

Business Gets "Go" Signal!

AN EDITORIAL

The election is behind us and with it has gone uncertainty over the future. The track is clear ahead and every indication points to good business and a big Christmas trade.

In Torrance, the Columbia Steel mills are operating three shifts, 24 hours a day. In some departments, overtime hours with increased pay have been necessary to fill orders. Other industries are operating on better schedules than they have for years.

The Neutrality bill has been signed and the embargo against export of munitions lifted, which means still more business and added employment. Because of the nature and diversity of its industries, Torrance is sure to get its full share of business improvement that is nationwide and has been held in check in California pending outcome of election issues.

There are only six weeks before Christmas. In anticipation of rising prices, prudent shoppers this year—more than ever before—should heed the warning to "Buy Early and Save!"

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3 Boys Nabbed In Oklahoma for Car Thefts Here

Wanted here for the theft of two cars, one local youth and two Redondo Beach boys are being held in the Bristol, Oklahoma jail pending extradition proceedings. The trio was arrested by Oklahoma state highway patrol officers Tuesday. They were:

J. Skidmore, who used the name of DePorte Rampley (his step-father's surname) here, 16 years of age; William Franklin and Frank L. Stone, both 19 and of Redondo Beach.

Police Chief John Stroh said today that he believes that one or more members of the trio stole Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown's car from beside their home at 1738 Cabrillo avenue on Oct. 29 and drove it "all over the country before they practically wrecked the machine in stripping it of everything they could get off it."

Stroh May Go East

Skidmore or Rampley is accused of stealing Mrs. Anstis M. Albertson's 1929 Ford pickup car on Oct. 31. The boys were reported in this machine when they were nabbed by Oklahoma officers.

"We have information which leads us to believe that the boys broke into the city yard here on the night of Oct. 30 in an attempt to steal gasoline," Stroh said. "Franklin and Skidmore are the ones we believe who took the Browns' car. I have laid the case before the district attorney's office with a recommendation for extradition."

If the removal proceedings are approved by the district attorney and Oklahoma authorities, Stroh may go east to get the boys and return them here for trial.

Doan Summons Red Cross Drive Aides to Session

A pre-drive meeting of all those contacted by Lyric Doan and others who would like to help in the annual Red Cross Roll Call will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the State Employment office, 1927 Carson street.

At that time final arrangements to launch the membership campaign on Monday, Nov. 13, will be made, according to Doan, who is in charge of the drive this year for the local American Legion post.

In urging support of the Red Cross, Doan pointed out today that some 87,000 destitute Polish refugees, scattered thruout countries bordering on what was Poland, are at the present time receiving aid from the International Red Cross.

"Our country is contributing its share toward their help," he said. "I have learned that an American Red Cross delegation of three left a few weeks ago for Geneva to obtain accurate information as to the most pressing needs to be met."

Through the Central Committee of American Red Cross \$250,000 has been appropriated for emergency war relief work in Europe. To assist their countrymen, American citizens of Polish descent have contributed \$150,000 of this total.

"Shipments of clothing, blankets, hospital garments, and 99 cases of surgical dressings have already been sent by our national organization to the Red Cross of France," Doan reported.

The Los Angeles Chapter has been well represented in these shipments. Daily, workers have been busy making surgical dressings for the Polish wounded. Another important service rendered by the local Red Cross Chapter is the tracing of missing Polish relatives of American citizens now resident here.

PREVENT FIRE LOSS

Children playing with matches in a garage at 2255 Torrance boulevard were believed responsible for a blaze Monday afternoon which was extinguished before any damage was done. Had the fire continued for another 10 minutes, firemen said it would have been disastrous.

1918--Twenty-one Years--1939



Peace Comes Of Age

JUST old enough to be drafted! Not a pleasant thought, it is? This thing that we fought to get—this Peace—is growing up. Today, it is 21 years old. Not old enough to have acquired wisdom, to be sure, but—certainly—old enough to begin to have a mind of its own.

Peace, you see, is a very real thing. And—thank Heaven—it lives at our house. It sits down at the table with us and it sleeps with us at night. And when we lay our paper down or turn off our radio, we constantly realize that it is good to know that Peace is in the room.

Life would not be the same without this silent partner to our living. We know this. We know, too, that—while it is our strongest support—its very existence depends upon us.

Looking at Peace, as it rides with us in the car, laughs with us at our football games, plans with us for the holidays ahead, we can't help but realize that it is growing up to the dangerous age. For we knew its father.

He came to live with us around 1900, at the end of the Spanish-American War, and the world of our living was blessed by His presence; but He was barely 18 before we allowed the World to occupy us so much with its bickerings that we had no time for Him and He left us to suffer for our sin.

Will we make this same mistake again? Will we drive this new, young Peace out of our house? Or will we realize that through-out each and all of the 21 years we have enjoyed the presence of Peace, we have also been striving to bring it to full-fledged

manhood with a future before it and the strength to carry on . . . and that now is when it needs us most?

If we—as the greatest united family of free people in the entire world, permit "the will to war" to enter into our minds, Peace will find life with us unbearable and leave us to our fate. For Peace is a positive thing. It cannot bear with weakness and middle-of-the-road indecision. If we say with our mouths that we will not fight, yet harbor in our breasts a conviction, born of timidity and fraught with futility, that we must inevitably fight, we will have broken faith with Peace. And when Peace forsakes us, we will no longer be the proud possessors of that courage which is greater than the courage to fight. We will be destroyed in a maelstrom of self-deception, dying and suffering to regain that which we need never have lost.

Peace is a harried child. Perhaps that is why we love it. For our household is composed of the persecuted from all the lands of the earth and we know that Peace is one of us. It is our son. Upon it we may freely lavish our love.

As it reaches its 21st birthday, this Armistice Day, let us resolve to turn our backs upon that which is foreign to Peace and to us and set about the most monumental and glorious task ever undertaken in the history of humanity . . . the task of keeping and protecting Peace long enough—for once in the history of Man—to give it a chance to demonstrate to all humanity what Peace can do for the world.

Voters Here Beat 30-Thurs.; Lomita Supports Pension

Torrance voters, 3,978 of them or 85.75 percent of the local registration, followed the state-wide trend in defeating the Ham 'n Eggs pension plan, the chiropractic amendment and the oil conservation proposal Tuesday while lending their support to both anti-usury loan bills.

HOW HAM 'N FARED AT LOCAL POLLS

TORRANCE	TOTAL VOTE	YES	NO
Prop. No. 1	225	105	117
No. 2	432	201	223
No. 3	263	160	98
No. 4	314	146	158
No. 5	341	91	246
No. 6	353	150	200
No. 7	261	78	181
No. 8	260	124	136
No. 9	319	182	129
No. 10	275	138	133
No. 11	277	129	148
No. 12	397	187	203
No. 13	259	156	97
Tor. Total	3,978	1,847	2,079

LOMITA	TOTAL VOTE	YES	NO
Prop. No. 1	265	134	161
No. 2	269	167	99
No. 3	276	129	140
No. 4	318	148	168
No. 5	277	151	122
No. 6	324	145	175
No. 7	306	157	142
No. 8	279	156	119
Lomita Total	3,144	1,187	1,126
PALOS VERDES	121	8	113
No. 10	524	30	494
P.-V. Total	645	38	607
Dist. Total	6,967	3,072	3,812

In Lomita, the 30-Thursdays voters received a majority from 2,989 voters who cast ballots. The turn-out for the election in that community represented 85.89 percent of the voting strength. Lomita electors turned down the chiropractic and oil conservation referendums and endorsed the anti-usury measures.

In both Torrance and Lomita the election was conducted without a single disturbance at the polls despite the highly controversial nature of the pension proposition.

HOW TORRANCE VOTED
Complete but unofficial returns from all 13 Torrance precincts on the Ham 'n Eggs measure were:

YES 1,847
NO 2,079

In Lomita, the returns from the eight precincts within that community on the 30-Thursdays proposition were:

YES 1,187
NO 1,126

Palos Verdes Estates' two precincts, where 645 voters went to the polls at the Miraflores school and at the Plaza in Malaga Cove Place, rejected the Ham 'n proposal with these thumping votes:

YES 38
NO 607

Complete but unofficial results on the remaining four propositions in the Torrance city area were:

PROP. NO. 2
Chiropractic Amendment
YES 1,269
NO 2,332

PROP. NO. 3
Loan Brokers
YES 2,522
NO 1,011

PROP. NO. 4
Loan Brokers
YES 2,520
NO 977

PROP. NO. 5
Oil Conservation Bill
YES 887
NO 2,969

In Lomita, the returns were as follows:

PROP. NO. 2
Chiropractic Amendment
YES 988
NO 1,787

PROP. NO. 3
Loan Brokers
YES 1,929
NO 781

PROP. NO. 4
YES 1,927
NO 762

PROP. NO. 5
Oil Conservation Bill
YES 932
NO 1,998

Two precincts in East Torrance, Nos. 1943 and 1943-A voted as follows on the 30-Thursdays scheme: No. 1943, YES, 127; No. 85, No. 1943-A, YES, 98; No. 75. There was a total vote in those precincts of 387.

The Ham 'n Eggs measure was carried in four Torrance precincts—No. 3 at 708 Border, No. 9 at 1916 Andree, No. 10 at 23010 Narbonne and No. 13 at 807 Portola. The pension was (Continued on Page 5-A)



THEY "ROLL OUT THE BARREL" . . . The Ernest Sisters, Dorothy, at the left and Beatrice at the right, and John Batovsky, accordionist, of this city will be heard in a radio program Saturday night.

With television the pretty Ernest Sisters, garbed in their handsome satin costumes, would be a star radio attraction. Without benefit of seeing them in person, their fans should welcome their fresh, young voices as they sing Saturday night over KMTR on the Talent program from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

The Misses Ernest, Beatrice, 17, and Dorothy, 20, will be accompanied by John Batovsky, 17, of 1324 West Carson street. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ernest of 1650 West 218th street.

Mack Official Replies to Fire Truck Queries

Detailed answers to the 14 questions put to the city council about the Mack 1,000-gallon pump truck by B. M. Prewett on Oct. 24 were received this week by the municipal board from the Mack-International Motor Truck Corp., under the signature of Theo Hobgood, manager of the Los Angeles factory branch.

"While we have truthfully and sincerely answered the different questions submitted, we still wish to assure your honorable body that we invite any and all inquiries, particularly because of certain propaganda which has apparently been spread by disgruntled competition," Hobgood states. "Also, we know that this will only serve to bring out the high standard of quality of the equipment itself and substantiate the fact that the city of Torrance has been able to secure a fine piece of fire apparatus at an extremely low price. The reputation of our company in this instance is vitally concerned, and we have no intention whatsoever of jeopardizing it in word or action."

The Mack official's replies to Prewett's questions follow:

1. What is the guarantee on this truck incorporated in the purchase contract?

All Mack fire apparatus is guaranteed for one year the same as standard guarantee by all manufacturers. In addition major parts, such as crankshaft, camshaft, timing gears, transmission gears, rear axle and frame, are guaranteed for the lifetime of the equipment against breaking, bending or distorting (except through accident or abuse). This special guarantee is not made by any other manufacturer of fire apparatus, but is regularly made by Mack on all pumps of 500-gallons and over.

2. What year was the motor manufactured now in this truck? Manufactured in 1932.

3. When was it installed in this truck? Installed in 1932.

4. What was its original horsepower rating? Rating 150 H. P. We attach hereto power curve of this motor dated December 18, 1934, which shows the same. This curve, however, is with single carburetion, and inasmuch as (Continued on Page 4-A)

Youngster Finds Rings; Teachers Express Theories

Did SHE turn HIM down and, because his love was blighted, did HE throw them away?

Or were they part of stolen loot? Or did someone just lose them in the usual prosaic manner, without embellishments of romance abruptly ended or theft by night?

These were the questions pondered by Torrance Elementary school faculty members when a pupil appeared in Principal Leonard Dykes' office with a matched set of wedding and engagement rings.

The youngster said he found them on his way to school that morning.

"Upon proper identification the rings will be turned over to the owner," Principal Dykes said.

F. S. Most of the teachers are hoping (they admit being romanticists) that the first theory above mentioned is correct.

Welfare Group Retains Officers

All officers and directors of the Torrance Community Service Association, which finances and directs welfare and relief work in this city on a "community chest" basis, were re-elected Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. The board then authorized an audit of the books for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31 by R. J. Deininger.

The heads of the Association are Henry T. Lintott, president; J. W. Post, vice-president; Earl Conner, treasurer, who serve on the executive board with R. R. Smith, Sherwood McIntyre and William H. Tolson.

WIFE BEATER GETS 30 DAYS

After a strongly-worded condemnation of wife-beating, City Judge Robert Lessing sentenced Raiford Jones, 38-year-old oil worker, who admitted his guilt in slugging his wife, to 30 days in the county jail Monday morning.

"There are no extenuating circumstances in your case because you have plead guilty and I have seen Mrs. Jones. She took a terrible beating under your hands and you have said you weren't drunk at the time. I have no mercy for any man who strikes a woman. Your actions are most reprehensible and you deserve the full penalty of the law," the court told Jones.

Mrs. Jones signed a complaint leading to her husband's arrest on Oct. 30 and he gave himself up to police last Saturday afternoon. He told Judge Lessing he had been out of work since Nov. 7 and attributed his marital troubles to unemployment and "interfering neighbors." The Joneses have two children and a granddaughter. Judge Lessing said the woman's face was "so black and blue from her bruises that I thought for a moment she was a Negro. I've never seen a woman so badly beaten."

Premarital Blood Test Report Given

In only five instances out of 483 blood samples tested under the new California pre-marital law have tests proved positive, according to a report from Dr. R. V. Stone, director of the county health department's laboratory.

The new law became effective Sept. 19, and caused a large reduction in the number of applications for marriage licenses, although the list of filings is becoming longer each day.

Business as Usual Here Saturday

Torrance retail firms will remain open Saturday, Armistice Day, it was decided Monday night at a meeting of the Retail Merchants Association in the Chamber of Commerce.

It will be "business as usual" for local stores except for a one-hour closing period from 11 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon.

As usual, both banks, all city offices, utilities and the post office will be closed all day Saturday. Local meat markets, which will also observe the full holiday because of union regulations, will be open until 8 o'clock Friday night to accommodate shoppers who must stock up for Saturday and Sunday. Grocery and vegetable markets will be open as usual Saturday and that night.

There will be no home or business deliveries of mail Saturday, according to Postmaster Earl Conner. Outgoing mail will be shipped at 7 a. m. and incoming mail, due at 10 a. m., will be distributed to postoffice boxes only.

Parents Invited to Local School

"American Education Week" will be observed in Torrance throughout next week by the children of the Torrance Elementary school, their teachers, parents and friends, according to Leonard Dykes, principal.

Mothers are urged to attend the classes during regular sessions, meet their children's teachers, watch the students at work and play, and study the leaflet, "Education for the American Way of Life" being distributed this week to the homes of local parents.

P. V. COLLIER DIES IN EAST

One of the best known oilmen in Southern California, P. V. Collier, succumbed last Sunday as result of a heart attack in Cairo, Illinois where he had been opening a new field. Mr. Collier, who was 51 years of age, left here Oct. 12 for the Illinois field where he intended an intensive oil development.

Mr. Collier, who was born in Carthage, Mississippi, opened the Torrance deep-sand oil development here in the latter part of 1936 when he brought in his Flint No. 1 well at Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards. He had followed the business for the past quarter of a century and was a familiar and esteemed figure wherever the quest for "black gold" carried him. He was a Mason, a Shriner of Springfield, Mo.

He is survived by his wife, who is moving here from Long Beach; a son, P. V. Collier, Jr., of Long Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Louise Kelley of this city; two grandchildren, his son-in-law, Guy Kelley; and three brothers and four sisters who live in the east. The funeral service will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Daniel B. Mottell chapel, Ninth and Pacific, in Long Beach. Interment will be at Inglewood Memorial park.

Redondo Faces Jury Trial for Drunk Driving

Charged with driving while drunk, H. A. Hill, 39, Redondo Beach lumber dealer, was arrested at 182nd and Prairie avenue yesterday morning following an automobile accident. He plead not guilty and demanded a jury trial which has been set for Nov. 20.

Auditorium Has Many Bookings

Seven reservations have been made for the use of the Civic Auditorium from Nov. 11 to Nov. 25, it was learned this week at the city clerk's office.

The Armistice Night engagement is for the Compton Junior college dance. On Wednesday Nov. 15, the County Electric Inspectors' association will hold a dinner meeting with 75 to 100 expected to attend. The Alondra Park Taxpayers' association will hold a mass meeting Thursday night, Nov. 16, Saturday night, Nov. 18, has been retained by the local American Legion post for a "turkey dance."

A "Good Sportsmanship Dance" will be held in the Auditorium Wednesday night, Nov. 22, by Marine league high schools. On Thanksgiving Day morning, Nov. 23, a union thanks service will be held at 10 o'clock under the auspices of the Torrance Ministerial association. Saturday night, Nov. 25, the Spinners' club will hold a community chest benefit dance.

Holmes' Trial Set for Friday

Because of the election day holiday, the jury trial of Bert Holmes, 39, of 1604 Juniper street, on a charge of drunk driving was continued this week to tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Holmes was originally arrested and charged with hit-and-run driving Oct. 20. He plead guilty to this count but when Police Chief John Stroh filed an additional charge of drunk driving on him Oct. 27, City Judge Robert Lessing dismissed the first accusation and Holmes plead not guilty to drunk driving. Holmes was an unsuccessful candidate for city clerkship here in April, 1938.

TRACES SCENT HISTORY
An instructive talk on "Scents" relating to the perfume industry is to be given by Charles C. Sabing, professional pharmacist, at tonight's dinner-meeting of the Rotary club at the American Legion clubhouse.

NEW ARRIVAL

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Forbes of 785 West 157th street, Gardena, yesterday afternoon at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Poultry 'Never Touches Ground'

They are no higher in price, yet they are offered by a man who has served thousands of families all the year around (including turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas) both from his poultry ranch and his stand in the great marketplace in Long Beach for ten years. He invites you to ask your neighbor about him and then drive out to his ranch and make your own inspection. See his ad under

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POULTRY—NEVER TOUCHES GROUND
Order Your Turkey Now Before Rush
—Read—Use Herald—Want Ads For Profit—Get The Habit!