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## CIVIC CONCERT AND FETE PLANNED

### FOREMOST ARTISTS OF NATION TO HONOR WANDA STACHOWICZ AT CIVIC CONCERT, JUNE 20

Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Community-Wide Home-Coming Celebration for Talented Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stachowicz.

#### NEWS REEL MEN COMING. BROADCAST PLANNED

Mme. Teala Billini, Concert Pianist, Arranges Brilliant Array of Southland Artists To Appear on Program. Mrs. Sammons, Hostess.

Nationally known celebrities of the concert and dramatic stage will appear in Torrance Friday evening, June 20, as guest artists in a community-wide celebration given in honor of the home-coming of Wanda Stachowicz following her sensational successes on the operatic stage of Italy. A concert will be given in the Torrance high school auditorium to be followed by an Italian fete in the beautiful patio on the school grounds where refreshments will be served. The entire celebration is being sponsored and financed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as a civic tribute to Miss Stachowicz, and there will be no admission charges of any kind. The music loving public of Torrance is invited to join in this whole-hearted welcome to this city's illustrious daughter.

Mme. Teala Billini (Elsie Teal), another of this city's accomplished artists, has charge of the music and dramatic program. Mrs. Frank Sammons will act as hostess for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Sam Levy, chairman of the chamber's entertainment committee, is general chairman of the celebration.

Joseph Swickard, beloved character actor of the screen and best known for his portrayal of the French father in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" in which Rudolph Valentino was starred, is to give some sketches. Mr. Swickard is a great artist and whether the sketches be serious or humorous, there is a real treat in store for those fortunate enough to hear him.

Mme. Teala Billini is a well known concert pianist and teacher of piano. She was well known in the East as a concert pianist, making her New York debut at Aeolian Hall in 1920. Wherever Mme. Billini has played, she has met with instant success, critics acclaiming her not only as a pianist of unusual technique but with rare beauty of tone and artistic development. Mme. Billini will play on the program.

Other artists who will appear on the Friday evening concert include Ducl deKerekjarto, violin virtuoso, whom patrons of the Orpheum theatre will remember as a headline attraction on any bill. Mme. Billini is also planning to engage an accordion artist of exceptional ability who was featured by Paul Whiteman in his recent motion picture success, "The King of Jazz."

Invitations will be issued to practically every well known artist in the Southland, among whom are Prof. Pietro Cimini, director of the Hollywood Bowl orchestra, and a former instructor of Miss Stachowicz. Others on the invitation list include L. E. Behmer, impresario; Mme. Schumann-Heink, Prof. Adolph Hertz, and Lawrence Tibbits, tenor, whom so many admired for his remarkable success in "The Rogue Song."

When advised by telegram of the celebration being planned in her honor, Miss Stachowicz wired the Torrance Chamber of Commerce from her hotel in New York as follows: "Thank you immensely for your kindness which gives much happiness. Am thinking of arriving about sixteenth, so date you men-

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
GETTING THE BABY TO SLEEP IS HARDEST WHEN SHE'S ABOUT 15

### HOME FROM ITALY



Above is a recent picture of Miss Wanda Stachowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stachowicz, 1437 Post avenue, Torrance, who will be honored June 20th by a community-wide celebration upon her return to America after four years in Italy. Miss Stachowicz made her debut in grand opera a year and a half ago in Milan, Italy, and was acclaimed a premier artist by European critics. She is coming home for a rest with her parents in Torrance before making her American debut.

### A. & P. TEA CO. LEASES STORE OF HAWKINS CO.

T. L. Hawkins, Manager of Big Dry Goods and Furnishings Store Plans Sacrifice Sale To Close Out Stock by July 1.

### William Booth Is Recovering from Wound in Throat

William P. Booth, 16, who was accidentally shot in the throat while riding in a Cherry avenue bus in Long Beach, June 2, is very much improved, according to word received at the Torrance Herald this morning.

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William P. Booth, the boy's father, had left Long Beach just 24 hours prior to the accident, and was enroute to Oklahoma to take over his duties as general manager of the Tulsa Rolling Mills Company at Sand Springs. He was notified of the accident when the exact nature of the injury was determined.

### GOLF COURSE IN MINIATURE PUT IN HERE

Butter Course on Engracia Avenue To Be Operated by John Montgomery.

### Superior and United Kern Test Wells Discover Rich Productive Second Sands in Local Field.

The Torrance-Lomita oil field will yield a productive second sand. This fact was definitely established this week when the Superior Oil Company drill on its Well No. 63 pierced a rich strata of oil bearing sands at approximately the 6388 foot level.

### DANGEROUS PRACTICE

Report was made to the police last week that someone has been burning papers on the dining room and bedroom floors in the vacant house at 1839 Arlingdon avenue. E. J. Ryan, 1010 Spencer street, Gardena, told the police that he suspected it to be the work of children.

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### Central Church Is Free of Debt, Plans Note Burning Party

The Central Evangelical Church is free of debt, the last \$200 note against the church property has just been paid, and the congregation is planning a unique "note burning" celebration on Thursday evening, June 13, according to Rev. G. G. Schmidt, pastor.

### Trailer Unlighted Asserts Car Driver After Collision

James M. Dalton, 2113 Gramercy avenue, collided with a truck and trailer belonging to the Getty Oil company Saturday evening at 8:45. The accident occurred on Narbonne avenue between Camino Real and Fir street.

### UNION TOOL IS BACK ON FULL TIME PAYROLL

R. R. Smith, General Plant Supt., Says Some Departments Working Overtime, and Men Being Hired.

### STEEL MILL BUSIER

Proving of Second Sands by Superior Well To Furnish Much Employment Among Oil Field Workers.

The Union Tool plant of the National Supply Company at Torrance went back on full-time this week and some departments of the big oil well equipment factory are working overtime, it was stated this morning by R. R. Smith, general plant superintendent. Former employees are being notified to return to work as rapidly as they are needed, Mr. Smith added.

The Union Tool plant is a major industry in Torrance and has been operating on a four-day-a-week schedule for the past few months. The return to full-time and overtime with the added men on the payroll will help the unemployment situation in Torrance materially.

Work at the Torrance mills of the United States Steel Corporation is also reported considerably improved and indications point to an early resumption of full-time operations at the steel mills.

### Dennis, Patterson and Herr Enter Race for Justice of Peace

There will be at least three candidates in the race for Justice of Peace of Lomita township in the August primaries, it was learned this week. Judge S. D. Patterson, incumbent of Lomita, and Mayor John Dennis of Torrance have already filed applications with County Registrar Kerr.

Norman A. Herr, battery man of Lomita, stated to the Torrance Herald and Lomita News this morning that he has not filed his petition as yet, but that he had definitely decided to enter the race. Petitions must be filed by June 21.

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Dalton, in his report to the police, asserted that the trailer had no tail light.

### DIAMOND DON

Don Findley, bachelor manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation office in Torrance, wooed the elusive Lady Luck last Friday evening and won the \$125 diamond ring prize at the American Legion dance. Village gossip whispered tales about Don when he recently bought a home and moved to Torrance, but since Dame Fortune has favored him with a diamond ring, they argue that "surely some act of Providence will send him a mate."

### MANY PLAN TO GO TO AVALON TO HEAR ROLPH

Harbor District Chambers of Commerce Lures Many To Magic Isle.

A large number of Torrance and Lomita residents are planning to attend the fourth annual convention this week, Saturday and Sunday, of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. Mayor James Rolph, Jr. of San Francisco, will be the principal speaker at the banquet at Saint Catherine's hotel, Saturday evening.

Mayor Rolph is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of California and a stirring speech is promised from the genial "Sunny Jim" as he is familiarly called in the Northern city.

A. E. "Chick" Henning, Los Angeles councilman for the harbor district, is president of the organization and will preside at the convention business sessions and fun fests. The address of welcome will be made by R. M. Repton, general manager of the Santa Catalina Island Properties, who will also explain future plans for the development and improvement of the city of Avalon.

Special transportation and lodging rates are being offered for the convention and the public is invited to attend, according to Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Harbor District organization, in which over fifty civic groups hold membership. Details may be learned from Mr. Hyde at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce do not endorse any candidates for political office, but they often invite those seeking office to address their meetings and explain their views on public matters. Governor Young and Byron Pitts, the two other gubernatorial candidates, have addressed the organization at previous meetings and it is hoped that a large number of voters in this district will make the week-end trip to Catalina and hear Mayor Rolph's opinions and promises.

### Water Needs of Southland Vividly Told

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### MANY MAYORS PRESENT

Costs To Taxpayers and Plan of Organization Are Explained by Glendale.

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It was the meeting of the Metropolitan Water District Advancement Association and one of the most interesting discussions of the all important water problem. W. O. Harris, controller of the association, and member of the water board of the City of Los Angeles, presided as the principal speaker. He was followed by Wm. Fox, city attorney of Glendale, who explained the organization details of the Metropolitan Water District Advancement Association.

"Less than seven-tenths of our per cent of the total water resources of the State of California lie south of the Tehachap, and the increasing growth in population and increasing wealth of the Southland is all predicated on this meager and rapidly diminishing water supply," said Harris.

The demand for domestic water is increasing continually, not only because of the increasing population, but also due to the increasing demand for water for both domestic and industrial purposes. The average daily per capita consumption is now 150 gallons, and is increasing yearly. Some communities use as much as 250 gallons per person each day. And the sources of water supply are constantly being depleted. Water levels in the great water basin of the Southland are getting lower each year, showing that we are making overdrafts on our domestic water supply over the amount of water-replaced by rain fall. Ten years ago there were 100 square miles of artesian wells in Southern California and now there are less than 50 square miles. The new flowing wells are now being drilled, and it has gotten to the point where the communities with the best equipment for deep pumping are getting the water. The rock is not far off. Long Beach has been lowering the levels of its wells until many of them are below the level of the sea. We are over-drawing our supply of water 100 to 200 second feet a year, Mr. Harris said in part.

Another problem that faces the Southland is that salt water is appearing in many of the fresh water basins. The Standard Oil Company recently made application to the City of Los Angeles to supply the refinery at El Segundo with water due to the presence of salt in the wells. If salt water ever gets into the wells, the basin is lost forever, and thereafter fresh water must be stored in expensive reservoirs above ground. Over 100 miles of the West Coast basin have already been lost due to salt water, the speaker stated.

Only Solution  
A vivid picture of the limited supply of fresh water available in the Metropolitan Water District was drawn by Mr. Harris, who stated that Southern California would receive a continuous flow of 1500 second feet of water from the Colorado river development.

### Police Seize Beer; Occupant of House Draws Heavy Fine

Frank Doornamin was taken into custody by local police officers Tuesday morning and charged with possession of intoxicants.

Police officers surprised Doornamin at a house on Ocean avenue, arrested him and confiscated 258 quarts of beer that was found in the house. He pleaded guilty when tried before Judge C. T. Rippey and was fined \$500 or 90 days in the county jail.

He is being held in custody at the city jail pending payment of the fine.