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MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE BEING PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 24

Meeting Called For Monday Night In Land Company Office to Organize

Efforts are being made to have the First Annual Municipal Christmas Tree in Torrance this year on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, being the time chosen for the big event.

A mass meeting has been called for next Monday night at the Dominguez Land Corporation's offices, when an organization will be formed and committees appointed to take charge of the work.

The new organization will not be fostered by any existing organization, church, lodge, club or business, but will be strictly a municipal affair for children. The different manufacturers and industries in Torrance have already stated their willingness to help financially and it is thought the true Christmas wave of good will spread over the entire city, and one of the most successful affairs ever started in Torrance will be the result of the thought to have a Municipal Christmas Tree.

No contribution will be considered too large or too small, and your donations of whatever nature will be greatly appreciated, whether you have children or not.

You are urged to be on hand at the meeting next Monday evening and assist in the organization work. A list of the subscribers and the names of the committee will be published at a later date.

Keep Saturday night, December 24, an open date for this affair.

MACABEE CARD PARTY

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Macabees held their regular monthly card party in the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening, December 6. A very enjoyable and interesting evening was spent by all. The ladies of the Macabees, as well as everyone else who attend these card parties, say that no more enjoyable evening can be had anywhere than at these wonderful little parties, where you may play five hundred all evening and probably win one of the four prizes and enjoy refreshments, all for 25 cents. They are held the first Tuesday in every month and everyone in Torrance and vicinity is invited.

Next Tuesday will be the regular business meeting of the Macabees, and every member is urgently requested to be present, not forgetting that the membership attendance drive is on, and that the absence of every member is a great deficiency to their side.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce met last Monday night, when regular routine business was disposed of. It being the annual meeting for the nomination of officers, the following names were placed before the meeting:

Alfred Gourdier—President.
Rev. Zeller—Vice-President.
A. H. Bartlett—Secretary.

There were no other candidates and these nominees will be regularly voted to office at the next meeting.

Ways and means for living up and creating more interest in the Chamber of Commerce was suggested by several, and it was advised that each one put forth every effort possible to see that 1922 was a banner year for the organization.

ROBBERS, BURGLARS AND CRIMINALS

What shall be done with them? No one will deny the tremendous increase in robbery, burglary and crime within recent years, and the inadequate police protection afforded, and the question agitating the minds of the people today is what can be done and what shall be done? The pastor of the First Baptist church of Torrance will discuss this question at the people's service Sunday evening, December 11, at the hour of 7:30. You are cordially invited.

Don't miss our Big Show every night this week. Torrance Theatre.

CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT

A warrant was issued out of the Justice of the Peace Court Tuesday, charging Cameron M. Bean, formerly assistant cashier of the Dominguez Land Corporation, Torrance, with grand larceny. Bean and \$1500 in currency disappeared from the company's office at the same time according to the complaint.

Last Monday several hundred dollars were received from Japanese tenants of the land company, it being too late in the day to make a bank deposit and the money was locked in the safe. The following morning Bean reported at the office as usual and shortly after Mr. Deininger had unlocked the safe he (Bean) made excuses that he had forgotten his key to the money box in the safe at his apartments in the El Prado. He started up the street and that is the last seen of him in Torrance. The loss was not discovered until several minutes after when some one came into pay a water bill. Mr. Deininger remembered then what Bean had said about his key and wondered at his delay in returning. He used his own key to open the money box and over \$1500 was gone. A warrant was immediately asked and the big hunt was on.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion Torrance Post No. 70 held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 15, at 8 p. m. in the Legion Hall. Every member is urged to be present and also requested to bring any ladies who are eligible to the organization. The officers for the ensuing year will be nominated, and if possible elected at this meeting. This newly formed organization is very rapidly growing and needs the membership of every lady who is eligible. For the benefit of those not acquainted with it, one must be the mother, sister, wife, daughter, step-mother, step-daughter, step-sister of an American Legion man, or the mother, wife or sister of one who died in the service of his country. It is not necessary that he be a member of the Torrance Post for the relative to become a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, but simply that her eligibility be shown by the Adjutant of his Post. This exclusive organization is very different from any other woman's organization, and the beautiful work that it carries on is the most deserving work in the world. Any lady of Torrance or vicinity who is eligible please get in touch with one of the members or with the secretary, Margaret E. Rees, R. F. D. No. 125, Torrance, and an application card will be immediately forwarded, so that she may be welcomed to the Auxiliary.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Torrance Auditorium Company will be held Thursday, December 15, 1921, at 8:00 p. m. in the Saleroom of the Dominguez Land Corporation, Torrance, Cal. for the purpose of electing a new board of directors and to transact such other business that may properly come before the meeting.

A. H. BARTLETT, Secretary.

FORD CAR TURNS OVER

Trapped between an Oldsmobile car in front and a stage at the back, Joe Anderson turned his Ford car suddenly to avoid striking the machine in front and turned completely over. This happened Tuesday afternoon on Guadalupe avenue at 4:20 o'clock as the occupants of the car were returning to their home after their day's work.

It is miraculous that the accident did not result fatally to some of the men at least. J. C. Anderson had his face cut, arm badly sprained and many bruises about the body. Joe Anderson was rendered unconscious and his back and hip sprained. Mr. Brody was probably the most seriously injured of all, as his face, neck, and hands were very severely cut by glass from the windshield. Dr. Leake was called immediately and found it necessary to take a number of stitches to close the lacerations. Bennie Blackburn another occupant of the ill-fated car escaped without injury. The men were removed to their homes where they are thanking their lucky stars that they were not more seriously hurt.

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Santa Fe Well No. 1 Flows at Rate Of 5400 Bbls. Day

Excitement was running high yesterday over the recent flow of oil that broke out Wednesday evening and for four hours looked like a gusher well was likely to come in at any moment. During those four hours over 900 barrels of the finest grade of oil gushed to the surface and then subsided. Several weeks ago when the flow of oil came in the depth was 3035 feet, and as the oil began to subside drilling was resumed until a depth of 3101 feet was reached, when the second flow started again. It is thought that the top of the sand was drilled into, which released the flow of 900 barrels before it again became clogged. Immediately the hole was filled with

water and heavy mud, and drilling operations will be resumed shortly.

By going down the additional 66 feet a fine grade of high grade gas was encountered, reports from the well stating that the escaped gas was rich and carried with it a strong pressure. Should the well be brought in at the same rate as on Tuesday night the flow would be between 6000 and 7000 barrels a day of very fine oil. Ever since the well was spudded in there has been the utmost confidence in the future of this well, and everyone feels confident that Torrance has been and is on the very verge of a big oil boom.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

The kindergarten under the direction of Mrs. Barnard will have a Christmas tree party at 10:00 o'clock on December 16. An entertainment is not planned but the morning will be spent demonstrating their values, songs, and dramatization. And then there will be a Christmas tree. All mothers and friends of these little people are invited to attend.

A dress rehearsal was held at the school Wednesday evening in preparation for the Christmas entertainment to be given at the school next Thursday evening, December 15 at 7:30 o'clock.

Christmas Musicals—Dec. 15
Selection—Orchestra
Joy of the World—Community Chorus
Silent Night—High School Chorus
Fair Rosie—Second Grade
"Good King Wenceslas"—Walter Zuercher, Francis Gilbert and Boys Chorus

The First Nowell—H. S. Chorus
Toy Shop Band (Boys)—Kindergarten
Dancing Dolls (Girls)—Kindergarten
"Christmas Eve"—Girls Chorus
Oh Little Town of Bethlehem—High School Chorus
Birds Christmas Carol (Abridged)—Play by the High School

Three Kings of the Orient—Kingsley Tufts

Carl Von Hagen and Boys Chorus
Harry Davis.

Nazareth—Gounod—H. S. Chorus
Accompanists—Virginia Watson, Loreta Condie, Miss Anne Griffin

Musical Director, Miss Carrie Stiller, director of high school play

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TORRANCE

"The Church of the Open Bible."

The pastor will preach at both services on themes of interest and helpfulness. You are cordially invited to be present.

"APOSTOLIC ADVERTISING"

Is the church being advertised in the proper way? The method suggested by the Holy Spirit along the lines of advertising will be discussed at the morning service.

THE PEOPLES SERVICE

The service which commences at 7:30 in the evening is the Peoples Service. Subjects of interest and helpfulness presented every Sunday evening.

"ROBBERS AND CRIMINALS"

What shall be done with those who break the laws of God and man? will be the subject for the Peoples Service Sunday evening at the hour of 7:30. Come and bring a friend.

"Be not deceived: God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Galatians 6:7.

Rev. Stanley H. Thorpe, Pastor.

CHICKEN DINNER

A chicken dinner with generous helpings will be served at the Dominguez Sales Office Tuesday evening, December 13, at 6:00 o'clock. The price is only fifty cents. Dr. L. G. Reynolds, superintendent of the Methodist Hospital, will be present. Dr. Reynolds is a man with a pleasing personality, a message, and all should want to hear him. He is a member of the Southern California Conference, has had wide business experience, and is a member of the Masonic Order.

Mrs. T. J. Bishop left for San Francisco a week ago to visit relatives for two weeks. From there she will go to her home in Billings, Montana.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Raymond Flood was a happy little boy Monday evening when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flood invited ten of his playmates to help their son enjoy his tenth birthday. The girls and boys were first taken to the Torrance theatre to witness the movies and afterwards to "Ye Bonnie Box" where there was a beautiful big birthday cake with candles and an abundance of ice cream. Many gifts were received by the honoree. Those present were Beatrice Wyne, Marie Coker, Margaret Reppert, Evelyn Long, Ruth and Ethel Slye, Thomas McNeill, Robert Stowe and Raymond Flood.

TORRANCE RELIEF ASSN.

The Torrance Relief Association held their regular meeting in the library Tuesday afternoon. There will be a special meeting Friday, December 9, to make arrangements for Christmas. If there is anyone in Torrance who would appreciate help at Christmas time, will they please telephone Mrs. P. F. Brown, number 134.

BAZAAR

A bazaar will be given in connection with the chicken dinner on Tuesday evening, December 13, by the First M. E. church Ladies' Aid. We understand that the ladies have worked hard and have many desirable articles for sale.

TRUSTEES IN IMPORTANT MEETING PASS RESOLUTIONS FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

Torrance trustees in regular meeting Tuesday evening started proceedings which will bring to a vote the question of several very necessary major improvements, the completion of which will place Torrance in the position it should hold as the modern industrial city.

Resolutions were unanimously passed instructing the city attorney to draft an ordinance calling election on the following subjects which will be reported in detail:

First, the paving of Arlington avenue from the city's southern boundary to Carson street to a width of fifty feet with five inches of Willite, and the surfacing of Carson avenue from the west boundary of the city to Cedar street just west of the school to a width of twenty feet with four inches of the same material. This material was chosen by the city engineer and council after comparison as to cost and durability. Willite was used in the paving of the Harbor Boulevard over Nigger Slough, and has stood the heavy traffic as nothing else, in spite of the fact that the traffic is concentrated on a twenty foot roadway, as against thirty foot width where other material was used. The slipperiness of the boulevard under fog or light rain is due to the use of fine local material, and will be overcome on our work by the use of coarse aggregate in the top surface.

The trustees believe the improvement of Carson and Arlington as described above will be of benefit to the entire city as well as to the property owners paying those particular streets, and have therefore started the proceedings in such a way that half the expense will be borne from a municipal bond issue and half by the property owners directly affected. The portion to be borne by the bond issue was estimated in the engineer's report to be \$57,000.00.

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RECOVERING FROM INJURIES

Little Frederick (Budgie) Rees is rapidly recovering from the injuries he received when he was struck by an automobile on his way home from school. Although not able to be out of bed yet, Frederick has a wonderful time playing in the "Land of Counterpane" with the toys that his little kindergarten and other friends have brought him during his confinement. Frederick was about a square west of the school on Carson street a few minutes after 12 o'clock Monday, Nov. 28, with several other kindergarten children of Vista Highlands where he was struck, and his worst and only bad injury is a cut in the right leg above the knee, where Dr. Lancaster took about ten stitches.

George D. Watson of Torrance was elected commander of McKinley Camp No. 20 at Long Beach Saturday night. Mr. Watson was vice commander of this camp last year and his election to the office of commander shows the regard in which he is held by his fellow-members.

TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Torrance Woman's Club held their regular meeting in Legion Hall on Monday, Dec. 5, at the usual hour. In the absence of the president on account of illness in her home, the first vice-president (Mrs. Anna Otly) presided. After a short business session the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Curtiss, who took charge of the program in the absence of Mrs. Fitzhugh, she also being absent on account of the illness of one of her little children. Miss Lucille Howe played two beautiful piano solos, "Whisperings of the Pines" and "The Chapel by the Wayside," which were greatly enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Curtiss, chairman of the Current Events section of the club, read several articles from the District News Pamphlet, which were very beneficial and enjoyable. Mrs. Zadi Hastie was admitted to the club.

The next regular meeting, which will be on December 19 at the usual time and place, will be one to which every member is requested to bring her friends. It will be open to all ladies of Torrance and vicinity. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Harry Paige, chairman of the music section of the club, and promises to be a wonderful one. The program will be printed next week in this paper, but Mrs. Paige has already told us that it will be a Christmas program.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Royal Neighbors held their annual election of officers for the ensuing year Wednesday evening, December 7. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. J. H. Fess—Orator.
Mrs. L. C. Miller—Vice Orator.
Mrs. P. F. Brown—Recorder.
Mrs. J. Moore—Chancellor.
Mrs. P. Tolson—Receiver.
Mr. P. F. Brown—Manager.
Mrs. Christopher—Outer Sentinel.
Mrs. McFarlin—Inner Sentinel.
Mrs. Zahadrick—Musician.
Dr. N. A. Leake—Physician.

A large crowd of Torrance folks attended the Elks masquerade dance at Redondo Beach Tuesday evening.

The Torrance Thimble Club met Wednesday with Mrs. J. H. Fess of Arlington avenue.

Mrs. A. E. Shugg, Cecil Shugg and Stanley Carruthers of El Monte visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess.

The Torrance firemen will give their annual dance Saturday evening, December 17, at the Legion Hall. Tickets, 50c each.

Chas. Clark of Elgin street, Lomita, is in charge of the Roney Lee meat department in the Quality Market.

The Afternoon Card Club met at the home of Mrs. R. R. Smith on Thursday afternoon. After the game of five hundred had been played, delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Geo. D. Watson received first prize and Mrs. Nettie Stienhiller the consolation prize.

AMERICAN LEGION TO ORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS

Idea Meets With Approval of All of Torrance and Boys are Jubilant

A special meeting of the American Legion was held Thursday evening, December 1, for the purpose of nominating officers for the coming year. Of course, there are several contenders for the various offices, excepting that of Adjutant, for which there was only one lone nominee, the present Adjutant being nominated to succeed himself. The regular annual election will have taken place ere this is read, but we go to press before the results are known.

The Torrance Post is fast becoming one of the real organizations of our city, and one of which we can all be proud. As is well known, they are the young men who compose the backbone of every forward movement. In line with the policy of the national organization and its Americanism program, our local Post is slowly but surely working its way into local affairs which have a direct bearing on a better America.

For a long time past the Boy Scout movement has been one of the members of our Post, and at the meeting above mentioned a full report was submitted by the commander as to what is necessary in organizing a Boy Scout Troop in our city. This report was received with enthusiasm and the movement is promised the support of every member. A committee composed of Commander Post, Adjutant Babcock,

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KLURMAN BUILT AMUCK

"Bill" Klurman's blue Pierce Arrow ran amok in a heavy fog at 3:00 o'clock in the morning, crashed through barbed wire fences, knocking down a big signboard and landed in a pasture alongside of a wild bull taking his morning nap. The bull resented being intruded upon at this early hour by "Whiz-Bang Bill" and began to paw the earth. By this time Bill found out that his machine was not damaged and put the reverse in the high and retreated as quick as possible.

Bill claims the fog got so dense and thick that he could not see the spectacles before his eyes. Well, we take his word for it, but what was he doing out so late, or so early, at this time. He is asked to explain in the next issue of the "Enterprise."

Mr. and Mrs. F. Juen and Mr. and Mrs. J. Priscilla of Los Angeles were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brissinger of Arlington avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Juen are Mrs. Brissinger's parents.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are cordially invited to attend a get-together meeting to be held at the American Legion Post No. 8, Forresters' Hall, between Second and Third on Hill street, Los Angeles, at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, December 13. Mrs. Carrol Marks, second vice of the American Legion Auxiliary of the National Organization, will be there and render a part of the proceedings of the last convention of the American Legion Auxiliary at Kansas City November 8 last.

This invitation is extended to all units of the American Legion Auxiliary Posts in Los Angeles County.

Roy Flood, photographer, is again employed at the Union Tool shops.

HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER

As the result of the findings of the coroner's inquest over the death of Miss Helen Willson, who was struck by an automobile on Armitage Day in front of her home on the Redondo Blvd. and Eshleman streets, the driver, Vito Decol and his companion Victor Bertoglio, a minor, were both held on a charge of manslaughter. Decol is in the county jail in default of \$5000 bail. The boy is held in juvenile hall, Los Angeles. Their preliminary hearing was held in Lomita today before Judge Hunter, too late, however, to gain any particulars of the findings.