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## SEE ANNEXATION MOVEMENT HERE

### GEN. HINES ENDORSES DRIVE

Says Legion Fund of \$5,000,000 For Orphans Is Necessary

LOCAL QUOTA IS \$1,000  
Bert S. Crossland Post Will Seek Pledges in Torrance and Lomita

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Gen. Frank T. Hines, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, has pledged his earnest support to the American Legion endowment campaign for \$5,000,000, in a letter to National Commander James A. Drain of the Legion, which sets forth the government's view of why government aid to the disabled and the orphans should be supplemented by the relief work of the Legion.

After pointing out that the government, through Congress, has been liberal in its aid to the disabled, Director Hines adds: "It is a well-known fact that many detailed types of assistance fall into the hands of local Legion posts for fulfillment and it has been further disclosed that funds for the carrying on of the specific emergencies have been noticeably deficient.

Call Is Necessary  
"It is therefore an opportunity that this call comes from the Legion with so well defined purposes that the public and other interested organizations may comprehend at once the necessity of the call. It is true that millions of dollars have been appropriated for rehabilitation and hospitalization, and these expenditures will continue in decreasing number as the work nears completion, but the continuing liability remains in the instance of the mentally disabled and of the minor dependents of all veterans of the World War.

"From a survey of disclosures obtained through the intensive study of records in the Guardianship Subdivision, recently organized in the bureau, circumstances affecting the children of veterans are not in many instances what the public or the bureau would desire them to be. The initiative taken by the Legion in launching a campaign for the endowment of \$5,000,000 is to be commended and ought to meet with the endorsement of all public-spirited citizens as in the securing of these funds each veteran of the World War feels his personal obligation to the children of his less fortunate comrades. Up to this time the legislation provided in general for beneficiaries of the bureau is not imminent in the instance of minors denied the rights of childhood and the privileges of training conducive to economic independence.

Get Records Ready  
"The bureau is preparing from its records available on the subject an itemization of all minor beneficiaries, and anticipates releasing these data to various Legion posts, who in turn will gladly co-operate with the Legion and affiliated organizations in securing specific information as to the immediate needs of the minor dependents of veterans in their various communities."

Gen. Hines concludes his letter with a ringing endorsement of the Legion's effort, saying:

"I thank you for the privilege of endorsing this splendid work and trust that the resources of the bureau be at your disposal in every instance where they will serve toward the perfecting of your plan and the realization of an American ideal by Americans for Americans."

The quota of the district including Torrance and Lomita is \$1,000. This amount will be sought by the Bert S. Crossland Post.

George Hopkins, who came to Torrance with Mrs. Hopkins from Oakland, R. L. last June, and who has been residing with his son, Fred E. Hopkins, at 1514 Engracia Avenue, returned east Saturday. From Chicago he will go to Washington, D. C., and New York, and from there to Providence. He was accompanied on the trip by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Hopkins, of Livermore, and Miss Gertrude Livermore of Mapleville, R. I., who have been enjoying a three-months sojourn in California.

### PARADES RUMMERS AND WRECKED CARS AS WARNING TO WHISKEY PEDDLERS



Exhibition in Des Moines street of an automobile in which a bottle of wine was found after two women and two small children narrowly escaped injury when it was driven into a deep ditch by one of the women.

By Central Press  
DES MOINES, Ia., May 26.—Des Moines' chief of police, James Cavender, is fighting bootleggers and reckless drivers with advertising. One of his "stunts" is to exhibit in downtown streets in dramatic fashion automobiles damaged in wrecks blamed on drunken drivers. Another is the plan to set up "stocks" on trucks in which to exhibit convicted bootleggers in parades through the principal streets of the city.

Other parades are being planned by the chief, who blames the courts for the lax enforcement of the prohibition laws. Because of the failure of courts to punish bootleggers, Chief Cavender claims, "the bootlegger has almost as respected a place in the community as the groceryman, butcher and merchant."

Chief Cavender believes that his educational program will alter public opinion and force the courts to co-operate with his department in the prosecution of liquor law violations.

The chief began his unique anti-rum advertising after a woman drove an automobile, in which another woman and two small children were passengers, into a ditch. A bottle of wine was found in the car. He put the damaged end of the car on truck wheels, placed a grizzly figure wearing a death's head and brandishing two bottles of pre-Volstead days in the car, and ordered it run through the downtown district.

### Torrance Frost First Baby at Hospital Here

Mother Names Winner of \$50 After City and Its Founder

Torrance Frost won the \$50 offered by Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance for the first baby to be born at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital here. The little chap arrived in the world at 3:30 a. m. Saturday, May 23, to claim the award. Mrs. Elsie Frost, 1622 22nd Street, Torrance Park, named the boy Torrance. Torrance is a healthy lad. When he arrived he weighed just a pound.

And like the city whose name he has taken, he is growing rapidly.

### Former Pastor Of Church Here Gets Yale Job

Gordon Riegler Made Director of Divinity School Field Work

Gordon Arthur Riegler, M. A., organizer and first pastor of the First Methodist Church, Torrance, was recently notified of his appointment to the position of Director of Field Work of Yale University Divinity School by Dean Brown. The duties of the position consist in locating ministers and divinity students in churches, directors of religious education, and other Christian workers.

### Primary Election of Women's Club Set on Thursday

The Women's Club of Torrance will hold its primary election at its regular meeting on Thursday of this week at the Episcopal Parsonage Hall on Engracia Avenue at 3 p. m. Ballots have been mailed to all members, who must deposit them personally at the meeting on Thursday.

### Memorial Day Parade, Led By Gold Star Mothers, Will Precede Fine Program at Auditorium

Led by Mrs. Nellie Crossland, who are requested to turn out in uniform. The program at the auditorium will open with a tableau and the placing of the colors. Emerson will be veterans of American wars, who are requested to turn out in uniform.

### A MEMORIAL DAY APPEAL

WHEREAS, Saturday, May 30th, 1925, has been established as a day sacred to the memory of those departed heroes who served their country in time of need; and

WHEREAS, there is a regrettable tendency on the part of some of our people to disregard the real purpose of the day and make it a gala day and a picnic day instead of a "Holyday"; make it a gala day and a picnic day instead of a "Holyday";

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the City of Torrance do most urgently appeal to the citizens of our city to observe the 30th day of May in the proper spirit, as Memorial Day, and lend their support to and be present at such ceremonies as may be most convenient for them to attend, as a tribute to the memory of the departed, and further that only such labor, industry, and business as is absolutely necessary be carried on during that day.

By order of the Board of Trustees.  
R. J. DEININGER,  
President of the Board.

Memorial Day, to do reverence before the shrine of American men who died in service.

The program of services has been arranged by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion. Burton R. Fitts, former state commander of the Legion and now first deputy district attorney, will deliver the main address.

The parade will form on Border Avenue near the Pacific Electric station. The Torrance Community Band will play. Miss Crossland will lead the parade at the request of the Legionnaires. Following:

- LEAVE FOR EAST: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnston, son and daughter, of North Gramercy Avenue, will leave tomorrow for a month's vacation to visit their relatives in the central states. After spending a few days at Kansas City they will go to Bedford and vicinities in Indiana.
- TO VISIT O. E. S.: Mrs. Christine Sullivan, the district deputy, will make her official visit to the Torrance Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, on Thursday evening, May 28.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Inman, 1744 Arlington Avenue, entertained over Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers of Hollywood and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bustamante of Sawtelle.

### BANK WILL BE HOST MAY 28

Branch of Bank of America Invites Public to Reception

MUSIC, REFRESHMENTS  
L. A. Officials of Institution Will Greet People Here

A public reception will be held at the Torrance branch of the Bank of America Thursday from 4 to 9 p. m.

The J. G. Stann trio will furnish music. Refreshments will be served.

L. M. MacDonald, chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of America and executive vice-president of the Commercial National Bank, will be present. Other Bank of America officials will also be present to get acquainted with the people of Torrance. The advisory board of Torrance men will assist at the reception. They are J. B. Hines, manager of the Branch, Carl L. Hyde, W. L. Booth, Harry Dolley, W. E. B. Partridge, and G. L. Bisbee.

To introduce itself to Torrance as a branch of the Bank of America the branch for a limited period will present an American flag to every person opening a term savings account with a deposit of \$25, J. B. Hines announced today. Officials of the bank cordially invite the people of Torrance and vicinity to the reception Thursday.

### Two Hurt, Three Autos Damaged In Two Crashes

Collisions on Western Avenue and East Road Saturday and Sunday

Two persons were injured, one seriously, and three automobiles were badly damaged in two automobile accidents here Saturday and Sunday nights.

J. E. Rodriguez, piloting a coupe on Western Avenue Sunday night, struck a car driven by E. A. Baker of Inglewood, lifting it clear of the pavement, veered across the highway and crashed into the rear of a touring car driven by J. P. Sampson of San Pedro. The touring car was sent hurtling into the bank with its two rear wheels torn from the axle and its side caved in. No occupant of any of the three cars was injured.

R. Rodney, driver of a delivery truck owned by the Cannon Ball Express Company of Los Angeles, is in the hospital in Los Angeles as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile crash on East Road Saturday night when the truck collided with a car driven by F. H. Woodall of 1109 East Fifty-third Street, Los Angeles. Bodey sustained deep cuts on the face and may have suffered a fractured skull. Woodall's injuries were confined to cuts on the head.

### START CHURCH FRIDAY

Building operations at the new Keystone Mission, on Dolores Street a block and a half from Carson Street, will start Friday morning. Volunteer workers will be welcome. It is announced.

### NEXT ISSUE THURSDAY

The next issue of The Torrance Herald will be published Thursday instead of Friday.

This change is made to allow merchants, particularly grocers and butchers, to place before the public their shopping bargains for Friday.

Church notices must be at the Herald office by Wednesday noon.

The Herald office will be closed a day Saturday in commemoration of the men who have died for their country.

### Observations

Los Angeles Turns Her Eyes on This District—1925 Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of California's Admission to Union—Rubber and Oil

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

LOS ANGELES apparently has envious eyes on this district with a view at annexation.

It is patent that the long-awaited campaign to "widen the shoestring strip" is about to open. The initial movement was made last Saturday in a leading editorial in the Los Angeles Examiner.

This editorial sets forth that "the trend of industrial expansion is toward the harbor" and that "in order to be accommodated with chief municipal power, these new plants will want to locate in the city, but there isn't room enough."

Then adds this revered mouthpiece of the wholly unselfish interests of Los Angeles: "It is entirely practicable to widen the Shoestring Strip on the west side."

IN another column on this page the Examiner's editorial is published in full. You may read it several times and I challenge you to find anything in it that considers in any way the desires of the residents of the district recommended for annexation.

But now that Los Angeles apparently desires to annex us it might be well to set forth here that the vast majority of the people in the area immediately west of the Shoestring Strip do not wish to be annexed and that they will combat with all their resources any move to join them to the city of Los Angeles.

To be equitable annexation must bring advantages to the district annexed as well as to the city annexing. And if anyone can show any real advantages in such a movement to this district we should like to hear from him now.

WHAT would Lomita gain by annexing to Los Angeles? Nothing but the right to pay higher taxes. What would Torrance gain? Higher taxes and reduced representation.

The industries now located in Torrance moved here for many reasons, one of which was to get out of the city and thus save money in taxes.

We can readily understand why Los Angeles desires to annex us. The city is bonded close to its limit. The only way it can increase the limit is to increase its assessed valuation. The only way this valuation can be greatly increased is by the annexation of new territory.

HERE is a district rich in valuation, as rich per capita as any district in the Southland. The assessed valuation of Los Angeles would be advantageously (to Los Angeles) increased by annexing this potentially and intrinsically wealthy territory.

Every observer of Los Angeles activities has been expecting an annexation move in this section sooner or later. But they do not fear the outcome of any such move. Public opinion is crystallized against annexation. An election would show a tremendous majority against becoming a part of the city.

Meantime we all will do well to watch for the next move on the part of Los Angeles—and be ready to meet it.

AFTER a year of what may be truly characterized as tough luck, California agencies for the promotion of the welfare of the state have joined together to make 1925 a banner season for the tourist trade.

For 1925 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of California's admission to the union.

Hundreds of celebrations of the state's anniversary are contemplated in a program co-ordinated by the following organizations: California Development Association, All Year Club of Southern California, California Club, Inc., San Francisco, San Diego-California Club, California Club, Inc., San Francisco, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, Oakland Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, Stockton Chamber of Commerce, Fresno County Chamber of Commerce, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce.

COMMUNITIES ranging all the way from the Mexican line to the Oregon border have announced unusual entertainments, outdoor pageants and fiestas, with a vivid background of the old Spanish life. The motion picture people, local organizations and business men generally are taking it up with a vim. The idea is sure to be a winner. Californians are built that way.

Summer visitors to California, no matter where they go, will find everywhere a most alluring reflection of this carnival spirit. To the manifold attractions of mountains and seashore will be added the romance of pioneer times. The combination is hard to beat. For summer here is the rainless season, when outdoor life may be enjoyed to the full without fear of inclement weather. In June there will be, among other things, a Cherry Carnival, a State Beauty Pageant, a Pageant Play at Mission San Juan Capistrano, and a Spanish Fiesta at Hollywood.

For July the program comprises a Roundup and Rodeo, a Flag Festival, aquatic sports galore, a Spanish Pageant at Berkeley, a Redwoods Play in Sequoia National Park, an Indian Field Day in the Yosemite Valley, and so on. August will provide a Tournament of Lights and a Marine Fashion Show at the beaches, a Greater Movie Week at Los Angeles, an Old Spanish Days Fiesta at Santa Barbara, the Dons of Peralta Festival at Oakland, and many others.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HERBERT HOOVER issues a warning that the British monopoly of the rubber producing industry and restrictions placed on competition bids fair to bring about a rubber famine in 1928 or 1930. The British control 95 percent of the rubber bearing lands of the world. Upon British sources American manufacturers of rubber products depend entirely for their raw materials.

Hoover calls the British control and restrictions a combination in restraint of international trade. His outspoken frankness indicates the alarm existing in the American rubber industry.

THE British gained control of the world's rubber production with government assistance. As a result the rest of the world must look to England for its crude rubber.

Now that a famine looms the United States government wakes up and speaks of the danger of skyrocketing rubber prices in 1928 or 1930. There seems to be little that we can do now to avert the crisis. It is apparent that we must pay the bill when the British interests raise the price.

Yet in the face of this situation our government does nothing to prevent a similar condition in the oil producing industry. Great Britain bars Americans from drilling for oil in British territory. Then, allowing their own properties to remain untapped, British companies drill in American soil. In the course of years American petroleum fields will have been drained and Britain will have a corner on the world supply of oil.

Although there is little the United States can do to prevent a rubber famine, there is much our state department might do to avert a future crude oil famine induced by a British corner of the world's oil supply—a corner which we are now passively permitting them to acquire.

### EDITORIAL ADVISES ACTION

L. A. Paper Recommends Widening Shoestring Strip on West

INTEREST STIRRED HERE

Local Opinion Is Crystallized Against Joining City

Unusual interest was aroused here by an editorial appearing in the Los Angeles Examiner Saturday recommending the annexation of territory west of the Shoestring Strip. The editorial is regarded here as the first move in an attempt to annex this district to the city of Los Angeles. Local opinion, as expressed after publication of the editorial was almost unanimously against annexation to the city of Los Angeles, and it is certain that if definite action follows soon, it will be met with determined opposition here.

For the past four months rumors of a movement to annex Torrance and Lomita have been afloat, but no activity was obvious until publication of the editorial, which local observers believe was inspired.

The Examiner editorial follows: "SHOESTRING STRIP NEEDS WIDENING. Why not widen the Shoestring Strip?"

"When the city annexed the harbor district, the connecting link binding the two into a municipal entity was decreed to be half a mile wide. This width, it was thought, would be sufficient, because the idea prevailed that there was need for little more than a pathway from one to the other. In other words, the strip was regarded as nothing more than a technical bond."

"The tremendous development of both areas has served to emphasize the exceeding narrowness of the medium for carrying on the tourist and ever growing business which flows between the two areas. This strip is to become most important in the future commerce between the city and its harbor; within the elongated area will be constructed traffic facilities such as truck and passenger boulevards and railroads, and these should be wholly under the city's jurisdiction."

"There is no road from Los Angeles to the harbor which lies directly within city territory. That in itself is a condition which should be corrected, if nothing more were done."

"The trend of industrial expansion is toward the harbor; in order to be accommodated with cheap municipal power, these new plants will want to locate in the city, but there isn't room enough. It is entirely practicable to widen the Shoestring Strip on the west side and to straighten out a considerable jog. A great part of the territory which would be taken in under this plan is sparsely settled. There are several population groups along the way, however, but all of these, it is believed, would be glad to come into the city and share in metropolitan advantages."

"The pathway from the city to its harbor should be widened to accommodate future development."

### Jury Directed To Acquit Man In Court Here

M. M. Tidwell Is Freed in Oil Field Theft Case

On recommendation of the prosecuting attorney, last Friday, Judge Hunter instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty in the case of The People vs. M. M. Tidwell. Tidwell was charged with petty larceny in connection with oil field thefts.

Miss Pearl Knudson of Compton and Viola Harlan of Sun Street, and Lloyd and Lawrence Thrapp enjoyed "The Iron Horse" at Hollywood Sunday afternoon.