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CHAMBER BOARD NAMES OFFICERS CONFLICT ON ANNEXATION REMOVED

REDONDO PLAN IS HALTED

Beach City Cancels Proceedings Which Clashed With Torrance Proposal
ELECTION DATE FEB. 9TH
4.31 Square Miles, Worth \$2,000,000, Seeks to Join Torrance

Clear sailing for the proposal for consolidation with Torrance of large tracts west and north of the city was recently assured when the board of directors of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce voted to discontinue their activities aimed at annexation of part of the same territory to Redondo. No petition was filed with the beach city's trustees.

As a result the proceedings for annexation of the area to Torrance, under which the election has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 9, will go forward without conflict.

Owners of more than 95 percent of the property proposed for consolidation with Torrance favor the annexation, and the proposition will carry among the electors by a vote of four or five to one, proponents of the proceedings believe.

More Than 4 Square Miles
The area proposed for consolidation comprises 2795 acres, or 4.31 square miles. Its real property assessed valuation is \$1,622,774.

Estimates of the personal property assessed valuation in the area place it at about \$300,000. So the total assessed valuation of the territory is almost \$2,000,000.

Low Torrance taxes attracted electors and property owners in the area affected to seek consolidation with Torrance.

The territory includes all of the Del Amo ranch, the tract between Torrance and Gladys avenue which lies between Redondo boulevard and Huntington street, and the vast tract south of 190th street and between Western avenue and the Redondo city limits, including the Edison Company's substation.

Three Hundred Royal Neighbors To Gather Here

Big Meeting at Women's Clubhouse to Attract Many Visitors

There will be a special meeting of the Royal Neighbors at the home of Mrs. Arthur Meiner, 218 Carson street, next Tuesday night at 7:30.

Plans will be finally completed for the derby meet to be held at the Women's Clubhouse by the organization on Feb. 5, when Royal Neighbors from Long Beach, Huntington Park, Maywood and San Pedro will attend. It is expected that there will be 300 in attendance. State Supervisor Christiana Hamill will be present. A class of candidates will be initiated, with the Huntington Beach visitors performing the ritual.

Torrance Toggery Staging Big Sale; Close Out Shoes

A merchandising event of consequence is announced in this issue by the Torrance Toggery. The sale is in commemoration of the store's fourth anniversary and is further prompted by a decision to close out the street line of shoes. St. Raphael announces that the full line of Walkover, Packard and Carter shoes will be sold at greatly reduced prices, to make room for an enlarged clothing department. The sale, during which reductions will be offered in all lines of merchandise, will start Friday morning and last ten days.

Observations

More About the Modern Moral Standards of Youth; Nature the Constant and Ethics the Variable—Which Will Win?
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IT is interesting to note the reactions which published opinion has on various individuals. Last week in these columns was published an article dealing with modern moral standards as indicated by the current issue of WAMPUS, U. S. C. student publication. From Los Angeles and other communities and from many local readers have come comments on that editorial. One Torrance man agreed so emphatically with the opinions set forth that he mailed a marked copy of the paper to the president of the university.

A Los Angeles woman berated me for reprinting the jokes that appeared in WAMPUS. She held that the point could have been made without recirculating the smut. A Torrance man characterized the editorial as useless, in that it would be impossible to change student moral standards by censoring their publications.

Another declared that if newspapers generally would repeatedly point out such conditions as were laid bare in the editorial, the world would be much better.

I AM inclined to agree and disagree with all of them. Censorship of a student publication will never change the moral standards of students. But it might tend to keep the modest, well-trained, and morally decent ones ignorant of the rottenness that really exists in some quarters and permit them unmolested to justify their own higher ethics.

DURING the past week I have sat in on at least ten arguments about the morals of modern youth.

All hands seem to agree that accepted standards among the youth of today are lower than they were a few years ago.

When this conclusion is agreed upon the next step is to ask why. And to answer that question is a large order. Most problems think right back to home-influence, and see in its decreasing strength the underlying reason for today's immorality among the young.

But the home must not be burdened with all the blame. We have a long way to go before we get to the heart.

A FEW of us the other night evolved this theory, to-wit, as the bloods say:

The theory of youth courses warmly through the arteries and veins. The lad in his teens is attracted, under Nature's laws, to the girl, who in turn, affected by the same natural inclinations, is attracted to the youth.

This mutual attraction is restrained or runs wild in proportion to the inherent or acquired moral resistance which the lad and the girl have to offer. If resistance is weak there is apt to be trouble. All that tends to discourage resistance to natural impulses of the flesh adds to the sum-total of modern moral laxity. Those discouragements are many today—among them being modern advertising, with its display of legs; modern movies, with their flaunting of "high living"; modern automobiles, which so easily transport youth to realms of independence from supervision; modern rotten publications.

BUT there is another element which plays a master hand in the most certain backward movement in accepted standards of morality. It is that gray-haired old gentleman—John W. Economics.

In the old days, a girl in her teens and a boy in his teens, impelled by mutual attractions, physical or mental or both, went to the altar and got married. Sixteen- and seventeen-year-old brides were common twenty-five and fifty years ago. For then it was possible for a youth to provide for himself, his wife, and any family they might have.

Today the income necessary to provide for man and wife and children (if any) is too large to permit the youthful couple to join in wedlock.

Economics and present-day high standards of living prevent early marriages—BUT THE NATURAL IMPULSES WHICH ATTRACT LAD TO LASS REMAIN CONSTANT AND UNCHANGED.

So youth, which "will not be denied," changes moral standards to suit the new economic conditions, and many lads and lasses who in years ago would have wed after the first kiss, now regard the kiss and other physical expressions of the sex-instinct as matters of small consequence in the scheme of things.

NATURAL instincts are as old as the race. But modern economics and living standards are new. Mortals have altered the latter. They cannot change the former. For they are basic, fundamental, constant.

Youth will not be denied. The impulses which the young feel and experience are not immoral. Society says that these impulses and instincts are immoral only under certain given conditions.

That a man be attracted by a maid is normal. That he marry her if the attraction is strong and mutual is a social law coming down to us from the ages. That he or she surrender to their impulses out of wedlock is a breach of an accepted social law. But when economics say that he cannot support her if he does marry her, what does youth do? He retains impulses because they are NATURAL, and revolutionizes moral standards, which are man-made, to fit the new economic condition, which is artificial. And youth will continue to alter moral standards until society, starting in the home and carrying on through all elements, builds up new influences and guide-posts which will prompt youth to resist natural inclinations.

Directors and Officers Named By Women's Club Corporation; Clubhouse Total Cost \$18,573

Stockholders of the Women's Club of Torrance, Incorporated, elected directors, who in turn elected officers, Wednesday afternoon. Owing to an amendment which increased the number of directors from five to seven, two new directors took office—Mrs. F. L. Parks and Brian K. Welch. The amendment stipulates that the president of the Women's Club (Social) automatically becomes a director of the corporation to serve during the tenure of her office in the club. The other directors who were re-elected are Mrs. Isabel Henderson, Mrs. Hurum Reeve, James W. Post, George W. Neill, W. Harold Kingsley.

The report of the treasurer showed that the cost of the Women's Clubhouse was \$18,573. The structure itself cost \$13,580. Furnishings aggregated \$2478, and the land cost \$2515.

200 Children In Pageant at School Friday

Patriotic Program Most Ambitious Ever Attempted in Torrance

The most ambitious and well-executed pageant ever attempted in Torrance will be given Friday night at the High School Auditorium, when 200 students of the Elementary School stage a patriotic program entitled "America—Yesterday and Today."

Written by Nina Lamkin, the pageant consists of three episodes, each of which will be heralded by Arthur McDonald.

The first will depict the spirit of the Indian, personified by Marcella Kimbell. The scene will show numerous Indian ceremonies, with scores of children taking part. Episode No. 2 depicts the spirit of the wilderness, acted by Grace Denny. The spirit speaks, welcoming the inhabitants of the forest. Then the pioneers overcome the forest. Fourteen classes appear in this episode, the children taking the parts of various flowers, nymphs, birds, dryads, etc.

The third episode will depict the spirit of patriotism, with Maxine Townsend, Juanita Edwards, Elizabeth Baker, Joseph Brinsinger, School—Robena McLaren, Robert Sears, Church—Danna Marie Toler, Arthur Carlson.

The Grown Town Spirit—Veronica McNeil. Grown Town Interests: Christine, Juanita Edwards, educational; Alice Powell; Community Spirit, Virginia Baker; Music, Pauline Ray; Art, Ruby Avolian; Drama, Elizabeth Burdick; Welfare, Viola Dawson; Little Child, Marion Gooden; Play, Margaret Sutton; Forest Preservation, Ethel Grant; Spirit of Yesterday—(G. A. R.), Spirit of 1776—Willie Agapito, Elmer Riley, William Huddleston.

Spirit of Today: Boy Scouts—Milton Foster, Robert Hannan; Red Cross—Ethel Guyan, Louise Metzger. Uncle Sam—William Booth. Spirit of New America—Gladys Smith.

Foreign groups, which pledge allegiance to the American flag, are as follows: Japanese, English, Dutch, Swedish, Scotch—each being represented by a large class of children.

The recreational chorus will be "America the Beautiful." The pageant committee is as follows: Mrs. Berry, Miss Soddy, Mrs. Young; Miss Roberson, chairman; Miss Brown, accompanist; Lex Briney, stage manager.

ATTENDS CONVENTION Mrs. Phoebe J. Milburn of Andro avenue attended the convention of the Women's Auxiliary Board of Missions, Episcopal, held Tuesday at the Cathedral House in Los Angeles.

COUNTRY GIRLS IN THE CITY

Florence Swett, Veteran San Francisco Policewoman, Says Lasses From Rural Districts Get Into Trouble Quicker in City



MRS. FLORENCE SWETT

Ten country girls get into trouble in the city to one city girl, according to Mrs. Florence Swett, veteran San Francisco policewoman.

"City girls are better able to take care of themselves and withstand the temptations of life," she says. "Country girls come to the city without money and without jobs. They are not fitted for city life. When they are broke they appeal to some man and in a very short time they land in court. It is an old story but a frequent one."

She Gets Lonesome "City girls know how to get a position. They go from school into a factory or office. They seldom get into trouble."

"The girl from the country is lonesome. She has no acquaintances. The friends most easily made are those who get her in trouble. The city girl is not so lullible."

"Country girls pour into the cities, expecting fine clothes and fine jobs. They would be better off if they stayed at home."

"Many girls leave home for the movies. After falling in Hollywood they come to San Francisco for work. They soon get into trouble."

"Most girls who are arrested for theft for the first time have fallen because of their love of filly. They see other girls with silk lingerie, vanity cases and expensive clothes, and they want them."

"During every Christmas season at least five girls a day are brought to me for shoplifting. Most of them say they stole because they had no money for gifts."

Better Than Men "But few women go into crime because they have criminal tendencies. They are victims of circumstances. Many start their lives of crime because of the love of a man."

"Women are better than men. There are 3000 men in San Quentin prison, and only 60 women. When I have 20 women in the city prison there are at least 200 men in jail."

These are only a few of the opportunities to be found in today's advertisements. You will find many others if you READ THE ADS IN THIS PAPER.

DIRECTORS RACE IS CLOSE

Maxwell Leads; Neill, Levy Re-elected; Page and Shidler Chosen
PROCTOR AGAIN IN CHAIR
Bureau Recommends Maxwell as City Planning Body Member

With three new members elected and two members re-elected, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday afternoon and named officers for the ensuing year.

Officers were unanimously elected as follows: President, George A. Proctor, re-elected; first vice-president, W. Harold Kingsley; second vice-president, Rufus Page; treasurer, J. W. Post; secretary, Carl L. Hyde.

The board members expressed themselves as deeply appreciative of the work accomplished by Carl L. Hyde during the past year—work which will be detailed at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce members to be held soon. The board increased Mr. Hyde's salary from \$250 to \$275 a month.

The election of directors for this year developed into a close race for the fourth and fifth places on the board. Five were chosen. G. W. Maxwell, Chancellor-Carlfield Midway representative, led the list with 120 votes out of 147 cast. Rufus Neill was second with 119. Rufus Page was third with 89. Sam Levy was fourth with 66 and Dr. George E. Shidler was fifth with 64. These five were elected. The closeness of the race is shown by the vote polled by the candidates who finished sixth and seventh. Harry Doley polled 62 votes and W. W. Johnston finished with 61.

Between Sam Levy, who finished fourth, and W. W. Johnston, who finished seventh, there were only five votes.

Charles Vonderahe, a retiring member of the board, has resigned as the Chamber of Commerce representative on the City Planning Commission. The directors recommended that Mayor Deinger appoint Mr. Maxwell to fill the vacancy.

Jr. High School To Receive 42 Mid-Year Grads

Forty-two students graduate this week from the Elementary School to enter the Torrance Junior High School next semester.

The class of graduates is composed of the following: Baker, Millicent; Brown, Virginia; Corbett, Edith; Elder, Yvonne; Hammebrink, Helen; Jackson, Beatrice; Knightlinger, Tom; Kemel, Marcella; Kiyomura, Setsu; McDonough, Iona; Myrick, Maxine; Stanley, Ellen; Strover, Justine; Stevenson, Dorothy; Suzuki, Yoshika; Roberts, Jane; Winkler, Myrtle; Bartlett, Albert; Currier, Albert; Hale, LaVerne; Hall, George; Hannan, Robert; Lancaster, George; McDonald, Arthur; Page, Wilson; Powell, Leonard; Reeve, Edgar; Webber, Homer; Woodington, Frank; Bone, Samuel; Agapito, Willie; Avolian, Ruby; Gill, Jacob; Guyan, Ethel; Smith, Gladys; Sapp, Warren; Sprague, Herbert; Clark, L. N.

Library Building Lease Authorized

The Board of Trustees instructed the city attorney and the city clerk to enter into a joint lease with the County Library for the rental of the Torrance Public Library building on El Prado. The lease will cover a period of two years, the city's portion of the rental to be \$35 a month.

HERE'S REAL NEWS

One-Third Discount on Cord Tires
\$15 Saving on Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits
40 Per Cent Savings on Women's Underwear
45 Per Cent Discount on Men's Shirts
Soap at Half Price and Less
Free Tooth Brushes
Shoes at Half Price and Less
Substantial Discounts on Groceries
Gas Heaters at 20% Off
\$10 Discount on Men's Tailored Suits
Soft Shell Walnuts at Almost Half Price
Towels and Handkerchiefs at Half Price