TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. F. M. Ferrel of Kansas City visited for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wertz of Torrance Park.

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A social meeting of the Catholic ladies was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith Tuesday evening.

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The Torrance Relief Society met Tuesday afternoon at the library. A number of the members were present and they discussed business matters of the society.

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Louise Sullivan and Leo Sullivan, who live with their aunt, Mrs. Ted Wertz, of Torrance, have gone to Pasadena to visit their mother.

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Paul Lessing had quite a serious accident last Thursday, when he caught his finger in Mr. W. W. Woodington's automobile door and was badly crushed. He is reported as recovering nicely.

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John Holm, contractor and builder, is completing the last two houses of the seven for the Pacific Electric. He has also contracts for two other houses to be erected in Torrance at the cost of $4000 each.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips are again residents of Torrance, moving here from Burbank last Tuesday.

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Dr. J. S. Lancaster and son were Catalina visitors Wednesday, returning Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brown of Arlington avenue entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kloth and son, Billy, of Huntington Park Sunday.

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Little Norma Rappaport accidentally fell on the steps at her home on Gramercy avenue Tuesday and cut a large gash above her right eye. It was necessary to call a physician and have a stitch taken.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steinhilber have returned home from their honeymoon trip to Yosemite, and they also visited friends at Clovis, Cal., where they were given a noisy chivaree. They are at home in their bungalow on Gramercy avenue that Mr. Steinhilber had ready for his bride.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McKiney of Huntington Beach were Torrance vistors Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stone left Saturday for Bishop, where they expect to camp and fish for two weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tomkins of Gramercy avenue entertained at a surprise dinner party in honor of their mother's birthday anniversary Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. Selback of Spurlin Court, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Miller and Miss Sarabel Tomkins.

CHORAL SOCIETY IS STILL CARRYING ON

GREAT PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR ENTERTAINMENT AT FIESTA AUG. 26-27

We'll say it is, too: Carrying On," is right! We were there and saw and heard 'em. They got scolded, too, but not nearly hard enough. They went at it again, especially one row; if ever that lady gets angry and lets go her stick, we pity that sectoin!

Mrs. Fitzhugh was still severely ill of ptomaine poisoning; they all missed her greatly but Mr. Van Hellen took her place at the piano; although he suffered in silence with a wicked felon on his hand, he did fine work at the piano, giving what my mother calls "fine support." Whatever that is.

Most especially we enjoyed Miss Vaughn (from Houston, Texas) in her songs, they were two, and she was encored enough to sing more; she sang sweetly and acted them out very cute. And we heard another soloist, Mr. Curtiss, we enjoyed him very much and the next rehearsal will be at the Torrance high school at 7:45 sharp; they are going to begin then, too, whether anybody is there or not. There were new books last night and some forgot their 15c or never thought of any neccesity of it, so those that didn't bring their money will please bring it next Monday night. Don't forget to bring a little extra to help pay for lights, bring whatever you feel like bringing.

The chairman last Monday evening called the attention of the ladies to the everlasting question about what shall we wear at Fiesta? Suggestions will be in order next Monday evening and the committee will later talk it over and then decide. It is the intention also to call the roll. Any member who is absent that chorus unless a reasonable excuse chorus unless a rea sonable excuse is reported to the secretary, Mrs. C. N. Curtiss, phone 34-W. Watch out! You're going to get left.—Sassy Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Harder, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton and children, Mrs. Crossland and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harder camped in the mountains over Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Reppert of the Colonial Apartments have moved to Park Terrace.

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Mrs. G. E. Bailey and daughter and R. H. Hughes spent last week at the Pacific Electric camp in the San Bernardino Mountains and left Monday for Catalina, where they will stay this week.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quigley of Spurlin Court, an eight-pound girl, Saturday, July 30.

CAMPING TRIP

The Paiges, having loaded up the Sedan to the sills with camp equipment, started out one day something over a week ago to take a short vacation to "roam at will," though, as it afterward proved, some of the roaming was against their wills, "under the open sky, through the ororous airs of the Southland."

Arrived at one old favorite camping site they found the road leading to the beach destroyed and signs posted, "No Picnicking." Evidently the bloated bondholders and plutocrats have pulled the strings that cause the board of trustees to jump just the way the b. b.'s desire them to.

Journeying on to two other camp sites they found the same identical conditions have arisin within the year, and feel reasonably safe in predicting that by another year not a rod of pleasant desirable camping ground will be left along Old Ocean, where weary humanity may rest, sleep or renew its jaded spirits.

If some wealthy benefactor of the race wished to do some kindly deed to bring down the gratitude and blessings of countless thousands upon his name he could do no better deed than to buy up a generous slice of Ocean's playground and present it to the people.

To still another favorite spot the party drove and were immediately "stuck on it" for fair by oil, oil on the beautiful strand, oil in the wonderful surf. From this fair spot, urged by remembrances of a necessarily limited wardrobe for four, they "roamed" again, turning in the direction of Santa Barbara. Miles from the madding throng an ideal spot was found. No signs, no oil, no throng. Camp was made, the evening meal cooked over the camp fire having a flavor a la Eureka, so to speak—they had found it, a beautiful sunset, a wonderful moon rise, the glory of earth, sea and sky, the evening song around the camp fire, old ocean's tremendous bass joining in and making for the picture a background never hushed. Can't you just visualize it, can't you smell even the damp and briny breath of old ocean mingled with alternate whiffs of the spicy sage and mountain chaparral coming down from the steeply rising hills behind?

They loved old ocean, that was proved by the way they located their tent poles after a casual inspection of last night's high tide line, but they forgot about the "full o' the moon," they reckoned without their host—or hostess either "C-r-r-r-ump Bang! Swo-o-sh-sh!" that had been the lullaby for an hour after they retired, when one uneasy tenant unable to sleep caustically creeping forth to see what was up, caught old ocean in one of his merry ha-ha's as he raced up the beach and licked out a mischief-loving tongue right around one tent pole. That was too much. A hurried, exceedingly hurried, council of war was held and it was a unanimous vote to retire immediately if not sooner to a safer perch. This being done after considerable growling from, as well as at, old ocean, sleep finally descended on those most concerned, with an added sense of security and rest that was well earned.

The morning was gorgeous. Far be it from this humble pen to try to describe its beauties. Something more mundane like that breakfast, would be more in its line. Mention might be made here of the fruit for breakfast that lay in readiness, carried over, on the breakfast table. When the campers, ready for breakfast, uncovered the fruit they found unexpected guests. Bees up that way love fruit as well as flowers, and get beastly hoggish about it, too. The campers went without fruit and gently lifted the dish to a safer (?) distance, but insisted on dancing with the Misses Rosalind and Dorothy every few moments. Finally a wild shriek from one told that Mr. Bee had made quite a hit with his partner. The juveniles then held their council of war and they voted by acclamation to "move far, far away, yea, verily to move home. Even their elders, although hating to be thought childish about it, decided the scenery was prettier elsewhere. To move was on the program and the ride was delightful, the commissary was full—what more would you have?

The next camping site was tested out first for bees, wasps, scorpions, ants, oil and soforth, and found to be 100 per cent perfect as to all those, ocean and scenery included. There may the weary rest, sleep, eat and be lazy, and there all campers' troubles are ended, seemingly, with one exception. Old Mother Nature "puts it all over" her children and beguiles them into staying there twice as long as ever they meant to.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber will leave today for Yosemite, to be gone two weeks, with her two daughters and husband.

TORRANCE FIESTA AUGUST 26-27

FIESTA Plans are being worked out by the different committees and preparations are being made for the biggest time Torrance has ever seen.

Booths are being engaged for Food Exhibits of many varieties. Several of the leading Music Firms will exhibit their various makes of Pianos, Players and several makes of Phonographs. There will be a continuous recital throughout the afternoons and evenings. Electric companies are to show the housewife all the latest labor-saving devices. Our local Furniture Stores will be represented and our own manufacturing plants will probably occupy at least one large tent.

The committees are very anxious to have many and varied farm exhibits of chickens, rabbits, choice fruits and garden truck, will all be given free space at our own chamber of commerce booth. Who will bring in the largest watermelon, squash, cucumber, the choicest basket of fruit, or anything else you have that is extra choice.

Then there will be all kinds of sports and races for the younger as well as old people. And, boys, there is being prepared the finest saucer track you ever saw for all these races—so get busy and get into training, for believe us, there will be some fine prizes for winners. There will be a parade. Now, get your ideas together and plan how to decorate your car or bicycle, and enter this procession.

There is a treat in store for those who love good chorus singing for the big Choral Society is working hard on several selections to be given Friday Evening. Saturday night will bring some surprizes not looked for, and then our Fiesta will come to a close with a mammouth street dance and fire works. Tell your friends to keep this date open—for the Fiesta. Send them a Fiesta Souvenir Postal, and buy votes every day for your favorite Queenie. Get Busy and Keep Busy!

NOTICE

Reports have come to the ears of members of the Fiesta committee to the effect that our Fiesta is an unmoral, degrading affair, and that the big chorus is to be used as a drawing card or prelude to a street dance.

Now, let it be known, that it is the aim of and the desire of the Fiesta committee to have a Fiesta which will be clean and moral in every respect and will consist of varied displays of an educational character. There will also be clean sports and entertainment for both old and young. The best of which will be a grand chorus of seventy-five voices. The members having spent much time and expense in preparation, thereofre their chorus is NOT a prelude to any street dance, but will be given Friday evening from a grand stand to be erected for that purpose.

The street dance will wind up the festivities on Saturday evening.

There is no connection between the two whatever.

H. E. PAIGE,
Chairman.

TORRANCE LODGE NO. 447
F. & A. M.
Meetings at Lomita Hall

Friday, August 5, 1921, stated meeting.

CITY OF TORRANCE OFFICE OF TRUSTEES

To the Residents of Torrance:

Your city trustees address you in this letter to express their appreciation for the support already given them in their organization efforts and to ask for your continued support in several matters to be herein explained.

The City of Torrance was doubtless incorporated with the finest start that a new city ever had in the way of streets, parks, sidewalks and curbs and other improvements. So many towns start as a small collection of frame stores and dirt streets without sidewalks, and have to grow up to those better improvements which make for the beauty and utility of the up-to-date little city. True, we have several main streets which are of no particular credit to Torrance, but the trusteees and city engineer are now working on plans and estimates for the improvement of certain of these streets which estimates will be presented to the property owners for their approval or rejection.

The immediate effort of your officers, however, is to keep the streets in as good condition and the parkings in as good appearance as possible under the present limited financial condition. To the end of keeping the really fine improvements in as good condition as possible and to maintain good health conditions several ordinances have been passed. One of these prohibits the dumping of lawn cuttings, trimmings from trees and bushes and such litter in the gutters. The request is made that this sort of litter be placed in alleys or in vacant lots, so that occasional collections by the trash wagons can be made through the alleys.

A matter also covered by ordinance is the clearing of sidewalks and parkings in the business district of any inbound goods or of empty boxes, barrels and rubbish, which adds greatly to the fire risk. This feature will appeal to themerchants as a case of self-protection, and the resultant ordliness will add greatly to the appearance of their stores.

In the interest of the public health, cleanliness and comfort, an ordinance was deemed necessary requiring the use of standard garbage cans with tight metal covers. This matter was considered an immergency and the ordinance is now in force. To make this a popular campaign for clean streets and alleys, and to keep the expense as low as possible to the people, the trustees have arranged directly with the manufacturer for a very good galvanized can in quantities which secured the best obtainable price. To assist in the move Messrs. Paxman and Reeve have offered to handle the cans at an absolute cost price of sixty cents each for a five gallon can and seventy cents each for a six and a half gallon can. This, of course, because of the circumstances will have to be cash price. The cans have been ordered and will probably be here as this letter goes to press. The cans can be obtained at this published price for about thirty days or until the end of August. We of the trustees and secure the cans trust the people will take advantage as soon as possible.

Bottles, broken glass and empty cans should be placed in a light box. Collections of both garbage and cans are now being made three times each week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

It is the intention of the trustees to inforce the above-mentioned ordinances for the sake of orderliness and better health conditions, and they believe that every resident will help carry the above suggestions and make Torrance as cleanly and pleasant as possible. Yours sincerely,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
CITY OF TORRANCE.

WANT - - - ADS

Per line 10c
Minimum charge 25c

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—New Tract opened up, Redondo Blvd., in ½ acres; dandy soil; good view; 10 per cent down; balance monthly. Phone 180-J-3. W. C. Bright, Tract Agent, Redondo Blvd. J-1-tf

FOR SALE—Bicycles, nearly new, from $5 up to $20. Perfection oil stoves, nearly new, $9.50. King's Furniture Store, Harbor City, Cal. J-1-tf

FOR SALE—Cheap, home-made rag rugs. Second house north side Acacia street. Mrs. McPherson. A-8

FOR SALE—$55, Thaw vacuum cleaner; used only twice; take it away for $17.50. Jack Levy, Lomita. A-5

FOR SALE—5-room modern bungalow; nice location. Price was $3500; now $3000. Can you beat it. See Pruitt, Torrance.

FOR SALE—Residence Lots in Torrance. Sacrifice for quick sale. $200 cash; balance $11 per mo. A. H. Bartlett, Steffen Block, Torrance. Phone 3-W. J17-tf

FOR SALE—10 acre ranch, all in cultivation; 30 shares of water stock goes with ranch. Price $7000. The best bargain in Los Angeles County. The adjoining ranch is valued at $20,000. An oil well is being put down within half a mile of this property. See Pruitt, Torrance.

FOR SALE—Truck load fire wood; stove lengths; $8:50, delivered. Menvey & Son. Phone 205-J.

FOR SALE—Two houses, $1500 each. Small payment down; balance monthly. See A. H. Bartlett, Steffen Bldg., Torrance. J-22-tf

WHAT HAVE YOU to offer for Equity in Residence Lot at Torrance? Building must be started within 60 days. Room 8, San Fernando Bldg. Phone Pico 820. J-22-tf

FOR SALE—Crab-apples and satsuma plums at J. H. Splittstosser, Walnut and Hill street, north of Weston street, Lomita. J-29-1t

WANTED

WANTED—I have a client who wants a small Dairy Ranch, three or five acres. Will purchase the stock on the ranch if prices are right. See Pruitt.

WANTED—Will buy all your fruit and produce. Large or small lots. Geo. Brokow, Harbor City. A-5-tf

FOR SALE—Brass bed, library table, dining chairs and table, gas plate, linoleum; also violin and bow. 1925 Gramercy avenue, Torrance. A-5

WANTED—Express, baggage and light hauling. Wm. Smith, Cypress street, Lomita. J-29-S-20

WANTED—A practical nurse with years of experience will care for invalid or old couple. Inquire at Mrs. E. L. Carvill's, West Weston street, Lomita, or address Mrs. J. Von Cotch, Torrance R. F. D., Box 53.

FARM WANTED—Wanted to hear from owner of a farm or good land for sale for fall delivery. L. Jones, Box 551, Olney, Ill. J-29-A-5-pd

HOUSE FOR RENT

FOR RENT—4-room house, bath, for adults. W. C. Baher, Narbonne, ¼ mi. south Redondo Blvd., Lomita. A-5-pd

MISCELLANEOUS

MUSIC LESSONS—String instruments taught. Persons desiring instruction leave address at News Letter office and I will call at house. L. Grankiewiez. 8-5-3[illegible]

LOST—Pocketbook containing about $8 somewhere between Torrance and Acacia street, Lomita. Reward. Dick Archer, Lomita. A-5-pd

FOR SALE—One good milk cow. Inquire Hodges Hardware, Lomita. 8-5-1t

NEW VICTOR RECORDS IN MRS. HAYDEN'S STORE

Stop into Mrs. Hayden's Millinery Store, Lomita, and hear the latest records played on Victrollas. Mrs. Hayden is the local agent for the Evans Music Shop.—Advertisement.