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## CULVER CITY TRUSTEES GUESTS OF LOCAL COUNCILMEN

### Visit Torrance Theatre and Spend Hour At Glass Factory Before Banquet

The Board of Trustees of Culver City were guests of the governing body of Torrance last Tuesday evening when they arrived at 8:30 and attended the business session of our city officials. Soon afterward a recess was taken and the visitors were shown the high lights of Torrance. First they were escorted to the Torrance Theatre and were agreeably surprised to see such a magnificent picture playhouse where high-class pictures were being shown. An hour or more was pleasantly passed inspecting the Torrance Window Glass Factory, where half a hundred glass blowers were seen blowing glass. The process of making window glass was followed step by step by the visitors. At 10:15 the crowd was directed to the Hotel Ironton, where an elegant supper was served, and everyone was given an opportunity to make a speech. Mayor Geo. A. Proctor acted as toastmaster and called upon the members of the Movie City's Council, Harry Culver in particular, paying a warm tribute to our newly incorporated city and its wonderful future.

Members of the two boards of trustees created much merriment during the evening's discussion the older heads offering good advice to their less experienced neighbors. It developed that Culver City had the throes of a re-call election. Three of those under fire at present were in attendance, and it was the sincere hope of Torrance friends that the good citizens of Culver City would stand by their trustees to a man. The absence of Manager M. D. Gardner of the Goldwyn Studios, was cause for much regret on the part of our Toastmaster, as he expected this distinguished person to return the fire chief's helmet, which disappeared so mysteriously following a visit of Culver City movies to Torrance some time ago.

Mayor Proctor said that little interest was shown by the people in their council meetings, and that the attendance was small by the citizens of Torrance. Culver City members advised him that the reason was because there was no money in the treasury, but "Just wait," they said, "until you get \$15,000 or \$20,000 in the treasury then you will have a crowd on hand to see what you do with the money." Good-natured discussions of this sort kept the crowd merry all evening, and while several serious problems were mentioned, each were turned into laughable channels, the evening's entertainment finally closing at 12:15, with Culver City's governing body happy they had made the trip.

## GLOBE BAKERY NOW HAS A LOCAL DELIVERY

The Globe Bakery put on a retail delivery car Monday morning in order to serve the people of Torrance with fresh bread and pastries from their local ovens. Mr. C. B. Wells, who recently has been in the transfer business, is in charge of the route.

## MACABEE CARD PARTY

The Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees held their regular meeting Tuesday evening and will continue to hold them the first Tuesday evening of each month. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served. Prizes for the evening were won by Mrs. Fred Beckwith and Mr. Von Hagen, the consolation prizes going to Mrs. Rees and Mr. Van Patten.

## CHICKEN DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins were host and hostess at a chicken dinner party given for Cecil Shrug, as he is planning to go north soon. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Selback of Spurlin Court, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tomkins and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins and Sarabelle Tomkins.

## SECOND ATTEMPT TO ROB POST OFFICE FRUSTRATED

Nightwatchman B. M. Anderson's thoughtfulness to mail a letter which his wife had given him several weeks before probably saved the Torrance Post Office from being burglarized last Sunday morning at about 3 o'clock. Upon entering the post office the nightwatchman's eagle eye spied a hole cut through the lobby door, just large enough to let one's hand slip through the panel of the door so that the lock could be unlatched from the inside. It was noticed earlier in the evening that two fellows in a Paige machine had been driving about town, surveying the general layout, and were noticed several times in the vicinity of the post office. Heretofore the police of Torrance have had to chase suspects on foot. The new motorcycle, however, will eliminate this annoyance.

## AMERICAN LEGION MASK BALL

One of the nicest dancing parties of the year was held last Monday evening, when the local post of the American Legion staged its first Halloween masquerade. The hall was very tastefully and appropriately decorated in orange and black crepe paper streamers and balls. The famous "punkin'" goblins adorned the walls, and a blazing fireplace lent the homey charm that goes with that season of the year. It was a treat to those from the east when he "frosts in on the pumpkin and the fodder is in the shock."

The cider was delicious. Paper hats and those little tin contraptions called crickets were the fashions, and all the real crickets in the vicinity closed up shop and went home, with the belief that their efforts were overwhelmed. The serpentine, long pink and blue streamers of it, created a furore amongst the gay dancers. And the costumes! Ah, ze gay, ze chic costumes de masque! They were splendid, brilliant, freakish, comic! Each vied in outdoing the other. Mrs. E. W. Boyd, who took the prize for the nicest and best costume, was arrayed in a beautiful, pretentious Bo-Peep costume and well merited first choice. Ray Miller was selected as the best dressed man, and our genial and popular hostler, Sam Levy, goes down in the annals of Halloween ball de masques as the wearer of the most comic. Some said he only looked natural. The contestants for the prize waits were plentiful and the exhibition was well worth the admission price. Members of the newly formed ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion, the Mesdames J. W. Post, D. E. Aiken and H. F. Tees, acted as judges, and finally cast the honor on Mr. Sam Levy and Mrs. Wolfe, and it was a hard matter for them to decide.

A very pleasing innovation in this evening was the dainty lunch served by the Ladies' Auxiliary at a very nominal charge.

The dancing lasted until one o'clock, and the last tired merry maker left with the question "When is the next Legion Masquerade?"

## ENTERTAIN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The doctors of the southern branch of the Medical Association were entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Leake of Arlington avenue. The association meets once each month at the home of one of the members in the various near-by towns.

## P. T. A. NOTICE

All parents and adults are invited to attend the free entertainment and meeting of the Torrance P. T. A. to be held at the school auditorium Wednesday evening, November 9, at 7:30. The following program will be given:

Male Quartette—Winter Song (Bullard).  
Ladies' Trio—Morning (Sneaks).  
Lecture—James Pope, Public Defender, Los Angeles. Subject—"Farm Versus Prison."  
Ladies' Trio—Hushen (Needham).  
Male Quartette—Annie Laurie (Parks).

## WESTERN AVENUE NOW BEING SURVEYED BY COUNTY FOR GRADING

### Continuation of Street Through Torrance and Lomita Direct To San Pedro

County engineers, we are reliably informed, have been busy the past two weeks recording grades from the south end of Narbonne avenue on through Fourteenth street, San Pedro. It is the plan to grade the street through the hills to the Harbor, and let it lay for a year before paving is attempted, and will then furnish one of the most picturesque and scenic routes for automobile travel in the District.

Many times Western avenue has been termed "Military Avenue," and is a short cut from the harbor through Lomita, Torrance, Moneta to Vermont avenue and the city of Los Angeles. Several years ago when the proposed boulevard was being promoted it was the plan of the different chambers of commerce representing the towns on the road to have it named Western avenue, and today is spoken of that name by those living off the boulevard in Torrance. It is Arlington avenue, in Lomita it is called Narbonne avenue, but the proper name is Western avenue. "From the Mountain To the Sea."

## DIPHTHERIA

It is a sad fact that diphtheria is now claiming more lives of children in this state than ever before. Since the first of the year there have been more than 5600 cases reported and over 400 of them have died, and the situation is getting rapidly worse in the last few weeks.

These are facts that cannot be disputed, and there are causes for this condition of affairs which I will not discuss in order to avoid controversy. There has been no case in Torrance as yet, but our neighboring town to the north has an epidemic, and we will have to be unusually vigilant to escape.

If your child develops the slightest sore throat, please keep him at home and away from other children. Do not let him go to school or Sunday school or to the theatre. It would be better to call your regular family doctor than he might take a culture of the throat and otherwise advise you. There are many cases of diphtheria that are scarcely sick, and they are a big factor in spreading the disease.

Let us all work together if the seed arises, and do our best to prevent any of our little folks being carried off by this disease.

J. S. LANCASTER, M. D.,  
Torrance Health Officer.

## M. W. A. GO TO SANTA ANA

A number of the local Modern Woodmen of America journeyed to Santa Ana Tuesday evening, where fifteen candidates were initiated. The degree work was put on by the Long Beach team. Afterwards a fine banquet was served to the visitors. Those who went from here were J. H. Peas, C. A. Benzli, Frank Sharp, Jesse Stitts, Roy Flood, H. E. Reeve, Ole Olson, J. G. Anderson, H. M. Tolson, P. T. Brown and A. G. Breeden.

## WILKS-ORMAN WEDDING

Miss Marion Wilks formerly of Torrance, but now residing in San Pedro, was quietly married to Dewey Orman of the U. S. Navy at the Presbyterian church at San Pedro Saturday, October 29, at 8 p. m. After the ceremony a supper was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Caroline Jones. The happy couple will make their future home in San Pedro. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wilks and Mr. and Mrs. Zamperino of Vista Highlands were the guests from Torrance at the wedding.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

The Torrance Women's Club will hold their regular meeting Monday November 7, at Legion Hall. There will be a short music program of music and current events. Mrs. Nettie Steinbiller will give a reading.

## TRUSTEES OPEN LONE BID FOR VISTA HIGHLANDS STREET WORK

### Pay Return Engagement With The Trustees of Culver City, Who Visited Torrance Tuesday Eve.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order on Tuesday evening by President Proctor, with all members present. There was also in attendance for the first time since incorporation a representative gallery of Torrance citizens, who came to welcome the trustees of Culver City, who returned to their council meeting several weeks ago. The trustees several times during the evening expressed their appreciation of the attendance, and the hope that other meetings in the future would be as well patronized.

Routine business included several communications regarding the fire apparatus, which were referred to Mr. Stone. A letter from the Torrance Post of the American Legion was read, calling attention to the ceremonies of Armistice Day, which are to focus on the idea of respect and honor to those who made the supreme sacrifice. The body of an unidentified soldier is to be buried in Washington with highest military honors, typifying the nation's reverence for the host of American lads who did not come back. The letter stated that while the body was being lowered from 12 noon to 12:02 the President requested that the entire nation stand in thoughtful prayer, "Lest we forget." The request was made that the trustees express their approval of the legal holiday which the State has proclaimed, and request that business houses in Torrance be closed for a part of the day. On motion of Mr. Smith this was done.

Reports of standing committees followed. The street committee reported repair work on Arlington and Western since the last rain, and the surfacing work on the road leading to the P. E. Shops. This road has long been a blackeye to the city because of the large number of visitors to the finest railroad shop in the country. With the help of the Pacific Electric, who are furnishing dump trucks at their own expense, the road is being surfaced with clay.

Mr. Stone of the police, light and fire committee had a report on several vital questions. First, the lighting of the western portion of the city was found to be too expensive on a temporary basis, as the regulations require standard watt for even goose-neck post lamps, and the Edison Company would not be justified in making such an installation for less than a three years' contract, in which time they would have to make rates high enough to pay for the installation. This proposition was tabled and the committee given power to go over the system, cut out lights, consider unnecessary, reduce from two to one lamps per post and to remove the opaque globes, which cause a loss of about 20 per cent in effective lighting. This move will certainly cut the light bill and will give almost as effective lighting.

Mr. Stone also recommended the purchase of a motorcycle for the police force, which brought considerable discussion from members of the board. The suggestion had been up before and had been tabled at the suggestion of the finance committee, but the need has been marked that the purchase was covered by four members of the board, despite the depleted condition of our treasury, with the hope in addition to the added protection in more efficient police the motorcycle would pay for itself in a short time in fines collected, which would be lost without the machine. The warning was issued to Torrance citizens, so that the income might be mostly "outside money."

The treasurer's report showed a low mark for the year of about \$3200.

Recorder's report for the month of October showed \$20 in fines. This amount should be increased immediately after the purchase of the motorcycle.

Mr. Postle, the city engineer, made a report on the Inter City Planning Organization meeting, to which he and Mr. Proctor were delegates from Torrance. A com-

## FIRST OIL WELL IN TORRANCE UNDER WAY

The first oil well derrick within the incorporated city limits of Torrance is being erected on the Dominguez property west of the city proper, and it is thought that in ten days drilling will be started. This shows that the tendency is to come nearer and nearer Torrance with oil operations and farther away from Redondo Beach. Many leases have been obtained of late on property lying to the east and south of Torrance, and property owners say the regular monthly rental payments are being kept up by oil companies.

Many times in the last ten days we have been advised by oil operators that within the next year there would be more activity in Torrance than there now is in Huntington Beach.

## TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

On Wednesday of last week the pupils enjoyed their first of a series of industrial educational pictures. The one presented was of the lace industry, covering both hand and machine made fabric. The moving picture machine is revolutionizing and increasing efficiency of our present school system, and it is conceded by all great scholars to be the greatest and best educator that has ever entered any school room.

The school nurse made her second round of the schools this week and found some annoying skin diseases, but nothing of any serious nature.

The truant officer is again making his appearance and the pupils who think that playing or working is better for them than attending school are learning that California has a law that must be obeyed.

Mrs. Christine Latter is back at school again after three days' absence, a light case of ptomaine poisoning being the cause. Miss Myrtle Zimmer was substitute in Mrs. Latter's place, Mrs. Zimmer being the regular sixth grade teacher of two years ago.

Torrance is glad to note that a number of the teachers are being induced to make this city their home. This means a big improvement and a less number of changes in the faculty.

Committee, which included Mr. Postle, was named at that meeting to outline and report on a permanent organization. This committee is now at work. Mr. Proctor expressed the opinion that Los Angeles is now in a co-operative attitude toward the surrounding municipalities and the county, and that great good can come of the Planning Organization if sincere co-operation and good faith are shown by all. The committee wishes for success of the organization were expressed. Mr. Postle and Mr. Proctor were continued as representatives from the Torrance Board.

Ordinance No. 11, regulating the making of demands and the paying of bills, and Ordinance No. 12, regulating the keeping of animals and a dog license, were given final reading and passed.

As before explained in this paper, these ordinances will be posted instead of published, and public attention is particularly called to the dog license ordinance. This provides for a license fee of \$2 per year for each male or spayed female dog over four months old and \$4 per year for each unspayed female. All dogs are to be licensed, whether they run at large or are confined to yards, and under consideration is a female to be allowed at large in season. This ordinance will become effective about December 1 and licenses and collar tags should be secured from the city clerk by that time.

The only bid received for street work in Tract 4070, known as Vista Highlands. There was some surprise that but one bid was submitted, as the engineer expected not less than three or four. The amount was for a little over \$51,000. The bid was referred to the city engineer for report at a special meeting called for Tuesday evening, November 8. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

## MAYOR PROCTOR ASKS AID FOR RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

### Volunteers Wanted To Assist In Drive; Meeting Monday Night

Now comes the annual roll call of the Red Cross. To the people of Torrance who were over 100 per cent in all of our war drives we say don't let us fail to put this drive over the top. The membership is \$1.00. Fifty per cent goes to the National Red Cross Society and 50 per cent goes to the Los Angeles Chapter, 99 per cent of which goes to the boys who fought for us on the other side and have come back to us disabled. We sent these boys to war; now let us be fair and raise money to take care of them. It might have been your son, your brother, or your father. Let us all do our small part and let every member of your family be a member of the Red Cross and put this drive away over the top. The drive commences November 11 and ends November 24. As chairman I am asking for volunteers to help. I especially ask the Legion boys of Torrance to assist me in this drive, and I need all of you.

I am calling a meeting at my home, No. 1740 Gramercy street, at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, Nov. 7, to perfect an organization. Phone 44-W Torrance.

(Signed)  
GEORGE A. PROCTOR.

Chairman Red Cross Drive.

## AUXILIARY PLANNING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion is planning a membership campaign. All those who are eligible are asked to join. This includes the mothers, wives or sisters of Legion members, or the mothers, sisters or widows of men who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war. The latter group are known as gold star members.

## CENTRAL AND BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD JOINT PARTY

A merry crowd of young people to the number of nearly four score comprising the young men's and young ladies' classes of the First Baptist and Central Evangelical Sunday schools enjoyed a pleasant Halloween party Friday night. It was held in the basement of the Central church. Spooks, ghosts, goblins, witches and black cats were everywhere in evidence. The committee on entertainment kept everybody so busy that all agreed with the high school freshman who declared: "Tempus sup' de fugit." The refreshments, consisting of pumpkin pies, cake, doughnuts and cider, were enjoyed by all, as proven by the speed with which said refreshments disappeared.

Those present besides the members of the classes were: E. X. Andem, teacher of the Baptist young men's class; Mrs. E. J. Garner, teacher of the Baptist young ladies; P. G. Briney, who teaches the young men's class of Central church Sunday school; Mrs. P. G. Briney, Mr. C. J. Garner, Mr. A. Anderson, Prof. and Mrs. Barnett, Rev. and Mrs. Thorpe and Rev. and Mrs. Zeller.

Mrs. Nellie Zuer of Portola avenue, Torrance, entertained relatives on Sunday at a birthday dinner party given in honor of Mrs. Vera Zuer's birthday anniversary. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Vera Zuer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Zuer, Mrs. Nellie Zuer and son, Paul, and Mrs. Ella Archer of Lomita.

## "YE BONNIE BOY"

Out of a large number of names turned in to Mrs. Rahm and Mrs. Shriner for their new lunch and confectionery store in the Auditorium Building, the prize of a pound box of candy was awarded to Mrs. E. H. Nash of Arlington avenue. Although several names were very appropriate, "Ye Bonnie Boy" seemed the most fitting.

Linoleum, Special Price, 75c yard. "Hardware" Reeve.