

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. William Hilkirk, Mr. and Mrs. William Briney, together with their families, left Sunday morning for a cross-country road trip to Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Briney will return early in the spring and build a home in Vista Highlands on their property.

Misses Vaughan and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Russell mortored to Redondo Tuesday, August 9, where a lovely dinner awaited them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Kiddo. Those who enjoyed the dinner, as well as the evening entertainment of music and dancing, were Misses Ruth and Kathleen Vaughan of Houston, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Kiddo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhardt of Kern Court, with Mr. Burkhardt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Burkhardt, of Los Angeles, left Sunday for a two weeks' camping trip. They expect to visit Yosemite before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Martin of Kern Court enjoyed the surf at Hermosa Beach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sammons of Torrance left the end of last week on an extended motor trip north. They expect to be gone one month and will visit Yosemite Valley after spending two weeks at a lake in the high Sierras.

Mrs. Hurum Reeve and children have returned home after camping for a few weeks at San Pedro.

The Central Church choir attended the Women's Foreign Missionary Convention at Santa Ana on Wednesday evening in a body and furnished the music for that evening, as Wednesday evening was set aside as Torrance night at the convention.

Lloyd Brennem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brennem of Portola avenue, is quite ill with congestion of the lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richards and children of Portola avenue were guests of friends at Anaheim a few days last week, the ladies and small children visiting nearby beaches, while the men and boys went trout fishing in Strawberry Creek near Hemet.

PAYROLL OF TEACHERS INCREASED \$2,000,000

An increase in the payroll of salaries for teachers in the Los Angeles city schools during the coming year amounting to \$2,000,000 is contemplated, according to the budget filed with the board of supervisors.

The addition of 250 teachers and raises in pay for others caused the big jump upward of the payroll amount, it was stated.

Expenses for running the elementary grades of the schools increased to a larger amount than any other department, according to the budget. This total is \$1,044,869 over the past year.

Plans for the coming year include the expenditure of \$1,500,000 for new buildings, it is announced. Because of the fact that none of the bonds of the \$7,000,000 issue for this purpose have been sold, the city school authorities ask that the county levy a tax of 15 cents to provide funds for building.

Other items included in the budget are as follows: Administration and business department, increase owing to advanced costs and salaries, \$11,473; teaching, increased rates, \$308,742; increased force, \$365,650. Total for high school, \$853,251, or 25 per cent.

Increases in the kindergarten department are: \$79,025 for increased salaries. Of this amount \$38,775 is for old salaries increased and \$40,250 for added personnel.

It is expected that because of the fact that the bonds have not been sold the county will save a considerable amount on interest, which may be applied to giving aid to the city in its building program.

BLIND HERO WAITS FOUR YEARS FOR U. S. PAY

After four long years of waiting in a world of inky blackness, a rift allowed a spot of sunshine to come into the life of James E. O'Hara, a soldier veteran blinded while in service, when he received a notice from the government today granting his application for total disability and enclosing a welcome check.

Exactly four years ago O'Hara was blinded through an accident at a Texas training camp. Although examined by surgeons and specialists who declared his sight gone forever, the government machinery moved slowly, and as he sat and waited in his little home at Manhattan Beach he often became despondent.

WONDERS OF AMERICA

By T. T. MAXEY

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"THE ELECTRIC SHIP"

THE NEW MEXICO was the first battleship constructed in the United States, to be propelled by electricity.

This ship is 624 feet long, weighs 32,000 tons and from the water-line to the top of the mast is as high as a ten-story building.

To drive it 21 knots an hour requires 28,000 horse power. Her oil-burning engines are fed from tanks which carry approximately 1,000,000 gallons of oil. It's nine boilers produce 36,000 horse power of steam energy. This steam turns two turbines which develop 32,000 horse power. These turbines are marvelous savers of fuel and space. Each turbine is connected to an electric generator. Each generator produces 16,000 horse power of electrical energy.

Huge cables carry this current to the control board from which the engineer operates the ship. From this point this power is sent to four giant motors of 7,000 horse power each—one of which is attached to each propeller shaft.

"Let electricity do it" is the motto on the New Mexico. Electricity revolves the gun turrets, moves, loads and fires the guns; raises the anchor, moves the rudder and pushes the ship; lowers the boats, pumps the water, runs the machine and blacksmith shops, heats and lights the boat; operates the interior communicating, fire protection, refrigerating, ventilating and telephone systems and wireless instruments; peels potatoes, washes dishes, mixes the bread dough, washes and irons the clothes in the laundry, sterilizes the instruments in the hospital and does numerous other unlooked-for stunts.

In every sense of the word, the New Mexico is an electric ship.

HIGHWAY COSTS ARE HIGHER

Expense of Road Construction in 1920 Twice as Much as in 1917, According to Expert.

Every kind of road cost about twice as much to build in 1920 as it did in 1917, according to the chief of the bureau of public roads, United States Department of agriculture, and highway construction suffered more than any other class of work through railroad congestion, strikes, labor troubles and material shortages.

Torrance Fiesta, August 24-27

Ball Mason Fruit Jars

On Sale For Two Days Only

Saturday, Aug. 20

AND

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Who Will Be Queen

BOOST YOUR FAVORITE

Queenly Honors for the Girl getting the Highest Number of Votes.

First Prize, to girl getting the highest number of votes, Diamond Ring. On display in window of "House of Parr Values," Steffen Building.
Second Prize, to girl getting second highest number of votes, String of Pearls. On display in window of Torrance Toggery, Burkhardt Building.
Third Prize, to girl getting third highest number of votes, Kodak and Five Reels of Films. On display in window of Dolley Drug Company.

ANY YOUNG LADY CAN ENTER CONTEST BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK P. M. AUGUST 20.

Saturday Night, Masquerade Night. Oh! Boy.

Fiesta Headquarters--Steffen Building Open Day and Night