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## BIG ATTENDANCE AS SCHOOL OPEN

### ASK CARSON PAVING BIDS SEPT. 14

### DATE FOR PROTEST IS SET

East-West Highway Proceedings Approach Day  
START WORK IN 60 DAYS?  
Board Has Petition Asking Improvement to Orange County System

Bids for the paving of Carson street from the eastern boundary of the shoestring strip to Long Beach boulevard will be asked by the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 14. The district included in the assessment area has been posted with notices of the board's intention to pave the highway and the protest date has been set on Sept. 14. Following the hearing of protests, the board will authorize the clerk to advertise for bids. On account of the large number of property owners who signed the petition requesting the improvement, if any, protests are anticipated. Actual work will probably start within 60 days. A petition is before the Los Angeles city council requesting improvement of the highway in the shoestring strip, and another for its improvement from Long Beach boulevard to connect with the Orange County paving system is before the Board of Supervisors. The paving in the shoestring strip cannot be started for several months owing to the length of time it requires for such proceedings to go their way through the various departments of the municipal government.

### Two Fires Keep Lomita Fighters Busy Saturday

Two fires in Lomita kept the local firemen busy Saturday morning. The combination of a mouse nest and an overheated terra cotta pipe around a water heater vent caused a fire that damaged the Matt Kerber home on South Cypress street to the extent of \$150. Captain Laeki is loud in praise of Mr. Marie Kerber, who with great presence of mind closed all doors and windows. Mrs. Kerber's prompt action prevented the fire's gaining a headway that would no doubt have resulted in the destruction of her home. The second fire, of supposed spontaneous origin, occurred just before noon, when a combined garage and chicken house at the rear of the Alden property at Oak street and Redondo boulevard was completely destroyed and one bungalow on Oak street completely gutted and two others badly damaged. The total damage will exceed \$2500, it is said. Mr. Alden, who vainly battled the flames before the arrival of the fire department, suffered second degree burns on the arms, and was slightly burned on the back of the neck. According to the man who telephoned the alarm, it was just two minutes from the time he placed the call until the firemen were laying their hose.

**RESULTS**  
Another striking proof of the pulling power of want ads in The Herald was brought forward this week when J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company received an answer to a real estate offer from Moosejaw, Sask. The ad which Mr. Smith ran offered for sale a half acre in Torrance. The Torrance investment gets response to its classified advertising not only from local readers but from many parts of the country. Our want ads pay.

### Trustee J. S. Torrence Launches Attack on Torrance Police Dept. During Absence of Commissioner

Trustee J. S. Torrence, former chairman of the police committee of the Board of City Trustees, Tuesday night charged that the police department of Torrance has not been doing its duty in the enforcement of the law. The attack against the police department was made in the absence of Trustee R. R. Smith, present chairman of the police committee, who is on his vacation in the east. Trustee Torrence declared that the local police force is not doing its duty in regard to the enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead and Wright acts. Trustee J. M. Fitzhugh took vehement issue with Trustee Torrence, declaring that the city of Torrance is unusually free from law violations and asserting that the activities of the police department here are satisfactory, as is evidenced by the lack of law violations in the city. Trustee Torrence declared that he wished to go on record as against what he asserted was the inactivity of the local police in law enforcement. That the balance of the board did not agree with Trustee Torrence in what was regarded as an inspired attack on Trustee R. R. Smith, during his absence, was indicated by the fact that no action was taken.

### Torrance Laundry Builds New Plant To Satisfy the Increasing Demands For Company Service

Already numbered among the substantial industries of Torrance, the Torrance Laundry Company has broken ground for a new building which will greatly enlarge its present facilities. The new building will be of fire-proof brick construction and will be located north of the company's present plant on Bender avenue, just south of Carson street. The building will be 72 by 45 feet in dimensions. The Torrance Laundry is distinctly a local institution which has grown rapidly since it started operations here. The new plant, and the modern machinery with which it will be equipped, were necessary to provide for the constantly increasing business done by the organization. At present 35 persons are employed by the Torrance Laundry, and with the completion of the new building this number will be materially increased.

### Names Advisory Body To Study School System

Chamber Committee to Provide Contact With Education Board  
To supply a long-needed medium of contact between the people of Torrance and the Los Angeles Board of Education, the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce authorized their president, George A. Proctor, to appoint a school committee consisting of five members. Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Proctor appointed the following members: Dr. George Shidler, Mrs. Fred Lessing, Mrs. Wallace Gilbert, and W. Harold Kingsley. The committee will act in an advisory capacity, co-operating with Principals Bell and Wood, and endeavor to represent the requirements of the Torrance schools to the Board of Education.

### SHRINERS TO FEED, DANCE

El Rightem Club Plans Big Time for Next Monday Night  
MANY GUESTS EXPECTED  
Torrance Men Assure Royal Time for Out-of-Town Nobles

Next Monday night will mark the occasion of a big time for Torrance Shriners when they will be hosts at a festive "chicken party" at the Masonic Temple. Fezzed Shriners from many cities in Southern California will attend. The dinner, which will be followed by a dance, is given by El Rightem Shrine Club. Torrance Shriners are doing plenty to see that out-of-town nobles are royally entertained. Local members of El Rightem should make reservations for the dinner with Charles Mueller at the Pacific Electric station or with W. Rufus Page, 1339 Post avenue. The Packard Six orchestra from Radio Central Station KFI will furnish the music for the dancing. "And," says the committee, "wear that fez."

### Bandit Steals \$70 From Stand; Flees in Auto

Amos Clapp Forced to Give Cash at Point of Revolver  
When Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clapp, proprietors of a barbecue stand on Redondo boulevard, turned to wait on a supposed customer at 1 a. m. Sunday they were greeted with a curt command to "Stick 'em up!" from a masked man. Clapp argued with the intruder until, urged by Mrs. Clapp to comply with the man's demand for their "cash," he finally relinquished his wallet containing \$70. The bandit forced them to lie flat on the floor while he backed out of the store, jumped into a car waiting on a side street, and escaped.

### Observations

What Will They Do to Mitchell?—Public Opinion May Decide Issue—When Madmen Murder—A Fine Big Family—The Last Rodgers  
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

It will be interesting to watch the naval and military chiefs handle this challenge that Col. Mitchell has hurled into their teeth. Several ways are open to them. They may arrest or demote Mitchell. They may remain mum. They may adopt the suggestion that the air force be joined under a separate branch of the nation's system of defense. Or they may pass the buck to Congress and depend on a strong lobby to disprove the Mitchell charges. That they will arrest Mitchell is improbable. His trial by court-martial would bring out the facts—which most of the hide-bound military autocrats would not relish. It is possible that the doughty colonel will be demoted without fuss, if he is punished at all. The naval and army authorities will not adopt the Mitchell recommendation of a separate air force branch—if they have anything to say about it. To do so would be to surrender some authority, which no admiral or general has ever seemed inclined to do. So it appears at this writing that the affair will be left to Congress. Already several senators and congressmen have declared that they will introduce resolutions calling for sweeping investigations into the conduct of the air force.

SUCH an investigation, properly conducted, would be advisable. The sooner it is started the better for the army, the navy, the nation's fliers, and the nation itself—providing, of course, that it is a real investigation, conducted independent of the influence of the army and navy cliques. Let the officials of Washington remember this: the people of the country are about ready to conclude that Col. Mitchell is right. The average voter doesn't know much about the science of aerodynamics. He realizes it is a pretty intricate and involved subject. And he is certain that no man who doesn't fly can know enough about aviation to be in charge of men who do fly. Your average citizen is alert to the fact that under modern conditions everyone depends on experts and specialists for expert and special advice, counsel and practice.

MR. JOHN W. CITIZEN goes to a dentist when he has a tooth-ache. He wouldn't make the mistake of going to a horse-shoer. He consults a lawyer when he is confronted by a legal problem. And he engages the services of a physician when he is sick. He may be plain dumb about many things. But he wouldn't take his automobile to a veterinary when he wanted the carburetor adjusted. And he knows as well as he knows anything that to have a cavalry officer or a submarine expert in charge of a flock of aeroplanes is like expecting a professor of Egyptology to take down and reassemble a Diesel engine. When it permeates the foggy atmosphere of official Washington that the country doesn't want its air force run by non-fliers any more than it wants its navy controlled by land-lubbers, there will be some positive action in the right direction. Meantime George W. Voter is giving three cheers for Col. Mitchell.

A BOY from a fine family, a family endowed with more than average intelligence, falls in his work at Harvard and becomes mentally depressed. His disease's mind grows worse. He is committed to an asylum. He escapes. He is apprehended several months later in New York in a state of coma. His father pleads with the authorities and secures the release of his son on the promise that he, the father, will be responsible. Shortly thereafter the son attempts to kill his father with a hatchet. The boy buys a gun. He conceals a kidnapping plot. He kills a negro chauffeur, steals the taxicab, kidnaps a 6-year-old girl, demands \$4000 from the child's father, doesn't get it, and murders the child. Thus is rewritten a tragic story that has become old-to-old in this country.

A YEAR ago I probably would have said: "This lad is insane. Put him in an asylum. He should not be executed as a criminal."

Now I say: "Society will be secure only if insane persons, like this lad, are done away with for good and all." It is not an easy or pretty conclusion to reach. But the security of society is more important than the life of that boy. Young Noel, sane or insane, is a menace to the life of his fellow-men. It would be all very well to adjudge him insane and place him in an asylum if we are not sure. He has gotten out of one never get out. The oldest daughter was helping mother with the ironing. It was piled high in three large heaps. For this father and mother have ten children.

I WENT into an old-fashioned home the other night. In a chair, reading a book, while a two-months-old baby cooed and gurgled on his arm, sat the father. He was six feet tall. His shoulders were broad. His eyes were steel blue—the kind I imagine John Paul Jones had. The oldest daughter was helping mother with the work. Mother, a stalwart little matron of 35, was doing the ironing. It was piled high in three large heaps. For this father and mother have ten children. The mother makes all the clothes for the family. She bakes 27 loaves of bread each week. The father works in the oil field. The children all go to school. In the morning the two eldest daughters put up lunches for the other children and for themselves and their father. The next eldest two make the beds, sweep and dust. Mother gets breakfast—and the family of ten—around the walls of the living room are family pictures. And a robust gallery it is.

THE two oldest girls are going to be school-teachers and they know just how they will manage to acquire the necessary education. The younger children have not yet decided what they will do when they "get big." Oh, it was refreshing to see that family. The children were

### Last Year's Mark Increased By 150 As 911 Are Listed

First Day Attendance at High and Elementary Is 19 Percent Larger Than It Was on Opening Session Last Year, Figures Show

#### SEVERAL INNOVATIONS ANNOUNCED BY PRINCIPALS

New Classes Offer Instruction in Courses Not Heretofore on Curriculum; Teacher Will Instruct Mexican Mothers in Their Homes

Torrance schools opened Tuesday with an enrollment of 911 pupils—a gain of 150 over the first day's enrollment last year, when the opening session found 761 listed on the school lists. The attendance on the first day at the High School this year was 276. On the last day of the school year the attendance was 264. In the Elementary School the opening day's attendance this year was 635, as against 587 on the first day last year. The increase in attendance at both schools over last year is more than 19 percent.

At the High School the large enrollment has made it necessary to hold two classes in the cafe and three in the auditorium. When it is remembered that both the Elementary and High Schools were housed in the present High School building two years ago, the growth of the city is appreciated. Held Mass Meeting Principal Wood addressed the High School pupils at a mass meeting Tuesday morning and the year was started off with enthusiasm among teachers and pupils. Mr. Wood has inaugurated a system under which each teacher is detailed to act as special advisor to a group of students, counseling with them regarding their courses and other school matters. New classes in the High School curriculum include one in sight singing, featuring community singing and glee club work, one in the making of red furniture and a half-day class in vocational machine shop work.

At the Elementary School Principal Bell announced that three kindergarten teachers are on the staff this year. An innovation at the Elementary is the employment of Miss Mabel Ella Brown as home teacher. Miss Brown will teach mothers who live in the pueblo, going to their homes to hold classes. Another innovation is the engagement of Miss Gertrude Ohlmacher, whose duties will be the reorganization of classes and rooms with an eye to instructional efficiency.

Here Are Names Teachers at the Elementary School are as follows: Miss Allene Davies, Miss Eleanor Tate, Mrs. Gertrude Haydon, Mrs. Helen Berry, Miss Alice Blackstad, Mrs. Grace M. Burnham, Miss Florence Felton, Miss Anna Klein, Miss Laura Thomas, Miss Lyle Soddy, Mrs. Etta Mowry, Mrs. Clarice Mals, Mrs. Hilda Powell, Mrs. Juliette Young, Miss Mabel Brown, Miss Gertrude Ohlmacher, Miss Agnes Stockwell. New members of the faculty are Mrs. Jessie Avery, Mrs. Maude Robeson, Mrs. Mary E. Kent, Mrs. Bessie Haskins, Mrs. Grace McGowan, Mrs. Marguerite Matthews, Mrs. Ellen Rundell, and Walter Edward Davis.

Night School Opens Night school classes opened Tuesday with an aggregate enrollment of 30. These classes will be held twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday nights. Instruction is offered in military, auto shop work, read furniture, shorthand, typewriting, gymnasium work, and mathematics. A class in Spanish will be organized if the demand is sufficient. The gymnasium class was organized particularly for men.

Principal Bell declared today that continuation of the night school classes depends entirely on the interest shown. He asserts that if attendance does not warrant the expenditure necessary to conduct the classes they must be discontinued. Persons interested in any of the courses offered are requested to communicate with Mr. Bell.

### Champ Bowler Of World Will Do Stuff Here

Jimmie Smith Booked for Exhibition Matches at American Oct. 11  
Jimmie Smith, champion bowler of the world, will roll seven games at the American alleys in Torrance on Sunday, Oct. 11. Lawrence Crowell and Cal Alverson announced today. Smith, whose sustained record of high scores has never been equaled in the history of bowling, will bowl at 2:30 in the afternoon and 3:30 at night. Further announcements regarding the event will be published later.

TO CONFER DEGREE The first degree will be conferred by the degree team of Long Beach Lodge No. 398 at the regular meeting of Triolo City Lodge No. 333, I. O. O. F., to be held next Tuesday evening, Sept. 15.

ON THE AIR Mrs. Lily Willacy and William McDougall will be heard Friday evening, Sept. 19, during the Scotch and English half-hour at KFI, Tune in at 9 p. m. Mrs. Sara Clark of Granerney avenue left this week for a two-month visit with relatives in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Salt Lake City.

### World Champion Ice Skater Here Visiting Cousin

Art Staff, Holder of 22 Records, Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Spehger

Torrance is host to a world's champion. He is Art Staff, world's champion professional ice skater, who holds all speed records from 50 yards to five miles, skating forward, and all records for skating backward for distances from 220 yards to one mile. His records number 16 for forward skating and six for backward skating. Staff is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spehger, 1307 Portola avenue. Mrs. Spehger is his cousin. Staff expects to be in Torrance for about two months. For several years Staff was amateur ice skater of the world. In 1915 he turned professional and since then he never has lost a race. He became world's champion when he went over to Norway and skated away from their fastest ice gliders. The champion expects to do some intensive training at the Los Angeles rink near the Bimbi baths, as soon as it opens for the season. After training in Southern California he expects to go to New York, where he will compete with the world's fastest skaters at various ice carnivals during the winter.

## The SKELETON FINGER

—and the grisly object fell into the center of the luncheon table confessing itself to be the fleshless finger from a human skeleton

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