with clearings of \$6,958,000, and San Jose, with \$2,651,475; San Bernardino, with \$2,111,975, and Riverside, with \$906,792, also scored large increases.

In a recent stirring address in New York city on the subject "Are Radical Activities Weakening American Institutions?" Martin W. Littleton, one of the ablest constitutional lawyers in the United States, said in part:  
"Polyglot radicalism—embracing everything from a disgruntled Republican and a dissatisfied Democrat to a purring Socialist and a raging Red—dissolved into its original elements in the fierce fires of the last campaign. Each of those elements in its own way is initiating the strident grasshopper in the corner of the fence.  
"The factitious and fictitious alliance is broken and the deformity of the whole movement stands uncovered; but the real purpose of radicalism is unchanging. Its forces may be shattered into unrelated fragments and its union of paradoxes may be dissolved, but revolution, of the essence of which it was but a symptom, abides with us always.  
"It inheres in and clings to all civilization. It is not provoked by war nor allayed by peace. It is not born of political defection nor cured by political harmony. It is present at the birth of every government and administers not infrequently at the death of many."  
"Government substitution for the individual, government taking over the place of the man and the woman, government hovering over the community and stifling the air, making the breath of liberty hard, difficult. Government, with its agencies and its minions and its authorities, treading on your heels wherever you go, and crossing your threshold, invading your home, reaching into the nursery of your children—government, and what is this thing called government?"  
"This is mine and yours, an agency, an instrument. It isn't some foreign, hideous, powerful creature of the mystic ages set up to govern and to control and adjust and administer to man. Government is mine and yours to do with as in our judgment and our intelligence we think it should do, always mindful of the individual. Any government that invades the sacred domain of individuality is a government which does not belong to a period of American liberty."  
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TOO often, when judging radio broadcast programs, especially music, amateur critics do not take into consideration the difference in reception of the various radio sets. It is too often assumed that everybody listening in hears the same sounds, which is by no means the case.  
In one middle western state alone 7500 farmers have installed radio receiving sets.  
However, the interest in radio continues to increase by leaps and bounds. During 1924 sales of radio sets and parts totaled \$2,000,000; by 1924 they reached \$400,000,000, and it is the opinion of experts that sales this year will approximate \$500,000,000 or more.  
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Miss Mary E. Spoon of 2275 Re- and Mrs. Fred Becker, Mr. and dondo boulevard entertained at Mrs. Henry Spoon of Aberdeen, dinner on Wednesday evening. Wash., and Mrs. Joseph Verplank rit Verplank of Gary, Ind.; Mr. of Santa Monica.

## PLAY GOES OVER BIG FRIDAY

"A Full House," Vaudeville, Fashion Show Well Received

WOMEN'S CLUB NETS \$200

Cast Displays Unusual Talent and Result of Fine Direction

By THE OBSERVER

"A Full House"—the three-act farce presented under the auspices of the Women's Club of Torrance, was enthusiastically received by the audience at the high school auditorium Friday night. Efforts of the cast were highly praised, as was the excellent fashion show staged by Van Andies Specialty Shop and Sam Levy's, and the vaudeville skit, "The Bird Chasers."  
The play proved an excellent vehicle for the members of the cast, who got their work over the footlights in a manner that brought them much deserved applause.  
The action of the piece revolved around the theft of valuable rubies, the subsequent exchange of grips on the train between the burglar (Sam Levy) and a newly-wed attorney (Floyd Parker), who grip contained incriminating love letters written by one Ned Pembroke (Harvel Guttenfelder) to a chorus girl (Miss Viola McEwan). The burglar follows the attorney to his apartment to secure his own grip containing the rubies. In the meantime the attorney's bride (Miss Mildred Perman) has discovered the gems in the grip and thinks her husband a thief. She takes the jewels from the bag, but they are stolen by Lucie, the maid (Mrs. Harry Dolley), who hopes for the \$1000 reward.  
When Mr. King, the burglar, re-swaps grips with the attorney the gems are missing, and he returns to the attorney only the empty envelopes of the love letters, which Ned needs before he can safely propose to his beloved Daphne (Mrs. Alta King).  
House Is Full  
The maid telephones the police that there is a thief in the house and the police surround the place, allowing all to enter but none to leave. The house gradually fills with all the characters, and a series of extremely amusing situations follow.  
The burglar, posing as a detective, finally secures in the rubies from Lucie and receives the reward, whereupon the police leave, as does the burglar, albeit on the arm of the chorus girl.  
All of the parts were exceptionally well taken. Rufus Page, as Parkes, a butler, actually affected an English accent, despite his long residence in Texas.  
Mrs. Dolley, as the maid who longed constantly for Sioux City, handled a difficult characterization.  
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## Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Herald Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24  
Sever band electric. Polls open 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.  
7:30 p. m.—Macabee meeting at American hall.  
7:30 p. m.—American Legion meeting, First National Bank building.  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25  
8 p. m.—Modern Woodmen dance, Moose hall.  
THURSDAY, FEB. 26  
2 p. m.—Women's Club meeting, high school auditorium.  
7:30 p. m.—Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., Masonic temple.  
7:30 p. m.—Social evening, Interdenominational mission, 1224 Star-torville avenue.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28  
8 p. m.—Torrance Community Band benefit dance, American hall.  
MONDAY, MARCH 9  
Union Tool I. R. C. benefit dance, Redondo Beach pavilion.  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17  
8 p. m.—St. Patrick's Day dance by Legion Auxiliary, Moose hall, Torrance Syncopeators.

# VOTE YES - Polls Open Until 7 p. m. - VOTE YES