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## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO AID VETS' DRIVE

### Forget-Me-Nots to Be Sold On Streets in City Saturday

"Forget-Me-Not" Day will be observed in Torrance Saturday, December 20.

On this day the Disabled American Veterans of the World will hold their annual flower sale with a number of high school girls acting as canvassers of the drive. Funds raised from this enterprise, an annual national drive, are to be used to give relief to disabled men and women in the adjustment of their claims for federal compensation.

There are more than 22,000 disabled veterans in Los Angeles County, according to William Conley, campaign chairman. The problem of their welfare and relief is greater here than elsewhere. Only pointed out because hundreds of veterans have located in this vicinity for their health. More than 17 per cent of the entire nation's disabled are in Southern California, Conley said.

The work of the D. A. V. in relieving distress among disabled veterans and their families has been commended by President Hoover former President Coolidge and heads of the United States Veterans' Bureau.

## Letters to the Editor

The Torrance Herald accepts no responsibility for articles published under this heading, but is glad to publish opinions of its readers even though these opinions may differ from those of the publishers.

### THANK YOU!

Editor: We want the publishers of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News to know that by your assistance and cooperation in helping civic and fraternal organizations that progress has been made in this community in the past months by the Lomita Lodge No. 339, Knights of Pythias, from extending to us your helpful hand of friendship. We thank your paper many times for the same.

Sincerely,  
HOWARD MERRICK,  
HENRY SHORN, JR.,  
L. R. PHILLIPS,  
Committee of Publicity.

## Harbor Group Again Endorses Park Plan

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not specific as to time and place, they are understood to refer to the San Gabriel Dam expenditures, which Finkle alleged was all a "mistake."

The resolution committee, composed of Samuel M. Dudley, of South Gate; Frank Merriam, of Long Beach; Frank Walton, of Compton and Finkle, of Los Angeles will report on the resolution at the January meeting in Torrance.

The Keystone Chamber of Commerce was host at a fine turkey dinner preceding the general meeting Thursday.

OFFICERS OF DISTRICT GROUP ARE ELECTED  
KEYSTONE—A. E. Henning was re-elected as president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at their meeting at Keystone. Others who will support Mr. Henning through the coming year were elected as follows: W. R. Rains, first vice president; Fred C. Finkle, second vice president; Loren Howe, fourth vice president; Frank L. Walton, treasurer; and Carl L. Hyde, secretary.

## Contempt of Court Draws 5 Days Jail

"When you violated your promise made several months ago to leave the city and never return, you put yourself in contempt of the court," Police Judge O. T. Ripley told Robert Vaughn Saturday morning when the young man appeared before him on a charge of attempted escape from local officers.

"I sentence you to five days in the county jail," the judge concluded. The charge of attempted escape was dismissed and he was taken to the county jail at once.

## Wallace Gilbert New Commander of Local Lodge

### Knights of Pythias Install at Public Meeting January 12

Wallace Gilbert was elected chancellor commander of the Torrance Lodge No. 337, Knights of Pythias, Monday evening. Other officers chosen were J. S. Bartlett, vice chancellor; William Hubbard, master; E. E. Harkdull, master of work; W. E. Schloke, keeper of records and seal; D. W. Quilley, master of finances; H. A. Todd, master at arms; H. E. Appenzeller, inner guard; Frank Spoon, outer guard; and George B. Worcester, trustee for three years.

Installation of officers will be held January 12 at the K. of P. hall and will be an open meeting to which the public is cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

## Insurance For City is Offered

### Wallace H. Gilbert Presents Representative at Meet

An offer to insure the City of Torrance and city officials against damage suits resulting from construction work on city streets, planting trees and all other forms of possible injury to life and property of private individuals, was brought to the attention of the city council by Wallace H. Gilbert and a representative of the Fidelity and Casualty Company Tuesday evening.

Mr. Gilbert pointed out that the present public liability insurance carried by the City of Torrance only covers personal injuries and property damage done by city automobiles and trucks.

The insurance representative recommended that protection be taken by the city council for damages totaling \$25,000 to one person or \$100,000 for any one accident. The premium for this protection would cost the city approximately \$800 per year. It was stated that the matter was referred to the finance committee for study and discussion at the next meeting of the council.

## 'S TOO BAD, BOYS!

By the United Press  
SANTA ANA—Police were called to halt a football game the other day. A gang of neighborhood kids had painted lines on the street to represent a football field. They were scolded and sent to a vacant lot to play.

## "THAT LITTLE GAME" Inter-national Cartoon Co., N.Y.—By B. Link



## 13 is No Jinx To J. W. Fleisher, 80

J. W. Fleisher, 1739 Andrea, declares he has no reason to complain of the malign influence of the number 13.

## Two Boys Arrive At Local Hospital

A fine baby son was presented to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fresenius, of 2566 Weston street, Lomita, at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, December 15. Mother and son are doing nicely. It is reported.

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## Grace Market Ransacked Early This Morning; Loss About \$200

A loss of between \$200 and \$300 worth of foodstuffs was suffered by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Grace early this morning when three men ransacked their Grace Market at 1639 Carson street. Some of the canned goods taken were recovered this morning by Harbor City police. Deputy sheriffs and friends of the store owners, who found the stuff scattered over the vacant lots from the market to 21st street and Western avenue, where the burglars evidently loaded their car with the plunder.

All of the fresh meat, cases of canned goods, butter and even bread and Christmas cards were stolen, according to Mrs. Grace. Entry was effected by the robbers through a rear window which they smashed open. A ladder was used to enter and leave the building. Because of the height of the window all of the foodstuffs had to be lifted and carried and in their hurry to strip the store, the ransackers smashed a hole on him here.

STREET NAME RETAINED  
According to a report from Los Angeles Comptroller A. E. Henning, the request of Marian Minter and others that the name of 28th street in the Torrance district be changed to Amelia street, was denied by the council this week.

ELEPHANT CRUSHES BOY  
By the United Press  
BLACKPOOL, Eng.—Joseph Robert Elvey, 14, was crushed to death when a circus elephant fell on him here.

## Metropolitan Water Points Are Explained

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their enclosures. Further details may be had at the Chamber of Commerce.

Joseph McKenna, of the Brighton hotel, has offered the Chamber of Commerce, three lots, Nos. 11, 15 and 16 in Block 43, which is on Arlington avenue, for sale for the proposed children's playground. McKenna also stated that he thought the lots to the north and south of his property could be obtained by the civic organization at a reasonable price. No action was taken on his proposal.

Points Out Advantages  
In his talk on the Metropolitan Water District, Frank Leonard explained the various phases of the project and stated that he strongly urged the city of Torrance to join the district as soon as possible. Leonard was invited to give his views on the matter by W. Rufus Page, president of the Chamber.

While it is planned by the local publicly-owned system to pump water at a cost of nine cents per thousand cubic feet and deliver it to the consumers at a cost of 12 cents more, a total maximum cost of 21 cents per thousand per consumer, Leonard stated it was his understanding that the Metropolitan Water District would furnish water at 62 cents per thousand—the additional cost to defray the bond interest and redemption of between a \$2,000,000 and \$2,000,000 bond issue.

After the bonds were cleared the cost would probably be less, the city engineer stated. However, in explaining the higher cost, Leonard pointed out that the water would be somewhat like an insurance policy to the city—guaranteeing it unlimited water, for all time.

City's Future Up to Water  
He stated that it would cost the city approximately seven cents per \$100 assessed valuation to join the district now and approximately 21 cents each year thereafter. He declared this was insignificant in view of the advantages a city would enjoy with the assurance of plenty of water.

While the local supply is good for 10 or 15 years or possibly longer, Leonard said that the Metropolitan Water plan was the best insurance a city could take for future development. He cited the fact that a city must have property value increases as a community is to advance. The city engineer continued by stating that there was no positive guarantee that cities outside of the district would be able to get water indefinitely from their present sources of supply and that industrial communities, like Torrance, should be vitally interested in the district's project.

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