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OFFICERS SHOOT AT WOMAN'S CAR

SLIDES SHOW BEST METHODS LANDSCAPING

Merrill Presents Number of Views Which Bring Out Valuable Working Points

Program Committee Submits Plan of Discussions for the Coming Year

Slides showing well-landscaped houses, as well as those out of proportion and poorly landscaped, were shown at the December meeting of the Torrance District Garden club last Monday evening by Mr. S. E. Merrill of the agricultural department at the high school.

Mr. Merrill emphasized the fact that all well-balanced landscapes had an open center, with shrubs and landscaping on the outside. He cited the fact that nearly every pleasing scene in nature worked on the same principles, and flashed nature scenes on the screen to illustrate this.

At the close of his illustrated talk Mr. Merrill invited all Garden club members to join the landscaping class that he conducts at Torrance evening high school every Monday evening from 7 to 9. On Garden club meeting nights the landscaping class comes to the club meetings. He stated that the purpose of the individual to work out his own landscape problems. Many members of the class have new homes that they are preparing to landscape, and are getting their training from this class.

Discussion of plans for the coming year were held and the program committee submitted the plans for meetings in 1930.

January—General garden talk by a worthwhile speaker. Mr. Fred McNabb, garden authority, has been asked to speak at this meeting.

February—Illustrated talk on native shrubs. Speaker to be announced later.

March—An authority will talk about gladioli with respect to their use in general landscape gardening.

April—Speaker, who will discuss dahlias and delphiniums.

May—Talk on the art of arranging flowers and the proper blending of colors.

June—Club gladioli show and a talk on glads.

July—At this meeting, it is hoped to announce the winners of the yard and garden contest, which will start early in the year.

August—Dahlia show.

September—A talk on bulbs to be used for spring flowering.

October—Talk on rock gardens and how to make them. Election of officers will also be held at this meeting.

During the coming month of December, a notice is to be sent to Garden club members to the effect that a motion has been made to change the meeting date from the first Monday of every month to the second Monday evening.

The fact that several other organizations have their meetings on the first Monday night of the month brought about this motion. Pending action of club members, the January meeting will take place on the second Monday, falling on January 13.

Mr. V. L. Maxfield gave a committee report on the plans laid to improve the appearance of the Western avenue approach to Torrance, which will include planting California poppies in the P. E. right-of-way, clearing out the dead trees and pruning those that are

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

Gravy is a dark brown fluid found on potatoes and vests.

IDECO GETS ORDER FROM AIR EXPRESS

Torrance Firm to Make Beacon Towers for Air Route East

As you drive (or fly over) the stately beacon towers of the Western Air Express hereafter, they will remind you of Torrance; as the International Derrick & Equipment company plant here reports the sale of a number of their steel towers to the Western Air Express, to be erected on the route to the east. The order also calls for tank supports.

The Ideco plant's ability to supply high grade steel towers was recently recognized by the United States government, which has purchased the towers for the Pacific Coast route north to Seattle from the Torrance plant of the International Derrick & Equipment company.

LEGION DRIVE FOR MEMBERS IS NOW ON

Local Post Is Endeavoring to Reach Quota Before Christmas

Phil Dodson of South Pasadena, national executive committee member of the American Legion for this department is urging all Legion posts to make every effort to attain their full 1930 quota by Christmas. It is the word brought to him from the recent meeting of the national executive committee held in Indianapolis and is a request of the national commander, O. L. Bodenhamer, to every Post.

"A full membership for 1930 is the finest Christmas gift that the members of the American Legion can present their disabled comrades," the Legion officer said. "The greatest work in which the Legion is engaged today is the aid it extends to sick and disabled veterans. If this work is to be carried on effectively during the coming year, if the voice of the Legion is to be heard in its plea for justice for those who were wounded or had their health shattered by their service in the world war, then we must have a large enrollment, for there is where our strength lies."

"It is highly essential that the Legion build up its membership before the first of the new year, because we have before us one of the most important rehabilitation programs in our history. For the first time the Legion has been able to obtain adequate hospital facilities for disabled men, especially those who are suffering with mental disabilities caused by their war service. That fight will be carried on to the floor of Congress in the coming year and with a united membership we will not fail to get more hospital beds for our sick and disabled buddies."

"The sooner the 1930 membership work is completed, the sooner will the Legion be able to start towards the accomplishment of other splendid objectives set for the year. If membership is permitted to drag along for several months, the Legion will waste a great deal of energy. On the other hand, if every post attains its membership quota by Christmas, we will be fully prepared to start to work on the year's program without delay."

"The American Legion program for 1930 is one that should interest every man who had the privilege of serving his country during the world war. In addition to its rehabilitation work, the Legion will continue with renewed vigor its child welfare activities, Americanism work, community service, its good citizenship program and will broaden and extend many other lines of Legion endeavor."

Christmas Party Planned at Church

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society will give a Christmas party, Tuesday, December 10, at 2 o'clock sharp, at the church. There will be a regular business meeting followed by a program. Each lady is requested to bring a 25c present.

GLIDER MEET DRAWS HUGE ATTENDANCE

Four Major Events in Addition to Stunts Feature Meet

TORRANCE MAN MANAGER

Nearly 30,000 Witness Glider Contest at Hollywood Riviera in Torrance

An estimated attendance of 30,000 persons witnessed America's first major glider meet, held in Torrance at the Hollywood Riviera field Sunday.

Attendees at the meet, who came from all over Southern California, in addition to foreign states, saw more gliders in flight in one day than has ever been seen anywhere in the United States before. Outstanding among the entrants were three soaring gliders entered by W. H. Bowlus club of San Diego. The three crafts, among which was the craft W. H. Bowlus flew to the American record of one hour and 21 minutes, were brought to the field on automobile trailers. A large delegation of San Diego glider club members, in addition to a large number of residents from that city, were also in attendance at the meet.

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FOUR MAIN EVENTS

The major event of the day, the soaring glider endurance flight, was won by Jack Barstow, San Diego, who flew one of the planes entered by the two bowlus club. His time was two minutes and two-tenths seconds, which won him the Clifford F. Reid silver trophy, highest award of the meet, presented by the owners and developers of Hollywood Riviera tract.

Dale Drake was declared winner of the secondary contest when he remained in the air one minute 29 seconds.

W. R. Spellman, Long Beach entrant, won the primary event with a flight of one minute 11.8 seconds.

Guy Rowell, of Torrance, took the spot landing prize when he alighted two and one-half feet from the designated place.

These places were Rufus J. Pilcher, N. P. Anderson, Antar Deraga, all of Los Angeles, and officials of the National Aeronautic association.

South Bay Glider club, sponsor of the meet, praised these men highly for their work yesterday. Practically the entire day was spent at the field by these men, and their presence gave official sanction of the Aeronautic association to the meet.

PRELIMINARIES

Previous to the first event, demonstration flights by W. H. Bowlus, American title holder; members of his club and other entrants of the meet, featured the day. Unfavorable gliding conditions delayed the starting of the meet for several hours, and when gliders did begin to take off, the wind currents were not sufficient to make extremely long flights, the pilots declared.

It was said many of the San Diego men obtained second class glider pilot's licenses, when they remained in the air 60 seconds during which time they completed a right and left turn, and made a good landing. All of the San Diego members who participated in the meet, possessed a third class pilot's license, and several returned home with requirements of a second class license fulfilled. No official times were given on these flyers.

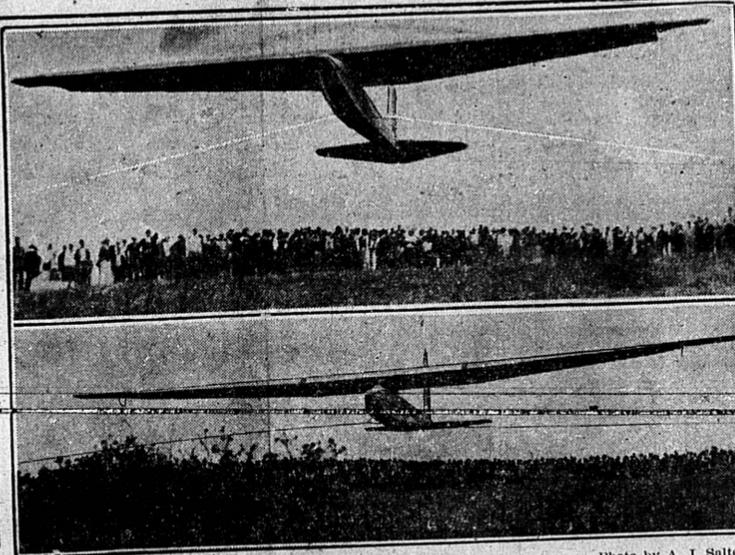
Other features of the meet was the flight of C. R. Crawford in a Long Beach glider, which arrived at Drake in a glider towed by an airplane piloted by Lloyd Donnell, who reached the field shortly after 2 p. m. from Los Angeles, to make a perfect landing, after the tow rope had been released approximately 2000 feet in the air.

A big cheer from the large crowd ascended following Drake's landing. He reported the trip from Los Angeles required approximately 15 minutes.

South Bay Glider club, sponsors of the meet, under the management of E. C. Rowell, 1448 Carson street, Torrance, were receiving

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TECHNICALITY DELAYS WATER ELECTION HERE

Lack of Affidavits on Petitions Puts Action of Water Question Over to Dec. 17

The oversight of a legal technicality prevented the city council from calling the election for a referendum on the water question at its meeting Tuesday night.

City Clerk reported that he had checked the petitions requesting the election and had found that the required number of duly qualified voters had signed the petitions. He stated that there were 265 bona fide names on the petitions. Only 180 is required, or ten per cent of the registered voters.

Just before the meeting, however, City Attorney Briney advised council members that the law required affidavits from persons who circulated the petitions to be attached. As the committee which circulated the petitions had not been previously advised that such affidavits were required, action on the petition was deferred until the next meeting of the Council, December 17.

The committee in charge of circulating the petitions stated that the affidavits would be attached and ready for the meeting on December 17, at which time, it is confidently expected that the council will instruct the city attorney to prepare the ballots preliminary to calling the referendum election.

It seems unlikely that the election can be held before the latter part of January, as the law requires at least thirty days elapse between the time the election is called and the date it is held.

A. J. Robert, general manager of the Torrance Water, Light and Power company, and Ray Coffin, local manager of the company, were in the audience at the Tuesday evening meeting of the city council, but made no remarks when Mayor Dennis called for oral communications.

Mrs. Edward Lynch Returns to Torrance

After an absence of two years, Mrs. Edward Lynch has returned to Torrance, and has moved back into her home at Oak street and East Road, Hammetton Tract, where she resided at the time of her death. Mrs. Lynch is being cared for by her many friends in Torrance and Lomita.

HOUSING BUREAU REPORTS TO COMMERCE DIRECTORS

Sets Forth Vital Factors to Development of Torrance Residential Area

By E. STANDISH PALMER

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce last Monday, E. Standish Palmer, manager of the Housing Department, presented a report on the progress of his department to date.

In introduction he reviewed briefly the three fold purpose for which his department was created, stating that the intention was, first, to make a complete survey of the pertinent facts relative to the fundamental situation; second, on the basis of such facts to outline a tentative action in accordance with that plan. It was stated that considerable progress had already been made during the past two months

plans should be made for immediate installation of public improvements in order that they can be utilized more fully for homes.

Ownership Divided

As an extension of this study, the situation in regard to the ownership of this vacant property was investigated. This showed that approximately one half of the vacant residential lots in the fully improved section of Torrance are in individual ownership, that is, each owner holds only one lot. There are 42 owners who own two lots each, 21 owners with 3 lots each, 10 owners with 4 lots each, 3 owners with 5 lots each, one owner with 6 lots, 2 owners with 7 lots each, 1 owner with 8 lots, one owner with 15 lots, one owner with 66 lots and one owner with 66 lots.

A determination of the place of residence of these owners shows that 25% of them are residents of Torrance, 55% of owners live in Southern California outside of Torrance, 8% of owners live outside Southern California and 12% of owners are not down on records indicating place of residence.

A further study has been carried on in regard to the market value of this residential property through the help of local brokers so that the approximate market value of all this vacant property has been set up.

The rate of growth of the City of Torrance since its incorporation in 1923 was studied by compiling figures of number and amount of building permits issued for residential buildings each year from 1922 to date.

The following table shows the results of this compilation:

Year	Family Single Residences	Family Multiple Residences	Total Residences	Total Capacities
1922	70	12	82	
1923	102	159	261	
1924	99	87	186	
1925	51	4	55	
1926	69	6	75	
1927	107	127	234	
1928	65	8	73	
1929	39	2	41	
to Oct. 1, 1929	29	2	31	

Further analysis of the building permit figures shows that the value of single residence permits is distributed as follows:

Range of Value	No. Built Since Jan. 1, 1922
Less than \$1000	13

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WILL BUILD HOMES IN TORRANCE

R. P. Gage, Home Builder, Attracted to Torrance Through Housing Bureau

Ralph P. Gage, who has built over 100 moderate priced homes in Maywood, has transferred his building activities to Torrance, and promises to offer material assistance in solving the housing shortage in this city.

Mr. Gage was introduced to the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce by E. Standish Palmer, director of the Chamber's housing bureau, which agency was responsible for inducing Mr. Gage to transfer his home building activities from Maywood to Torrance.

Mr. Gage stated that he contemplates building a number of moderate priced homes in Torrance, suitable for industrial workers with modest incomes. The homes will be attractive in design, well built, and priced at \$3500 to \$4000, with small down payments, \$1000, with monthly payments of about \$25 to \$30. Construction on the first two of these houses will begin at once, Mr. Gage stated, who also said that he was not a contractor, but built and financed his building operations as his personal investment.

Mr. Gage told the directors of the Chamber of Commerce that he had been attracted to Torrance through the housing bureau under the direction of E. Standish Palmer. He stated that he was greatly impressed with the apparent co-operation of effort between the industries of Torrance and the civic bodies, which he contrasted with the disinterested attitude of the industrial executives in the development of the Maywood area.

Such is the story carried in a Los Angeles newspaper this week by Officers J. B. Edwards and Frank Shumaker, give an entirely different version of the episode.

According to the Torrance officers, while making their rounds about 1 a. m. on the night of November 5, they noticed a car driving north on Madrona avenue near the C. C. M. O. camp, weaving from one side of the road to the other. They followed it around onto Redondo boulevard and discovered that a woman was driving alone. She failed to stop at the boulevard stop at the Redondo boulevard, according to officers, and was driving on the left hand side of the road. Upon signal from a car approaching from the rear, the woman driver swung over to the right but immediately returned to the left side of the road, barely missing the fender of the passing car, the officers say.

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Stop Signs Are Ordered at Carson and Arlington Ave.

Stop signs, both ways, were ordered at the corner of Arlington and Carson streets, at the Tuesday evening meeting of the City Council. The matter of stop signs at this corner has been a subject of debate for the past year. First they were put on Arlington, and then changed to Carson. Carson street business men complained that the stop on Carson was restricting traffic and injuring their business. So both stop signs were removed and slow signs substituted.

A recent bad accident at this corner, it is thought to have been responsible for the action of the Council in re-ordering the stop signs both ways at this corner. The motion instructing the Chief of Police to place the stop signs was made by Councilman Steiner.

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New Regulation on Porch and Patio Building

An amendment to the building code was introduced by Councilman Steiner at the Tuesday meeting of the city council regulation the construction of porches and patios. Under the new provisions, the foundations of all porches and patios are to be carried to the floor joist, leaving not less than six inches between the dirt fill and any wooden portion of the structure. The additional requirement is taken to prevent termite infestation.

Salesmen Exam. at San Pedro, Dec. 10

Real estate salesmen of Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington and San Pedro are notified of a salesmen's examination, to be held at San Pedro, Thursday, Dec. 10, beginning at 9:30 a. m. in Room 120 of the San Pedro high school at 12th and Geary streets. George Shaw, deputy real estate commissioner will conduct the examination, and he urges all salesmen of these cities to enter. The entrance fee is \$3.00.

WOMAN'S DAY

The Missionary society of the First Christian church will observe Woman's day with a pageant Sunday evening, December 8, 1929. The public is invited.

OFFICERS DENY CHARGES OF TEACHER

Woman Files Suit Against Edwards and Shumaker For Shooting Tires on Automobile

"Her tires shot and punctured by two police officers while she was driving through Torrance, according to her charges, Mrs. Mary Callaghan, a school teacher, filed suit in the superior court for \$5025 damages against J. B. Edwards and Frank Schumacher, the officers."

"Mrs. Callaghan was said to have been returning from a meeting of a Mothers' club the evening of November 5, 1929."

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