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## WILL START WORK ON SEWER SOON

### Authorities Probe Origin of Lomita Dance Hall Fire

## OILERS IN SEMI-FINAL GAME SUNDAY

### BONDS ARE APPROVED 6 TO 1

Endorsement in District No. 5 Assures Work on Project

OTHER AREAS TO COME But Construction Will Not Wait, Says County Engineer

Work on a metropolitan sewer and ocean disposal system to serve most of Los Angeles county will start soon, it was assured Tuesday when the \$2,000,000 bond issue was approved in Sanitation District No. 5 by a vote of approximately 6 to 1.

The bonds carried by a vote of 3165 to 587, every precinct, but three returning more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

Torrance voted 352 to 19 in favor of the bonds, or almost 20 to 1. The vote in Lomita was 357 to 36—or about 10 to 1.

The vote of the three precincts where less than two-thirds voted for approval was as follows: No. 9, Howard, 76 to 43; No. 13, Moneta, 133 to 93; No. 14, Lavandale and Redondo Villa, 79 to 128.

All four precincts at Inglewood returned great majorities in favor of the proposition.

Three districts have now approved bond issues for trunk sewers and to pay their respective shares of the cost of erecting the disposal plant and the outfall sewer to the ocean.

Steps will be taken immediately to sell the bonds. County Sanitary Engineer A. K. Warren announced, when the victory in District No. 5 was assured.

In the three districts which have approved bond issues bonds have been voted to the sum of \$9,120,000. According to Mr. Warren, this is sufficient to proceed with the work, although other districts will be given an opportunity to join in the work at an early date.

A meeting is being held today at El Monte to discuss a proposed bond issue in a district comprising the entire west end of the San Gabriel valley.

The more districts that join the system by approving bond issues, the less the outfall sewer to the sea and the disposal plant will cost the districts already formed, it is pointed out.

Work of constructing the sewers will not be delayed while other districts are waiting to approve bond issues, Mr. Warren said. "We are going to plan our work," he explained, "so that should other districts in the county decide to come into the project and bond themselves for such purposes, we can take them in as we progress with this initial project."

The vote by precincts in District No. 5 Tuesday was as follows:

### Next Speaker of the House T. R.'s Son-in-Law a Power



A new portrait of Nicholas Longworth, and an informal photo of his wife, the former Alice Roosevelt

By JOHN T. LEWING Jr. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—It is expected that the speaker of the House of Representatives will again be the important figure in Washington that he was in the old days when Nicholas Longworth takes the chair. Gillette, the present speaker, has not had the position upon the Washington stage that Joe Cannon and Champ Clark and others before them used to have.

It appears certain that Longworth will be the next speaker. Republicans, after a poll of the house, virtually have conceded his election when the new Congress convenes. Gillette will then enter the senate, having defeated David I. Walsh, Democrat, last November.

The Longworths are already important figures in capital society, due chiefly to the energies of Mrs. Longworth, who was "Princess Alice" in the days when her father, Theodore Roosevelt, occupied the White House.

Nicholas Longworth is a strange combination of aristocracy and democracy. Born with a golden spoon in his mouth, the son-in-law of one of America's great presidents, he has overcome these "handicaps."

When a friend of Longworth's said to him the other day that he believed the fact that he was the son-in-law of the late Col. Roosevelt had been a handicap instead of an asset to him in making his

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### BATTLE ON PERMIT TO HOLD DANCES ENDS IN BLAZE

Broken Door, Seized by Firemen, Prompts Investigation Into Cause of Flames Which Caused Loss of \$1500

Flames Wednesday morning ended the controversy over the Harmony dance hall at 257th and Walnut streets in Lomita. But while the community battle that has been waged bitterly over the existence of the hall in the community was ended by the fire, the blaze ushered in an investigation by local and county authorities as to the origin of the flames.

The fire completely destroyed the dance hall, with a loss of \$1500, \$1000 of which is covered by insurance. D. A. Stout of Walteria was the owner of the building.

The building was erected by Mr. Stout, who applied several weeks ago for a permit to conduct dances on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Residents of the neighborhood then circulated a petition requesting that the county authorities re-

use the permit. Mr. Stout countered with a petition asking that the permit be granted.

While action on the permit was pending the dance hall, which was a frame building with a canvas roof, caught fire.

The blaze was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Powell of 257th street, whose home is next door to the hall. The alarm was turned in at 4 a. m. by Leon Champagne, a newspaper carrier.

When the fire apparatus arrived the building was a roaring furnace. The investigation into the origin of the fire was started when the front door of the dance hall was salvaged and it was discovered that the door had been broken.

Firemen declare that the blaze in the center of the building is caused by burning gasoline.

Make Observance of Memorial and Armistice Day Compulsory; Advises Resolution of Legion

The Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, Tuesday night unanimously passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, the regents of the University of California and Leland Stanford Junior University have decided that in the future Memorial Day and Armistice Day will not be observed by their respective institutions; and

### Observations

Who's Going to Feed Us?—A Wedding of Two Great Families—The Coming Inaugural Address; Will Coolidge Veto the Pay Boost? By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE west is moving east and the east is hurrying west. Farmers in the Mississippi valley have had a tough time during the past few years. Those who have saved enough to make the move possible have moved to California. And now it is revealed that the Japanese population of California is settling on farms in the Mississippi valley in such numbers that it has become necessary for the Kansas state legislature to pass a law prohibiting aliens from owning, renting or leasing farm land in that state.

The benefits of modern civilization are great—but they are accompanied by numerous disadvantages. It is splendid that everyone is enabled in this country to secure an education which will enable him to exist in a higher plane in society than his parents. But the very ease with which modern youth may acquire the special learning necessary to become a doctor, lawyer, engineer or go into business draws the young man from the farms to the cities.

So as Kansas acres become depopulated of native whites, Japanese move in. A most unusual situation. So Kansas then passes a law to check the Orientalization of her farm lands. Which, of course, she has a perfect right to do.

But as the years pass the movement of farmers to the cities grows apace. And as time goes on who will run our farms? The answer is not yet evident. Undoubtedly we will become so enlightened ere long that when the depopulation of farms begins to threaten our stomachs we will actually begin to use our heads. When that day arrives it is possible that every able-bodied farmer, just as European youths now are required to spend a certain period in the army or navy.

And plenty of good it would do them, too.

Gloria Swanson has been ill and is much improved. The world breathes more easily. Now when the courts decide whether or not Charlie Chaplin has a monopoly on the manner in which he suspends his pants there will be left but little for the average citizen to worry about.

MISS ABBY ROCKEFELLER will wed David Milton, a law clerk. The wedding will join two of America's greatest families. The Rockefeller family is almost an American institution. They have made millions but have used it wisely and expended it for the benefit of humanity. Young John D., father of the bride-to-be, has proven a man of high character and far-sighted vision.

The Miltons have never been wealthy, but they have always been men and women of high value.

The marriage of Miss Rockefeller to David Milton will be a wedding of wealth plus brains to brains.

It is well for the country when our wealthiest men and women marry persons of strong character. For fortunes in the hands of persons who inherit good moral tendencies instead of loose character means that those fortunes will not be wasted.

Rich men are either an asset or a liability to their country and their country. The wedding of our wealthy heirs today to persons who possess high moral and mental qualities means that the great fortunes of tomorrow will be in good hands.

### AUTO NINE TO MEET C.C.M.O.

Game at Torrance Will Decide Which Shall Play Pasadena

STAKE SEMI-PRO TITLE Buicks Have Won Sixteen Straight Games as 'A' Champions

By reason of their victory over the Southern California Gas Company nine last Sunday the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company ball club clinched the title to the Double A Winter League. This places them in line for a play-off with the leaders in the other winter leagues, and next Sunday "Dad" Thielman will send his Buick Auto club, winner of the "A" League, against Eddie Copeland's Oiler crew at the Torrance park.

The winners of this game will then enter a three-game play-off with the Pasadena Merchants for the semi-pro championship of Southern California. The Buick Autos have won their last 16 straight games, so Manager Copeland is not looking forward to an easy task if he is to break their winning streak. The Oilers have been dishing up a classy brand of ball for the past couple of months, so this contest between two league leaders should develop into one of the best exhibitions yet seen at the Oiler's park.

The game will be called at 2 o'clock.

### Students Here Win Honor for Their Standing

High School Pupils Placed on High Marks Roll

During every term of high school the goal which each pupil works for is to be placed on the honor roll.

The standard of eligibility is determined by the Interscholastic Association of high schools of all Southern California.

The following pupils are on the Torrance high school honor roll: Lucille Weaver, Everett Richart, Doris Spoon, DeDe Barnard, Mildred Richart, Mary Wilson, Christine Hamman, Dorothy Chandler, George Watson, Martha Kirkpatrick, Margaret Tiffany, Edna Hamman, Claudia Shepard, Eileen Woodburn, Warren McMillan, James Mullin, Homer Morgan, Ruth Lingenfelter, Tatsuo Inouya, Edna Ringhart, Walter Eason, Richard Von Hagen, Lucille Morrison, Oma Beckwith, Margaret Baron, Harry Phillips, Velma Blackburn, Phyllis Knorr, Turner McLean, Lloyd Chandler, Alice Frost, John Young, Robert Lessing, Berthela Jarvis, La Dorne Hall, Earl Tavan, Kathleen Wheaton, Jessie Neilson, Howard Schneider, Cleon Skousen, Andrew Frazier, Opal Kelley, Robert Bartlett, Joseph McCall, Marion Vieths, Marie Evans, and Daniel Barnard.

### Torrance Students Will Govern Selves

Self-government by students has been instituted at the Torrance high school. Under this system students will make their own rules of conduct and will provide penalties for tardiness and unexcused absence.

Miss Vinna Maughn of Blackfoot, Idaho, who is visiting her brother Glenn of 1922 Carson street, enjoyed the Orange Show, accompanied by her brother, on Sunday.

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THE next President, Mr. Calvin Coolidge, will be inaugurated next Wednesday. He promises that his address will be brief. That will please telegraph operators, newspapers and readers who consider it their duty to read every presidential message—which, by the way, every citizen should do.

It will be interesting to learn just what constitutes President Coolidge's idea of brevity. He might well say a lot by saying little—perhaps something like "The American Congress ought to get down to business."

THE President, it is reported, may veto the bill which provides for pay increases for congressmen. If he does he will be consistent. He vetoed the soldier compensation measure and the postal pay bill because neither stipulated how the money to meet the provisions was to be raised. While the congressional pay bill does not call for the great expenditure required by either of the bills the President vetoed, it does seem that he cannot approve a measure to raise the salaries of congressmen, who, despite propaganda to the contrary, actually can exist on \$7500 a year plus mileage, after he has vetoed a proposal to increase the pay of hundreds of postal employees who are not now receiving a living wage.

THE following is submitted by Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles county health officer:

It has been announced by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company through its statistical bulletin that the health of the people of the United States and Canada was better in 1924 than ever before. This is the first year in which every important cause of death registered a decrease from the year before. This company analyzes its figures from the experience with 16,000,000 people insured with their organization, which group constitutes about one-seventh of the combined population of the United States and Canada. From this mortality experience a good index of the country as a whole is obtained.

THE death rate among this group was 8.5 persons per one thousand, which was almost 6 per cent better than the year previous. Figures compiled by this great insurance company show that since 1911 the decline in death rate has added in excess of 200,000 lives to the population. It is conceded without question that a large percentage of this is due to modern public health methods. It is a fact that there were no widespread epidemics in 1924. The influenza death rate was the lowest ever recorded. Deaths from pneumonia were fewer than in any prior year except 1921. The epidemic diseases of childhood—measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and diphtheria—registered a decrease of 20 per cent; especially the diphtheria rate, 12.8 per 100,000, was the lowest ever recorded. This represents a drop of 50 per cent from the rate of 10 years ago.

The year 1924 also recorded the lowest typhoid fever mortality in the history of the company, viz: 4.5 deaths per 100,000 population. (Continued on Page 2)

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