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October's ever-changing scene, Shows last of all, our HALLOWE'EN



## NEW BUILDING FOR A FORD GARAGE NOW UNDER WAY

Knox, Peckham & Schultz Are Authorized Dealers of Fords In This Territory

The concrete foundation for the Ford Garage building, 90 x 100, was poured this week, and it is understood rapid progress will be made to complete the building for the above firm, who have temporary quarters in the Torrance Garage.

While the new dealers for this section have been working under difficulties, yet their sales have doubled what they estimated they would do before coming into this district. Just as soon as possible they will occupy their new home, and the sales department will be arranged for a beautiful display of their cars. The mechanical repair department promises to be equipped with the latest machinery known for overhauling Ford cars. Service in the fullest sense is to be their slogan and records are expected to be broken.

## AN AUXILIARY OF AMERICAN LEGION FORMED

The meeting of ex-service men, their mothers, sisters and wives held last Monday evening in Legion Hall, Torrance, was largely attended, and a very enjoyable evening was passed. A musical program had been arranged and was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Carrol Marks, Junior State President of the Women's Auxiliary, was there and took charge of the meeting, delivering a very interesting and instructive talk on the organization. A temporary organization was formed, with Mrs. Gruner, president; Mrs. Leake, vice-president; Mrs. Rees, secretary, and Mrs. Middleton, treasurer.

Those in charge of the work extend thanks and appreciation to those who contributed numbers for the program; also for the delicious refreshments.

## TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Torrance Woman's Club held its regular meeting Monday afternoon, October 24, at half-past two o'clock at the American Legion Hall. Mrs. Lancaster presided in the absence of Mrs. Stock and Mrs. Otley. After the regular business had been completed a recess was called for a very enjoyable program of music and current topics. It was a coincidence that the subjects chosen for presentation by the Current Topics division this week all had reference to the approaching disarmament conference. Mrs. Reese opened the program, giving a graphic picture of Washington at this time and reading an article on viewpoints, which was followed by a delightful solo, "Love's Lullaby," sung by Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Wallace Post then spoke of what Armistice Day means to us and of the plans of President Harding for that day, after which Mrs. Curtiss requested Mrs. Briney to read an interesting article on a sculptured group which is being completed in Los Angeles to be unveiled at the coming conference. Mrs. Harris rendered a second solo, "There is Only One Pal After All," which everyone enjoyed very much.

One of the most interesting numbers of the day was the able report of the club federation secretary, Mrs. Curtiss, on the first meeting in the club year of the secretaries of the Federation in Los Angeles. Mrs. Curtiss brought such a message of inspiration from the older clubs to their youngest member, the Torrance Club, that Mrs. Lancaster proposed.

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HALLOW-EVEN OR HALLOWE'EN

This is the evening of the 31st of October, so-called as being the eve of All-Hallows, or festival of All-Saints, which fall on the first of November. It is a night on which spirits, good and evil, are supposed to be abroad and witches hold high holiday. Then nuts and apples are in great demand and are used for the purpose of foretelling future events in love affairs. In the North of England Hallowe'en is known as "Nut-crack" night.

## TWO MORE OIL DERRICKS

The Thomas H. Stone Co-operative Oil Interests of Long Beach announce to the "Torrance Enterprise" that this company is the only independent co-operative oil company operating in this district, and that they have completed arrangements for erection of two oil derricks on twenty-five acres. It was also learned that many Torrance citizens have become associated with Mr. Stone in his company, and without doubt the entire acre will be disposed of before November 10. The following communication is self-explanatory and shows what the company is doing:

Dear Sir—Replying to your inquiry, I am herewith supplying you with the requested information.

Our lease holdings are an enviable selection of twenty-five acres in the Dominguez Ranch, which is sufficient in size to allow the drilling of twenty wells. In our minds and in the minds of experts of authority, there is no questionable doubt but what our holdings secret oil in large quantities. Oil is there and it is up to us to "go get it."

Two hundred dollars buys you a 1-5 of 1-200 undivided interest in our organization. This investment, which should net you a huge multiple financial return, entitles you to share pro rata, in size with your fractional share, in profits from production and lease sales, and to also share in every dollar of profit made by the keen business manipulations of Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone and his associates have already contributed a large sum of care for all necessary expenses, and every dollar received from the sale of unit interests goes back into the lease and the development of our holdings. Oil men, schooled by experience, are enthused over our proposition, and so are we. Are you?

## CORRECTION

The barber shop and cigar store belonging to the Rappaport's was not sold, as reported in last week's issue of the "Enterprise." A deal was on for the sale of the barber shop only, but later this was called off, and the business is being conducted as heretofore with Ben Rappaport in charge.

## CHIEF LEADERS OF RAILROAD UNIONS



No. 1, Warren S. Stone, Head of The Locomotive Engineers; No. 2, William G. Lee, Head of Railroad Trainmen; No. 3, William S. Carter, Head of Locomotive Firemen; No. 4, L. E. Sheppard, Head of Railway Conductors.

## TRANSPORTATION AT ALL HAZARDS

Whether the railroad difficulty is to be settled or not, it is to be hoped that both sides will have been chastened by the enormity of the calamity, threatened or actual.

Railroad transportation is the most important necessity there is in a wide land that holds one hundred and five millions of human beings. It is more important than food and the means of buying food, because both depend on transportation so far as the mass of that one hundred and five million human beings is concerned.

This nation cannot endure a prolonged cessation of railroad operations—anyway, not until air and motor transportation become more important and dependable. As a matter of fact, it should not have to endure a shutdown of traffic for even a week or a day.

Here is a problem for thinkers and actionmen to solve: How to insure orderly and adequate transportation facilities no matter what happens in the way of human disagreement.

The Royal Neighbors met Wednesday evening in Legion Hall. Mrs. J. H. Fess was acting orator in the absence of Mrs. Mae McKinley. There were twenty-eight present and two were initiated. A social hour followed. Plans were made for a box social to be held early next month with the Modern Woodmen of America.

## MASQUERADE BALL ON HALLOWE'EN

The biggest social event of the season will be the grand Masquerade Ball next Monday night in Legion Hall, Torrance, under the auspices of the American Legion Post No. 170. The boys are all working hard to make the event one long to be remembered and have the evening pass away with pleasant memories of the local Legion's first annual masquerade ball. The hall will be tastefully decorated in true Hallowe'en colors and favors are to be given. Prizes will be awarded for the most beautiful costumes as well as the most comic. Music will continue until 1:00 a. m. Admission, \$1.00 per couple; extra lady, 50c extra.

## NIGHT SCHOOL FOR TORRANCE

Prof. Barnette is now making a thorough canvass of the city to find out definitely the subjects that adults of Torrance wish to take in night school. The Woman's Club made a house-to-house canvass some time ago, and the work is no longer gone over to find out if any one has been missed. It can be definitely stated that the people of Torrance may have any studies they wish. All that is necessary is to get sufficient enrollment in the class to warrant the Board of Education to furnish a teacher.

All foreigners under the age of 18 who cannot read, write, or speak English language to the proficiency of the sixth grade must attend a class of English for foreigners. This is required by the state law. Any foreigner over that age may enter if he desires.

There will probably be some classes for ladies in the afternoon. The superintendent reports that throughout the city the afternoon classes have succeeded far better than those in the evening.

The following notice has been received by Principal Barnette:

"The Board of Education has decided to permit the Parent-Teacher Association to accept a penny offering from the school children and to use this money to keep children in school who otherwise would have to stop and go to work in order to help support the family. The children whose parents approve of this are allowed to give the penny."

William Vandal joined our junior class this week. He comes from Rock Creek, Ohio.

## CULVER CITY TRUSTEES TO VISIT HERE NEXT TUESDAY EVE.

They Will Be Banqueted And Shown Principal Industries In Torrance

Returning the compliment for their courteous treatment as guests of the Culver City trustees several weeks ago, when they were so royally entertained, Torrance city officials have invited their former hosts to this city next Tuesday evening. Upon arrival a short business session will be held by the local trustees, after which they will adjourn to the banquet rooms in the Hotel Fontenot. Later the visitors will be shown through the principal industries of this city, the most interesting of which will be the visit to the Torrance Window Glass Factory, where half a hundred glass blowers will be seen at work.

Social affairs of this nature always have far reaching benefits, especially when outsiders are attracted to a growing community. Their advice is always helpful, and the things learned from a personal visit to Torrance will no doubt be astonishing to the visitors.

## M. E. LADIES AID ORGANIZED

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church gathered at the home of Mrs. F. W. Warren, 1743 Andreo street Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of forming an Aid Society. The organization was affected to be known as "The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church." The following officers were chosen: President—Mrs. F. W. Warren; Vice-President—Mrs. E. P. King; Secretary—Mrs. James King; Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Haynes.

Plans were made to have a 6:00 o'clock dinner and reception for the pastor, Rev. Gordon Riegler, next Wednesday evening, November 2.

Rev. Cowley, a noted Sunday school worker, of the California Conference is expected to be present and talk on the work of the Sunday school. All those interested in the work of the church just starting, and in the advancement of the Kingdom, are invited to be present.

## P. T. A. NOTICE

All parents are invited to attend the evening meeting of the P. T. A. to be held in the school building, Wednesday, November 9. A fine musical program has been arranged and there will be a lecture by Jas. Pope, "Public Defender" of the City of Los Angeles. The men are particularly invited to attend. The program will be printed in the next issue of the Torrance "Enterprise."

## "WHEN DAWN CAME"

Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles 108 West Second street, Los Angeles, Cal.

February 13, 1920.

Mr. Hugh E. Dierker, 1923 Van Nuys Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mr. Dierker—I take great pleasure in commending your picture, "When Dawn Came." It tells a beautiful story with a splendid moral, and I am sure will be deeply appreciated by a public which has grown tired of sensational and degrading moving pictures.

I hope this first effort of yours will meet with every success, and that you will be encouraged to produce many such pictures in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN J. CANTWELL, Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles