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P. E. Scored For Lack of Interest

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In behalf of California, but I want this association I am going to form to have the satisfaction of meeting Mr. Pontius (president of the Pacific Electric) and knowing if he is willing to take everything and give nothing in return or if he intends to do right by Torrance.

"I don't think the P. E. has treated the people here fair or has ever given us even courteous consideration," Canton declared.

The cause of all the thunderbolts hurled at the railroad company was a so-called "tentative agreement" sent to the city council by D. W. Pontius, of the Pacific Electric regarding the construction of a grade crossing on Redondo boulevard between Redondo and Sartori avenues in which he agreed to remove the tracks on Redondo boulevard and pave the crossing providing the city paid for the work, which he estimated would cost \$1900.

"This offer" was the subject of many caustic remarks on the Pacific Electric "generous" proposal. The discussion was led by all of the councilmen, each of whom indicated that they were becoming excessively fatigued with the railroad's dilatory tactics.

That the Chamber of Commerce is backing the city council in this latest move is seen in a resolution from that organization which was read at the meeting. The resolution stated that "it is resolved that the honorable council of the city of Torrance be requested to devise ways and means to improve the railroad right-of-way portions of Redondo boulevard, westerly from Sartori avenue as a parkway or other suitable improvement, which undertaking will be the means of constructive employment to persons in need in this community."

WOULD SELL LOTS

An offer to sell three lots on Arlington avenue south of 22nd street to the city for use as a children's playground was received by the city council this week from Joseph McKenna, Brighton hotel. No price was stated by the owner and the matter was turned over to the Chamber of Commerce as that organization is sponsoring the playground project.

OBITUARY

MRS. LYDIA HERMS

Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia Herms, wife of Clement Herms, of 808 1/2 Portola avenue, were held at Stone and Myers chapel this afternoon. Mrs. Herms, who was 72 years old, passed away December 1 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband and one child. The services were in charge of the Four Square Gospel church and the interment was at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

HENRY L. HOLLAND

Last rites for Henry L. Holland, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amelia Edwards, 711 Columbia court, December 2, after a long illness, were held at Stone and Myers chapel Wednesday afternoon with Rev. R. A. Young officiating. Mr. Holland was 82 years old.

Besides his daughter he is survived by a son and a brother. The brother accompanied the body to Pittsburgh, Pa., where the interment will take place.

Water Suit Holds Up Any Action on Met. Water Dist.

In reply to a letter from the American Legion Post Jere, the council pointed out Tuesday night that it was with keen disappointment that the city would have to defer action on calling an election to decide this municipality's entrance in the Metropolitan Water District at the present time.

The reason given by the council was that any decision on joining the district should be held up until the present suit against the city to prevent Torrance from operating its own water system was out of litigation. It is possible that the suit may be ended by March 1, which is the last date given Torrance to enter the Water District. The Legion declared it was strongly in favor of joining the association of cities to get Colorado river water and would pledge its support in getting out the vote.

POCKET KNIVES, skates, air rifles, scissors, razors, clocks, silverware, toasters, waffle irons, Dutch ovens, roasters—just a few suggestions for Christmas. S. S. Werrell, the Hardware Man. Adv.

Fashions

Naturalistic Flowers Return To Smart Coat Collars

By FRANCES PAGET
By the United Press

NEW YORK—The importance of costume accessories can hardly be over-estimated this winter and this is by no means a local condition. Here is a report from Paris which has many interesting phases:

"Accessories are important this winter in Paris, and foremost among them are naturalistic flowers. Think roses, white or pink or even turquoise gardenias, carnations, orchids, clusters of white violets, all have been seen nestled into the fur of coat collars. At any smart gathering, four out of five women wear these flowers and some in more than one place on a cluster than one single model one. Some of the white plum flowers persist with black suits, but they are far outnumbered by the others which imitate the actual flowers as closely as possible. They face veils are much worn, most of them having and just covering the eyes; but a few newer in aspect, are of simple mesh crushed across the forehead in one-sided plait, so that they do not cover the eyes but do veil the hair. They are worn mostly with small-beret shapes that are fitted on the head to show the hair.

We note the increasing importance of pull-on gloves that are bulky looking. By this is meant gloves of antelope whose seams are either hand-stitched or at least outside seams, and whose cuff sections are much wider than they used to be, so that their whole aspect gets away from the fine, thin gloves fashionable a year ago. In length, the longer these gloves are the smarter, up to 12-button, although the majority are six or eight. Worth's 12-button ones, of dark brown antelope hand-stitched in white, are seen, but white is the favorite at present, and after white, the nude tones and black.

OIL ACTIVITY NOTICED NOW IN TORRANCE

Workmen are completing the construction of the high derrick and installation of machinery for early drilling east of Western avenue and south of East road. It is reported that the well will be spudded in early next week. C. W. Hammack and Charles Sheeley have leased 37 acres surrounding the derrick and are said to be planning to drill a score of wells in the vicinity in the near future. It was learned this week that other operators are attempting to secure more leases in that neighborhood. Many property owners have been approached with propositions of this nature. C. McFarland, well known oil man, is said to have obtained 60 acres by lease in that territory.

While the well has been described as a wildcat, it is believed that there are fine indications of oil-bearing land in the location and that there is every intention of the present drillers and others to test it to the limit. Oil men interested in the south end of Torrance have also encountered indications which may lead to a resumption of activity in that district.

Mother of Local Woman Dies in East

Called back east by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Norman Downing, of 608 Portola avenue, left Monday for Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Downing's mother, Mrs. Leora Roberts, passed away Sunday quite unexpectedly. It is reported, Mrs. Downing will return to Torrance the latter part of March.

California is State With Large Families

SACRAMENTO, California is a state of large families, according to figures of the United States census bureau. Of 83,536 births in 1928, 29,118, or 35 per cent were the first to occur in the families reporting. There were 26,509 births that were the second, or 22 per cent, and 12,156 or almost 15 per cent that were the third, in the families concerned.

During 1928 there were 7668 fourth births, 4712 fifth births, and 3215 sixth births. In the same year, the 10th birth occurred in 66 families, the 12th in 251 families and in one, the 21st was reported.

PAYING WALTERIA'S LIGHTS

Street lights in Walteria will be paid from the Torrance general fund in the future, the city council decided this week, when it was reported that the fund for the Walteria lights had been exhausted.

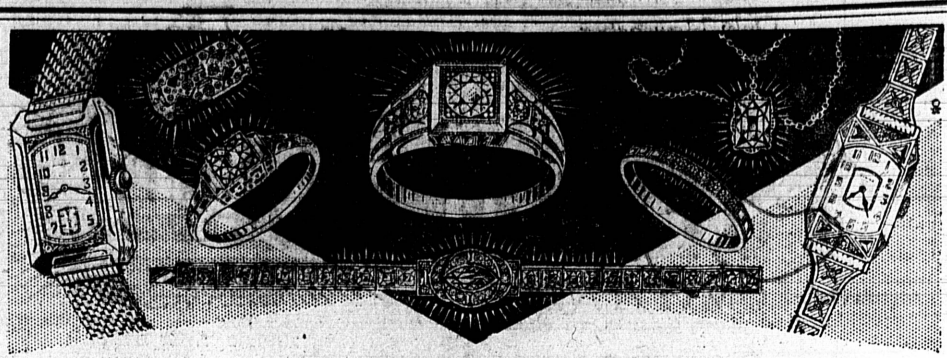
Woman is Slightly Hurt in Auto Crash

Ethel Steppy, of 197 Carson street, was slightly cut on the forehead by flying glass caused by a collision at the intersection of Carson street and Cabrillo avenue last week. She was treated at the Torrance Pharmacy for her cuts, according to the police report of the crash.

Miss Steppy was in a car driven by J. S. Steppy, of the same address, when the accident occurred with a car driven by Mark Muller of Los Angeles. Both machines were damaged.

CAR BADLY DAMAGED

V. H. Howarth, 2101 Gramercy avenue, had his automobile badly damaged in an intersection accident at Riverside-Redondo and Downing boulevards Sunday afternoon. The machine was reported stuck by a car driven by J. A. Devine, of Los Angeles. No one was hurt.



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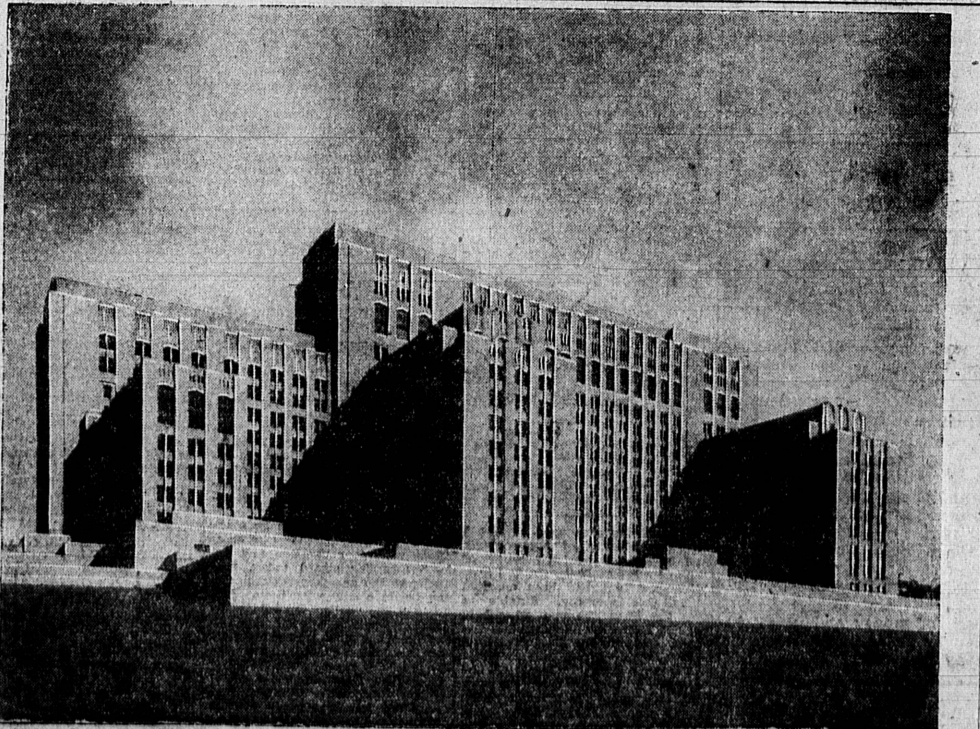

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Above is the architect's conception of the great Los Angeles General Hospital which will be formally dedicated Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, December 7, by state, county and city officials. It is located at the corner of Marengo and State streets. An opportunity will be afforded guests at the cornerstone laying ceremonies to view the present interior of the hospital immediately after the program.

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