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UNION TOOL TEAM WINS FROM ALEXANDER GIANTS

Colored Champions Can't Make The Grade Lose 8 to 6

Saturday, February 12.—The U. T. Co. nine exhibited their baseball prowess on a strange diamond today when they whipped the Alexander Giants to the tune of 8 to 6. This game tied the Utees with the Pacific Redi-cuts for the Suburban League leadership.

We are not very well acquainted with the personnel of these said Giants, but right in the first inning we decided that their best players were pullman porters somewhere east of the Rockies.

It was the Utees day—fine weather prevailed, and the Giants' two pitchers, supported by ten other players, could not stop them. They used two of their first string hurlers, Mooney being batted entirely out of the box by the fourth, when they sent in "Bullet" Ross who pitted his arm against the batting eye of our boys who grabbed six hits off him before the game was over. Ross allowed five safeties in the four innings he was on the mound.

Somebody charged Beck with three errors, which, while true, only accounted for his accepting every chance that came anywhere in his territory. McDonnell's arm was in fine shape and he had those colored lads guessing from the very start, and, to keep them still further in doubt, McDonnell landed two pretty ones in safe places.

Bouett's hitting and fielding were the features of the game, four hits—two singles and two doubles in five trips to the plate, being chalked up to his credit.

Next Saturday, February 19, the Pacific Redi-cuts, who are leading in the Manager's Association as well as in the Suburban League will journey to Torrance to play the Utees for the league leadership. We are hoping for nice weather, and if favored thusly, we promise to send those wood butchers home talking to themselves.

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MERCHANTS TEAM SUFFERS A DEFEAT

Cline-Cline Team of Los Angeles, Winners of Sunday's Game

Sunday, February 13.—Sundays, especially chilly, rheumy Sundays, seem to be a hoodoo for the Torrance Merchants. When Sunday's game with the Cline-Cline team started, the sky, though cloudy, gave out a grateful warmth, and Torrance started right out by chalked up two counters, Bouett having kissed one for three bags, with Rigg on third, and then scoring himself on Gomes' infield grounder.

Berger pitched a nice game for Torrance, until the fifth which the sporting goods dealers confused him with their persistent bunting, which, together with four hits, several errors, three free passes, and that chilly arm-stiffening breeze, which had started up and which is the bugaboo to Torrance players, had letted them six runs, one in the third, two in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Peppin stepped into the box at the beginning of the eighth, but it was too short a battle from then on, even if he did hold them to one hit, a home run, in the ninth.

On Sunday, February 20, the Merchants will play the Haas-Cox nine on the local diamond.

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EXCURSIONS BRING MANY

M. L. May, general sales manager for the Dominguez Land Corporation, and an excursion every day this week to the tract west of the High School, and reports from two sales every day.

TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET MONDAY

There will be a social meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce next Monday, February 21, at 8:00 P. M. at the hall in Steffen Block.

Mr. W. S. Rosecrans, secretary of Los Angeles County Farmer's Bureau, will deliver an address on the work of the Bureau, also on "Gopher Control."

The subject of establishing a Farm Bureau for this community of the chamber of commerce will come up at this meeting.

It is hoped that all members will be present and bring their friends. Ladies are especially invited to attend this meeting and to take part in it.

Subjects of interest will be discussed. Suggestions and opinions of citizens, whether members or not are desired.

Let us all have a part in the things that pertain to the welfare and growth of Torrance.

VERMONT AVENUE BEFORE CIVIC BODY

Members of City Council Were Present To Learn Of New Project

The Fourth District Chambers of Commerce held their regular monthly meeting in Gardena last Thursday evening, February 10. There was a very large attendance, in fact, it was said, that it was the largest meeting ever held by this organization which has become a strong power for the welfare of the Fourth Supervisorial District.

President Geo. A. Proctor, of Torrance presided at the meeting. The improvement of Vermont Avenue was the principal topic of the evening and there was much discussion on this subject. Members of the Los Angeles City Council were present and addresses were made by Councilmen Wheeler, Criswell, Langdon and Conway, Captain Hanson of San Pedro, W. S. Rosecrans of Gardena, and Representative Frank Mirmiriam of Long Beach.

A committee comprising three members from each chamber of commerce, was appointed to develop further plans and procedure for the completion of Vermont Avenue.

E. X. Andem, president of the Torrance chamber of commerce, and President Proctor, were the delegates from Torrance.

At the close of the meeting, a bounteous supper was prepared by members of the Gardena chamber for the 200 guests who had attended the meeting.

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BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Mrs. O. M. Davis of the White House Cafe was painfully burned Saturday, when an explosion occurred in the gas oven of one of the large cook stoves. The rear burner failed to ignite until the oven became filled with escaping gas, causing the flames to burst forth, burning Mrs. Davis about the face.

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NEW BANK BIDS ARE BEING CONSIDERED

Contract To Be Let For New Building The First of Next Week

Bids for the construction of the new Bank building which will be erected just across the street south of the Auditorium, will probably be called in the latter part of this week or the first of next. After contracts are let the building will soon be under way, probably by March 1. The building will be two stories, the architecture to be one of elegance.

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Two Kinds of Towns That are Nearly Alike

THERE are two kinds of towns in this country that are drifting and getting no place; that are really entitled to sympathy. One is the town that could support a live Commercial Club, but won't, and the other is the town that has a Commercial Club but will not help it live. All know enough about the inside workings of a live, snappy, progressive organization of business and professional men in other towns to know what could be accomplished here. They don't have to be told that for natural resources, for a place in which to live and rear a family, no other community on the face of the earth offers better advantages than this. Yet the average citizen is apt to content himself with leaving it to the other fellow to place these facts before the outside world. The newspaper does its share, and it speaks a good word for the people and community every week. But it must be backed up by the hearty co-operation of all citizens to make its boost for the town successful. Any man knows two horses can pull more than one. Then why shouldn't a hundred, or six hundred men accomplish more, all pulling in the same direction, than a half-dozen? The argument is all in favor of the live Commercial Club, or Chamber of Commerce, or whatever you may choose to call such an organization. Everyone should lend a helping hand, and not leave your organization struggle along without you, when "progress" is their only slogan for your home town.

WANTED—600 MEMBERS

An effort ought to be made in Torrance to induce every citizen in this city who desires to see the interests of his home town advanced to add their names to the membership of the Chamber of Commerce.

The membership is too small. At least 90 per cent of the City's residents should belong to the chamber—and if we had that number the roll would be over 600.

Six hundred people banded together for the betterment of any community would be a great asset. We have wonderful opportunities in Torrance, opportunities the like of which cannot be equalled anywhere and it is only our own fault if those opportunities are not taken advantage of.

Present indications point to this coming year being the greatest in the history of this city. With the coming of prosperity also comes demand upon the citizenship and if the people do not rise to the occasion and keep pace with progress then they fail of doing their full community duty.

It isn't asking much to request you to affiliate yourself with the only civic organization that is continually striving to help the city forge ahead. Your moral support is needed; some work is needed to be done by you; and your small financial help, represented by a membership, will be of benefit to the organization and also to the city.

So, if you are approached and asked to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, don't hesitate but immediately affiliate yourself with the live wires of the community and help Torrance, your own home town.

POPULAR WEDDING TAKES PLACE

TORRANCE COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Mary Crossland and Mr. A. J. Harder, both of Torrance, were quietly married last Friday in Los Angeles. Miss Crossland is well known in Torrance and her friends are numbered well into the hundreds, coming in daily contact with numerous people as clerk in Rappaport's Store of this city. Mr. Harder is a valuable employee of the Union Tool Company where he has been employed for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Harder are receiving congratulations from their numerous friends who are pleased to know they will reside in Torrance, having engaged apartments in the El Prado block.

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CLASS ADOPTION AT M. W. A.

Next Wednesday night there will be a regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America at their hall. Members and visiting brothers are requested to attend the Class Adoption that evening.

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BOWLING TEAM TO LONG BEACH

Choosing Long Beach as their objective, the two bowling teams captained by Geo. W. Neill and C. A. Paxman, enjoyed their regular weekly games in the bowling alleys. The boys report a fine time with the scores very close.

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DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL EVENT IS HELD

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Cleverly planning a surprise for her father, Miss Florence Hammetton of Los Angeles, daughter of H. C. Hammetton, invited fifteen intimate friends of her father from the Los Angeles Examiner, to their cottage in Portola Avenue, Monday night in honor of his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary. Valentines were used as place cards, and colored candles were used profusely to adorn the large birthday cake. Mr. Hammetton was held at his office until 9:00 P. M., when Miss Hammetton telephoned she was weary from waiting alone. But when the honoree arrived at his home all was in darkness, until he stepped into the parlor, when he received the greetings of his friends.

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IRONTON HOTEL ARRIVALS

New arrivals at the Hotel Iron-ton the past week are as follows: J. W. Deitrick, Cleveland, O.; H. M. Burkhardt, Pittsburg, Pa.; W. A. Card, Suisun, California; A. Spier, Huntington Park, Cal.; R. Springs, Los Angeles.

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TORRANCE COUPLE WED

Miss Grace Turpin and James Record, both of Torrance were married last week at the Methodist Parsonage in Colton. Mr. and Mrs. Record will reside in Torrance.

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HOSPITAL DIRECTORS MEET

The directors of the Torrance Hospital Association met last Wednesday and transacted general business matters that came before the meeting. Among other affairs that were discussed was the campaign to be inaugurated to raise funds from membership fees. Immediate action along this line was postponed for further consideration when a date will be set for an active campaign.

VALENTINE PARTY

Mrs. J. H. Fess and Mrs. P. F. Brown were hostesses Monday afternoon when a Valentine party was arranged for Mrs. F. E. Bennett, all of Arlington Ave. Many beautiful valentines were received by the honoree and refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. P. G. Briney, Mrs. Netta Steinhilber, Mrs. R. A. Marsh, Mrs. A. B. Denny, Mrs. A. B. Shriner, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. James Wolfe, Mrs. N. H. Nash, Mrs. S. Norse, Mrs. Shreve and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier.

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GREAT STARS ON CHAUTAUQUA LIST

Looking Forward to Week of Real Entertainment This Season

It has grown to be almost an established belief that the appearance of any one of America's great musical artists on a Chautauqua program was quite out of the question. It costs real money to lure the famous songbirds out of the East, and Chautauqua, operating on a popular price basis, have never felt like assuming the risk.

The announcement then of Elfrison-White that they have secured Frances Ingram, the noted contralto for a five weeks tour in California is of particular interest. Miss Ingram unquestionably ranks among the first artists of the land. She was formerly with the Chicago Grand Opera Company and during the past season has been a prominent figure with the Metropolitan in New York.

Cleofonte Campanini, late managing Director of the Chicago Opera said, "Frances Ingram has the best American contralto voice I have ever heard." Daniel Frohman has made the following statement, "The best contralto voice I have ever heard. She stands among the few great artists." Young E. Allison, one of the country's foremost music critics, wrote "I've heard them all in 'Carmen,' but nobody to my mind ever sang the 'Habenera' as well as she did. What a liquid, ravishing voice! You don't find such throats outside of Italy once in ten thousand times—a lyrical and dramatic voice vibrating with the long 'bea' of wings to the clear sky."

Miss Ingram comes to California for her Chautauqua tour immediately at the close of her New York opera season. She has made several Coast tours in the past but her concerts have been given exclusively in the few large cities of California, Washington and Oregon. Her appearance here is scheduled for the third night of Chautauqua. She will be accompanied by two assisting artists.

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CANDIDATES NAMED FOR TRUSTEES

Ten Prominent Citizens Out For Consideration of Voters At Polls

The following were nominated at a public mass meeting as candidates for trustees: Vote for five.

Geo. A. Proctor.
R. H. Smith.
J. F. Stone.
W. H. Gilbert.
J. M. Fitzhugh.
A. H. Bartlett.
H. S. McManus.
C. W. Northrup.
W. T. Klussman.
C. H. Long.

R. J. Deninger—Clerk.

Harry Doley—Treasurer.

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ORDINATION SERVICES OF REV. STANLEY H. THORPE

Pastor Of The First Baptist Church of Torrance Ordained

The ordination of Stanley H. Thorpe into the Baptist ministry was witnessed by a very large audience at the Baptist Church last Friday evening, February 11, the seating capacity being taxed almost to the limit.

The church was handsomely decorated with flowers and potted plants.

Special music was a pleasing feature of the exercises. A solo by Mrs. Kite and an anthem by the choir were very creditably rendered.

The Rev. George Wright, pastor of the Atherton Baptist church, Los Angeles, was chairman of the committee in charge of the services.

Mr. Everett Hansell, pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church, read the Scriptures and made the opening prayer.

Dr. W. F. Harper, secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention, preached the ordination sermon.

Rev. Geo. Wright made the charge to the pastor.

Rev. Carl Bassett, the Evangelist, made the charge to the church.

Rev. Dr. Harper made the ordination prayer and they laying on of hands was by Dr. Harper, Rev. Geo. Wright and Rev. Carl Bassett.

The benediction was given by Pastor Thorpe.

The First Baptist church has made wonderful progress during the past year under the pastorate of Mr. Thorpe and is fast growing into one of the strong churches in the Baptist denomination. There have been many additions to the membership by baptism and letter, and there are several candidates, who will be admitted by baptism next Sunday evening and probably the Sunday evening following.

The church has bought two lots, which are fully paid for, on Carson street, upon which it is expected a new church will be erected in the near future.

Mr. Thorpe is much beloved by the members of the church and is held in high esteem by the people in this community.

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FIRE THREATENS THE CLARK HOME

Good Judgment and Quick Action Saves House From Destruction

FIRE IN HOME EXTINGUISHED

A fire in the home of Mrs. F. H. Clark of Gramercy Ave., which would have developed into a serious conflagration, was, by the quick action of Mrs. Clark, quickly extinguished. Wednesday morning, the gas heater was placed in one of the bedrooms, and being called to the front by a bakery wagon, Mrs. Clark stepped outside for a few minutes, and upon her return found the wind had blown the fringe of the bed spread against the heater, and the whole bed was in flames, and was a total loss. Her winter coat was also burned and the flames had eaten into the floor. Mrs. Clark extinguished the flames with water, and her quick action saved the home. Later in the day the news of the fire reached the Llewellyn Iron Works and 200 men responded at once—but too late. The damage was \$150.00.

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M. W. A. BOWLING TEAM

The Modern Woodmen of America met at their hall Wednesday night and left in a body for the Redondo Beach Bowling Alleys where their two teams entered into competitive games.

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