

COUNCIL VETOS PARKWAY PLAN

Billboard and Goat Ordinances Shelved by Council

CITY DADS ENTOMB SIGNS

Complaint of Dangerous Sump Holes Referred to City Engineer

25 OWNERS IN PROTEST

Amapola-Cota District Residents Object to "Un-sightly" Buildings

Despite the fact that the city council at its regular meeting on Tuesday night...

Communications of varying nature were read. The requests of F. Alcalá and J. Fernandez...

Request for permit to establish a junk yard in the city of Torrance was taken under advisement...

A communication, accompanied by a sketch of the surroundings in question, was presented relative to the presence of dangerous sump-holes in the district adjoining Torrance on the south...

Eleven states still sanction child marriage, a survey of marriage laws by the Russell Sage foundation reports...

Hasty marriages with their attendant evil, are still possible in many of the states, the survey points out. The decision to marry, issuance of a license, and the actual ceremony may all take place within a few hours...

The financial relationship between the E. I. Du Pont De Nemours Company, the General Motors Corporation and the United States Steel corporation was held by the Federal Trade Commission to have had a net result of assisting an outlet at little or no selling cost for a considerable portion of several of the Du Pont Company's most important projects...

This was the only conclusion drawn by the commission in its report on an exhaustive inquiry into the financial relationships of the three companies and its findings were made public along with a minority view by Commissioner Humphrey which described the investigation as an "illuminating illustration of bureaucracy gone insane..."

From the beginning, the chairman declared, "the investigation has taken the character of a fanatical inquisition, rather than a quasi-judicial investigation."

Held to the ice pack by ice anchors the Eleanor Bolling and City of New York, rested easily on the water in the Bay of Whales. Men of the Byrd expedition were busy unloading the Bolling, hauling supplies away from the ice edge. Sud-

Prizes in Color Picture Contest Announced; Will Be Awarded at Herald Office at Noon Saturday

With 103 boys and girls competing the Torrance Herald and Lomita News Color Picture contest was a pronounced success. The judges, Mrs. Juliet Young, Mrs. Gertrude Haydon and Miss Ada Chase were delighted with the excellent coloring work submitted by the youthful contestants. Awards were made as follows:

The Torrance Herald and Lomita News cash prizes go to the following winners: 1st prize, \$5 to Esther Stephens; 2nd prize, \$3 to Nancy Jane Hazelton; 3rd prize, \$2 to Virginia Berek and 12 prizes of 50 cents each to the following: Joy Fossum, Bonnie Jean Blodgett, Marjorie Lou Blair, Margaret Walker, Betty Alice Risden, Ruth Kasper, Phyllis and Buddy Howe, Virginia Green, Genevieve Guyan, Myrtle Gregg, Ralph Hawkins, and Edna Sopschinsky.

The cash award offered by Earl's Cafe will be presented to Dick Clutter winner of \$2. Rock Bottom Market prize of slab of bacon to Paul Kasper. Torrance Flower Shop prize, a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Muriel Alverson.

Baker Smith award, a sterling silver bracelet to Agnes Peet. Dolley Drug Company awards, the box of candy to Margaret Hogue and a flashlight to Jack Peterson.

Hogue Stationery awards, the fielder's glove to Paul Dunlop and imported pottery to Emily Bechtel. Buckler's Shoe Store award, a fine pair of bed room slippers, to Hazel Binney.

Worrell Hardware Co. award to Gerard Templeton, a Scout axe. Happily Dumpy award, a \$2 merchandise order to George Small-back.

Council Asks State to Study Problem of Industrial Waste

Statewide investigation of the problems of industrial waste disposal is promised in the concurrence of the city council at its meeting on Tuesday night in a resolution presented by Dr. Henry F. Smiley, district health officer. This resolution, adopted by many delegates in the state, and by the county of Los Angeles, petitions the state legislature to set aside the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of conducting a state examination into the best methods of industrial waste disposal. The finding of the examiners will be at the command of cities in need of assistance.

Prominent Canadian Men Attend C. of C. Luncheon on Wednesday

Three men of great prominence in eastern Canada and who are associated with the Boice-Seelye company in the ownership of 33 acres fronting on Western avenue in Torrance attended the luncheon of the business men's division of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. They were E. A. Schofield, paper manufacturer of St. Johns, New Brunswick; L. G. Crosby, molasses manufacturer of St. Johns and continentally known oil magnate and W. E. Brial, overall manufacturer of Warwick, Quebec.

Mr. Seelye told the business men that development of the Boice-Seelye tract in Torrance with homes is dependent on the ability of the owners to secure water and gas to the tract at not prohibitive costs. A committee was appointed to co-operate with the owners in negotiating with local utility companies.

The Los Angeles city council has advertised for bids for the improvement of Homeland, bounded by 213th, Carson, Western and Normandie avenues. Protests against the improvement were over-

CONFAB ON SCHOOLS HELD

Principal Bell and Directors Confer on Monday Night

DISCUSS MOVIES, PLAYS

Half of Grammar School Teachers Live Out of Torrance C. of C. Told

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce went into conference Monday night with Principal William Bell of the grammar school and several grammar school teachers over the subject of plays, movies and entertainments in the school by and for pupils and discussed other school matters at length.

The discussion followed the lines of a summary presented by Secretary Carl Hyde. In the following account of the conference, the paragraphs printed in black are the ideas expressed by directors of the Chamber. Following each paragraph in light face type is the summary of the conference discussion:

a. The exhibition of miscellaneous motion picture films during the regular school periods is believed to be contrary to the fundamentals of the public school system.

Principal Bell said that a moving picture is shown only once every two months. He declared that the purpose is two fold—to raise money for school furnishings and extras not furnished by the board of education and to show clean pictures to the children. He said that many parents are gratified that movies are shown at the school but said the pictures would be discontinued if public opinion were shown to be overwhelmingly against them. Directors objected to the fact that it is necessary to raise money for school equipment through picture shows.

b. A qualified exception to this belief would be the review of subject matter designed for visual education adoption. The pictures which children pay to see are aside from the school program of visual education. Some of the proceeds from the shows to which admission is charged go into visual education equipment, it was pointed out.

c. The schools are free public institutions and programs or shows given during the regular or normal study periods and admissions charged for is inequitable, and not within the spirit of the FREE public schools.

In answer to this Mr. Bell said that the pictures do not interfere with the regular school work. He said that on days when movies are scheduled, the short session with the attendant half-hour lunch period is held. Several directors voiced the opinion that half an hour at noon is not enough for children and that the short session should be held down to a minimum. The directors decided to attend school on a day when a movie is to be shown, in order to discover whether or not the pictures interfere with school work.

d. Charging for such programs, regardless of how nominal the sum might be, is bound to work a hardship on some pupils and is probably a burden to some parents especially where there are several children in the family.

Principal Bell said it would be inadvisable to make it known that children unable to pay admission could have their way paid through charity. At the same time two teachers present said they often paid the admission fees for children in their rooms who otherwise would not be able to see the pictures. Mr. Bell said the pictures were usually attended by about 800 out of 1000 pupils, 100 of the non-attendants being Mexicans.

e. Children who do not attend the shows or programs are (Continued on Page 2)

Observations

The Steel Industry and the Tariff—The School Confab in Torrance—Scouting for 19 Years—A Splendid Social Movement

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN India low-caste workers get a few cents a day in iron mines and at the work of making pig iron. The product of their toil is shipped out to all parts of the world as ballast, reaches foreign ports, may be purchased at a price lower than American manufacturing costs.

IN Europe the great steel cartel, operating with low labor costs, makes steel and lays it down in American ports at costs which injure the American steel trade.

NATURALLY steel men carry these facts to Washington, ask for an increase in the tariff on iron and steel. Their request should be granted.

ON the Pacific coast we have witnessed the idocy of city councils in large municipalities specifying Belgian and German steel for city buildings—all to save a few dollars. Such economy is shortsighted.

The tariff on iron and steel should be increased. The American workman lives in accordance with standards of which no foreign worker would ever dare dream. We do not want those high standards changed. The government should protect the American miner and steel worker against competition with cheap foreign labor.

AS we pointed out last week directors of the Chamber of Commerce tackled a large job when they decided to investigate the schools of Torrance. At the same time their conference Monday night with Principal William Bell and grammar school teachers was conducted of nothing but good.

Instead of objecting to the decision of the Chamber to make contact with school executives, the public should be gratified that business men think enough of their schools to spend some time in studying them.

NOTHING but good can come of such a movement. Nothing but good came of the conference Monday. The principal and the teachers learned something of the various attitudes of business men toward the schools. And certainly the business men learned much about the schools.

Let us hope that there will be more of such conferences. And let us hope again that they will not be viewed from the standpoint of personalities.

After all the aim of teachers and the aim of the public in regard to schools are identical. Both are striving for improvement of the modern educational system. An important step toward such improvement is taken when teachers and laymen can meet on the common ground of understanding.

TOMORROW will mark the nineteenth anniversary of the birth of Scouting. Tomorrow therefore is a day of significance to all cities and communities which have come to know the real value of the great Boy Scout organization.

That Scouting is deep-rooted in the social soil of the country is established by the recent growth of the Boy Scout organization from a humble beginning 19 years ago to its great size today, with a membership of a million men and boys, touching community life in every population center in the United States.

BETWEEN the ages of 12 and 18 boys are motivated by the gang spirit. Their bodies are changing. Their minds are developing. They instinctively yearn for group action, gang play. Scouting recognizes these instincts and yearnings as normal, as something perfectly natural and healthy. It turns the yearnings of adolescence into channels of benefit.

I think that is why it has taken such a hold on the country. The program of Scouting in no way tries to combat nature. On the contrary it takes cognizance of natural inclinations in boys and manly strives to encourage them so that they give forth beneficial rather than detrimental expression.

I WAS talking with a Torrance lady not long ago about the Scouts. She recalled the early days of Torrance, before there was a Scout organization in the community. The boys, she said, ran in gangs, and committed all sorts of depredations. As soon as they were caught up in the Scout organization and learned to express their gang spirit through their troops, the whole attitude of the gangs changed.

HOW many communities in the country could tell the same story of wild-running gangs transformed into orderly, fun-loving, roisterous, honor-loving lads?

There is much to be said of Scouting as it lends assistance in civic movements and in the event of disaster. To our minds this phase of the program, worthy though it be, is of small significance when compared to the splendid moral and physical benefits which Scouting has brought to millions of lads.

Scouting has grown to a vibrant, living force in nineteen years. May it continue to prosper as long as its program is maintained at the present standard.

If you want to know something of the moral benefits of Scouting, ask the sheriff, his deputies or the chief of police. Ask any juvenile judge. Question the librarian. Consult the school teachers. You will find that boys who have been Scouts or who are Scouts seldom have to be sent to reform schools, seldom appear in court in answer to charges, seldom give trouble to any of the branches of law enforcement.

If there is any criticism due the Boy Scout movement it is that every boy is not a member—a criticism which is empty. A million Scouts is a million better than none. If the organization continues to grow its benefits will be even more widely distributed, to the increasing benefit—up to a certain point—of all American society.

Long Beach Couple Report Holdup Here Doris Sutton and Dick Mattien of Long Beach, reported to the Torrance police that they had been held up on Redondo boulevard Monday evening by two young men in a blue Buick sedan, and relieved of jewelry and \$13 in cash. They obtained the license number of the vehicle and it was found that the bandits were riding in a stolen car, the property of J. Fpaugh of Bell.

APPROVAL VOTED DOWN

Board Decides to Withdraw from Proposed Assessment District

ACTION KILLS MOVEMENT

Follows County Cost Estimate and Supervisors' Promise of Aid

Following announcement at a luncheon at La Venta last Thursday noon by county officials that the cost of the proposed Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway would be approximately \$3,500,000 and not \$10,000,000 as had been announced the Torrance city council Tuesday night passed a resolution withdrawing from the proposed district.

Almost five miles of the proposed parkway would have been in Torrance, and with Torrance officially out of the district the parkway in its present conception could not be constructed.

County engineers last Thursday said the improvement would cost about 6 percent of the total assessed valuation of the district. Three members of the board of supervisors promised a substantial financial support out of the gasoline tax funds toward the cost of the improvement. It was estimated that the county would appropriate about \$1,000,000 for the work, the balance to be paid by the district over a period of 30 years.

It is understood by city officials here that property owners along the route between Los Angeles and Palos Verdes, including the Johnson estates will consent to a boulevard 125 feet wide.

That the action of the Torrance council Tuesday night has been impending for some time was indicated several weeks ago when City Engineer Frank Leonard wrote a long letter to county officials stating objections to the project from his standpoint.

Brotherhood Has Rousing Meeting

"Best Ever" Is Verdict of Those Attending Gathering Monday

That Monday night's meeting of the M. E. Brotherhood was the best yet is the general expression of the fortunate number who were able to gain admission.

Over 100 were turned away Monday night because of the lack of seating capacity. 260 is the number that may be served, and as the popularity of these dinners and meetings increase, it is becoming a problem to the church as to making arrangements for quarters capable of caring for much larger crowds.

The dinner was cooked and served by the men of the Brotherhood last Monday evening, when Mr. McCormiskey as chief chef.

The program was talent from Long Beach, including Miss Evelyn Ford, dramatic soprano, Mr. Penryn Selby, dramatic tenor, and Miss Ivy Lake, accompanist.

M. L. Mertins of Long Beach, former chautauqua lecturer, was the speaker of the evening, and chose as his topic "Play Ball." Mr. Mertins presented a vital talk that held his audience from the opening joke to the final appeal for a better manhood and womanhood.

Every church in the city was represented, and a section of one table was filled with representatives from the Presbyterian church at Wilmington.

ACCEPTS OFFICE Mrs. Frank Sammons has accepted the office of president of the Women's Club of Torrance, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Willis M. Brooks.

WELCOME TO JAIL Notice! Crooks, bums, drunks, bandits, etc! There is a nice clean jail waiting for you in Torrance. Newly decorated and clean. Rent reasonable. The office and lockers at the police station are receiving coats of nice new paint this week.