

Small Property Owners Benefit by Value Cut

Persons owning property assessed at less than \$25,000 benefited most from the reductions in land and improvement valuations made last year by the county assessor, according to a tabulation of figures on file today with the board of supervisors.

The smaller property owners were given reductions totaling \$127,752,000 under 1939 figures, while owners of property at more than \$25,000 were given cuts amounting to only \$25,480,000, the report stated. The figures were supplied in response to an order of the board of supervisors several weeks ago, and pertain to combined land and improvement values, Quinn said.

What the supervisors were trying to find out was whether the large or the small properties were given the most reductions, and Quinn's tabulation showed it was the properties assessed at \$25,000 or less.

As to improvements alone, the report showed that the cuts on items under \$25,000 averaged 11 percent, while on items over \$25,000 the reductions averaged 5.4 percent. The average was 9.75 percent. Land assessed at under \$25,000 was reduced an average of 6.2 percent, while land assessed at more than \$25,000 was reduced an average of 6.78 percent. Average reduction on all land was 6.33 percent.

A Good Crop



Should a Lady Cross Her Legs? Yes and No

SHOULD a lady cross her legs? Yes, and no, say those who know their feminine etiquette. It is permissible, but only if it is done gracefully.

If a woman is sitting in a sprawling position with her legs stretched in front of her so that the calves are flattened out of shape making them look very wide, the answer is no, writes Sally Berry in the January issue of Good Housekeeping. It is, however, quite correct for a woman to lightly cross her ankles if she is sitting erect. This is restful; toes point gracefully, and her legs keep their slender lines. If a woman crosses her legs above the knee, and keeps them straight, not turned out as ugly angles, the answer is again yes.

For a correct sitting position, Miss Berry has some other rules. "Follow them," she advises, "and you'll be sitting pretty."

1. Choose a seat of the right height.
2. Sit on your sitting bones. Don't slump on the end of your spine.
3. See that your lower back touches the back of your chair.

Walterian Awaits Jury Trial on Assault Charge

Charged in a warrant with assault and battery on Amel Joberg, Walteria real estate dealer, Finney Bee Nichols, 83, of 24435 Ward street, Walteria, was arrested and jailed Saturday afternoon. Joberg signed the warrant, according to Torrance police.

When Nichols was arraigned before Judge Robert Lessing Monday morning he plead not guilty and demanded a jury trial. This was set for Friday morning, Jan. 17, at 10 a. m.—the first one of the new year. His bail was fixed at \$100.

WHO GETS THE HOLES?
The champion doughnut-eater, Arthur Darnell of Provincetown, Mass., is described as eating rings around all competitors.

Still Time For Collection of Historic Papers

LOS ANGELES—The opportunity to collect historical material on the growth of California has not disappeared, according to Dr. John W. Caughey, associate professor of history on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"When we think of history, we are likely to think of something that happened long ago, but actually the events and conditions of today are just as vital to the record of human history as things that occurred a hundred years ago," Dr. Caughey declares.

A collection of various pamphlets and printed matter issued today would be of great value to the scholar of the 21st Century, provided that such a collection were comprehensive enough, the professor asserts.

Recent Records Vital
"Pamphlets, because they are usually small in issue, easily destroyed, and low in price or even free, are a good bet for the collector," Dr. Caughey says. "Taken individually, they may seem insignificant, but in a considerable collection they would add on great importance."

The more recent manuscript materials—that is, from 1880 to 1940—are particularly in need of preservation. Perhaps the papers, records, and accounts of a small or average business house would be worth preserving.

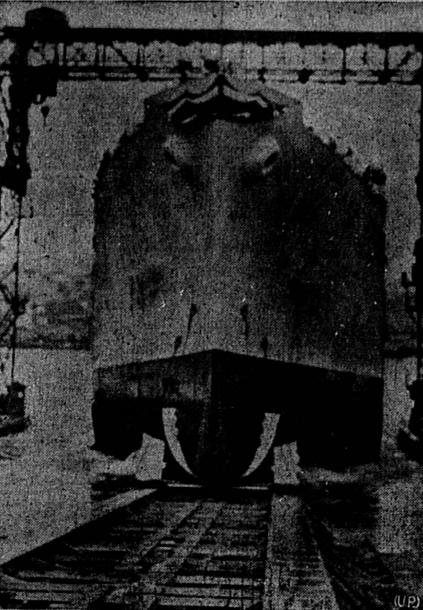
"The accounts, invoices, and orders of a neighborhood book shop, music store, drug store, or clothier would help greatly in rounding out a picture of life in this or any other California community during the last half century," suggests Dr. Caughey.

Lomita and Torrance Women Participate in N.B.P.W. Meet

Mrs. Edna Smith of Lomita, state health chairman for the National Business and Professional Women's club, attended the two day session of the state board at the Women's Athletic club Saturday and Sunday. Plans for the national convention which will be held in Los Angeles July 8 to 11, were discussed and reports given by various committees. Greater cooperation with other women's groups will be one objective of 1941.

Mrs. Smith was one of the guests of honor at the dinner given Saturday night and attended the breakfast and luncheon Sunday at the club. Other Torrance members in attendance were Mrs. Lola Hoover and Mrs. Julia McManus.

Beating Schedule 19 Months



U. S. S. Fulton, a 12-million-dollar sub tender, shown sliding down ways at California's Mare Island Navy Yard, demonstrates record speed-up in naval construction. It was launched 19 months ahead of schedule.

New Petroleum Engineering Course Offered at U.S.C.

"Drilling Mud Technology" is the title of a new course in Petroleum engineering to be offered at University College, late afternoon and evening division of the University of Southern California during the winter quarter which opened Jan. 6.

Delmar H. Larsen, chemical engineer and director of the research laboratory office of the National Lead Company, and a graduate of the California Institute of Technology will teach the course. This new course will deal with the function of drilling fluids, physical properties and colloidal chemistry of drilling muds, flow of plastic substances, chemical treatment, mechanical treatment and testing methods and the economics of mud systems.

PISTOL CLUB SCORES TOLD

Average scores made by members of the Torrance Police Revolver club for the week ending Jan. 6 were as follows, according to F. A. Tiffany, range officer:

22 CALIBRE	String	Av.
Moore, A.	1	287.0
Ashton	2	278.5
Moore, B.	1	289.0
38 CALIBRE		
Freeman	2	280.0
Berry	4	273.0
Moore, A.	1	271.0
Moore, B.	1	265.0
Medicus	2	257.5
Perry	3	245.0
Tidwell	3	224.3
45 CALIBRE		
Berry	1	282.0
Moore, B.	1	244.0
Moore, A.	1	200.0

TOTAL MENTAL PATIENTS
SACRAMENTO—(UP)—The population of California's seven mental hospitals at the end of November was 22,927 as compared to 22,976 in October, a reduction of 49 patients. Dr. Aaron J. Rosanoff, director of the department of institutions, reported this week.

Woman's Club to Hold Luncheon Next Wednesday

A conflict in dates has placed the monthly luncheon meeting of the Torrance Woman's club on Wednesday, Jan. 15, in place of the usual first Wednesday. To simplify the serving problem, the committee has decided to serve a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. E. A. Miles will preside and will present Judge Robert Lessing who give an interesting and informative talk on "The Youth Situation in Torrance."

Mrs. A. H. Silligo, program chairman, will introduce Lella Cunningham Rankin who will review Howard Spring's "Fame is the Spur." A fine musical program has also been planned. A large attendance is expected to enjoy this outstanding program.

Although there will be no charge for the pot luck luncheon, members are requested to make reservations with Mrs. E. M. Johnston, 340W, not later than Monday evening. Mrs. O. W. Hudson and her committee will have charge of the dining room and will serve coffee.

LANDERS FEET ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
The 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lander was the incentive for an attractively appointed dinner party when Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allman, Miss Faye Smith, Bill McFadden, Jerry Simms and Al Smith, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of North Hollywood.



A salesgirl, working on a small salary, is constantly faced with the problem of dressing smartly, but inexpensively. Good Housekeeping for January offers a solution in this medium-blue rayon dress with buttons down the front and long easy sleeves which make it a joy to work in.

MURPHY'S ENTERTAIN ON NEW YEAR'S

The D. A. Murphy home on Sonoma avenue was the setting for a family reunion New Year's Day when they entertained at dinner. At the table, beautiful with poinsettias and matching tapers, covers were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allman, Miss Faye Smith, Bill McFadden, Jerry Simms and Al Smith, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of North Hollywood.

INTERESTING TOPICS FOR P.T.A. MEET

"Recreation, a Joint Home and School Responsibility" has been chosen as the topic for the meeting of Torrance High school P. T. A. Monday, Jan. 13, at 2:15 p. m. Mrs. J. O. Bishop will preside. An open forum discussion on "The Value of the Club, Recreational and Social Program of the School" will be presented.

Miss Irene Mills will lead the discussion outlining the school's viewpoint while the parents' viewpoint will be amplified by one of the P.T.A. members. A fine musical program has been arranged by the school orchestra.

A. L. A. MEETING TUESDAY EVENING

The regular business meeting of American Legion Auxiliary will be held at Legion clubhouse next Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at 7:45.

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EVANGELICAL GUILD DINNER JAN. 15

All members and many friends of Central Evangelical Guild are expected to form a capacity gathering next Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, when the ladies will serve a turkey dinner at Guild hall. Homemade apple pies will also be among the delectable dishes offered.

Mrs. A. H. Baker will have charge of dinner arrangements while Mrs. J. B. Shaw is reservations chairman. Tickets at 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children may be secured by calling Mrs. Shaw at 626. Serving will begin promptly at 5:30 p. m. and will continue until all have been served.

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Jumbo Ripe Olives 5 1/2-oz. can 19c

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Post Toasties 5 1/2-oz. can 12c
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