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TORRANCE AVIATION FIELD ASSURED

C. of C. Saves People Thousands in New Valuation Cut

ASSESSED VALUES LOPPED

Campaign Against High Valuations, Started by Herald, Bears Fruit

COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE

In Decrease of 15 to 30 Percent Will Save \$35,000 to \$50,000 in 1925

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning saved the people of the city of Torrance between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

This tremendous saving was accomplished when Secretary Carl L. Hyde and a committee consisting of J. C. Smith, George Neill, Wilfred Teal and W. L. Booth proved to officials of the county assessor's office that reductions in the assessed valuation of real property here of from 15 to 30 percent were just.

Action by the committee was the direct result of the campaign launched last December by The Torrance Herald against exorbitant assessments.

When the tax bills arrived in Torrance tremendous increases in assessed valuations were revealed. The Herald took up the matter in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce and urged property owners to bring their tax data to Carl Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce. Hundreds of taxpayers responded, and the data was tabulated by Mr. Hyde.

The chamber directors then appointed their committee to lodge objections against the increases with the county assessor. Since that time Mr. Hyde and Mr. Smith, armed with the data secured by co-operation between The Herald and the chamber, held several consultations with county officials.

Saturday morning the delegation went to Los Angeles, where they were definitely assured that the assessments on real property here would be reduced from 15 to 30 percent. Average Cut 22 1/2 Percent

The assessed valuation of real property here for last year was \$5,458,275. J. C. Smith stated today that the reductions secured by the chamber for this year will probably be about 22 1/2 percent.

The aggregate tax rate last year was \$3.16. If the reduction in real property assessments here averages 22 1/2 per cent, the saving under a tax rate of \$3.16 would be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Assuming the percentage of reduction is lower and the tax rate reduced, it is probable that the money saved the property owners of Torrance by the action of the chamber will be at least \$35,000. Opinions of the committee vary, but all agree that the saving will be somewhere between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

May Copy Rolls
Mr. Hyde this afternoon will request authorization by the directors of a sum sufficient to pay for the cost of copying the Torrance assessment rolls, so that taxpayers here will be enabled to ascertain the assessments on individual pieces of property long in advance of the receipt of tax bills.

If the rolls are copied, Mr. Hyde points out, the board of trustees will know the assessed valuation of Torrance months before that information is sent out by county officials. For purposes of preparing a budget for next year, this information would be invaluable to the trustees.

Cioci Bound Over to Higher Court

Alphonse Cioci was held for Superior Court by Justice of the Peace Hunter, before he appeared Monday morning.

Cioci is charged with setting fire to his house on Olive street, with an alleged view to collecting the insurance.

Two Lions That Devoured 130 Persons Slain by One Man



THE COLONEL BUILT HIMSELF A TOWER AND WAITED

By Central Press
LONDON.—A thrilling story concerning an adventure of Col. John H. Patterson, D. S. O., noted British engineer, soldier, big game hunter and author, is circulating in London's sporting clubs.

Col. Patterson, hunting single-handed, brought in the heads and skins of two lions who had devoured 130 men.

It happened in Africa. He was in charge of the construction of a section of a railway. Native workers began to desert, terrified by stories of two super-lions who roamed the jungle in the vicinity of the railway. All sorts of traps

18 Are Nominated as Candidates For C. of C. Board of Directors; Nine Will Be Elected to Office

Eighteen members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were nominated as candidates to the board of directors at the primary election which closed yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Following are the names of the nominated members, with the vote which each received appearing after his name:

J. W. Post, First National Bank—74; J. B. Hines, State Exchange Bank—37; George Proctor, Union Tool Company—51; Brian K. Welch, Dominguez Land Corporation—49; W. Harold Kingsley, Torrance Herald—48; Sam Levy, merchant—36; W. L. Booth, Columbia Steel Corporation—31; Harry Dolley, Dolley Drug Company—31; Dr. J. S. Lancaster—30; J. C. Smith, Torrance

Investment Company—28; Charles Vonderahe, realtor—28; P. G. Briney, attorney—27; Alfred Goudier, postmaster—27; F. L. Parks, Torrance Plumbing Company—21; George Neill, Neill Realty Company—19; J. W. Macdowell—19; Hurum E. Reeve, Torrance Hardware Company—18; George Peckham, Schultz, Peckham and Schultz—16.

Ballots containing the names of the eighteen nominees will be mailed this week. Members will vote for nine, and the nine receiving the highest vote will be declared elected and installed in office next Tuesday afternoon.

The ballots must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce office by 5 o'clock next Monday night.

Legion Auxiliary Will Give Dance St. Patrick's Day

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Harold Kingsley. There was a record attendance and a lively business meeting.

The next meeting night will be in April, as the dance will be on March 17.

Final details for the dance were discussed at length and the well chosen committee assures every one a delightful time.

Tickets are for sale by all Legion and Auxiliary members and at the First National Bank. They are coupon tickets and the one having the lucky coupon will be awarded a five-dollar gold piece.

Mrs. Rappaport's Mother Is Dead
Sam Rappaport yesterday received word of the death in St. Louis of Mrs. Hattie Elman, Mrs. Rappaport's mother. Mrs. Elman was 79 years old.

EXTORTION APPEAL IS DUE

Last Date for Filing Anderson-Morewood Writ Is March 12

IT MAY BE POSTPONED

All Appellate Court Can Do Is Order New Trial

Thursday will be the last day on which attorneys for former Police Chief R. M. Anderson of Torrance and Attorney A. P. Morewood of Hermosa Beach may file in the Appellate division of the Supreme Court a writ of error in their announced attempt to secure a new trial for the two men, who were convicted of extortion and bribery in Superior Court.

Anderson and Morewood are still out under bond pending the appeal.

It is possible, according to Appellate Court officials that a request for postponement of a hearing on the proposed writ of error may be requested and that the appeal will be delayed for some time. Not infrequently these appeals wait for almost a year before they are heard.

The Appellate Court may do no more than hear the writ and decide whether or not the contentions of the defendants that the trial judge made errors in his conduct of the trial is true. If it is held that he erred, the court can order a new trial of the case, but cannot reverse the verdict of the jury.

Scouts Will Go on Camping Trip Over Week End

The inclement weather prevented the basketball games scheduled to be played in connection with the joint meeting of Boy Scout Troops 3 and 4, held in the Methodist church last Friday evening.

Milton H. Foster passed the Tenderfoot test and was admitted as a member of Troop 3 and assigned to the Silver Fox patrol.

Richard Pullman, Troop 3, and Raymond Flood, Troop 4, won the Torrance theatre awards for the best dressed scouts at the meeting.

A number of second class tests were passed at the meeting, and Harold Stevenson advanced to second class rank. Three members have advanced to the rank of first class in the last few weeks, the others being Winston Baird, Troop 3, and Raymond Flood, Troop 4.

There will be no meeting this week owing to the fact that this weekend is the one assigned to Torrance Scouts at the district camp at Portuguese Harbor and a number of the members are planning to go. The trip was made possible through the action of the Rotary Club in agreeing to provide transportation, which will leave the Methodist church at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The individual equipment includes blankets, toilet articles, food for six meals, a coat for evening wear, and a flash light. Harold Clark, Troop 3, and Harold Stevenson, Troop 4, are in charge of the registration of those members desiring to avail themselves of the Rotary transportation, and scouts so planning to make the trip must register with these leaders on or before Wednesday evening, that the number planning to go may be known. The party will return on Sunday afternoon. The road used for the trip is now closed.

The road to be used is the Portuguese Harbor road, leaving the San Pedro-Redondo road at a point opposite the harbor, which road is marked with appropriate signs at its junction with the main road. This road is to be followed to the auto parking sign, from which place a marked trail leads to the camp-site.

Observations

Sea, Sky, Clouds and Plain—the Office from a Hill—Climb a Mountain-Top—Will Hays Writes

Nice Letters to Editors

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

HAD the regents of the University of California been on the crest of the Palos Verdes hills Saturday afternoon or Sunday it is reasonably certain that they would have selected the site for the southern branch of the institution.

Standing on the highest point of the site, and favored by unusually high visibility, one saw from various angles the graceful curve of Santa Monica Bay backed by the blue hills of the long peninsula; the calm blue sea that reaches out to embrace the purple beauty of the Catalina Islands; the yellow sands of Long Beach that sweep in a great arc as far as the eye can reach; the tree-flecked plain of the Los Angeles basin, with buildings of cities and towns that man has set up beside the black-ribbon highways—civilization crawling on and over the level spaces and creeping up the side of the hills behind Hollywood and Pasadena.

THE whole empire of the Southland is the back yard of the university site and on three sides the eye is greeted by the Mediterranean blue of the Pacific, flecked here and there by brave little boats.

Far horizons are eternally delightful—but when they become the magic rendezvous of light blue sky and deep blue ocean, with clouds like angels' billowed beds riding through the azure—when these distant meeting places of sky and land are the tops of purple hills and islands rising out of the sea—they perform a marvel in a mortal breast.

From a high place all things stand out according to new values. A birdseye view refines human standards.

THROUGH the glass I can see the office in which I work. But by turning my vision 45 degrees I am greeted with green rolling hillsides, the bluest of blue sky, pure white scudding clouds, the shadows of clouds sliding silently and softly over the undulations of the soil, the dark blue sea, the long line of white breakers stretching in a gigantic curve for miles and miles around the bay, the mysterious islands of the sea, and far off the dim horizon, vague in a bath of haze. The clean white wind pours into my clothing and washes my body in fresh, pure air. At my feet are dainty blue wildflowers, delicate and fairy-fashioned, their pretty heads nodding gently in the sunshine and their unseen toes digging in the soft soil so recently refreshed by rain—and all about the faint and fragrant odor of the good black earth.

IS it any wonder that the office which is so small and mealy through the glasses fades to insignificance beside the glorious majesty of sea-sky, mountain-sky horizons, and that the pungent smell of printer's ink is happily forgotten in the odor of the rain-drenched soil?

Humans live in a world of contrasts—and if life were all one long sweet song of nature, flowers, hills, and sweeping plains and sea—these glories would be shop-worn to the fickle eye of man. The office, down there, so unimportant by contrast with the wide, vast wonders of God, is essential in the intricate scheme of things.

It is an instrument of existence, making possible a shelter from the elements and food for the stomach. And it serves as a contrast to the divine loveliness of this inspiring panorama. Because of this office—and all the cruelties of the economic world for which it stands—my pulse is quickened before the vast beauty of the sunlit sea.

IT were well for every man to seek a mountain top when the sun is high and the white chariots of the sky are riding by—a mountain top that rises sheer above the ocean's blue, that matches other mountains far away, whose crests are kissed by lingering clouds. I know that this is well, for I have tried to be aware of the value every man sets upon his own importance—a value that is humbled before the great magnificence of the sea and sky and hills—and small wildflowers.

STEP out of your little pride-built shells and seek the mountain tops. What yesterday was a great obstacle in your little life is an anti-hill up there. Those pesky problems, that worried your head and made you toss and mumble in your troubled sleep—where are they?

Your week has been filled with noise—talk, the whir of life, and your poor ears are numb to noise. The messages they send to your town-worn brain that sounds are being made are so continuous that your mind does not consciously record them.

Climb the mountain above the sea. There is no buzz, no human voice, no whir, no hum, no clash.

There is deep silence, peace, glorious solitude—broken only by the soft whisper of the wind in the grass, the gentle sigh of the wind in the sage.

The breeze that sails in from China cleans the cobwebs out of your brain.

Sky, sea, clouds, wind, grass, mountains, flowers! God help you if you cannot love them.

I HAVE always wondered what Will Hays does as king of the movies. Now I know. He writes nice letters to editors. He makes editors feel good, whether they deserve it or not. He writes nice letters to editors. On the envelope he has his secretary type-write the message that the letters are PERSONAL—just like that, in capital letters.

The object of Will Hays' work is to make the movies better. That is a large order.

One means to the end is to encourage everyone who says something or writes something in favor of better movies—especially if what he says or writes contains some words of understanding that in this big job of cleaning up the films the public has a part to play.

So when anybody does that, why Will Hays writes 'em a nice letter about it and makes 'em feel good. He writes nice letters to editors.

HE wrote a letter to me, and here is what he said:

"March 2, 1925.

"Mr. W. Harold Kingsley, Editor, The Herald, Torrance, Calif.

"My dear Mr. Kingsley:

"Your article in the Herald of January 30th was handed me upon my return from California, where I went for the semi-annual

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DOMINGUEZ LOANS 37 ACRES FOR USE AS LANDING AREA

Coming Events

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
Triple City Lodge No. 333, Odd Fellows hall, Lomita.
7:30 p. m.—W. B. A. meeting, American hall.

7:30 p. m.—American Legion meeting, First National Bank.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
2 p. m.—P. T. A. meeting, elementary school.

7 p. m.—Public speaking class, high school.

7:30 p. m.—Official visit state officers, Trio Rebekah Lodge, Lomita.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
2 p. m.—Meeting Women's Club, high school.

All day—Trio Helpers, Odd Fellows hall, Lomita.

7:30 p. m.—Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., Masonic temple.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
Boy Scout trip to camp, Portuguese Bend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
7:30 p. m.—O. E. S. card party, Masonic temple.

8 p. m.—Dance, Civic hall, Lomita.
8 p. m.—Dance, Moose hall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
Services in all churches.

2 p. m.—Baseball, C. C. M. O. vs. Pasadena Merchants, Tournament Park, Pasadena.

MONDAY, MARCH 16
7 p. m.—Board of trustees meeting, new city hall.

5 p. m.—Counting of election ballots, directors Chambers of Commerce.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
8 p. m.—St. Patrick's Day dance by Legion Auxiliary, Moose hall, Torrance Synopsators.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
W. B. A. dance, Moose hall.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
7:30 p. m.—Elsie Teal-Emerison Stewart social, high school auditorium, benefit Legion building fund.

Rippy to Hold Rum Case Trial on Wednesday

J. L. Stepper and M. L. Fenton, asserted rum-runners, from whose high-powered cars police charge they took 48 cases of bonded Scotch whiskey last Thursday night, will be tried before City Recorder Rippy Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

When arraigned before the recorder Friday afternoon both men pleaded not guilty to the charges of possession and transportation of liquor. They were released under \$3000 bond each. They waived trial by jury.

Police here are receiving congratulations from Los Angeles officials on the fact that the Torrance force is the only one to have made an arrest at a time when police of the entire Southland had been advised to watch for loads of booze from a big cargo of Scotch on a ship anchored near San Clemente Island.

The Buick coupe and National touring car in which Stepper and Fenton are charged with transporting whiskey are in the possession of the Torrance police. If the men are adjudged guilty the cars will be confiscated by the city of Torrance and sold at public auction.

Chief of Police Louie Patterson said today that a laboratory test of the confiscated whiskey proved that the labels are better than the contents of the bottles. "The test showed the stuff to be new and dangerous," said the chief.

Pasadena Wins Wretched Tilt From Oil Nine

Walk Home With 18 to 3 Victory in First Title Game

Ragged baseball marked the defeat of the Chamber-Cantfield Midway Oil Company nine by the Pasadena Merchants Sunday afternoon at the C. C. M. O. park. The Millionaires went home with the Oil Nine's scalp, which they had annexed to the tune of 18 to 3.