



L. V. BABCOCK, BANK CASHIER IS TURNED OVER TO BOND COMPANY

ROB HOME OF CASH, JEWELS

Man and Woman Force Wilson Couple to Open House

MONEY LOOT IS \$125

Guard Druggist and Wife While Ransacking Lomita Dwelling

Confronted by a man and a woman as they stepped out of their car at their home late Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, local druggist, were forced at the point of a sawed-off shotgun and an automatic to unlock their door and stand by while the masked couple ransacked the house.

The bandits secured \$125, three diamond rings, two watches, other odd bits of jewelry, and considerable wearing apparel, most of which belonged to Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson made one attempt at resistance, but desisted when the man threatened to knock him in the head with the shotgun. Mrs. Wilson, hysterical at first, subsided into an apathetic state that lasted long after the robbers had gone.

The couple took turns at guarding Mr. and Mrs. Wilson while the other went through the house, and when they were ready to leave forced the Wilsons into a closet and turned the key. It took Mr. Wilson some little time to force the key out and unlock the door with a passkey.

In his report to the sheriff's office Mr. Wilson stated that the bandits were young and well dressed. The woman wore a henna-colored hat and coat. Practically the only detail he noticed about the man was his striped silk socks and low shoes.

It is assumed that the couple had a car somewhere around the Eshelman avenue hill, but the Wilsons noticed none.

Mrs. Tubbs Gives Charming Luncheon

Mrs. G. W. Tubbs of Orange street entertained at an elaborate luncheon Wednesday for Miss Martha Crabtree of Halifax, Yorkshire, England. Miss Crabtree is touring the United States, is at present a house guest of her sister, Mrs. William Reeson, of El Segundo.

Guests who gathered in Miss Crabtree's honor were Mrs. C. E. Mitchell of Venice, Mrs. E. M. Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown, Mrs. Melvin Broadbent and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eyster.

Lorraine Haworth Is Given Surprise

The fourteenth birthday of Lorraine Haworth was the occasion of a jolly surprise party Friday evening at the Haworth home on Arizona street.

Games and music were enjoyed, followed by refreshments.

Included among the young people present were Enid Hunge, Josephine Musio, Juaneva Adams, Marvina Jones, Celia Wells, Viola Parks, Harry Morgenson, Ralph Adams, John Myers, Warren and James Aber, Odell Clayton, Delbert Chapman, James O'Hara, John Ham-mack, Roy Dawson, Paul Fitzpatrick, Marjorie Eade, Evelyn Parham, Doris Hinsdale, Robert and Frederick Aber.

Older people who also enjoyed the evening were Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, L. E. Gal-lowsay, and Mr. and Mrs. Haworth.

Sargent hardware, Babco paints, and good lumber.

Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

Minstrel Show Goes Over Big As Club Women Disport Selves In Dress of Southern Darkies

Standing room only was available when the curtain rose on the Women's Club minstrel show Friday night. As early as 7 o'clock people began to arrive to wait outside until the doors opened.

Over 500 tickets were sold before Friday and the show was the biggest success the club ever has had.

To pick one number out of the program and say it was better than another would be a difficult task, as all numbers were good. Perhaps the dancing by little Virginia Cook and little May Sleep was a little more noticeable on account of their age.

After an overture by the Torrance trio—Jack Reeve, John Fiesel and Julian Genter—the curtain rose on a stage full of darkies. The end "men"—Olga Cook, Myrtle Dilly, Edna Stone and Elsie Smith—wore green coats, white trousers and high hats. The chorus—Ethel Miller, Lillian Dye, Estelle Greaves, Clemma Watson, Mary Peterson, Luella Carter, Marguerite Wright, Ina Gilbert, Minnie Ott, Laura McFarland and Mary McCarthy—were white, with their heads tied up in bandana handkerchiefs.

"The Black Churchies"—Dr. W. J. Neelands, "Chick" Curtiss, Fred Lessing and C. B. Bell—were dressed as cornfield darkies.

Hattie Wolfe as Aunt Jemima was a typical darky, as was Rose Rothleder. Emma Briney (alter-ectress), Julia Neelands, Jessie Reeve, Louise Lynch and Jennie Moore were gorgeous in their array.

Hazel Fossum, Sara Ludlow, Mary Pierce, Minnie Huddleston, Marguerite Kelsey, Maud Locke, Nellie Stevenson and Rose Marie C. M. Mackenzie, who gave a vocal solo was the only white gentleman in this galaxy of "cultud" stars. From start to finish a continual gale of laughter swept the house.

After the program, dancing was enjoyed.

On May 14 the show will be given at Hermosa Beach for the benefit of the Convalescent Home for Children.

Lomita Rangers Plan to Attend Annual Fiesta

The old-time spirit of the Golden West will make itself prominent in the annual fiesta of the Western Rangers to be held in Los Angeles on Saturday, May 1. A number of members of Shawnee Council of Lomita are planning to attend, with their guide, Jack McKinney.

Festivities will begin at 2 p. m. with contests in roping, fire-making, and flapjack-making. In the evening at Sycamore Grove Park there is scheduled a huge campfire council for all Western Rangers, their parents and their friends.

Skilled flapjack-makers have entered the contest for the engraved frying pan which is presented to the boy who makes the best cakes. William S. Hart, picture actor and member of the Rangers' advisory council, has donated a silver cup, which goes to the best rope-spinner. A large number of young "Will Rogers" are planning to compete. The old-time stunt of lighting fire by the use of rubbing sticks will be held in the form of a contest.

At the evening council an interesting entertainment has been worked out and all Lomita boys and their parents and friends are urged to attend. One of the features of the program is to be a Henry Ford old-time dance accompanied by one of the first Thomas Edison phonographs.

The fiesta is to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the Western Rangers. From a small group in Hollywood the organization has grown to be one of the largest in the west. Harry C. James, its present chief, and Dark Cloud, full-blooded Penobscot Indian, founded the Rangers in Hollywood in 1915.

Boys' Week Here Starting May 1st

The third annual international Boys' Week occurs May 1 to May 5.

As far as possible the attention of the school for the whole week will be centered upon boys' interests.

The general program for the week is as follows: Saturday, May 1, Loyalty day; Sunday, May 2, boys' day in church; Monday, May 3, boys' day in school; Tuesday, May 4, boys' day in citizenship; Wednesday, May 5, boys' day in industry; Thursday, May 6, boys' day on radio; Saturday, May 7, boys' day out of doors.

On Thursday night, May 6, each boy is being urged to bring his father to the gymnasium, where the boys are to put on a program. The program will consist of stunts, songs, and games. Three men of the faculty will be in the receiving line. It is hoped that every father will be able to attend.

Aside from a special week, the school is open at all times to visitors.

Virginia Sellard Dies at Age of 67

Miss Virginia E. Sellard, 67, passed away early Friday morning at her home at 2546 25th street. Mrs. Sellard's death from paralysis followed an illness of less than six hours.

Surviving Mrs. Sellard, who lived in Lomita during the past four years, are her husband, L. D. Sellard, of San Pedro; a son, Hugh M. Cline, of San Francisco; and a sister, Mrs. Susan McCroskey, a niece, Mrs. Walter Caldwell, and a nephew, Carl McCroskey, all residing on 25th street, Lomita.

Funeral services were held in San Pedro Monday afternoon. Interment was made at Wilmington.

Mebbe They'll Stay Out of Our Chairs Then, Hey Gents?

They do say we are to have a lady barber in Lomita.

Not a barber for ladies particularly, but barber who is a lady. Ud' girls is for her—strong! Maybe we will have a chance at our favorite barber shop now. Member how it was when we had a lady barber before?

BOND COVERS SHORTAGE OF 10 THOUSAND

First National Bank Official Admits Defalcation, Say Associates; Bond 2 1/2 Times as Large as Shortage

WILL TRY TO REFUND THE MONEY

Directors of Institution Shocked at Discovery; Had Been With Torrance Bank for Seven Years

Discovering a shortage of approximately \$10,000 in the books of L. V. Babcock, cashier, the First National Bank this morning turned the case over to the Aetna Bonding and Surety Company and the National Surety Company, with whom Mr. Babcock is under bond for \$25,000.

The shortage was discovered Friday by James W. Post, president of the First National. Confronted with the discrepancy in the accounts, Babcock, according to bank officials, admitted the defalcation.

In company with several directors of the bank, Babcock this morning was taken to the Los Angeles offices of the bonding companies, where the case was turned over to them by the bank.

Mr. Post, George W. Neill and Dr. J. S. Lancaster, directors of the First National, issued the following statement this morning:

"The shortage in the accounts of Mr. Babcock was a distinct shock to all his associates. It is with the utmost regret that we find it necessary to turn the case over to the bonding companies. Affiliated with the First National Bank for seven years, Mr. Babcock was one of our most trusted associates. There is no loss whatever to the bank on account of the shortage. Mr. Babcock was under bond of \$25,000 with the Aetna Bonding and Surety Company and the National Surety Company, two of the most substantial bonding companies in the United States.

(Signed) "JAMES W. POST.
GEORGE W. NEILL.
J. S. LANCASTER."

Mr. Babcock, it is authentically reported, asserts that he will make up the shortage, and if this is done it is believed that the bonding companies will take no summary action.

Observations

The Never-Ending Fracas Over Police Affairs—It Doesn't Mean Much—State Control Only Remedy for Police—One Steps Out of Police Picture

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

I HAVE yet to observe what could correctly be designated as a stable police department.

From the vantage point of the city room of a newspaper—and there is no better observation post—I have never seen a municipal election in which the police department was not an issue. Invariably someone seeks office on a platform that demands a "house-cleaning" in the police branch.

I HAVE yet to work on a newspaper in a city in which the police department is not a political football.

Since leaving college I have been engaged in various capacities ranging from managing editor to morgue reporter on 14 different newspapers. With a never-flagging interest in politics as the expression of a people's reaction under an experiment in democracy I have watched the maneuvers of political groups in these 14 cities and have found them all the same.

Probably the most insecure job in the world is that of the executive head of the police branch in an America city, depending as it does on the fickleness of public opinion.

Many cities have attempted to divorce the police from politics. Some have instituted civil service. Others have placed the department under the direction of a non-partisan appointive commission with full powers. But every move has failed to create of the police branch an entity independent of political whim.

THE history of every American city will reveal that good men have been ousted as police executives because of politics; that bad men have been continued at their jobs because of politics; that mediocre men have succeeded efficient men because of politics; that political house-cleaning following elections seldom accomplish permanent reform; that no human can satisfy both

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Charles Monroe Taken by Death at Age of 64

Pioneer Lumberman Ill for Three Weeks Loses Hard Struggle

Charles Monroe, who would have celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday next Monday, passed away Friday morning at the Angelus Hospital in Los Angeles.

Mr. Monroe had been ill for three weeks, and blood transfusions were resorted to in an effort to strengthen him sufficiently to admit of an operation. A minor operation performed Thursday disclosed the fact that poisonous secretions from one of the organs had permeated his entire system and so depleted his vitality that recovery was impossible.

Born in Louisiana, Mr. Monroe first came to the west coast in 1893, and during the intervals between repeated visits here was engaged in various lumber operations in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.; Vancouver, Wash.; and Santa Cruz, Ore. He was for many years mill superintendent for the Hihn Lumber Company in the latter city.

Comes to San Pedro

Following the destruction of their own planing mill and home in Tucson eight years ago Mr. and Mrs. Monroe came to San Pedro, where Mr. Monroe accepted the position of mill superintendent with the San Pedro Lumber Company, which position he held at the time of his death.

The loving esteem in which he was held by the men who worked under his direction was evidenced by the cartoons of his "boys" who appeared at the hospital ready to give the blood which was deemed necessary to save his life. As a further mark of respect the flag floated at half mast at the mill in San Pedro and all operations ceased Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe have lived on what is now George street for nearly seven years, and are well known to the old timers here.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Helen Monroe, Mr. Monroe is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Homer B. Gilbert, of George street, and a brother, Henry Monroe, of Ashland, Ore. His mother passed away at the Monroe home here Dec. 17, 1925.

Services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Stone and Myers chapel by Rev. Louis Tinning.

Mrs. Lily Willacy rendered a beautiful solo, accompanied by Karl Watts Gilbert at the organ, and Miss Schubert, violinist, of Los Angeles, played Mr. Monroe's favorite selections, "Souvenir" and "Meditation." Cremation, which took place at Ingleswood, was in accordance with a recently expressed wish of Mr. Monroe.

We append a beautiful tribute from a friend of long standing:

Was a Pioneer

"Charles Monroe amply typified the pioneer lumberman—big of body, big of heart, big of conception. He possessed a world of friends, who were attracted to him by his characteristics—a love of fair play, and love and loyalty to his friends. Like all men of this type he was of strong determination and deliberate in his actions.

"He was loved by his friends, employers and employees, all of whom were eager to aid to the utmost in his hours of suffering. The blood they tendered—a pint at a time, with the hope of saving him—was but a little thing to do for the man they loved.

"Charles Monroe hated show and hypocrisy—called a spade a spade, and encouraged his intimates to like thoughts and actions.

"Always a home-lover, he was happiest when his family and friends were gathered around his board. He was a genial and generous host.

"Fearless and just like, he faced the future unafraid and certain that, as he had given fairness and justice here, so would he receive it in the hereafter."

Ted Loggins on Fire Department

Ted Loggins has accepted the position of fireman with the local department. Mr. Loggins succeeds Maurice Ellenberger, resigned.

Maurice will assume the management of a recently acquired cleaner's and dyer's business on Sunset boulevard.

And—don't tell—but off just a little way we plainly hear the tinkle of wedding bells.

ONLY FEW TAKE UP CHANCE TO SECURE VALUABLE PRIZES

\$5000 in Awards, Including Hudson Coach and Chevrolet Roadster, as Well as Other Attractive Gifts Fail to Draw Many Candidates in Torrance and Lomita

RESPONSE TO GREAT OFFER IS DISCOURAGING

If You Can Use Money, a New Car, a Diamond, a Watch, a Radio Set, Come on in Election in Which Everybody Wins

Torrance, Lomita and the entire section served by The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News is agog over The Herald-News' great "Everybody Wins" Free Gift Distribution.

Everybody is talking. And but few are doing. It is not talk that The Herald and News wants. It is CANDIDATES. And candidates are slow getting in. It is really puzzling to the management.

Why are so few contestants taking advantage of this great gift-giving campaign?

\$5000 in Automobiles, cash and other very valuable prizes are offered. Winners will get nearly as much for their efforts in the next few weeks as the average family man makes in a year. Yes, considerably more.

More Candidates Wanted

More active candidates are wanted—candidates who are real candidates, who will get in and "carry out"—candidates who are big enough that even flurries will not scare them. Fighters are wanted.

What difference does it make to you, a candidate, what John Jones is doing? You don't win that way. It is what you do yourself that wins for you. Winning is positive, not negative. It is the subscriptions that you turn in that will pile up your vote total.

Takes Foresight

It takes headwork as well as footwork. It takes foresight as well as hindsight. It takes a "DOC" spirit.

If you are in, go get 'em. If you have been considering going after the big prizes, go after them. Everybody hates a quitter.

When The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News determined to give away over \$5,000.00 in Automobiles, Gold, Silver, and other valuable awards in this great gift distribution it was thought that the prize list was so liberal that scores would get in and carry on.

The fact that one stands to win up to \$1375.00 and that "everybody wins something" ought to have been enough to "knock everybody cold." Really, that may be the case. Maybe you are "knocked cold" you haven't yet fully recovered.

Come On in

You expected everyone in the territory served by The Herald and News to get into this election and everyone in this territory expected you to get in.

Vermont Ave. Will Be Paved To the Harbor

Association Expects Work to Be Completed Within Eight Months

Good progress is reported on the paving of Vermont avenue through to the harbor.

Judge J. S. Crandall of Gardena, president of the Greater Vermont Avenue Association, reports work on the paving between 13th street and 22nd street is ready to proceed. It is asserted that work on the highway north to 22nd street will be started soon.

Plans for the pavement between Gardena and 18th street will be ready shortly.

It is expected that all the work will be completed within six or eight months.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gridley of Oak street is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Tom Johnson, of Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Collins and son, of Eshelman avenue are visitors in Ventura this week.

Entertains Church Primary Teachers

Mrs. Ernest Herring of Weston street entertained the primary teachers of the Community Sunday School last Friday afternoon.

At the close of a delightful afternoon the hostess served delicious refreshments to Mrs. Claude Eshelman, Mrs. H. L. Hess, Mrs. Robert McCartney, Mrs. A. M. Colwell, Mrs. Matt Kerber, Mrs. Glenburn Carvill, Mrs. Montgomery, and Mrs. Albert Young.

Friends Surprise Mrs. Frank Jordan

Mrs. Frank Jordan of Palm street was agreeably surprised early Sunday afternoon when a group of relatives arrived with a complete birthday dinner, including a beautifully decorated cake.

A feature of the afternoon was the presentation to Mrs. Jordan of a beautiful floor lamp.

Guests present were Mrs. Jordan's sister, Mrs. Edwin McKeehan, of Long Beach; their brothers, Harold and Dow Moore, Mrs. Harold Moore and Mrs. Dow Moore, of Los Angeles.