TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. K. Nuby of Glendale was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nuby of South Andreo on Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts and family motored to San Gabriel Canyon on Sunday.

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Mrs. Clara West of Columbus, Ohio, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. A. Kembel, of Cota street, for two months, returned to her home in the East Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Vanderburg of Ardmore, Oklahoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kemball of Cota avenue last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kembel of Cota avenue and Mrs. Kembel's sister, Mrs. Clara West, of Columbus, Ohio, enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Avalon, Catalina Island, last Wednesday.

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Mrs. E. McFadden and daughter of Canada arrived in Torrance the latter part of the week, and are guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. W. Woddington, of South Arlington. They expect to locate here permanently, Mr. McFadden to join them later.

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Mr. and Mrs. Oren Frary of San Diego were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lessing of South Arlington Saturday and Sunday. The two families were former neighbors in Miami, Arizona, several years ago.

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Miss Gladys Crossit, sister of Mrs. J. G. Gay, of South Arlington, has accepted a position with the M. A. Newmark Co., Los Angeles, and began her duties Monday morning. Last week she was a guest of Mrs. A. G. Underwood of Boyle Heights.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Carlin of South Arlington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Irwin of Chestnut street, Lomita, Sunday.

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Mrs. P. F. Brown of South Arlington was one of many who were initiated into the order of Amaranths last week in Los Angeles.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Algeo and son, Floyd, of Long Beach, and Mrs. J. A. Campbell of Park Terrace motored to Covina Thursday and visited old friends on an orange ranch. Mrs. Campbell plucked her first orange from the trees.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess and sons were guests of Mrs. Fess' mother, Mrs. A. E. Shuggat, of El Monte, Sunday.

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Mrs. Douglas, cousin of Mrs. Gilbert, is leaving Wednesday for her home in Stowem, Vermont. Mrs. Douglas has been touring Southern California for the past two months, and expects to return to Torrance to live in the near future. Both Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Douglas will stop over at the Grand Canyon for a few days on their way East.

BOYTIME AGAIN

Boyhood has broken out of its winter shell and the time when more energy is spent in finding last year's top and marbles than Columbus spent in finding America is with us. We are glad of it, because it makes us fellows who can't be boys again proud of the fact that we once had the opportunity and that we made the most of it. We glory in their enthusiasm as they begin practicing up on their curves and whittling out their kite sticks; as they track up the newly scrubbed floors in their search for a fishing hook and a line, and leave their school books where mother will have to put them away so they can be found again next fall. This is boy time—the time when being a boy strikes us as being about the best occupation in the world, and when nothing but hard work and a lot of it keeps us older ones from sitting down right where we are and cursing fate that we can't always remain a boy. We're glad it's boytime, because it makes better men of us by reminding us of those innocent days when this was the grandest season of the entire year.

Why is it that in the last year or so when a sick man stops a doctor on the street he always whispers to him?

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It wouldn't hurt some people any if they'd borrow their neighbor's spectacles occasionally and look at their own faults.

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If a woman brags about her husband quite often he never gets tired of telling people that he has got the best wife in the world.

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There are some things the average husband can't do, and one of them is make his wife believe that she snores.

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If a woman wants a lifetime job, with 24 hours' work every day, let her marry a man to reform him.

NO BUILDING SLUMP HERE

All predictions of a spring slump in the price of residences and real estate have been called off. This refers to this city the same as it does to New York, Chicago or any other place in the United States. The man who owns his home here can now rest content that it's not going to decline in value as rapidly as some predicted a year or so ago. In fact, real estate men say the price of homes and building lots all over the country is now fixed, and any change will be of such a local or minor nature as not to be noticeable.

With this in view you can go right ahead now and improve your property as you had planned, knowing that if you sell it at any future time you'll be repaid for those improvements. If you put down a new walk in front of it, no matter what that walk costs, you have simply added that sum to the value of the house, and it is just the same as adding that much to your bank account. If you have outbuildings to erect go ahead with them. If you haven't as much shade as you would like, then get the trees—good ones—and plant them at once. Every dollar you spend improving your property simply means that much added value if you ever want to sell—it means even more, for improved property will always bring more than it cost to improve it.

Real estate markets are not going to rise and fall like the price of sugar, coffee or other commodities. It's going to stay within a few dollars of where it is. The only kind that will fall in price is the kind that isn't kept in repair. Remember that and go ahead with the improvements you should have made a year ago.

IF THE WIFE GOT PAID

We note where the University of Nebraska has inquired into the place the farmer's wife occupies in farm economy, and it reports that if she were paid on the same basis as other people her yearly earnings would amount to $4000. First, as a cook, she earns $10 a week. And at that she has no days off and is expected to be on the job all the time. Then she does all the washing and ironing, and for that she is allowed $5 per week.

On an average there are 19 days of sickness each year, and in those trying times the farmer's wife, if she is not the one who is sick, has to nurse. For this the man who made the figures allows $75 per year, assuming the wage of a nurse in the country is $25 a week. She does the sewing and should be credited with $6 a week for that. Add to all these items the fact that she does the scrubbing and cleaning, pickling and preserving and teacher for the children, and the man at the university says she easily earns $4000 a year.

And we are right here to agree that it's not too much to ask at the same time how many of them ever get it? They bear the bulk of the burden and they bear it without grumbling. So our advice to the husband of any one of them is to remember that next time he is asked for the price of a new dress that he's getting off pretty cheap, as it is, when he figures that he has a $4000 a year employe who isn't costing him much more than her board and lodging.

WHISKEY IN MELONS

A Colorado man declares he has the secret of propagating watermelons that will contain a 10 per cent content of alcohol. He says he can plug the melon while it's growing, insert a certain chemical, replace the plug, make it airtight with beeswax and the melon will go on maturing while the chemical inside ferments and puts a genuine kick into it by the time it is ripe. We're not advertising the gentleman's claim with any desire to boost the price of melons the coming season, but we want to show to what extent some people are going to find something with a kick in it. It needn't worry the "drys," though, because we suppose we'll still be able to buy a kickless melon. But it will mean more work for the reformers, and especially if it leads to the "whiskey cantaloupe" or the "brandy squash."

Even though a woman can vote, man is not yet her equal. You never hear of a judge giving a man alimony in a divorce case.

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The man who yells at the top of his voice seldoms wins the argument.

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Once more we have reached the season where the fish are living on the best worms in the land.

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Portugal is broke and wants Uncle Sam—oh, well, there's a sort of understanding that he's pretty well off and a little bit easy.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUT LEADERS ASSEMBLE

The eleventh annual meeting of the national council, Boys Scouts of America, took place at the Hotel Commodore, New York city, recently, with scout men to the number of 194 present, from 36 states, representing the enormous volunteer leadership of the country. These men come together every year to review the work of the past 12 months and to make plans for the future.

The spirit of the whole meeting was admirably expressed in the forceful phraseology of the Chief Scout Executive James E. West, as follows:

"It must be ever borne in mind that the basis of strength and power of the boy scout movement will not be measured alone by the number of scouts and scout officials, the records of activity of the national council, or number of local councils organized; these are but a means to an end. The value of the scout movement will be judged by the individual boy scout—his conduct, appearance, the way he puts into practice the scout oath and law and reveals that he is actually prepared to do things worth while because of the program of activities of the Boy Scouts of America."

Resolutions were passed endorsing the work of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs in giving scouting and other boy programs generous support and sympathy and greetings were ordered sent to the boy scouts of Great Britain, France and Belgium, in particular, and to boy scouts everywhere throughout the world. It was also voted to continue the co-operation with the American committee for devastated France by again lending Lorne M. Barclay, director of the department of education of the national council for a period of six months to the work of the committee in France, looking forward to the development of scouting in France and particularly to assist in bringing about unification of the various branches of the scout movements in that country.

HONORS FOR BRAVE SCOUTS.

During the year 1920 the national court of honor of the Boy Scouts of America issued medals as follows to scouts for conspicuous service in life saving and first aid:

Two gold medals, 13 silver medals, 17 bronze medals. The gold medal cases were particularly striking, involving the heroic rescue of two children from a burning building by a young assistant scoutmaster, George Noble of Chariton, Ia., and another remarkably self-forgetful and fine attempt on the part of a scout, Joseph Mardis of Troop No. 1, East Liverpool, to save his scoutmaster from a fallen live wire at the imminent risk of his own life. Nine of the silver medal cases were water accidents, and in each case the rescuer showed exceptional courage and clearheadedness. The other silver medal cases were a live wire rescue, the rescue of children from a burning building and from automobile and truck accidents.

The third scout law requires that a scout shall be prepared at any time to save life and help injured persons, and the records of the court of honor abundantly prove that the boys are living up to this obligation in full measure. In addition to these 32 medals already mentioned, 57 letters of commendation were sent by the court of honor to boys who performed deeds of exceptional excellence in life saving and first aid, without risk to their own lives.

ASK A SCOUT—HE KNOWS.

"What a Boy Scout Does Not Know Is Not Worth Knowing," When There is a Breakdown.

NEW JAMAICA STAMPS.

"Jamaica, in issuing a new pictorial series, has adopted the peculiar idea of calling it a set commemorative of the island's exhibit 30 years ago," writes Kent B. Stiles, the stamp editor, in Boys' Life. "The inscription includes 'Jamaica Exhibition, 1891,' and the design on the various denominations consist of the exhibition buildings of that period. The situation smacks of a desire to obtain pennies from collectors in order that Jamaica may help finance her postal administration!"

Geo. M. Trips has a new Buick Six.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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The time is coming when no young person of either sex will be considered well educated, who is not conversant with the composition of foodstuffs, and their uses in the body, and who does not know why cleanliness is ranked next to godliness. An elementary training in the principles of food and dietetics is quite as important as skill in the use of the multiplication table, and both should be taught at the same age. The girl whose school days end with the grammar grade has not been started in life properly unless she can classify all the food products found in the market, and get good results on her cookstove.—American Cooking Magazine.

GOOD THINGS FOR OCCASIONS.

The following are a few dishes which may be enjoyed for special days:

Tomato and Pineapple Salad.—Remove the skins from hothouse tomatoes; scoop out the centers, chill, fill with small cubes of fresh or canned pineapple; if the fresh is used, sweeten slightly. Set a spoonful of mayonnaise, mixed with one-quarter its bulk of whipped cream, above the fruit.

Chicken Custard.—Beat the yolks of four eggs until thick and stiff; add a little salt, and beat into one cupful of cream. Heat a cupful of strong, well-seasoned chicken stock in a saucepan; add the beaten eggs and cream and cook with care, stirring until the custard coats the spoon. Serve cold in small custard cups with a garnish of watercress.

Date Loaf Cake.—Cream one-half cupful of butter with one cupful of brown sugar; add two well-beaten eggs and two cupfuls of flour, sifted with one-half teaspoonful added alternately with one-half cupful of lukewarm water, in which one teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Lastly stir in one pound of dates, stoned and chopped, with one cupful of nuts, chopped, one teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Bake in a greased and floured pan in a slow oven.

Virginia Ham, Boiled.—Wash and scrub the ham thoroughly; let soak 36 hours in cold water to cover; remove from the water and rinse; place on the stove in a kettle of cold fresh water. Bring slowly to the boiling point and let simmer for five hours. Remove from the kettle and take off the skin while hot.

Nellie Maxwell

TAKE PICTURES OF TORRANCE

Sunday was a beautiful Southern California day. Roy Flood, the official photographer, and Billy Casteel, the publicity man, were out photographing the new city bright and early. They got some wonderful pictures—pictures that will be a credit to the community—and will have them on display Monday evening.

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