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## LEGIONNAIRES BEGIN WORK ON CLUB

### Workers Confident Charity Fund Quota Will Be Subscribed

#### TO FINISH ONE UNIT AT ONCE

Post Will Complete Part, Start All of Fine New Structure  
WILL NOT GO IN DEBT  
Funds Now in Treasury Will Pay for Present Work

Work started Monday on the American Legion clubhouse at Carson street and Cota avenue. Proceeding in accordance with a beautiful plan, the post will complete one unit of the structure at once and lay the foundation, build the walls and roof of the entire building. Gradually, as money becomes available, the post will complete the building, which eventually will be one of the finest Legion homes in Southern California.

The Bert S. Crossland Post has in its treasury about \$4000 in cash and negotiable assets. It is expected that the work now under way can be completed without the necessity of going into debt. The post is determined not to saddle itself with heavy obligations which would constitute a burden both on the Legionnaires and the community.

Bob Reeve, local contractor and Legionnaire, is in charge of construction of the clubhouse. The portion of the building which the post will complete at once will present an attractive appearance at the head of Cota avenue.

#### 'Back To Army' Party Set For Monday Night

Veterans and Families Invited to Shindig of American Legion

Veterans of the war will do their stuff just as they did it during the big fuss when the "Back to the Army and Navy" party is staged at the American Legion Recreational Center Hall next Monday night by the American Legion.

"Happy" Wentz, known by all Southland Legionnaires, will be master of the fun. Jim Scott is chairman of the program committee and promises plenty of stunts.

"Chow" will be served from an army field kitchen and the folks'll have to stand in line for it. All veterans of the war and their families are invited. The Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion wishes it understood that the party isn't just a Legion affair—it's for everyone who was in service and for the families of all service men.

#### Will Speak About Dr. Grenfell Work

Many have read of the wonderful social and religious work that has been done the last few years by Dr. Winfred Grenfell among the fisherfolk of Labrador. Next Sunday Dr. William Key, lately returned from Labrador, where he was acting assistant to Dr. Grenfell at St. Anthony, will tell of the work being done by Dr. Grenfell. He will speak at Central Evangelical Church at 11 o'clock.

#### San Pedran Puts On Program for Rotarians Here

Amos Kreisler, president of the Rotary Club of San Pedro, put on the program at the Torrance Rotary Club luncheon at the Women's Clubhouse this noon. Mr. Kreisler was one of the three San Pedro Rotarians who "fathered" the Torrance club.

#### Observations

Queen Alexandra, Beloved in England, Is Dead—Maj. Gen. Bell Attacks Gen. Pershing—Help the Mail Men—The President's Speech

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN the death of Alexandra, mother Queen of England, there passed the last royal personage who directly linked up this age of speed and bad manners with the culture and delightful taste of the mid-Victorian era.

A quaint little woman, albeit one with a determined will, Alexandra was greatly beloved of the people. Since the death of Edward there has centered on her much of the deep love Englishmen had for her husband.

The present King is a melancholy figure, regarded in London as a more or less nagged husband of an imperious wife. Queen Mary is not the most popular Queen that England has known. Since the day when the present Prince of Wales "came out" he and Alexandra shared most of the reverence which the English have for royalty.

Of course, King George is not unpopular. People, for some reason or other, feel rather sorry for him. But they loved Alexandra with a passion that has, of late years, been exceeded only by their natural enthusiasm for Wales.

A FEW years ago I sat at the London horse show, directly opposite the royal box, where Alexandra was entertaining a number of peers. She struck me as a delightfully gracious old lady, interested and interesting. During the show a horse, on which a little girl was riding, became frightened and ran away. Attendance tried desperately to stop the animal as he galloped madly around the ring. The aged Duke of Connaught left his seat beside Alexandra and assisted the attendants. It was he who finally gripped the animal by the bridle and brought him to a halt. That the old duke had stopped the horse and saved the little girl delighted the huge audience, and the cheers literally shook the building. When the duke returned to his place beside the queen and the aged Alexandra shook his hand warmly the cheers were repeated.

I was in London the day the Prince of Wales returned from his trip around the world. It seemed that all England lined the streets along which the procession was to come—from the station to Buckingham Palace. Mrs. Kingsley and I sat on the curb on the Mall for three hours and after the cavalcade and the prince's carriage had catered by, we hurried across Hyde Park to watch the prince greet his mother and grandmother on the balcony of the palace.

Thousands on thousands of people stood in front of the palace that afternoon. The prince came out in a great volume as his mother kissed him on the cheek. But the shouts fairly rent the heavens when old Queen Alexandra threw her arms around him and drew him to her bosom in a warm embrace. The English loved Alexandra.

MAJ. GEN. BELL, who commanded the Thirty-third Division of the A. E. F. during the war, is writing his memoirs with a pen dipped in venom. The former leader of a division that covered itself with glory in France is bringing shame on his outfit by his scathing attacks on Gen. Pershing and the general staff. Bell asserts that the commander of the A. E. F. made a practice of sending investigators of all divisions in order to spy on the officers. He objects to this, drawing the conclusion that Pershing's high position gave him a swollen cranium. Bell's charges would be serious if they were not so asinine. If Pershing sent spies to the divisions, he did so in order to check up first hand on the officers of those divisions. Personally I would compliment Pershing on the care he took to make sure that the troops were officered by capable leaders. Pershing probably did not want his information by hearsay.

ANYONE in Washington who knows anything about it will tell you that the most slow moving, slow thinking bodies on earth are major-generals. Their gospel is the Army book of regulations. In France, where red tape was slashed, many a major-general found himself lagging far behind the procession because he could not forget old and useless rules, could not sacrifice a time-worn practice under the stress of war. Bell may have been one of these. His stinging rebuke to Pershing makes me think so. Of course the general staff made many incalculable men were serious errors were made. Undoubtedly many incalculable men were promoted and many capable men sent to the rear because of misunderstandings. With 2,000,000 troops in France the job of running the A. E. F. was a large order. Pershing could not do it all personally. Much was delegated to assistants. Many of those assistants were probably incapable. And so on with excuses to infinity.

DESPITE Bell's puny suggestions, emanating no doubt from jealousy and envy, Jack Pershing went to France with the biggest job on his hands that any American officer ever tackled. He should be judged by the ultimate success he accomplished, and not by minor errors he made on the way to that success. The Americans, headed by Pershing, went to France to win the war. They won it and they won it gloriously with an army of 2,000,000 men that professionals said didn't know how to fight. John Pershing was the man responsible for that army. If it had failed miserably, his would have been the blame. To him as commander-in-chief, therefore, goes much of the glory for the victory.

It is only a man of puny brain and short vision that will allow minor details to cloud the American victory. Bell fails to see the woods for the trees. He puts his hands in front of his eyes, holding the horizon, and then swears the sun cannot be seen. In short, he is making a fool out of himself.

I hope Pershing will not answer him. It would be like a St. Bernard barking back at a yellow cur.

NOW come the postmasters with their annual pleas that the people help Uncle Sam during the Christmas mail rush by mailing early, marking plainly, putting return addresses on all letters and packages, and asking postal authorities for information whenever in doubt.

That Uncle Sam ever gets all the Christmas mail delivered before the middle of June is a wonder. It is a tremendous job. And in justice to the hard-working employees of the department every citizen should do his level best to mail cards, letters and parcels early and to write the addresses legibly.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE once more has spoken with deep understanding of a great national problem. Before the New York Chamber of Commerce last week he dealt with the meeting places of business and government. It was a sound, clear speech and one that deserves careful study by every citizen of the country. The President made it clear that the government will never again permit big business to abuse the public. At the same time

#### CITYWIDE CANVASS IS ON

Volunteer Workers Make House-to-House Calls This Week  
\$1000 FOR RELIEF BODY  
Balance of \$1500 Will Be Used for Scouts and Emergency

That the quota of \$1500 for Torrance charity will be contributed by the people of this city before the end of the week was the belief of members of the Torrance Relief Society and J. W. Post, campaign chairman, today.

Tuesday members of the Relief Society who volunteered for the work started a house-to-house canvass of the city.

The business district and the industries are responding readily, according to Mr. Post. One thousand dollars of the fund will be used during the year by the Torrance Relief Society, which has always done such excellent work in taking care of charity cases in Torrance. The balance will be held in a fund for the Boy Scouts and contingencies.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the campaign in an effort to combine several solicitations in one. In supporting the movement the Chamber of Commerce is acting in response to a general demand that the several charity drives in the city be combined in one. While the present campaign cannot be called a Community Chest in the all-embracing sense of the term, it does present an opportunity for local people to combine several charitable contributions in one.

#### Police Ordered To Enforce Law On Refuse Fires

Hannebrink Also Warns Against Inflammables near Water Heaters

Chief Ben Hannebrink today issued another warning to residents of Torrance against the burning of refuse except during the hours provided by the city ordinance. Under the ordinance it is against the law to burn refuse at any time except between sunrise and 10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. and sunset.

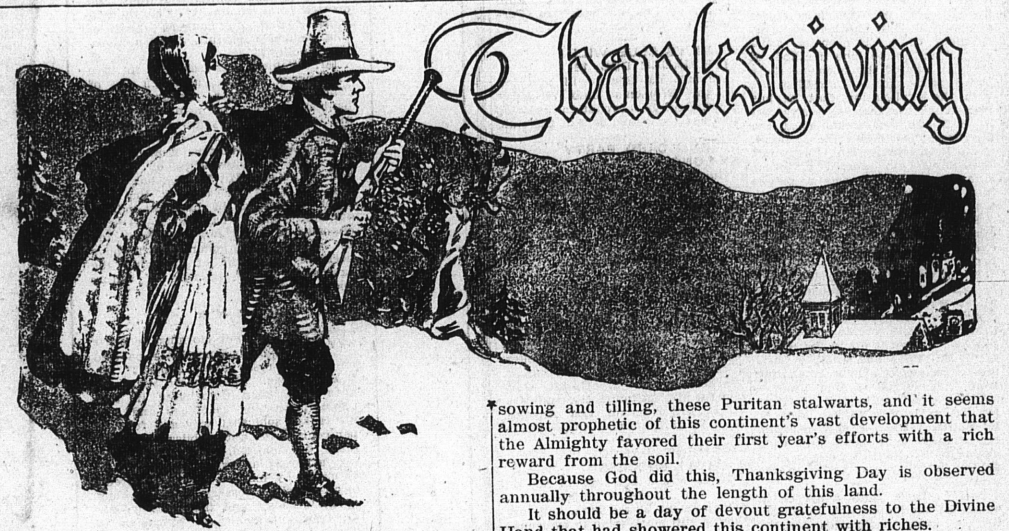
The police department has been instructed to enforce the ordinance strictly. In view of a recent blaze which started near a hot-water heater, Chief Hannebrink today warned residents not to place combustible materials in proximity to heaters. "Many disastrous fires have started from small blazes which would never have started had there been no inflammable material near heaters. Keep paper and rags a safe distance from water heaters."

#### Local Committees On January Dinner To Meet Tuesday

Members of the committees who will make arrangements for the dinner of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, to be held in Torrance in January, will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has already started advertising this event, and one of the most spirited meetings ever held by this flourishing organization is anticipated at Torrance.

#### ODD FELLOWS' DANCE

Another Odd Fellows' dance Saturday, Nov. 28, at Odd Fellows Temple on Redondo-Wilmington boulevard! Good floor, good music, good people! Good gracious! Why don't you go?



WE Americans are so apt to forget the significance of our holidays as we turn days of deep meaning into hours for the pursuit of amusement.

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday for a definite reason. It is observed by the people of the United States because those brave pioneers who dared the dangers of a wide sea and a strange wilderness were grateful to their God for a bountiful harvest.

Beset by savages, they went about their business of

sowing and tilling, these Puritan stalwarts, and it seems almost prophetic of this continent's vast development that the Almighty favored their first year's efforts with a rich reward from the soil.

Because God did this, Thanksgiving Day is observed annually throughout the length of this land. It should be a day of devout gratefulness to the Divine Hand that had showered this continent with riches.

It should be a day of worship at the shrine of the Almighty, whose munificence favored the Puritan fathers as it still favors their sons and daughters and other sons and daughters who own the name American.

Thanksgiving Day is the only purely national holiday that is based upon a people's gratitude to God.

If it loses its significance in the modern hurry and tumble, we are neglecting the rich heritage that comes to us from those bleak New England shores.

#### Kiwanians Will Instal District Officers Here

Torrance Charter Night Is Chosen for California-Nevada Ceremony

Torrance will be the capital of the California-Nevada district of Kiwanis International on Friday night, Dec. 18, when district officers elected at the San Diego convention will be installed and the charter of the Torrance club presented at a dinner at the Women's Clubhouse.

Torrance was selected for the installation of the district officers because of the coincidence of the dates for their taking office and the presentation of the local club's charter.

Kiwanians from many clubs in California and Nevada will be present. Further details will be announced later.

#### Churches Join in Thanksgiving Day Service Tomorrow

Torrance churches will unite tomorrow morning in union Thanksgiving Day services at the Methodist Church at 10 o'clock. Rev. E. H. Lingens, pastor of the Christian Church will speak.

#### Lomita-Torrance Eleven Will Play Navy Ship Team

Two Squads Unite to Meet S. S. Idaho Lads Next Sunday

The Lomita A. C. won its third straight game from Torrance, 13 to 0, before a crowd of 200. Lomita discovered an end of All American caliber in one of its players, whose play was quite a surprise. The game was out of the air was one of the outstanding features of the game.

The Torrance and Lomita teams have decided to band together next Sunday to meet the strong battleship Idaho on the Lomita grounds. This should be quite a battle, as the Idaho is without a doubt one of the best teams in the fleet, while Torrance and Lomita have some of the best men seen in football in Cave, the big Torrance tackle, and Ben Conrada, the coach of Lomita High School. The game will start at 2 p. m. and Lomita is preparing to take care of the largest crowd seen around here for some time.

#### S. C. Edison Company Will Spend \$320,000 Within This District This Year, Manager Oliver Announces

"Three hundred and twenty thousand dollars will be spent by the Southern California Edison Company for extensions and reinforcement of the electric distribution system in the Redondo Beach District during 1926," said District Manager W. E. Oliver today, upon receipt of information from R. H. Ballard, executive vice-president and general manager of the company, advising him that his recommendations for appropriations had been approved. "This is the proportion of the \$32,558,000 budget of the company for 1926 which is contemplated to expend in the Redondo district," explained the district manager. The Redondo district includes Hermosa, Torrance, Manhattan, Torrance, Gardena, and the intervening territory. The business and population in this district shows a substantial increase which justifies this generous appropriation to keep pace with the additions which the company always makes to provide for present and future demands for service.

In addition to the local appropriations for the 31 geographical districts in the ten counties of Southern and Central California where the company renders electric service, the annual budget carries appropriations for the continued development of its Big Creek-San Joaquin River project and new transmission line from the center of Southern California territory to the High Sierras, and for the greater Long Beach steam plant, all of which provide for generating steam and hydroelectric energy and transmitting it to the Redondo district and other points on the system.

District Ranks High "The Redondo district ranks high in the growth of Southern California and the development of the Southern California Edison Company's system," continued District Manager Oliver, in commenting upon the information received from the general manager. "We are also a great factor in the business of this community. Our district payroll will amount to approximately \$45,000 for the year 1925.

"Our program for local system reinforcement for the year includes the building of a new substation at Manhattan, and reinforcement requirements at Torrance, including the enlargement of the capacity of many of the main feeder lines, and extensions where needed.

"This has been a very notable year in the history of the Southern California Edison Company. In February the great Florence Lake tunnel was completed, diverting the upper waters of the San Juan River. During the year this tunnel has delivered, purely as a stream

#### Christmas Tree Program Taken On By Firemen

Volunteers Will Stage Significant Observation for Children Dec. 22

Just when civic organizations in Torrance were casting about for a committee to be responsible for the annual community Christmas tree celebration here this year, along came the Torrance Volunteer Firemen with an offer to take over the entire affair. The result was a welcome acceptance on the part of civic leaders and the promise to co-operate to the fullest extent with the firemen.

A meeting of civic representatives, including several churches, was held last week for the purpose of discussing the advisability of having a community tree. It was voted to have a tree, but more important still, it was decided that the program be arranged to bring out the true significance of Christmas. With the deep meaning of Christ's birthday in mind, the representatives appointed Rev. F. A. Zeller as chairman of the program. The firemen enthusiastically adopted the suggestion that the celebration of the tree be predicated upon the real significance of Christmas.

The Chamber of Commerce directors unanimously voted support to the firemen and expressed their appreciation of the willingness of the volunteer organization to give the children of Torrance a real Christmas celebration.

The tree ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 22. If possible it will be held out of doors.

#### Marines To Meet Fleet Eleven for Charitable Fund

What promises to be one of the best football games on the Pacific Coast this year will be played Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Pasadena Rose Bowl between the Pacific Battle Fleet and the All Star United States Marines. Proceeds from the game will be used for Child Welfare Work by the Federation of Women's Clubs and the American Legion Auxiliary. Tickets are on sale at Torrance at the First National Bank.

#### P. T. A. Tag Day Nets About \$80

Torrance responded generously to the tag day held by the Parent-Teacher Association Monday. More than \$80 was contributed.

#### Stores To Be Open Wednesday Night

All places of business in Torrance will remain open Wednesday night. Groceries and butcher shops will be open until 9 o'clock. Other stores plan to close their doors at 9 p. m. All stores will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.