

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

LEGION, AUXILIARY PLAN PUBLIC RITES

Install Officers Here on Aug. 23

Joint installation of new officers for the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion and Auxiliary of this city will be held next Tuesday night, Aug. 23, at 8 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. The ceremonies are to be conducted in the presence of a host of visiting Legion and Auxiliary officials, various civic groups and municipal officers. The public is invited to attend.

President-Elect



FAN WILKES

Who will head the Torrance American Legion Auxiliary for the 1938-39 term.

At the conclusion of the induction rites, dancing will be enjoyed until midnight and refreshments will be served. Graf's orchestra has been engaged to provide the music.

Charles Walters, 19th district Legion commander, will be installing officer for the Legion post, while Mrs. Lucille Lewellen, president of the 19th district Auxiliary, will install new officers of the local Auxiliary unit assisted by the Maywood Auxiliary drill team. The 19th district past commanders' ritualistic drill team will serve during the induction program.

New Legion Officers
City officials, members of the Rotary, Kiwanis, 29-30, National Business and Professional Women's clubs and other civic groups have been invited to the program by Grant Barkdull, retiring commander of the local post, and Mrs. Audie Modglin, retiring president of the Torrance Auxiliary.

Incoming post officers are: Charles Myers, commander; Thomas T. Babbitt, adjutant; Lyle Doan, first vice-commander; D. A. Murphy, second vice-commander; Clarence Younghan, sergeant-at-arms; James Wilkes, chaplain; Ralph Satchell, historian; Grant Barkdull, service officer; Robert J. Deiningger, finance officer.

The next executive board of the post will be composed of William H. Stanger, Pat Boyle and Barkdull. Delegates to the state convention will be Younghan, Barkdull, Boyle and Wilkes, and their alternates are Alex McPhail, Herb Robinson, James Scott and Charles Smith.

Auxiliary Leaders
New officers of the Auxiliary unit are: Fan Wilkes, president; Ella Robinson, first vice president; Mable Williams, second vice president; Elida Barkdull, secretary; Hallie Doan, treasurer; Mable Smith, historian; Janet Woodington, chaplain; Gertrude Boyle, sergeant-at-arms; Velora Murphy, Lucille Lewellen, Daisy Watson and Gertrude Boyle, executive board.

Fan Wilkes, Ella Robinson and Audie Modglin were elected as delegates to the state convention. Ethel Sears, Velora Murphy and Mable Smith, alternates.

Local Man Bound For Islands Job

Bryan Hughes, 1318 Madrid avenue, left last night on the S. S. Monterey for Honolulu where he has obtained a civil service appointment for employment at the Pearl Harbor navy yard. A jolly party, including his mother, Mrs. Ida Hughes, his sisters, Bess and Cornelia, and several friends accompanied him to the pier to wish him bon voyage and success in his new employment in the Islands.

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Motorist Cleared of Grave Charge

Prosecution witnesses having failed to produce evidence that William C. Holmes, 50-year-old Altadena salesman was guilty of negligent homicide in the accident Aug. 6 which claimed the life of Leo Wentz, 35, Long Beach motorcyclist, Deputy District Attorney George Johnson asked City Judge Robert Lessing last Friday morning to dismiss the charge.

Lessing, who heard statements by three prosecution witnesses and two for the defense, agreed that Holmes was not guilty of the accusation, dismissed it and cancelled the \$1,000 bail put up by the defendant. Henry Mohler of Santa Ana and John M. Larson, San Pedro, had made statements to the coroner's jury at the inquest Aug. 10 which placed a shadow of doubt over the question: Did Holmes observe the boulevard stop on Hawthorne avenue before crossing Highway 101 where the fatal accident occurred?

At the preliminary hearing Witnesses Mohler and Larson were unable to establish that Holmes did not make the stop. On the witness stand the defendant declared he did come to a halt and was proceeding across the 90-foot intersection in second gear when his car was struck by Motorist Wentz. Harry Cagle, 24435 Neece avenue, Welteria, also testified for the defense which was conducted by Attorney John Shidler of this city.

Maxie Trains at Lake Tahoe County Counsel Non-Committal in Reply to P. V. Incorporationists



Maxie Baer takes time out to give his autograph to a couple of feminine admirers at his camp at Lake Tahoe, on the southern end of Lake Tahoe. Maxie is chopping wood for a month—part of his determined comeback training schedule for a possible fight with Joe Louis, John Henry Lewis or Tony Galento.

City's Share of Motor Vehicle Fees \$314

Apportionment of motor vehicle fees to cities for the second quarter of 1938, announced this week show Torrance will receive \$314.84. At the same time it was announced that \$29,810.97 had been allotted to Los Angeles county for the second quarter of the year.

Family Treasures Taken From Home

Family heirlooms, wedding gifts, clothing and the last present a mother received from her son before he was killed were stolen early Saturday night from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amour Diethers at 903 Acacia street. The intrinsic value of the house burglary amounted to \$98 but the value of the bits of jewelry and other articles treasured by the Diethers is many times that sum.

The thieves gained entrance to the home by breaking a rear window, reaching in and unlatching a lock. In doing this one of the marauders cut his hand as there were a number of bloodstains seen about the house when the robbery was discovered by the owners on their return home.

BUY MORE TABLES

Eight more tables will be added to the equipment at the Civic Auditorium, due to the action of the city council Tuesday night in appropriating \$188 plus tax for the purchase.

Residents of Palos Verdes Estates who propose to incorporate the area as a sixth class city received but little comfort from the county counsel's office in his reply this week to their question as to whether or not the advantages outweigh the dangers.

"There is no data available in the county upon which to make estimates of cost for conducting the affairs of a city government such as is contemplated being organized for Palos Verdes," County Counsel J. H. O'Connor wrote in reply to a letter from S. F. Bergstrom.

Replying to a question as to small property owners in case a city were incorporated, O'Connor replied:

"Of course upon the organization of a city the matter of assessments to property is entirely in the hands of the city trustees or city council, and as to what their probable action may be, it is impossible to anticipate."

Order Traffic Guards On Blvd.

Double striping of Hawthorne boulevard in the vicinity of the new KNX-CBS transmitter station at 190th street and over the rolling hills traversed by that boulevard, erection of new boulevard stop and reflectorized warning signs is being done by the state division of highways at a cost of \$206.80.

The traffic guards were deemed necessary in view of the anticipated extra travel on Hawthorne after the radio plant opens early next month.

Auto Deaths in County Show First Decrease Since '24

For the first time since the fiscal year of 1924-25, automobile deaths in Los Angeles county showed a decrease during the fiscal year just ended from the

total for the preceding year. The annual report of Coroner Frank A. Nance today revealed. Motor vehicle deaths still were far in the lead as the cause of accidental deaths, however with a total of 976, the report showed. This as a decrease of 99, or 9.2 percent, from the previous year.



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Christmas Orders Pour in on Max Pons Firm Here

Returning Monday from an eight-day business trip to San Francisco, Mrs. Max Pons of the company bearing her husband's name which is engaged in the manufacture of many different articles uniquely fashioned from straw mosaic, reported that bay city stores were keenly interested in the Pons products.

Their interest was reflected in well-filled order books which Mrs. Pons brought back to start work on Christmas purchases for San Franciscans. The Max Pons company, located at 1610 Cabrillo avenue, now employs eight people to turn out the gayly-colored articles, which have attracted the attention of Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Long Beach store buyers.

Altho she has been in this country less than two years—coming here from Germany—Mrs. Pons speaks excellent English. She is in charge of the sales department of her husband's company and she is well-informed on all details pertaining to the manufacture of the intricately designed articles which are finding increased sales every month.

Jail Terms Given Drunken Drivers

Two Mexican motorists were jailed here last week-end on charges of driving while intoxicated and when each pleaded guilty received 30-day sentences in the county jail because they were unable to pay \$100 fines. Alfonso Alcalá, 40, of Hermosa Beach, was arrested at Western avenue and El Prado early Saturday morning and Jesus Martinez, 33-year-old WPA worker-resident here, was stopped for erratic driving early Sunday at Torrance boulevard and Elm street.

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EYES . . . to walk with!

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"I have tried to conduct my store on the principles of the Golden Rule and this centuries old truth doesn't quit functioning when a man retires from business. You have treated me right and I have tried to deal fairly with you. So we will continue to be friends even though we may not do business together.

"I can very highly recommend Mr. George H. Moore, Jr. who succeeds me as proprietor of the store. I am sure he will continue to give you the same fair and courteous service you have become accustomed to receiving and I wish him all success."



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"As conditions change and methods of modern merchandising improve I hope to keep abreast of this trend. But I pledge you, I shall never deviate from the sterling principles of fair and honest dealings which have been the corner stone of Mr. Worrell's success.

"While I may not know the names of all of Mr. Worrell's customers I hope (with the assistance of Charles C. Drury who is remaining at the store) to become better acquainted soon.

"If there is any omission of services that you are accustomed to receiving at this store, I hope you will so inform me so that I may correct any oversights. I am anxious to please you so well that you will want to tell others."

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enterprising young Dick Miller, head man of the city-subsidized "swing" band and his gang, practicing nights for their Torrance Musical Varieties to be held tonight in the City Auditorium . . . Norman Marsteller, out for a romp with his pup, peeping in my window night after night as Shop Talk labors long around the clock (if you don't believe it, drop in some night, any night) . . . old Torrance resident, Wm. J. Lister, 14 years with Columbia Steel as a heater, leasing the Ritz Cafe from Vern Barlow . . . Covered Wagon Days in our neighboring city Redondo Beach with the male citizenry bedecked in fancy get-ups, particularly Ad Manager Bill Haynes, of the Daily Breeze, with blue jeans, orange shirt and a tuft of hair on his chin-e-chin chin . . .

charming Pal Marie Henry, local dame, out a-sparkin' with former RB Cut Rate Drug employe Ralph Anderson, who is dolin' right well for himself as manager of a drug store in Long Beach (rumors have it that this courtin' might prove serious) . . . likeable, red-headed young George Moore, new man around here, who recently took over from Oldster S. S. Worrell the hardware business which the latter maintained for 11 years . . . politicians all flocking around with pats on the back and handshakes now that the primaries are so near . . . George Pearson, prop. of the Eightfield Station, admitting that he was suddenly seized with acute jitters when a thug leveled a shoots-gun at him last night, rode out with a pocket full of George's cash (story in today's Herald).

Howard Shaw, new barber extraordinary, over at G. Morton's whisker emporium, with 12 years in the business, some of which was spent on Alca street and Alvarado in L.A., moving to Torrance with his wife an kiddie (a girl) and liking it fine . . .

Fire Truck Will Get New Motor

Purchase of a new motor for the old American La France fire truck now in use in Welteria was authorized by the council Tuesday night, at a cost of \$473.50 plus sales tax. Cost of installing the motor will require an additional \$115, and a booster for the brakes another sum not to exceed \$50.