Letters to Editor

MONEY RETURNED

May 19, 1941

To the Editor,
Torrance Herald.
Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago there was quite a stir about the churches of Torrance receiving money from the public dances, conducted in the Civic Auditorium by the Coordinating Council. Not knowing this money came from said dances, The Baptist church accepted $32.00.

Owing to the fact that the Baptist denomination does not uphold the public dance, we returned the money to Dr. Fossum, treasurer of Coordinating Council.

Will thank you very much for publishing this letter.

(Signed) S. W. SIMMONS,
Chairman Board Trustees,
First Baptist Church,
Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Barnes are entertaining his father, R. P. Barnes of Denver, Colorado, who arrived Saturday for a two weeks' visit.

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An Open Letter to A Closed Corporation

Shocking disclosures have been made of the existence of a political combine in Torrance. Telephone calls have been made by anonymous persons falsely impersonating prominent citizens in which information was sought concerning the success of the drive to obtain signatures on recall petitions.

Merchants signing the petitions have been intimidated or threatened with boycott. Pressure has been attempted on employers in efforts to force the firing of workers. There are rumors of the promises of official jobs if certain persons would oppose the recall of Councilmen George V. Powell, John V. Murray and Vern Babcock.

In one instance a Los Angeles employer was approached by two persons describing themselves as councilmen of Torrance who sought to undermine the livelihood of a Torrance citizen.

On all sides alarming reports are coming to the Recall Committee of collusion and intimidation.

If these things are true we may well look forward in a not tco distant future, if the recall is not victorious, to a reign of terror comparable to what might be expected at the hands of henchmen of that notorious triple alliance of the old world should that noxious influence penetrate America.

The basic tenet of the American way of life is subverted when voters may not freely exercise their rights as citizens. The democratic system itself is destroyed insofar as we have had taken from us the right to free determination.

It is unthinkable that public servants, elevated to positions of trust and service, should combine and conspire to perpetuate themselves in office by means of wholesale intimidation. We ask the city councilmen accused in the recall proceedings to declare themselves openly upon these issues.

Do business men lose their right, for instance, by engaging in business subject to the control of city ordinances, to petition to recall inefficient, extravagant and autocratic public servants?

We want no Storm Troopers waylaying our people, or undermining their jobs or businesses, or frightening our wives and mothers with anonymous telephone calls in the night.

If there is any boss or combination of bosses in Torrance who covet—even in their small way—the mantle of Hitler, we want to know about it.

(Signed) RECALL COMMITTEE,
G. M. Bumpus, Secretary.

Fall From Couch Proves Worse Than Bump

A fall from a couch usually results in only a bump.

But Miss Margaret Horner, assistant manager of the Van de Kamp bakery store here, now knows of one that was far more serious.

After a hard day's work at the store, she was resting on a couch in her Cravens apartment yesterday. On arising she fell and broke her left foot.

Miss Horner intends to rest in an easy chair after this.

14 Patients Enter Hospital

Fourteen patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Mrs. Gladys Barenz, Redondo Beach, May 20 for surgery; Clifford Bundy, Lawndale, May 20 for surgery; Mrs. Cleona Cline, 1326 224th st. May 17 for surgery; Willis Cook, 1622 Cedar ave. May 20 for medical care; Curtis C. Cribbs, Redondo Beach, readmitted May 17 for surgery, and Philip Davis, Lomita, May 19, for surgery.

Miss Derelys Gray, 20629 Victor st. May 16 for surgery; Estelle Grande, 8, Pueblo, May 19 for medical care; Mrs. Alma Ingram, Los Angeles, May 19 for surgery; Don Kelly, Harbor City, May 17 for surgery; John W. Morrison, 2115 Cabrillo ave. May 18 for treatment of a back injury suffered as result of an accident; Mrs. Blanche McVicar, 2120 Gramercy ave. May 15 for surgery; Dawn Reline, 8, Hermosa Beach, May 17 for an appendectomy, and Mrs. Roberta Shand, Lawndale, May 18 for medical care.

Tract of 45 Lots In Gardena Being Opened

Officials of the FHA are reported to have approved application for development of a tract of 45 residential lots in Gardena bounded by Western ave. 168th st. Denker ave. and 169th st. The building company plans to construct homes having from 800 to 850 square feet of floor space.

Foundations for the first three of 431 dwellings planned in the Gardena tract between Crenshaw blvd. and Arlington ave. are completed, it is reported by Gardena's building inspector.

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JON KENNETH RICE . . . was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Rice of Redondo Beach at 10:10 a. m. May 20 at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. His father is a printing pressman and his mother is the former Alice Idiart. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Idiart and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rice.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SCOTT III . . . arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barse Scott of Manhattan Beach at 9 p. m. May 19 at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. Father Scott is an inspector at the Douglas Aircraft plant and Mrs. Scott is the former Kathryn Ford. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David L. Scott of South Pasadena and Mrs. Lee Grider of El Monte.

ROSALINDE LEE JERSEY . . . was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Jersey of Hermosa Beach at 5:04 p. m. May 17 at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, she weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces. Her father is a salesman for an auto agency and her mother is the former Julia Maude English.

WILLIAM LASH AYERS . . . was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Ayres of San Pedro at 3:46 a. m. May 14 at Torrance Memorial hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and has a brother, Albert Louis, who is a year and 10 months old. Father Ayres is a longshoreman and Mrs. Ayres is the former Alice Hensley. The baby's grandmother is Mrs. A. F. Hensley of San Pedro.

JOHN ALEXANDER GUYAN . . arrived to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Guyan of 1819 Gramercy ave. at 4:33 a. m. May 16 at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces. Father Guyan is an employee at the National Supply Company and Mrs. Guyan is the former Ellen Hutchison. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Guyan of 1807 Andreo ave. and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hutchison of Eldon, Mo.

TIMOTHY BROOKS THOMPSON . . . was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson of Hermosa Beach at 1:15 a. m. May 20 at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces. His father is a building contractor and his mother is the former Margaret Mae Worrell. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emory Worrell of Wisnor, Neb., and Mrs. H. E. Thompson of Harrisburg, Ill.

CHARLES THOMAS NESMITH . . . was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Nesmith of Gardena at 8:11 a. m. May 18 at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. His father is employed at the Douglas Aircraft plant and his mother is the former Elsie Katherine Carter. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nesmith of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carter of Moneta.

KAREN FRANCES HAKANSON . . . arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Hakanson of 1695½ Gramercy ave. at 11:13 a. m. May 14 at Torrance Memorial hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and has a three-year-old brother, Gary Ryan. Father Hakanson is assistant manager of the A & P Food Store and Mrs. Hakanson is the former Doris Esther Hills. The baby's grandparents are Mrs. Esther Hills of Long Beach, C. E. Hills of Norfolk, Neb., and Mrs. Ellen Hakanson of Torrance.

JUDITH ANN GOFF . . . was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Goff of 1646 West 216th st. at 8:15 a. m. May 20 at Torrance Memorial hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and has a sister, Carol, age 6½ years, and a brother, Larry, age 5 years. Father Goff is a mechanic at the Columbia Steel plant and Mrs. Goff is the former Mildred Self. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Goff of Ritzil, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Self, Post Falls, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Shafner of Cleveland, Ohio, were recent house guests of the Bernard Powers on Sonoma st.

West Creates New Motoring Style

The cabriolet has "come back" in a new combination of light colored body and dark top as illustrated here, according to the Wilcox Chevrolet Company at 1600 Caorilio ave. The local Chevrolet dealers report heavy demand for the smart style. Features contributing to popularity are plenty of room between steering wheel and driver, shown at top right, and the new concealed safety step, at lower right.

Hollypark's New Film Patrol

Always seeking improvements, Hollywood Park race track, which opens its 1941 turf meeting on May 23, introduces the new scientific Eastman color movie film Binco-Cameras, which will be operated by eight Patrol Judges taking films of every inch of every race. Shown here are Jack F. Mackenzie (right), general manager of the track, who conceived the idea; and Hollywood Scientist Lorenzo del Riccio, who collaborated in development of the apparatus.

Front view of new Binco-Camera to be used at Hollywood Park race track this season.

Hammerton Tract's Valuation Too Low to Permit Sewers

The desire of residents in the Hammerton Tract, Torrance, for sanitary sewers cannot be met at this time through any way that county officials can figure out.

County Engineer Alfred Jones has advised Oscar Carlson, route 1, Torrance, that the assessed valuation of the property in his vicinity is too low to permit installation of sewers thru an assessment district. Average assessed valuation is but $50 an acre.

A long outfall connection would be required, and would cost $2.50 or $3.00 a front foot, or $125 to $150 for a lot, Jones said.

Mrs. J. G. Farley of Galesburg, Illinois, visited at the B. F. Dye home here Sunday afternoon.

School Operetta Scores Hit With Large Audience

The Early Bird caught the Worm and in so doing scored a distinct triumph for the pupils, teachers and mothers of The Torrance Elementary school who presented the operetta of that title last night at the high school assembly hall. The performance was undoubtedly the finest ever made by elementary youngsters and rivaled the high school's "Trial by Jury" for its general excellence.

A large cast frolicked thru a gay plot of barnyard intrigue with the young singers and actors gayly costumed as chickens, ducks, a kite, egg plant, farmer's family, a pirate hawk and foxes. The musical numbers were especially well done and the entire presentation merited the salvos of applause that greeted every song, humorous speech and funny situation.

The entire production was in charge of Carol Brigham, who must share honors with a large number of mothers and all of the teachers who spent many hours in preparation of costumes and rehearsing the operetta. Virginia Wheeler was in charge of costuming, while other chairmen were Helen Jewell, stage properties; Lida Feltham, advertising; Lovena Boudinot, tickets, and Ciara Pierce, ushers.

Sons of Legion to Complete Assembly Plans on Sunday

Final plans will be made Sunday at the Torrance Legion clubhouse by about 40 leaders of the Sons of the American Legion for the Fourth Area Assembly convention to be held in Torrance all day Saturday, June 7.

The group will go over all arrangements made for the registration of delegates from Sons' squadrons from about 80 Southland communities that day, the convention sessions in the Civic Auditorium in the morning, competitions for bands, drill teams, drum and bugle corps, rifle teams, color guards and ritualistic units in the early afternoon and the parade which will start at 4 o'clock p. m. A dance in the Civic Auditorium will conclude the event.

It was definitely learned this week that the famed San Gabriel Drum and Bugle corps, many times state and national champions, will lead the parade. The color guard from this city, also state champions, will head the vanguard of colors in the long procession.

Awarded High School Diploma At 30

PERRY, N. Y. (U.P.) — Bill Rychlik, 30-year-old proprietor of a local tavern, will graduate this June from the village high school. He enrolled to complete a course dropped 10 years ago when he lacked only a half year to be graduated.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell this week are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Davis of Hilo, Hawaii.

SOCIETY and Club

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for the Catholic Ladies' card party this evening at Nativity Hall are Mmes. Woods, McConlogue, Arnold, Vincent and Ralston and Miss Mary Scallen. Everyone is invited. There will be prizes and refreshments.

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BACON-BUNZ NUPTIALS READ LAST THURSDAY

In a simple ceremony performed last Thursday evening at San Pedro, Mrs. Audrey Bunz and Fred O. Bacon were united in marriage by Rev. Andrews, pastor of the Lutheran church, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. E. Ihme, parents of Mrs. Bunz and her 10-year-old son, Walter Scott, attended the couple.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party enjoyed a dinner party at a Long Beach cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon are at home to their friends at 2117-D Cabrillo ave. He is employed at National Supply Company here.

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KIWANIS PARTY SATURDAY, MAY 31

Palos Verdes Country club has been chosen as the setting for the quarterly Kiwanis dinner dance to be held Saturday evening, May 31. The committee in charge of arrangements is H. F. Ulbright, chairman, and Dr. R. F. Bishop, and Messrs. J. R. Klink, H. C. Barrington and R. J. Deininger.

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THURSDAY CLUB AT OUT-OF-TOWN PARTY

Members of the Thursday Afternoon club enjoyed a gala luncheon and bridge party last week at Scully's Leimert Park cafe. Grab-bag prizes were distributed. Those present were Mesdames Ruth Haggard and T. H. Kendrick of Los Angeles, Myrtle McManus, Fred Knudsen, B. F. Dye, F. C. Winkler, O. W. Hudson, F. Shields, H. A. Lewis, F. H. Clark, May McKinley and J. O. Moore.

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MRS. HAYNES FETED BY HARMONY CLUB

Members of the Harmony club were entertained at a luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. E. W. Lock. Mrs. H. M. Haynes, who is leaving this weekend for a vacation trip to Washington, D. C., was presented with a going-away gift.

Pansies were used to decorate the tables, arranged on the attractive rear lawn of the Lock home and covers were set for nine. Those present were Mmes. H. M. Haynes, Hugh Herring, S. R. Ludlow, E. E. Banks, B. F. Dye, William Gascoigne, L. D. Babcock and A. P. Stevenson.

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ATTENDING STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Edna Smith and Miss Marge Huber, president and vice-president of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, are attending the state convention at Yosemite this week.

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DOROTHY SANDSTROM AT BIRTHDAY FETE

The 15th birthday of Dorothy Sandstrom was celebrated with a luncheon at her home Saturday afternoon. Sweet peas and a decorated birthday cake with candles were used for the table at which covers were placed for Dorothy and the Misses Audrey Miller, Marjorie Chambers, Lucy Mae Rose and Joann Sandstrom. Later that day the girls were entertained at a showing of "Fantasia" at Los Angeles.

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J. D.'s MOTHERS TO MEET AT PARK

Job's Daughters' Mothers' club will meet at Torrance city park Monday, May 26, at 12:30. Mothers are requested to take sandwiches and a beverage will be served. Hostesses are Mmes. Herbert C. Alleh, Richard Armitage and Henry Wertalla. Election of officers and other important business matters will be transacted.

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O.E.S. DEPUTY'S VISIT IS POSTPONED

The regular meeting of the Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star was held at Masonic Temple Thursday evening. Because of an injury sustained by Mrs. Veva Briley, district deputy, her official visit to this chapter has been postponed pending her release from a Los Angeles hospital.

Mrs. J. W. Post, accompanied by her mother Mrs. Mary Armstrong and Mrs. Margaret Mills of Los Angeles, left Saturday evening for a three weeks' visit at Ogden, Utah.

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