



GEORGE S. "POP" WHEATON life begins for him now at 65

Armed with a brand-new Remington 30-30 rifle, a pair of high wader boots and good supply of ammunition, all farewell gifts from his fellow workers at the Pacific Electric shops here, George S. Wheaton and his wife left Sunday morning for Tonopah, Nevada. The trip, made with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce, marks the beginning for "Pop" Wheaton of a well-earned retirement after 45 years of work—30 of them for the Pacific Electric.

Van Kralingen Learns Relatives Escaped Nazi Blitzkrieg in Holland

A letter, containing welcome news that was three months on its way from Rotterdam, Holland to Torrance was received this week by Anthony Van Kralingen of 2904 Gramercy avenue. It reported that all of his relatives, including his 89-year-old father, were safe and escaped the terrific Nazi Blitzkrieg unharmed. Even his relatives in the Dutch army were reported unharmed and all were trying to rehabilitate their fortunes under Nazi control.

The local resident has a brother, three sisters, a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews in his native Holland. One younger brother is a seaman on a Dutch vessel that escaped the Germans and is now plying between the U. S. and England.

The Germans entered Rotterdam on May 10 after subjecting that ancient city to a terrific aerial bombing that virtually razed it to the ground. Van Kralingen's relatives gave no information other than they were safe.

DeMolays to Seat Officers Oct. 5

Installation of officers of Torrance Chapter, Order of DeMolay will be held at Torrance Masonic Temple Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8 p. m. Compton chapter's installation team will exemplify ritualistic work at this open installation ceremony and a cordial invitation is extended to the community to witness the impressive rites. Dancing will follow the program.

Harold E. Massie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Massie of 1318 Engracia avenue, has been elected to office of Master Councilor. Other officers elected or chosen to serve with Massie for the ensuing term are:

Robert A. Owens, senior councilor; Hugh C. Allen, junior councilor; Kenneth A. Perkin, senior deacon; Richard P. Miller, junior deacon; William E. Buckley, senior steward; Harold E. Kerber, junior steward; R. Thomas Higgins, orator; Howard G. Locke, Jr., sentinel; Earl D. Lock, chaplain; Clifford M. Trezise, marshal; Alfred M. Mason, standard bearer; Armstrong M. Dowell, Jr., almoner; William Bosche, Oliver B. Huber, Conrad V. Christensen, Fred A. Lincoln, Jr., Clifford Totten, Dennis E. Placey, Wallace Steinhilber, preceptors.

COUNCIL MEET OCT. 8 The next regular session of the city council will be held Tuesday night, Oct. 8, at 7:45 o'clock.

MARCH OF RIMES WHAT A MANNA! By H. F. NOAKE Once more the pots are boiling folks, familiar odors taint the air, and though the chefs are mostly new, it's still the same old bill-o'-fare. Political cooks, down through the years, have not progressed—and well they might, for most of us crave something new to whet our dwindling appetite. The manna being peddled now is lower case, and poorly wrought, prepared by hopeful candidates to give us voters "food for thought." Aspirants to the nation's throne should learn from those who flunked before, that votes are lost, the same as sales, by knocking your competitor. Unless opposing party chefs improve their antiquated stew, they'll get what poor Napoleon got a few years back, at Waterloo.

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More pictures and additional news of the Frolic will be found on pages 3-A and 4-A.

Highlighted by the biggest—in every sense of the word—parade ever to wind thru the city and an Arts, Crafts and Hobby Show that attracted a total of 17,568 visitors, the 1940 Torrance Factory Frolic presented three days of entertainment to thousands in its highly successful third edition last weekend.

The celebration was worthy, in nearly every respect, of the months of planning put into its program by a hard-working committee headed by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored it. Every event—and there

FROLIC PARADE WINNERS LISTED

- Here is the official list of Factory Frolic parade winners as obtained from General Chairman L. J. Gilmeister: BANDS: Glendale Boys' band, first; Inglewood Boys' band, second; Palos Verdes Canadian Legion Kiltie band, third. DRUM CORPS: Wilmington Majorettes, first; Long Beach Sons of the Legion, second. DRILL TEAMS: Long Beach Junior Legion Auxiliary, first; Signal Hill Legion Majorettes, second; Torrance Women of the Moose, third. FLOAT ENTRIES: SWEEPSTAKES: National Supply Company. INDUSTRIAL: Columbia Steel Company, first; Howard Supply Company, second. COMMERCIAL: Roberts' Public Markets, first; Torrance Plumbing Company, second; J. J. Newberry Company, third. CIVIC: St. Cecilia's Guild, first; Moose lodge, second; Royal Neighbors, third. BEST MAJORETTE: Marjle Anderson of Long Beach, leading Torrance Municipal band. BEST COMEDY ENTRY: Torrance American Legion Post's "Dusky Lancers" mounted on burros.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FROLIC'S BIGGEST PARADE

At the top left is Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fiesel of 1442 Carson street who wore old-fashioned garb and rode in a hay wagon. Fiesel farmed on the site of Torrance 47 years ago. Top right is the attractive float, "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," entered by the Walteria Civic Organization and Recreation Center. Center

insert is Miss Marjle Anderson of Long Beach, winner of first place medal for strutting in the parade. She led the Torrance Municipal band and was recently elected drum majorette of Jordan high school. Her photo is by Bill Husbands.

Lower left, Elden Frock of LaCrescenta is shown judging two of the junior western riders—the little boy is Earl Franklin Smith. Frock did a bang-up job in picking

the winners from the many horse entries. Lower right is the amusing entry of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance. The car is a 1919 Oldsmobile of the same vintage as the organization (it was formed that year). The driver is William Barber from Mullin's Garage—where the car came from. Sitting with him in front seat is Mrs. Bettina Miller while the other passengers, left to right, are Mrs. Edna Weis and Miss Mary Mary.

Answer to Geyer Suit Claims Congressman Joined Red Party

An affidavit by a former Communist party organizer stating that Representative Lee E. Geyer of the 17th district had joined the Communist party under an assumed name in 1936 is contained in an answer on file today in superior court to Geyer's \$80,000 suit charging defamation of character.

Geyer has sued the Pro-American Committee of California and six persons, charging that his name was used in campaign literature circulated prior to the August 27 primary in such a manner that he was injured. The individuals are Edwin Gettins, W. R. Earl, Ester Day, H. J. McKinstra, Edward P. Ward and Richard K. Franklin.

The affidavit is signed by John L. Leech, former Communist party organizer, in the answer which Gettins filed to Geyer's suit. It states in part in the affidavit:

Other Defendants Reply "In the month of April or May, 1936, in his home in Gardena, in the presence of Mrs. Geyer, Lee E. Geyer signed an application card for membership in the Communist party of the United States, Los Angeles section, which card was sponsored by myself in my official capacity as Los Angeles county organizer of the Communist party, and by Jack Johnson, member of the central committee of the Communist party of the United States of America. "As is customary within the Communist party, applicants are required to adopt party names to conceal their identity, and, to the best of my recollection, the party name adopted by Geyer was either Walter or Bert Logan," the affidavit continued. Three other defendants in the

Charge Torrance Men With Intent to Rob in Tulare

Three Torrance men arrested here and in the northern city recently as they assertedly prepared to burglarize a food store in Tulare were charged last week with conspiracy to commit a felony (burglary) and possession of burglary tools. Two of the men, Chester Purtymun, 21, and Frank H. Williams, 26, are reported to have admitted to Tulare police that it was their intent to burglarize the store.

They had planned, police say, to cut a hole in the roof and drop down into the store. On further investigation it was found that Duncan Thomas, 33, a native of Texas, was an accomplice. Thomas had been in the vicinity at the time but left immediately in an automobile. Thomas was traced to Torrance and Redondo Beach where he was arrested and brought back to Tulare. All three men had been living here.

Return of Property to City Awaiting Full Board Vote

Approval was given this week by county attorneys to the agreement for the transfer of some county-owned land at the northeast corner of Carson street and Plaza del Amo to the city of Torrance to be used as a public park site. There are about two acres in the site. Five votes are required to authorize the transfer, and four members of the board of supervisors were present at this week's meeting, so the matter was not brought up. Chairman Roger Jessup was absent. The site, adjoining the County Health and Welfare Center, has been suggested as the location for the proposed Youth Center, a project of the Torrance Coordinating Council. It is believed to be more in the center of child population here than the city park off Arlington avenue.

Junior Chamber Advances Plans For Fire Prevention Observance

Plans for local observance of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6 to 12, were advanced this week by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce which will sponsor the event. According to Ray Sleppy, chairman of the committee arranging the observance, this will include speakers at the schools, a demonstration and display of a new type of home or automobile fire extinguisher and a demonstration by the local fire department of its modern equipment.

Sleppy said he had arranged for an experienced fire fighter to speak at the Torrance Elementary school next Thursday morning, Oct. 10, at 9:30 o'clock and go from there to Fern Street school for a talk to the pupils at 10 o'clock. At 10:30 he is scheduled to address the high school student body where fire prevention movies may also be screened at an assembly program.

Red Cross Wants More Knitters

A new supply of yarn having been received from the American Red Cross, more knitters are wanted at the local Red Cross headquarters in the McDonald hall, 1915 Carson street, according to Mrs. Flora Wright, local chairman. They may report there at any time. Mrs. Wright also announced receipt of \$150 donation to the Red Cross War Relief Fund this week from Dr. St. Cecilia Guild and \$1.15 from D. C. Turner. The total contributed in this city toward this fund now stands at \$2,247.13.

There were some 35 different attractions—followed the program with time-table exactness, starting at noon last Thursday and ending at midnight Saturday.

Of course the Saturday afternoon parade with its scores of entries was the outstanding feature of the Frolic. This attraction won bursts of applause all along the route lined with an estimated 15,000 spectators. It also received high tribute from an official of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses who saw it and told Chairman Gilmeister: "You have a parade here that is equal to any I've seen in cities three or four times your size!"

Dances "Lay Eggs" Leo Carrillo sent his regrets an hour before the procession was to get under way—saying he had to report on location for a picture production—but he wasn't particularly missed. Mickey Elissa pitched in for the engagement-breaking movie star and served as a dashing grand marshal with Miss Antoinette Carrillo appearing for her father.

Every concessionaire reported business was "the best ever" and many doubted their "take" before the Frolic came to an end. The only Frolic feature to fall below estimates of attendance were the dances each evening in the Civic Auditorium to a different orchestra. These "laid an egg" in the parlance of the entertainment world and thus gave those who insist that Torrance must continue the Frolic idea something to think about for 1941.

But the Arts, Crafts and Hobby Show, directed by Mrs. Cora Bohrer, Dale Riley and Miss Ada Chase gained in prestige and merited all the praise showered on its planners and exhibitors. More than a thousand different articles were on display and the building, located next to The Herald office, was thronged from the time it opened each morning until the night watchman made his first round late at night.

Attendance Figures A close check was kept on the number of visitors who passed (Continued on Page 4-A)