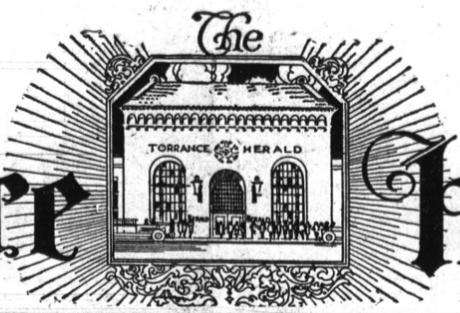


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We're Safely 'Round That Corner!

So far as Torrance is concerned, Old Man Depression is on the run, and this city is safely around the corner to better times. Evidence of this improvement is shown by three outstanding developments: 1. Columbia Steel Company employees are now working on a full-week basis in practically all departments. The sheet mill and rolling mill men were recalled this week, and sufficient orders are on hand to assure permanent employment. Officials of United States Steel Corporation have announced a 10 per cent increase in wages, effective July 1, which will apply to men in the Torrance mill. Definite assurance of increased employment at an early date in another of Torrance's major industries, is also revealed. 2. Retail merchants in Torrance had the best week's business last week that they have enjoyed in three years, some of them increasing sales over the corresponding week last year as much as 100 per cent. 3. Rental agencies in Torrance report an increasing demand for houses and predict a shortage of living quarters in Torrance within a short time unless building is increased.

RETAIL BUYING LAST WEEK BREAKS THREE YEAR RECORD

Several Torrance Merchants Report Business Last Week Double That of Same Period Last Year. Dollar Days is Acclaimed Huge Success. A mighty wave of retail buying swept over the business district of Torrance last week and set a record in volume of trading that has not been equaled in over three years. The attraction, of course, was the bargains offered by Torrance merchants during Silver Dollar Days, June 9 and 10. Business streets were filled with eager shoppers, anxious to stock up at the present low prices before the advances which are sure to come as inflation of the currency develops. In spite of the employment of additional salespeople, many stores, particularly the clothing and shoe establishments, were crowded with shoppers all day and clerks were kept working at top speed from the time the doors were opened in the morning until closing time at night. A large number of shoppers came from neighboring cities and communities, in response to the advertisements published in the Silver Dollar Days edition of the Torrance Herald, which was distributed in all nearby cities and rural districts. The success of the event can be heard by the merchants themselves, and the Herald is publishing below, a few expressions from well-known Torrance merchants: Frank M. Buffington, manager of J. C. Penney Co.—"We enjoyed a 128 per cent increase in our business last week over the corresponding week a year ago. Last Saturday was the biggest day in dollar volume of sales since 1929, with the exception of the days before Christmas each year. Customers were attracted to our store by the Silver Dollar Days event from Gardena, Redondo, Hermosa, Lomita, and even as far away as El Segundo. Sam Levy—"Last Friday was our biggest Friday's business in the 13 years we have been in Torrance. We did twice as much business last week as in any week during the last three years, excepting the weeks before Christmas each year. The way business has been improving the last several months, has forced us to carry a larger stock of ready-to-wear. We were particularly pleased to notice so many out-of-town shoppers in Torrance last week." Bernard Mattison, manager of Karl's Shoe Store—"Our store in Torrance enjoyed an even 100 per cent increase in business over the corresponding week a year ago." P. A. Sherwin, manager J. J. Newberry Company—"Our business at the Torrance store increased 66 per cent last week over the same week last year; and it also showed a 26 per cent increase over the same week in 1931." Star Furniture Company—"We were well pleased with the Silver Dollar Days event and were particularly happy to meet so many new people. We had more customers in our store Friday and Saturday than on any other days since we opened. F. W. Woolworth Company by E. L. Emenecker, manager—"Our

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RECOVERY ACT Discussed At Local Meeting

Harry Crites, of the domestic trade department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, will address the industrial representatives of the local chamber tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock on the subject of the federal industrial recovery act, recently considered by Congress. According to Bert W. Lanz, president, Mr. Crites will bring last-minute information and much valuable information on the working of the act, and its application to local conditions. "The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has been studying the industrial recovery act for some time, and has organized a special committee under the chairmanship of J. W. McQuaid to go into the matter thoroughly. Mr. Lanz says: "It appears that much of our business will be conducted during the next year or two on an industrial stabilization plan operated by trade associations with the sanction and supervision of the federal government, so far at least as interstate commerce is concerned. "The federal industrial recovery act, Senate Bill 1712 and House Resolution 5755, on which the President and Congress are now putting the final touches, when enacted will affect practically every business and industry throughout the nation. Trade associations will be given the opportunity and responsibility of stabilizing their respective industries under the provisions of this act, and where they fail, the government will step in and do the job. Every industry should promptly take up its trade association and where no association exists, one should be formed immediately." Ninety-One Persons Made Happy By Gift Of Lovely Bouquet Ninety-one sick and disabled persons in Torrance were made happy last Saturday, National Flower Day, by the gift of a bouquet which was delivered to their addresses. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary worked diligently to aid Mrs. Ruth Haggard, local chairman, of the Poppy Flower Shop, to make up the bouquets, and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 3 delivered them. In another column of this issue Mrs. Haggard expresses her appreciation of the co-operation of many individuals and firms in making the day a great success in Torrance.

Bank to Open Earlier and Remain Open Later to Cash Columbia Checks On Pay Days Bank of America National Trust & Savings Ass'n., Torrance Branch, will open earlier than usual hereafter on Columbia Steel pay days. This is done in order to further cooperate and assist trade promotion for our local merchants and make it more convenient for Columbia Steel employees to cash their pay checks. J. W. Leech, manager of the local branch, announced today. Effective June 22, the Torrance branch has agreed to open on pay days at 8 a. m., closing at 3 p. m.; and re-open again in the afternoon for the cashing of steel employees' checks only from 4 p. m. to 5:15 p. m.

Council Asked to Lend Site For Clubhouse

Acting in behalf of the Girl Scouts of Torrance, a committee of members of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance presented a request to the city council Tuesday night for the council's aid in providing a site and \$150 in funds for the erection of a small clubhouse to be used by the Scouts as a meeting place. Mayor W. T. Klusman presented the proposal on behalf of the N. B. P. W. committee, and after a brief discussion the matter was referred to a committee for further consideration. The council committee includes Mayor Klusman as chairman, Councilmen Scott Ludlow, C. Earl Conner, J. E. Hitchcock and City Engineer Frank Leonard. According to the mayor and others of the council it will be impossible to appropriate funds as no provision for such a purpose is made in the laws governing municipal finances. The site proposed by the women's committee to be used, is located on the city property west of the county health and welfare center, which will be used later as the location of a pump house for the municipal water system. With the exception of Councilman Wright, the council was inclined to take a favorable view of the request so far as providing a site was concerned as this is the first time the Girl Scouts, which is a national organization equally important in its work as the Boy Scouts, has asked for recognition or aid from the city council. There are two Girl Scout troops in Torrance with a membership of about 30.

Special Police On Guard Duty In P. V. Hills

Four special deputies were assigned to duty in the Palos Verdes hills last Friday to maintain order in the present dispute between Japanese ranch owners and their Mexican employees, who went on strike last week against the prevailing wage scale of 15 cents an hour. William Lanning, Frank Sharock and W. B. Haslam of Lomita, and Ed Little of Torrance were appointed, and one or more of them have been patrolling the territory since last Friday. Acting under orders of their vice consul, Ricardo Hill, the Mexicans all over Southern California quit work last week. During the past few days the strikers are said to have organized a union, to make it possible to present a united front in the wage dispute, but Japanese ranchers are said, on the other hand, not to be disposed to recognize the new organization. Ranchers, while they admit that the wage scale is low, are unanimous in declaring that it is all they can afford to pay in view of the low prices they are getting for their produce. No serious trouble has developed between the disputants in this section as yet, but on request of the Japanese Association deputies were assigned to the territory in the hills in order to forestall any possible outbreak.

KLUSMAN STOPS Sign Painter At City Park

Mayor Klusman stopped a sign painter from advertising signs in City Park. "There will be no advertising signs in the city park," declared Mayor Klusman yesterday afternoon, after ordering a sign painter to cease work on an advertisement in connection with the score board that he was painting on the ball park fence. Mayor Klusman stated to the Herald that upon investigation he found that Manager Spud Murphy of the night ball team had arranged with a local professional man to pay the cost of painting a large score board for the privilege of securing an advertisement in connection with it. Mayor Klusman claims that the work was being done with the consent of Councilman Scott Ludlow. However, Ludlow later informed the Herald that Councilmen Conner and Hitchcock had also consented to the work. Mayor Klusman remonstrated at the idea of permitting advertising in the city park and stated that it was against the state law to paint signs on public property. At any rate the sign painter has stopped work until the matter can be settled.

Next Tuesday Last Day to Pay Taxes

Torrance residents were reminded today that next Tuesday, June 22, is the last day to pay second installment taxes on real estate and secured personal property, in an announcement by W. O. Welch, county tax collector. At 5 o'clock on that date the taxes become delinquent and will be subject to a 5 per cent penalty. Payment of current second installment taxes is but 13.35 per cent behind last year, Welch announced. Today there had been paid in \$78,121,614, with another \$25,829,588 yet to be collected. Much of this probably will be mailed in and total receipts will not be known for 20 or 30 days after the deadline. Councilman Wright Excused Following a heated controversy over the water situation between himself and Mayor Klusman Tuesday night, Councilman Wright became very nervous and excused himself.

Council Given 120 Days to Act On Cedar Avenue

In a formal communication to the city council Tuesday night, officials of the General Petroleum Corporation submitted an offer for the extension of Cedar avenue through its refinery site to connect with Cypress avenue at 190th street. A 120-day time limit was given the city for acceptance or rejection of the proposal. The matter was referred to the street committee and City Engineer Leonard with recommendations that they give the proposition their immediate consideration. The council adjourned until Monday, June 19, at 4:30 p. m., when it is expected definite action will be taken.

ADOPT REPORT TO EXPEDITE OUTFALL WORK

Efforts of Council President Charles H. Randall of Los Angeles to further block the progress made toward realization of the \$2,750,000 White Point outfall sewer, which is to serve Torrance, Gardena and other communities, failed late Wednesday at the directors' meeting at the Hall of Records. The report called for expediting the sewer. The failure came about partly through the fact that Supervisor Frank L. Shaw was not present at the meeting. It was learned that while directors of the sanitation district serving this community voted unanimously for the adoption of Engineer A. K. Warren's report recommending the outfall in preference to an artificial disposal plant, Randall had a plan to block unanimous action of the four districts, Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 8. Directors of districts Nos. 1, 2 and 5 held their brief meetings, transacted routine business and adopted the engineer's report by unanimous vote. When district No. 8 was convened, there was only Mayor Fickling of Long Beach and Council President Randall of the city of Los Angeles. Randall sat in anticipation of the arrival of Shaw, who sits in as a director by virtue of the fact that he is chairman of the supervisor in the hope he could "scare" Shaw into voting against the report. But Shaw failed to arrive. When the report came up, Randall voted "No," and Fickling, presiding, voted "Yes." The vote was tied. Tuesday Randall had told Mayor Klusman of Torrance, "Wait until you hear from district 8 tomorrow," when Klusman suggested they might as well start work now. Once during the meeting Randall clashed with Mayor Harold Pomeroy of South Gate, but found himself a lone wolf, other directors siding with Pomeroy unanimously. Wednesday's meeting of the committee was not without its amusing incidents to the directors who have worked untiringly to get the project under way. First was the entrance of Mayor W. T. Klusman of Torrance. Already among the group of directors was Council President Charles H. Randall of Los Angeles, wearing a TORN TO STORY 2 Page 2

Mayor Advocates Lowering Salaries of City Officials

Decision on the appointment of a full-time fireman to replace Fire Chief Hannebrink was postponed until the next meeting of the city council at the request of Councilman Earl Conner, chairman of the fire committee. Mayor Klusman in a surprise move last week advocated the removal of Chief Hannebrink from the position. In an effort to reduce city expenses for the coming year, Mayor Klusman submitted his recommendations for salary reductions of city officials at Tuesday night's council meeting. The monthly salaries proposed by Mayor Klusman are: Fire chief, \$138 and living quarters; all other firemen and policemen, \$100. City engineer, \$200 and \$25 expenses. Street superintendent, \$150. Assistant city engineer, \$125. Police chief, \$150. No action was taken on the mayor's recommendations.

Japanese Ranchers Ask Aid of Law In Labor Dispute

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Water Cure For Drunkenness Is Applied By Son

M. Oliva, a Mexican residing on a ranch on El Camino Real, has been so vigorously objected to seeing his dad in a state of intoxication that neighbors called the police last Thursday in the belief that the elder Oliva was being killed. Officers found Oliva unconscious from a wallop on the jaw, tied hand and feet and bound to a chair while the younger Oliva applied a cold water cure direct from the nozzle of a garden hose. The elder man was taken to the police station, where he was later given a trial on a charge of intoxication and fined \$20 or 10 days in the county jail. He was committed in default of payment.

Mayor To Speak At Alumni Assn. Banquet June 21

Mayor and Mrs. W. T. Klusman will be the guests of honor at the banquet to be given by the Torrance high school Alumni Association at the Woman's clubhouse, Wednesday evening, July 21. Mayor Klusman will be the principal speaker of the evening and short talks will be given by various members of the association. A musical program will be given during the recesses of the banquet which starts at 8:30 p. m. Twenty girls of the junior class will do the serving. A Los Angeles orchestra of five pieces will provide music for dancing following the banquet. Tickets for the affair are now on sale, and reservations must be made not later than tomorrow evening.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR SUMMER CLASS THURSDAY

Events of Graduation Week Begin Monday Night With Address by Dr. Shidler. Full Program for Closing Days. Events for the week of commencement, for the summer class of 1933, will begin Monday, June 19, with an address to the graduates by Dr. George P. Shidler, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the gymnasium, where all programs for this week will be held. Tuesday has been chosen as senior class day. Wednesday will be alumni homecoming day, when all old graduates will visit the school, with a banquet at 6:30 o'clock and dance to follow at the Woman's clubhouse. Junior high school commencement will be held in the gymnasium at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The program will be as follows: Selections by the junior high school glee club. Violin solo, Herman Hadler. Piano solo, Ella Levy. Oration, Adeline Morrissett. Cornet solo, Eric Chaplin. Accordion duet, Betty Dalton and Laurela Lancaster. Oration, Elizabeth Davis. Presentation of diplomas, Arthur G. Wadelich, principal. Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the summer class of 1933 will bid farewell to their high school days. Fifty-eight graduates will receive their diplomas. The class includes 33 boys, 25 girls, as follows: Robert W. Atchison, Louis J. Briganti, Henry Bruhanski, Robert Carson, Andrew Cline, Frederick E. Curler, Jasper Dally, Lucile Doner, Albert Dumont, Carl A. Fiesel, George V. Figueredo, Paul J. Getz, Harry F. Green, Herman J. Hamman, John R. Hilpert, Melvin H. Howard, Chikara Kazama, Alfred Takeo Kobayashi, James F. Lanz, Francis M. Laven, William E. Laven, Wendell Leatherman, James T. McLean, Marion Mintun, Elmer J. Munson, DeLois P. Neal, Myron S. Nightingale, Herbert A. Otto, William Parke, Willbur Patchin, John E. Phillips, Carl Quayle, Raymond Rogers. Mildred Grace Austin, Lita Ann Barragan, Adeline Mildred Brown, Margaret Louise Dove, Pauline Rose Eby, Cecelia Bernice Ernst, Pauline Angela Falla, Irene Esther Falk, Sophie Patricia Grasso, Laura Mae Guy, Rose Hannah Higgins, George Katherine Higgins, Jessie Mae McCray, Gertrude Louise Petersen, Helen Florence MacMaster, Ruth Geraldine Nelson, Mary Michiko Ogata, Hortense Price, Betty Ann Rohr, Ethel Barbara Slengy, Lucille Sylvia Thompson, Valeria Earlene Tucker, Mary Dorothy Whalin, Jean Lenore Wheaton, Vivian Beatrice Young. The program for the evening will begin with the Processional by the Class of 1933. Invocation, Rev. Kemp J. Winkler, pastor of the First Methodist church. Selection, "Indian Dawn," Ann Barrigan, Celia Ernst, Sophie Grasso, Jessie McCray, Irene Falk, Betty Rohr, Pauline Falla, Jean Wheaton, Hortense Price, accompanist Margaret Dove. Oration, "Education and Democracy," William Parke. Selections, "Deep River," "Listen to the Lambs," and "When Alan-a-Dale Went a-Hunting," by the Madrigal Singers. Presentation of class honors, Miss Irene Mills, sponsor, Chapter 121 California Scholarship Federation. Male quartet, "Kentucky Babe," Carl Quayle, Bob Atchison, Earl Doner, James McLean. Presentation of Ephemeras, William Parke and Jean Wheaton, by Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice principal. Presentation of the class, Arthur G. Wadelich, principal. Presentation of diplomas, George McDill, recently elected member of the board of education.

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All important information withheld. However, Klusman Says He "Suggested" \$125,000 For Present Water System. The long promised and much heralded "report" of Mayor Klusman's special water committee, of which he is chairman, was read by the mayor himself at Tuesday evening's city council meeting. While the report contained many pages of detailed information regarding the number of office desks, typewriters, adding machines, and other equipment owned by the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, it was conspicuously lacking in any hint as to what the water company would sell its system for, which, of course, is the vital information that local taxpayers have been waiting to hear. Mayor Klusman stated to the council, however, that at one of the conferences with water company officials he had suggested a price of \$125,000, although he made it clear that he had merely "suggested" this price and had not offered it to the water company. He stated that with the filing of this report, the committee's work was finished and he thought the council should get busy and establish a price. He emphasized that the matter of negotiating with the water company was fundamentally the business of the council. The decision is up to the council and not to subordinate officials, the mayor stated. Before filing his committee report, Mayor Klusman endeavored to get other members of the council to pledge a minimum domestic water rate of \$1.00 per 1000 cubic feet, whenever and however the city takes over the distributing system. Councilman Ludlow stated that he thought any such commitment at this time was premature, and while he favored just as low a domestic rate as could possibly be given, he did not think it advisable to establish a rate before the city knew what its costs would be. Dr. M. F. Cameron spoke in favor of an all-new municipal water system. He pointed out the inadvisability of buying old pipes, and stated that the construction of an entirely new system would give employment to men out of work. Dr. Cameron stated that in his opinion the water consumers who voted for the bond issue favored an entirely new plant and new system. "If the city engineer has figures of \$40,000 less than the mayor's figure, why pay the difference?" asked Dr. Cameron. He was applauded by the audience following his remarks. W. Rufus Page, who recently circulated a petition requesting immediate action on the construction of a new water system, asked, "How are you going to establish a price on the old system until you get bids on a new system?" Councilmen Hitchcock, Ludlow and Conner explained to the audience that the council had been holding numerous meetings in an endeavor to expedite matters. Ludlow stated that they had finally agreed on an eminent consulting engineer to assist the city engineer. He stated that C. J. Rambo & Company, city auditors, had been working on the preparation of the water bonds and that they would soon be ready to market. Everything possible is being done to hurry this water matter along, Ludlow stated.

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Klusman Flays Chamber Directors For Holding "Closed Meetings." Following a protracted debate, the Torrance city council overrode the opposition of Mayor W. T. Klusman and voted the Chamber of Commerce \$6000 with which to carry on its activities during the coming year beginning July 1. Of the \$6000 allowed, \$5000 covers the regular chamber budget and \$1000 is set aside by the city council in its unappropriated reserve fund to be spent on recommendation of chamber directors at the discretion of the city council. Mayor Klusman characterized the request of chamber directors in asking \$6000 as "unfair" and stated that he favored cutting the appropriation to \$4000 with nothing in the unallocated reserve fund. The mayor also criticized chamber directors for holding closed meetings in a public hall. He stated that rent for the chamber of Commerce offices was paid by tax money and for that reason the offices were a public meeting place. He complained that on two occasions during the last year when chamber directors had been in session and he had called at the chamber offices, that the door had been "slapped" and he was kept waiting in the outer office. "You cannot hold closed meetings in a public hall," said the mayor, who pointed out that the chamber was financed by tax money and that the public had a right to attend meetings where public money was being spent. W. Rufus Page pointed out that within the next year or two, hundreds of new industries would be locating on the Pacific Coast, and that the chamber should not be handicapped by lack of funds in its endeavors to secure these new industries for Torrance. Page emphasized that the chamber had as its president a man who is in position to draw many new industries to Torrance. Page said in his opinion the chamber appropriation should be increased instead of cut. He recalled the past activities of the chamber and claimed that the annexations promoted by the chamber had doubled the tax revenue. Councilman Conner pointed out that the chamber directors were representatives of industries which pay 35 per cent of the local taxes and that if they saw fit to spend their share of the tax money in this manner, others should not object, as the little difference in the tax rate that the \$2000 additional would make was not worthwhile. If Torrance gets one new small industry, the employment furnished would be worth more than the slight difference in the tax rate, Conners said. Councilman Ludlow also emphasized the large percentage of taxes paid by the industries, and reminded the other councilmen of a remark made by President Lanz of the Chamber of Commerce recently, in which Lanz stated his company was endeavoring to get the General Motors to locate a plant in Torrance, as the local Columbia Steel mill is the only plant on the Pacific Coast equipped to manufacture automotive sheet steel. Councilman Hitecock stated that he was thoroughly in favor of what had been said in defense of the chamber. When the vote on the chamber appropriation was taken, Mayor Klusman cast the only negative vote. Councilman Wright was not present, having left previously, following an argument with Mayor Klusman.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR SUMMER CLASS THURSDAY

Events of Graduation Week Begin Monday Night With Address by Dr. Shidler. Full Program for Closing Days. Events for the week of commencement, for the summer class of 1933, will begin Monday, June 19, with an address to the graduates by Dr. George P. Shidler, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the gymnasium, where all programs for this week will be held. Tuesday has been chosen as senior class day. Wednesday will be alumni homecoming day, when all old graduates will visit the school, with a banquet at 6:30 o'clock and dance to follow at the Woman's clubhouse. Junior high school commencement will be held in the gymnasium at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The program will be as follows: Selections by the junior high school glee club. Violin solo, Herman Hadler. Piano solo, Ella Levy. Oration, Adeline Morrissett. Cornet solo, Eric Chaplin. Accordion duet, Betty Dalton and Laurela Lancaster. Oration, Elizabeth Davis. Presentation of diplomas, Arthur G. Wadelich, principal. Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the summer class of 1933 will bid farewell to their high school days. Fifty-eight graduates will receive their diplomas. The class includes 33 boys, 25 girls, as follows: Robert W. Atchison, Louis J. Briganti, Henry Bruhanski, Robert Carson, Andrew Cline, Frederick E. Curler, Jasper Dally, Lucile Doner, Albert Dumont, Carl A. Fiesel, George V. Figueredo, Paul J. Getz, Harry F. Green, Herman J. Hamman, John R. Hilpert, Melvin H. Howard, Chikara Kazama, Alfred Takeo Kobayashi, James F. Lanz, Francis M. Laven, William E. Laven, Wendell Leatherman, James T. McLean, Marion Mintun, Elmer J. Munson, DeLois P. Neal, Myron S. Nightingale, Herbert A. Otto, William Parke, Willbur Patchin, John E. Phillips, Carl Quayle, Raymond Rogers. Mildred Grace Austin, Lita Ann Barragan, Adeline Mildred Brown, Margaret Louise Dove, Pauline Rose Eby, Cecelia Bernice Ernst, Pauline Angela Falla, Irene Esther Falk, Sophie Patricia Grasso, Laura Mae Guy, Rose Hannah Higgins, George Katherine Higgins, Jessie Mae McCray, Gertrude Louise Petersen, Helen Florence MacMaster, Ruth Geraldine Nelson, Mary Michiko Ogata, Hortense Price, Betty Ann Rohr, Ethel Barbara Slengy, Lucille Sylvia Thompson, Valeria Earlene Tucker, Mary Dorothy Whalin, Jean Lenore Wheaton, Vivian Beatrice Young. The program for the evening will begin with the Processional by the Class of 1933. Invocation, Rev. Kemp J. Winkler, pastor of the First Methodist church. Selection, "Indian Dawn," Ann Barrigan, Celia Ernst, Sophie Grasso, Jessie McCray, Irene Falk, Betty Rohr, Pauline Falla, Jean Wheaton, Hortense Price, accompanist Margaret Dove. Oration, "Education and Democracy," William Parke. Selections, "Deep River," "Listen to the Lambs," and "When Alan-a-Dale Went a-Hunting," by the Madrigal Singers. Presentation of class honors, Miss Irene Mills, sponsor, Chapter 121 California Scholarship Federation. Male quartet, "Kentucky Babe," Carl Quayle, Bob Atchison, Earl Doner, James McLean. Presentation of Ephemeras, William Parke and Jean Wheaton, by Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice principal. Presentation of the class, Arthur G. Wadelich, principal. Presentation of diplomas, George McDill, recently elected member of the board of education.

RECOVERY ACT Discussed At Local Meeting

Harry Crites, of the domestic trade department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, will address the industrial representatives of the local chamber tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock on the subject of the federal industrial recovery act, recently considered by Congress. According to Bert W. Lanz, president, Mr. Crites will bring last-minute information and much valuable information on the working of the act, and its application to local conditions. "The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has been studying the industrial recovery act for some time, and has organized a special committee under the chairmanship of J. W. McQuaid to go into the matter thoroughly. Mr. Lanz says: "It appears that much of our business will be conducted during the next year or two on an industrial stabilization plan operated by trade associations with the sanction and supervision of the federal government, so far at least as interstate commerce is concerned. "The federal industrial recovery act, Senate Bill 1712 and House Resolution 5755, on which the President and Congress are now putting the final touches, when enacted will affect practically every business and industry throughout the nation. Trade associations will be given the opportunity and responsibility of stabilizing their respective industries under the provisions of this act, and where they fail, the government will step in and do the job. Every industry should promptly take up its trade association and where no association exists, one should be formed immediately." Ninety-One Persons Made Happy By Gift Of Lovely Bouquet Ninety-one sick and disabled persons in Torrance were made happy last Saturday, National Flower Day, by the gift of a bouquet which was delivered to their addresses. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary worked diligently to aid Mrs. Ruth Haggard, local chairman, of the Poppy Flower Shop, to make up the bouquets, and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 3 delivered them. In another column of this issue Mrs. Haggard expresses her appreciation of the co-operation of many individuals and firms in making the day a great success in Torrance.

Bank to Open Earlier and Remain Open Later to Cash Columbia Checks On Pay Days

Bank of America National Trust & Savings Ass'n., Torrance Branch, will open earlier than usual hereafter on Columbia Steel pay days. This is done in order to further cooperate and assist trade promotion for our local merchants and make it more convenient for Columbia Steel employees to cash their pay checks. J. W. Leech, manager of the local branch, announced today. Effective June 22, the Torrance branch has agreed to open on pay days at 8 a. m., closing at 3 p. m.; and re-open again in the afternoon for the cashing of steel employees' checks only from 4 p. m. to 5:15 p. m.