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THERE MUST BE A REASON DEPT.

High, high atop a hill near the Union Oil Company's refinery in San Pedro there stands a huge and brilliant orange and blue neon sign. It's a tremendous thing. Must be four, maybe five stories high. The giant circle of blue neon lights ringing a fiery orange "76" can be seen for miles both from land and sea.

But not until a viewer gets real close, maybe a block or two away, does he notice that on top of the sign is a little red globe—a warning to aircraft.

Looks like the residents of Palos Verdes Estates are getting mighty uppish. Some time ago the City of Palos Verdes sent out a city worker with a post hole digger over one shoulder and a load of steel pipe over the other. Maybe he didn't actually carry them on his shoulders but he did take them to the city boundary line between Palos Verdes and the City of Torrance.

In the middle of two streets linking the two cities he dug a series of holes. Into these holes he placed his steel pipes. "The Iron Curtain," cried the residents of Hollywood Riviera. At first they were very indignant. But after a while they found it wasn't they who were handicapped by not being able to drive into Palos Verdes. What was up there they needed? Nothing!

Now under construction is a new tract of homes in Torrance. The streets lead into and join other streets in Palos Verdes. Already the residents of Palos Verdes, 275 of them, have requested the City Council of PV to erect more "Iron Curtains" across the new streets. Next week the City Fathers of PV will have to decide what to do about the situation. One plan, and it probably will go into effect, is to completely abandon the streets so that the serfs who live in Torrance won't be able to drive their ox carts through the estates of Palos Verdes.

THINGS I NEVER KNEW TIL NOW DEPT. I've always admired those gleaming white flat roof tops that are so common on houses in and around Palm Springs. I've often wondered just what type of material they used for gravel that made the roofs so shiny white. Now I know. It's ground-up toilets.

This is possible due to the high standards of American Standard. AmStan refuses to place on the market any of their pottery products unless they are Number A-1 grade. The slightest flaw, the slightest discoloration in one of their fixtures and the piece of pottery is slugged with a sledge hammer. Latter the imperfect pieces are ground up into gravel size chunks, sacked, and sold for roof-topping.

Monday night at a program marking the observance of National Newspaper Week by the San Pedro Elks Club I met a Mr. Norman McKay, a representative of the Helms Athletic Foundation. He said he couldn't eat spicy foods, drink, nor smoke. "I've recently been re-punctuated," he explained. "The Doc recently removed part of my colon. That leaves me with a semi-colon."

Mrs. Lorraine Winkelbauer, a dental assistant, is a gal that really gets wrapped up in her work. Just the other day she was interested in a drilling operation and got a little too close with the result she got her hair caught in the drilling rig. It required ten minutes and a pair of scissors to free her.

Golf Clubs Taken A recreation-minded thief made off with a set of lady's golf clubs in a case valued at \$168. Harris Moore, 605 Calle de Arboles reported to Torrance police.

Yes Vote Needed on No. 3

AN EDITORIAL The fact that California is the only state in the nation which continues to tax non-profit schools is not a situation to which it can point with pride.

In all 47 other states non-profit schools are tax exempt. Here in California the situation is completely incongruous. We tax non-profit schools which teach children stricken with cerebral palsy. We tax non-profit schools for the blind. We tax religious schools (but not their churches). And yet, we levy no tax on non-profit colleges.

In 1914 California abolished the tax on non-profit colleges, some of which now include: U.S.C. (Methodist) Redlands (Baptist), Whittier (Quaker), Occidental (Presbyterian), Loyola (Catholic) and others.

Last year the legislature of this state voted 103 to 3 to lift the tax on non-profit schools below the college level. But a group of "do gooders" appealing to prejudice, intolerance and to religious bigotry wiped out the fine action of the legislature and obtained sufficient signatures to establish a referendum.

The matter will appear on your November ballot as Proposition No. 3.

A "YES" vote on Proposition No. 3 means the voter favors the abolishment of taxing non-profit schools.

Here in Torrance we have several schools. If we discontinue to tax these institutions the amount of taxes lost to the public

school system will amount to approximately \$750.

Yet! If the taxpayers of Torrance had to pay for the education of those children attending non-profit schools in our city they would have to budget approximately \$80,000 with which to do it.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District—the public schools of Torrance, states:

"The difference in tax funds is of inconsequential financial significance to the public schools of Torrance."

The parents of students attending schools teaching the physically handicapped or mentally retarded and the parents of students attending schools built and staffed by various religious groups pay twice for the education of their children.

This is unfair.

It is interesting to note that almost every major newspaper in the state lauded the action of the legislature and Gov. Warren who signed the bill killing the "penalty tax." There was one notable exception—"The People's Daily World," official organ of the Communist Party in California.

Now the matter is up to the people of California.

A "Yes" vote will show tolerance.

A "Yes" vote will show good citizenship.

A "Yes" vote is the vote needed on every ballot at the Nov. 4 election.



FRANK HIGGINS (left) and Steve Schmidt, co-owners of the Star Furniture Co. at 1255 Sartori Ave. The store first opened in Torrance on Friday, Oct. 14, 1932. The anniversary sale will last "for at least 10 days," according to Higgins, who has been manager since 1938.

Star Furniture Co. Plans 20th Anniversary Sale

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in Torrance with a store-wide sale beginning tomorrow morning is the Star Furniture Co., 1255 Sartori Ave.

Opened in Torrance on Oct. 14, 1932 by Jacob G. Koch, who still maintains an interest in the firm, the store moved into its present modern home in 1936. Now associated with Koch in the business are J. F. "Frank" Higgins, manager since 1938; Steve Schmidt and Kenny Belles. Boasting one of the most com-

plete lines of home furnishings and appliances in the entire area, the Star Furniture Co. was hailed as the largest store of its kind in the South Bay area when its new building was completed in 1936.

It is the oldest established furniture store in Torrance.

Featured in the store-wide sale starting tomorrow morning will be nationally advertised furniture, appliances, and other home furnishings. Budget terms can be arranged on any purchases, Higgins said.

Higgins has been with the firm since it opened 20 years ago. Schmidt, his partner, has been with Star for 13 years.

Deadline Today For Vet Dinner Reservations

Korean veterans who still want to make reservations for the dinner Saturday night given in their honor by the Torrance American Legion Post and Auxiliary can do so by calling Torrance 1569-J. or Lomita 232-J. Commander Harry Green said yesterday.

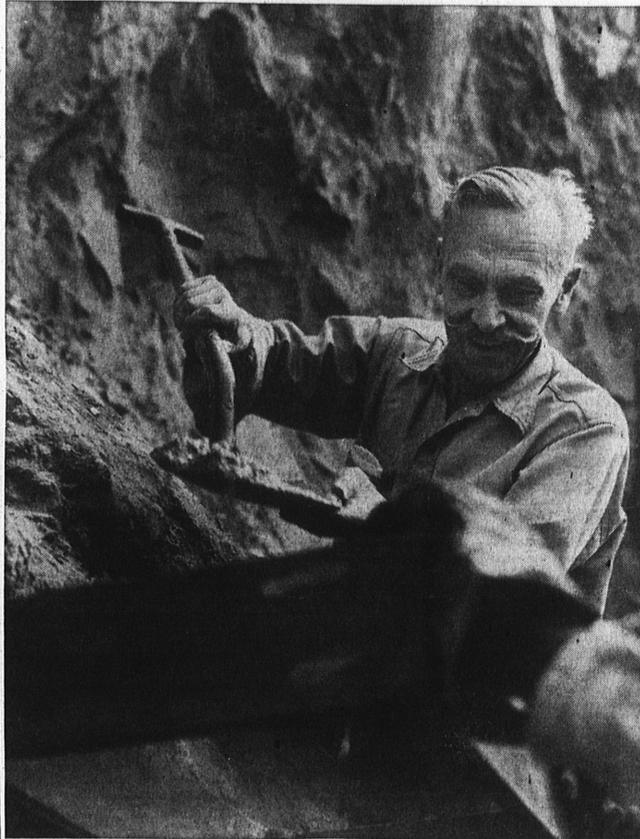
However, all reservations must be received by 10 p.m. tonight, Thursday.

The dinner-dance is free to all members of the post and auxiliary as well as all Korean veterans, it was stated. The dinner is planned for 7 p.m. and will be followed by a dance, at 9 p.m., which is open to the public.

Commander Green said that this is the first function on the fall-winter calendar of social events and urges all vets and members to take advantage of this affair to get acquainted. The dinner will be held at the Legion Hall here.



FATHER HONORED . . . Receiving a flag of her country to commemorate the death of her father in a Japanese POW camp during World War II is 13-year-old Irene Craig, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Sanders, 31325 S. Berondo. The flag was presented by J. G. Caldwell on behalf of the Dominguez Rotary Club while the girl's mother looked on. Sgt. Howard E. Craig, member of the 93rd Bombardment Squadron, died on June 12, 1943, his family was notified. They didn't learn of his death until three years later.



HAPPY DIGGING . . . Thirty feet below the surface of the grounds of General Petroleum's Torrance refinery, George P. Kanakoff, Los Angeles County Museum paleontologist, shovels out 250,000-year-old fossils from a sand deposit of the ancient Palos Verdes Island.

Ancient Shoreline Ran Through Middle of City

Looking for Palos Verdes Island? It disappeared 250,000 years ago, but you'll find the shoreline right in the middle of a Torrance oil refinery.

This was the discovery this week of George P. Kanakoff of the Los Angeles County Museum paleontology staff.

Thanks to the alertness of S. R. Goycollea, a stillman at the General Petroleum Corp. refinery in Torrance, Kanakoff was able to locate the easterly shore of the ancient island which became linked with the mainland about 250,000 years ago—give or take a few thousand either way.

Goycollea noticed a peculiar horizontal line of sand in a 40-foot excavation being dug at the refinery. He clambered in and scratched away, digging out a few small shells. These were forwarded to Kanakoff by A. E. Thompson, refinery manager.

The samples brought an immediate request for a personal visit by Kanakoff, which was granted. The paleontologist arrived with pick, shovel and gunny sacks, and spent two hours digging out samples of the long-buried fossils.

He expressed an opinion that the sand reef turned up by the excavation established the easterly shore of Palos Verdes Island—or at least where the shoreline was during the Upper Pleistocene Age, which ended 25,000 years ago.

For some time Los Angeles county paleontologists have been rapping the topography of this area as it existed during the different geologic ages. An important feature of the Upper Pleistocene Age was Palos Verdes Island, which had first made its appearance a couple of million years before. It was gradually linked up with the mainland by deposits of alluvial

Given Good Conduct Bar

Army Sgt. William M. Lamper whose wife Betty Jean lives at 1211 El Prado, recently was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in Korea.

The medal is given for three years of exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Lamper, West Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lamper, who entered the Army in 1948, is an administrative specialist for the 3rd Logistics Command in Korea.

Scout District Given Quota of 76 for Jamboree

Thirty-four specially-organized Scout Troops, of 28 boys and adults each, from the Los Angeles Area Boy Scout Council will be present at the Third National Scout Jamboree on Irvine Ranch adjacent to upper Newport Bay, next July. John K. Northrop, Council Jamboree chairman, yesterday announced this quota of local Boy Scouts, Explorers and leaders for the 50,000-person encampment in Orange County July 17-23, 1953.

At the same time Northrop announced the appointment of John W. Ackermann, deputy Scout executive of Los Angeles Council, as Council Jamboree director. The 34 troops will comprise one complete Jamboree section, Northrop explained, and Ackermann will also act as section director, with 42 carefully-chosen leaders to assist him.

Troop Outlined A Jamboree Troop will be made up of four patrols of eight Scouts each, plus three junior leaders—senior patrol leader, Scribe, and quartermaster—and three adult leaders—Scoutmaster and two assistant Scoutmasters.

Each of the Council's 16 districts, Northrop said, has been assigned a quota of one, two, or three Jamboree troops, based on the number of Boy Scout troops and Explorer units in the district, with Harbor district, which includes this area, allotted 2 Jamboree troops; 76 men and boys.

Districts began this week, he stated, to accept reservations for their Jamboree troops, and he explained that the district quota will be held until Jan. 1, after which quotas not filled will be opened to districts which have over-subscribed the original allotments. A council reserve of eight troops remaining after assignment of district quotas will also be filled this way.

According to Northrop, each district will name its own Jamboree troop leadership, but the Council Jamboree committee will select sectional leadership from applications made direct to the committee, Northrop explained.

Demos Announce Contest to Pick Total Voting

A contest for prizes donated by Torrance merchants to be conducted by the Democratic headquarters in Torrance was announced this week.

The person giving the closest estimate on the number of persons in Torrance who will vote for the two presidential candidates in the Nov. 4 election will be the winner, according to the announcement.

The contest deadline is 9 p.m. Nov. 3, the night before the election.

Decision of the judges will be final in case of a tie, officials say. Estimates are limited to one per person and the winner will be notified by mail or telephone Nov. 9.

Democrats Slate Official Fete At Headquarters

Congressman Cecil R. King will be on hand between 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday when the Torrance Democrat Headquarters is opened at 1342 El Prado, according to Nick Drale, chairman of Torrance Democrats, Inc.

The headquarters has been opened for about two weeks, but Saturday's fete will mark the official opening, Drale said.

The public has been invited to drop in and see the headquarters. Refreshments will be served.

Car Radio Stolen While his car was parked at the Regie Cable Co. parking lot, a radio was taken from it. Donald J. Breyer reported to Torrance police Monday.



OPENS FURNITURE ANNEX . . . Phoning his "front office" is Duane Baldwin, who will manage the new Frank's Furniture Annex at 2311 Arlington when it opens tomorrow morning. He will have free gifts for the first 50 ladies to visit the new store. The store will handle used furniture and some new, according to Frank Dominguez Jr., sales manager of Frank's.