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TORRANCE MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

FIESTA NETS LEGION SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS

PARALLEL PARKING RULED

New Traffic Ordinance Is Adopted by City Trustees Monday Night

ALLEY STOPS PROVIDED

Measure Changes Parking Light Hour From 12 to 1 o'Clock

New traffic and parking regulations, adopted by the board of trustees in a new ordinance Monday night, will go into effect here as soon as the ordinance is published. The new ordinance provides for parallel parking on all streets in the city.

It provides also that automobiles traveling on alleys must come to a full stop five feet from sidewalk intersections.

It changes the hour for the lighting of parking lights on cars standing on the streets from midnight to 1 a. m.

Doheny Leases So. Lomita Area; To Drill Soon

88 Acres Taken by Petroleum Securities To Be Prospected

According to an announcement made by C. B. Hollingsworth in an interview with a reporter, the Petroleum Securities Company has leased 88 acres of land lying between the southern extension of Pennsylvania and Narbonne avenues. Eighty acres is owned by the Lomita Syndicate, and eight acres is the property of Mr. Hollingsworth.

While the leases, signed Wednesday, specify that operations must start within 45 days, Mr. Hollingsworth states that representatives of the oil company assured him that work would actually begin within the next ten days.

Make Big Plans For Cornerstone Laying Aug. 2nd

Ceremony at Odd Fellows Temple in Lomita Is Scheduled

Elaborate ceremonies will mark the laying of the cornerstone of the new Odd Fellows Temple on Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, near Eshelman avenue, Sunday, Aug. 2.

The program in detail will be announced in next week's issue.

Beg Your Pardon

An unavoidable breakdown on the press delayed publication of The Herald until today. The breakdown occurred Friday afternoon just as The Herald press was being started. Mechanics worked almost all night repairing the press. This is the first time in two years and a half that The Herald, under its present ownership missed a publication date.

Charles Van Court, Torrance Handy Man and Lover of Dogs, Kills Himself With Shotgun

Charles Van Court, "handy man" of Torrance and familiarly known as Charley by old residents here, killed himself late Saturday night with a double-barreled shotgun. The body of the 65-year-old man was found where he had ended his life on the Pacific Electric tracks at Carson station in the shooting strip by two boys—L. N. Clark, 1540 21st street, and Cecil Justice, 1321 Carson street. The boys notified police Sunday afternoon. Officers Stanley and Stroh went to the scene. They found Van Court lying on his side, with the muzzle of the shotgun near his head. He had apparently set the gun, lain down with his head at the muzzle, and pulled the trigger. Police believe he committed the act late Saturday night.

Perry G. Briney Awarded Radio Set By Legion

Presentation, Postponed Saturday, Made After Boxing Show Monday Night

Perry G. Briney was awarded the five-tube Atwater Kent radio set given away by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion Monday night, as a feature of the Fifth Annual Fiesta and Auto Show.

The presentation was made after the boxing show staged by the Legion in the Fiesta tent. The ceremony of giving away the set was postponed Saturday night, when members of the Legion were informed that the proceedings would be halted by official action if the presentation was attempted. J. W. Macdowell told the big crowd in the Fiesta tent that the Legion had received "a tip," and added that it was his belief that "somebody would be given a radio set."

Fred Zeller Has Close Call as Car Crashes Trailer

Returning to Redondo Beach from the Torrance Fiesta and Auto Show Saturday afternoon Fred Zeller, Hudson and Essex dealer, narrowly escaped death when the Hudson he was driving crashed into a trailer loaded with lumber. A truck hauling a lumber-laden trailer passed the Zeller car on the highway. Shortly after it passed the trailer broke loose from the truck and turned across the pavement. Unable to stop in time or turn out, the Zeller car crashed head-on into the trailer. The tongue of the trailer passed through the Hudson radiator and tumbled the car completely over. The Hudson was badly damaged, but Mr. Zeller escaped without a mark.

J. C. Smith Elected Chamber Director By Unanimous Vote

The board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon unanimously elected J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company as director of the chamber to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. B. Hines. Mr. Smith, who did such excellent work in securing reductions in property valuations here, remains as chairman of the chamber's tax committee, and was appointed chairman of the finance committee Tuesday by George Proctor, president of the chamber.

Dog license payments are now due, City Clerk Albert Bartlett announces.

Many Dwellings Going Up Here In Bldg. Spurt

Summer Activities in Construction Lines Centers on Homes

A spirited building program started in Torrance in June and is still under way with numerous dwelling houses going up. June permits for dwelling houses alone aggregated \$14,295 and the July permits will exceed this by a handsome amount.

J. H. Barnes, who has completed several houses in Torrance recently, is building three more. Two are at the corner of Engracia and Cota avenues and one is at 1419 Amalpa avenue.

July permits taken out to date are as follows: 1229 Arlington, Mrs. J. A. Merriam, garage and apartment, \$1500; 1751 Arlington, J. Corbett, 5-room dwelling, \$2300; 2130 Artesano, Torrance Flat Glass Company, class B building, \$5000; 231 Arlington avenue, Pueblo Land Company, store building, \$1500; 1615 Western avenue, California National Supply Company, 2-room office building, \$500; 533 Sartori, Henry Kent, garage, \$1000; 1224 Cabrillo, R. S. McHenry, enclosure shed in rear, \$300; 1130 Amalpa, Guy and Ryan, addition, \$1500; 1328 Portola, W. M. Brooks, garage, \$150; 818 Amalpa, Henry Hanson, 4-room bungalow and garage, \$3500; 1432 Engracia, Women's Club of Torrance, club house, \$13,500; 1751 Arlington, J. Corbett, garage, \$150.

John Shearmur, Local Pioneer, Taken By Death

Torrance lost one of its oldest residents when John Shearmur passed away at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital Wednesday evening, at the age of 71 years. Death followed a short illness due to intestinal complications. Mr. Shearmur was one of the pioneer residents of Torrance, taking up quarters here during the early days of this territory's transformation from a potato patch into a modern city. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Edith Parker of Acton, Mass., and Miss Myrtle Shearmur of Florida; a sister, Mrs. Alice McNamara of Alameda; and two brothers, James Shearmur of Torrance and George Shearmur of London, England. Mr. Shearmur was a man of splendid character and a faithful Christian worker, being a member of the Angelus Temple of Los Angeles.

Harlequin Picnic

The Harlequin Club will hold a picnic next Thursday "somewhere in California." Every member may bring a guest, and will be notified as to time and place of meeting and also advised what their contribution to the luncheon will be.

Observations

Women, Age-Old Reverence, and Man-Made Laws; Bryan and Darrow Battle is Plain Flapdoodle—French Quit the Ruhr

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WOMEN will agree to take off their hats to men if that is necessary to gain equal rights.

That is Miss Alice Paul of the National Women's Party speaking. She is chairman of a committee that is seeking to write an equal rights clause into the Federal Constitution.

Isn't her plan absurd? And is it true that women want equal rights? I think not.

Equal rights means equal disadvantage. In stepping up to an even plane with men, women will lose more than they gain.

Take this hat tipping business, for example. Miss Paul says that the custom of hat tipping by men started because men have always had short hair and could doff their hats easily, while women always have had long hair which made hat tipping difficult.

Wrong again, Miss Paul. The custom of hat tipping by men goes deeper than that. It is a gesture of respect. It signifies the age-old reverence of men for the child-bearers of the race. It symbolizes physical protection of women by men. It harks back to the fine old days of chivalry. It is a gesture of honor.

But now that they have it, it seems to me that it cheapens them. The more nearly equal become the legal rights of women, the more women lose in time-honored respect and reverence.

It isn't so much that they shouldn't have equal privilege in the eyes of government and law as it is that in acquiring equal privilege they lose many of the high advantages which they have, as women, always possessed exclusively.

This "emancipated woman" stuff is rapidly destroying much of the beauty that has always existed in the relations between men and women. A prominent politician recently said, "I cannot get accustomed to having a woman present in a political conference. She either interests me as a woman or offends me as a woman."

He said a lot and indicated more.

THE losses in respect which women have suffered as a result of their recent "emancipation" are evident on all sides.

I recall a picture on the club car of the Santa Fe Limited. It is there that men repair to smoke and chat. One evening there were so many women in the car that men who entered could find no seats. The women had not come in there to smoke.

Possessing equal rights they came in there to experience a novelty. Ten years ago any woman who sat down in a club car would be regarded either as a fool or a person of extremely loose morals.

By 10 o'clock that night the car was cleared of women. As soon as the last one had left the talk started. It was unanimously agreed that in entering the club car the women had lost caste.

It actually seemed almost immodest. The men were not angry because the women had usurped the seats, but because their presence in the car had deteriorated the women in the eyes of the men. And men don't like that.

IT is more important that women retain natural reverence and respect from men than that they obtain new and questionably advantageous rights in the eyes of government. The natural instinct of the race cannot be changed by statute—but the attitude of men toward women—that splendid attitude that prompts every gentleman to turn his eyes the other way when he sees a mother nursing her child and to feel like doffing his hat when he passes a woman obviously with child—I say that attitude is injured irreparably every time women seek to place legal rights ahead of the exclusive privileges which men have forever accorded them.

THE natural laws, race-old, which have always dictated that men respect, protect and revere good women are higher laws than artificial statutes.

Whether they admit it or not, men are inferior to women. Don't tip your hats to us, ladies. In the first place we don't deserve it. And in the second and more important place, it will lower you in our eyes.

We have you on pedestals which God erected "lest the generations fail." Men don't want those pedestals torn down. Don't tear them down yourselves.

IT has always been difficult to keep Bryan off the front page. Inherently he is a news figure—and always will be until the papers publish his obituary—and after.

Even those millions of Christians who cannot concur with the Commoner's literal interpretations of the Bible retain a deep respect for this embattled old veteran. Bryan always has been almost a great man. But unlike really great men who gain the goals they set out for, Bryan never has been able to compromise.

There are no half-truths, no half-errors permissible to Bryan. His mind permits no half-measures. He goes all-length or he does not go at all. Which really is saying that he has a one-track mind.

There is such a thing as too great singleness of purpose. Bryan has it. It keeps him from being a truly great man. He really is a nearly great man who often goes haywire.

Free Delivery of Parcel Post And Extension of Mail Carrier Service Are Authorized Here

Free parcel post delivery and extension of carrier delivery in Torrance were authorized in an order received Tuesday from the postoffice department by Postmaster Alfred Gourcier.

The new order extends carrier delivery to several hundreds of Torrance residents who heretofore have been compelled to call at the postoffice for their mail.

The order also enables the local postoffice to deliver mail to any of the industrial plants in Torrance

who desire such service. With the inauguration of parcel post delivery here, Mr. Gourcier expects that before long a special vehicle will be authorized for that service.

The increased service which the postoffice here is now able to offer was secured by co-operation between the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Postmaster Gourcier, who made representations of the city's needs to officials at Washington.

Pollack Outfights Watts Lad at Legion Tilt Here, But Referee Declares It a Draw

Don Pollack of Hollywood, a lithe and cool young boxer, clearly outpointed, outgeneraled and outfought Battling Ward of Watts in the eight-round main event of the Legion boxing show in the Fiesta tent Monday night. The referee called it a draw.

Pollack fought a heady fight, while Ward, plainly a four-round boxer, noticeably weakened in the last four rounds. Pollack cuffed the sturdy Watts lad severely whenever they mixed during the last three frames, and the tilt was close to the bed-time story stage as the last gong sounded.

The crowd, not always right in their judgment of a boxing match, was right this time and they booed the decision to the echo. It really was too bad to see Pollack get only a draw when he had so obviously outfought and outboxed his opponent.

Opens Up in Fifth Pollack let Ward take the offense during the first three rounds. He was content to wait until the later stages of the match before he forced the issue. In the fifth he opened up with a vicious attack, pounding Ward to the ropes time after time. As the gong sounded Ward was groggy. The Watts boy came back refreshed, however, in the sixth, and the

round was even. In the seventh and eighth, however, Pollack had a distinct advantage. Whenever they moved into close range he landed three for one. Pollack showed marked defensive ability as he dexterously blocked the swift short jabs of Ward. Although the Hollywood boy unquestionably had the better of the argument, his blows seemed to lack the necessary force to finish the bout.

It's a Draw Frankie Rose of Long Beach and Young Alexander of Compton went four rounds to a draw in the semifinals. The crowd booed this decision, too. Rose, however, was not a beaten man in that bout. While it is true that Alexander's blows seemed to have more sting in them, yet Rose landed as often as his opponent. Had the tilt gone a few more rounds, Alexander probably would have won, but a fight must be judged by what it was and not by what it might have been. To have called this bout anything but a draw would have been unfair.

Joe Lopez of Compton was given the decision in his four-round tilt with Joe Baker of Torrance. Baker was outreached by a couple of three inches and had no force in his swing. Lopez, clearly, was the best boy.

Infant Paralysis Warning To Public By Board of Health; Few Cases, But Care Advised

While the number of cases of infantile paralysis which have broken out in Los Angeles County are not sufficient to cause undue alarm, county health authorities are taking every possible step to prevent a spread of the malady.

A bulletin received here from the California State Board of Health reads in part as follows: "To prevent the spread of infantile paralysis and to avoid contracting it, observe the following: 'Keep your children off the streets.

"Do not let them play with any child or adult who is not entirely well."

"Keep sick persons who do not belong in your family out of your house."

"Make sure that hands are thoroughly washed before eating."

"In Case of Sickness 'If a child or adult in your family appears to be sick or complains of not feeling well, immediately separate that person from the rest of the family, allow no visitors to enter the house."

"After waiting on the sick person, be sure to wash your hands immediately."

"Collect nose and throat discharges in paper napkins, or small pieces of cloth, and burn immediately."

"Dowel and bladder discharges must be disinfected with a 50 percent carbolic acid solution, or such other disinfectant as your physician shall advise."

"Infantile paralysis is primarily a children's disease, the mortality being 20 percent, and many who survive remain disabled throughout their lifetime."

"The best way to keep your child from contracting this disease is to keep him away from other children."

Edmond R. Gardner, Brother of Local Man, Passes Away

After being confined to his bed for several years, Edmond R. Gardner, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Gardner, owners of the Gardner Music Company of Torrance and Gardena, died at 7:45 Wednesday morning at the family home in Gardena. He was a brother of Milton Gardner, manager of the Torrance store.

The death came as a shock to the many friends of the Gardners in Gardena Valley and Torrance. The funeral will be held at the Doy and Whittington funeral parlors, Gardena, at 2 p. m. Saturday. Burial will be at the Inglewood cemetery.

The Gardner Music Stores will be closed all day Saturday, until 6 p. m.

Legion Auxiliary Booth Nets \$150 Members Grateful

Having netted more than \$150 from the operation of its booth at the Torrance Fiesta, the American Legion Auxiliary wishes to thank the public for their patronage and to express gratitude to the merchants of Torrance who so generously donated and loaned merchandise and apparatus to the organization.

Mrs. McVEYS VISIT HERE Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey of Glendale, former owners of the Torrance Theatre, have been visiting friends in this city during the past few days. Mrs. McVey has been receiving treatments for several weeks at the Glendale Sanitarium, where, she relates, her health was considerably improved.

CLUB FUND AIDED BY EVENT

Legion Heads Satisfied With Success Under Existing Conditions

AUTO SHOW GOES WELL Exhibitors Enthusiasm Over Sale of Cars During Week

Estimates of the profit netted by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion from the Fiesta and Auto Show vary from \$500 to \$750. Numerous accounts remain to be settled, so the amount gleaned for the post's building fund cannot be accurately determined at this time.

R. J. Deininger, Fiesta general chairman, and L. V. Babcock, post commander of the Legion, who, with a few other committeemen, handled the entire affair, are entirely satisfied with the success of the event this year. Had not the Legion run the whole show without splitting the proceeds with a manager, the post would scarcely have broken even this year, they believe.

Mr. Deininger reports that the automobile exhibitors were enthusiastic over the success of the automobile show. Each dealer took several orders for cars.

Mr. Babcock and Mr. Deininger requested The Herald to express the thanks of the Legion post to the public for its attendance and to the business men who helped to make the Fiesta a success this year.

The boys feel that with the experience they gained by running the event themselves this year they will be able to stage a much more attractive event in 1926.

Now that the Fiesta is over members of the local post intend directing their attention to the construction of the clubhouse on the Legion lot at Carson street and Cota avenue.

Lomita Woman Killed as Auto And Car Crash

Mrs. Antonia Primrose, 41, of Eshelman avenue, was instantly killed, and her husband, Joseph Primrose, and daughters, Stella and Fanny, sustained minor cuts and bruises, when their auto collided with a street car at Grand and Vernon avenues, Los Angeles, late Sunday night.

Philip Chattruk of Los Angeles, the driver of the car, had his arm broken in four places. Chattruk was held by the police until after the inquest Wednesday, when the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "death due to unavoidable accident."

Mrs. Primrose was born in La Cuesta, Dalmatia, and with her family had been a resident of Lomita for nearly 14 years.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Primrose; two sons, Joseph Jr., 16, and John, 15; and two daughters, Stella, 13, and Fanny, 5.

Funeral services were held at the Torrance Catholic Church Friday morning at 9 o'clock and high mass was celebrated at 2 o'clock at the Church of St. Anthony, Los Angeles. Interment was made in Calvary cemetery.

Will Ask Women To Earn Dollar Month

Plans for the coming club year and for the opening of the new clubhouse were discussed at a meeting of the executive board of the Torrance Women's Club held Friday at the home of Mrs. F. L. Parks.

Each member will be asked to earn a dollar a month toward the clubhouse fund during the vacation period.