

Consolidated Edition
Torrance Herald and Lomita News

Only Newspaper
Published In Torrance

Torrance Herald

and LOMITA NEWS



Over 60,000 People Live
Within 5-Mile Radius

Two Sections
10 Pages
This Issue

SEVENTEENTH YEAR—NO. 19

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1931

5c PER COPY

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION DATE SET

LOCAL MAN IS CLAIMANT TO SHARE AN \$850,000,000 ESTATE WITH MORE THAN 1200 OTHERS

How would you like to be one of the heir-apparents to an estate of eight hundred and fifty million dollars? That is Lloyd Chauncey Everhart's status today. Everhart, who lives with his wife and two small children at a modest home at 1435 223rd street in the Shoestring strip adjoining Torrance, believes he will share in the huge fortune left by William Buchanan back east.

—And there are between 1200 and 3000 claimants to the legacy! Using that largest figure as an estimate, Everhart's portion of the Buchanan estate, if his claim is allowed, would be approximately \$425,000, less attorney's fees. This latter cost would be large, it is believed, because the settlement of the great estate has been in progress for the last eight years.

Great-Great Grand Uncle
But May 1 is the deadline for all claims. No further effort will be made to locate descendants of the far-abled pioneer, a cousin of President Steel, said according to word received by Everhart from the attorneys in charge of the settlement of the legacy.

Everhart told the story of the unusual will and its execution to the Herald yesterday. The local claimant, who is a crane operator at Columbia Steel, said he has sent documentary evidence back east to the attorneys handling the case which proves Buchanan was his great-great grand uncle.

Buchanan, back in the early part of the 19th century, acquired considerable property in New York, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, and other eastern states which he leased out under 99 year leases, a new idea at that time. The last of these long-term contracts expired in May, 1930. Now the attorneys for the estate are arranging to sell the property and settle the estate.

Genealogy Is Traced
This has been an eight-year task, Everhart said. There have been claimants investigated all over the world. The local man's genealogy has been thoroughly studied and is now in the hands of the Buchanan attorneys. His family records, according to his notarized statement made here recently, assert the following association with the Buchanan family:

Lloyd Chauncey Everhart is the son of Chauncey Clyde Everhart who died in 1821, and who was the son of Rachel Buchanan Everhart, daughter of John Buchanan Jr. and Agnes Jennings Buchanan. John Buchanan Jr. was the son of John Buchanan and Hannah Buchanan — and John Buchanan was the brother of William Buchanan, the originator of the will. This history would make the local man the great-great grand nephew of the wealthy old landowner.

The will, according to Everhart, leaves the estate merely to surviving relatives at the time the lease expires. One of these 99-year contracts involves the ownership of the land where the great building of the New York Times is published in New York City, it is said.

Has Made No Plans
"If your claim is allowed, and you share in the estate, what will you do with the money?" Everhart was asked.
"I haven't given that part any consideration," he smiled. And he would not reveal any future plans other than to "hold my job and take care of my wife and babies." It is not known when a final decision will be reached by the eastern attorneys as to who or how many of the claimants will share in the settlement of the estate estimated at \$850,000,000.

A Wilmington man, R. J. Weston, an official of the Los Angeles Steamship Company, is said to be another heir-apparent to the great estate.

ALLEGED SLAYERS OF LOMITA MAN HELD

Charged with the murder of Paul Crank, 20-year-old row runner, who resided at 2820 Weston street, Lomita, Earl Gus Martin and Harry Hurwitz will be given a hearing May 5 in Municipal Judge Baird's court. Crank died last Thursday afternoon from wounds allegedly caused by bullets from a gun police say Hurwitz fired. The shooting was believed to have been the aftermath of a long-standing quarrel between bootleg factions.

Loop-Holes Sought To Save Fido

Maybe if times had been better all dogs in Torrance would have been vaccinated at the city's expense by order of the council Monday night.
Because councilmen spent considerable time searching through the State Rabies Act to find a loop-hole whereby canines with the wanderlust might escape the death penalty for their wanderings off their masters' premises.
However, the council's searchings went for naught because the next day, Tuesday, word was received here that the quarantine against roving dogs has been declared null and void. Just the same — the council would have done everything in its power to save Fido from being "put on the spot."

Five Precincts At School Vote

11 Candidates Are Seeking Board Nomination

Five consolidated precincts will be used here Tuesday, May 5, at the primary nominating election for members of the Board of Education of the Los Angeles City School system.
Qualified electors will be asked to vote for four on a ballot containing 11 names. The candidates seeking nomination are J. M. Alford, Ralph J. Arey, William E. Beaudry, Robert L. Beveridge, Thomas L. Colburn, George M. Cuthbertson, Lucius C. Dale, Arthur W. Eckman, Letitia J. Lytle, Edward A. Sandler and Barry Sullivan. The Citizens School Committee has endorsed Beaudry, Dale, Eckman and Lytle, the latter two now holding office.

The polls at the following precincts will be open from 5 a. m. to 7 p. m.: Torrance Precinct 1 and Lomita Precinct 3, at the Walnut Street school in Walthers; Precincts 2, 3 and 4, at 1031 Arlington avenue; Precincts 5, 6, and 8, at 2118 Carson street; Precincts 7 and 11, at 282 Carson street; and Precincts 9 and 10, at 1915 Andree avenue.

Benefit Program By Legion Should Draw Big Crowd

The first public presentation of the Bert S. Crossland Post American Legion drum and bugle corps will be made Friday evening, May 15, when the post will stage a benefit program for the Torrance Relief Society at the high school auditorium.
Foodstuffs or groceries of any description will be sold at a price of admittance, according to Bowker, who is in charge of the entertainment. Other numbers on the program will be a concert by the Redondo American Legion 52, place band, six acts of high-class professional vaudeville and surprise feature acts.
All of the food collected at the door of the auditorium will be turned over to the Relief Society for distribution among the needy families of the city. The Legion hopes to have a capacity audience on the night of the entertainment.

New Building Sweet Music

Construction Activity Is Reported in Lomita
LOMITA — G. W. Brooksby is erecting a store at 2847 Redondo boulevard. The building will contain about 900 square feet and will cost \$1500. Brooksby will conduct a general store.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKlenny are building a substantial addition to their home on Eschelman street, and Jim Hansel is building a new market on the corner of Narbonne and Weston. A number of other homes are being improved by alterations.
Time was when the sound of the hammer was not sweetest music, but after the long business depression it is good to hear and see the amount of building going on here.

Aren't They Some Beauties?



WELL WAGER OUR LINO-TYPE that this picture makes a lot of Torrance fishermen sit up and take notice! And well they might. The season opens generally May 1 and gentlemen of the rod and reel better get their tackle in shape for the speckled beauties. Not all fishermen will be as lucky as this pretty San Francisco girl, Adelaide Morgan, who is proudly displaying a catch from Teanema where in the Lake Tahoe region.

"Muddy waters, round mah feet— But Ah'm goin' fishin' To get fresh meat!"
Sang a Torrance devotee of the rod and reel today as he inspected his tackle preparatory to invading his favorite stream promptly on the opening of the trout and bass fishing season, an hour before sun-up tomorrow, Friday, morning.
Up until the beginning of the season had been reported to offer the best probable luck for the entire season during the opening period. There was low water—little natural food being carried to the fish—and the water was clear. The rains have changed all that and now ye fisherman must abide by his luck.
Where to Hook 'Em
Here's the choice haunts of a number of local fishermen:
Los Angeles County: San Gabriel river and tributaries, Cattle Canyon, Devil's Canyon and Prairie Fork, and Big Rock Creek. San Bernardino County: Deep Creek and Bear Creek, Arrowhead Lake, and all tributaries.
Kern County: Kern River and all tributaries.
Ventura County: Upper Sespe, Matilija Creek, Piru and Agua Blanca creeks. Santa Barbara County: Manzana Creek and Sluicock River. The Santa Ynez River and Gibraltar Reservoir (good prospects these last two). Riverside County: Snow-Creek, Dark Canyon Creek and Strawberry Creek. San Diego County: Sweetwater, Lower Otay, Morena, Hodges and Wolford reservoirs, all stocked. Both trout and bass in Cuyamaca. Kern County: Kern River and all tributaries.

Youngest Ball Team Is Organized in City

Manley Rangers, Recruited by Veteran Baseball Player, Are Getting Equipment Now For Big Season

Torrance Men Honored With Posts in Unit

Seven Torrance residents, members of Clyde Blaine Unit No. 210 of United Veterans of the Republic, which takes in this city, Lomita, Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan, were honored last night in being elected to offices in the reorganized unit. The meeting was held at the city hall. Headquarters of the unit were moved from Hermosa to Torrance.
The new leaders of the war service organization are Richard S. Silence, commander, Torrance; Richard Jenkins, senior vice commander, Redondo; Dr. C. L. Ingold, junior vice commander, Torrance; Mark L. Kilbourne, adjutant, Hermosa; Alfred Gourdier, quartermaster, Torrance; F. J. Schumacher, sergeant-at-arms, Torrance; Paul J. Kraft, assistant sergeant-at-arms, Torrance; Earl Conner and Schumacher, Torrance; and R. M. MacLennan, Hermosa.
The Clyde Blaine unit takes its name from a local boy who was reported missing early in the World War as the result of the torpedoing of the U. S. S. San Diego in the New York outer harbor. His

Herald to Honor City's Birthday

Next week, the Herald will publish a City Birthday Edition in honor of the tenth anniversary that this municipality will observe as a sixth class city.
Just a decade ago, Torrance was all agog over stepping out of its swaddling clothes and emerging as an incorporated city. We are prepared to take another forward municipal step by voting soon on a board of freeholders who will draft a constitution that will make Torrance a charter community, subject to its own individual laws and regulations.
The Herald's City Birthday Edition will present some interesting stories of the early days in Torrance—stories gleaned from "old" records and "old" timers. We believe you will be interested in reading something of the history of Torrance—so watch for the Herald next week!

Mrs. Erickson On Trial Today

Wins Point in Fight For Separate Hearing
Whether or not Indiana authorities will come to Los Angeles to attempt identification of Mrs. Esther Carlson as Mrs. Belle Guinness, notorious La Port, Ind., "murder farm" woman, depends today on an expected wire from those authorities to the district attorney's office. An asserted resemblance between the two women has re-opened that angle of the case.
The selection of a jury which will hear the case of Mrs. Anna Erickson, charged with the alleged poisoning of August Lindstrom at Lomita on February 9, was still in progress late this afternoon as the Herald went to press.
Mrs. Erickson, who with Mrs. Esther Carlson is facing the murder charge, gained a point earlier in the week in her fight for acquittal when she was granted a separate trial. Mrs. Carlson's court appearance last for June 2 because of her serious illness. Mrs. Erickson has as her attorney former Judge Carlos S. Hardy and Joseph Marchetti. The case is expected to last about a week, it is reported.
The Erickson Defense Committee reported this week that the party held at the Odd Fellows hall in Lomita Saturday night amounted to \$73.60, with some tickets still unreported.

College of Surgeons To Present Hospital With Honored Rating

A signal honor will be paid the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital when the American College of Surgeons meets in Montreal, Canada, in October, as the local institution has been promised an "accredited" charter with that association.
This information was given to Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent of the hospital, at a meeting of the western section of the College, held at Oakland last week in conjunction with the convention of the Western Hospital Association. An accredited hospital is one that has complied in every way with the very rigid requirements of the Surgeons' College, Miss Maxwell said.

ROTARIANS CONVENE AT CATALINA MAY 6 TO 8

Catalina Island will be the magnet for one of the largest and most important men's conventions of the Southland when approximately 4800 Rotarians, representing 180 clubs of California, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands, meet there May 6, 7, 8 for the 18th annual conference of the Second District of Rotary International.
According to a report from the high school weather record, the recent rainstorm added 2.67 inches of moisture to the seasonal figure. At the present time Torrance has received 9.58 inches of rain.

PARK-PLAYGROUND BONDS AND CHARTER BOARD VOTE JUNE 9

Two Vital Civic Matters Await Electors' Decision: Local Unemployment Relief Assured if Bonds Carry for Long-Sought Recreation Centers

A consolidated city election will be held at five voting precincts here Tuesday, June 9, the City Council decided Monday night. The ballots will contain two propositions:

(1) Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness of a sum not to exceed \$150,000 for the purpose of acquiring and improving a large public park and three children's playgrounds?—vital civic enterprises long contemplated here, whose construction will afford employment for approximately 240 men for more than two months, and,
(2) To permit the people of Torrance to elect 15 freeholders

Deep Test Well Being Drilled In Lomita Oil Field

On the expectancy that there are highly productive deeper sands near the center of where the Lomita anticline is supposed to be located, the Heller-Davis Oil Company, Ltd., of Long Beach, started drilling Monday on a site just off Palm street between Narbonne and Pennsylvania avenues. This is said to be the first deep test well drilling in a locality where, if there is oil production in the deeper sands anywhere near Torrance and Lomita, such sands ought to be found.
The oil company, with T. R. Davis, president and general manager on the ground, expects to be down to 2600 feet within 2 month or six weeks, it is reported. The well is located on W. S. Hamilton's property at 3024 Palm street. It is understood that the company is offering no bonus or taking rentals or leases, but is operating on a royalty basis.
May Drill New Wells
If this well is successful, the Heller-Davis outfit plans to drill two or three new wells at the lower level, it is reported.
Several years ago, during the

Executives Pay Visit to "Ideco"

Two nationally-known business executives were in Torrance yesterday afternoon on a flying tour of inspection of the International Tennial Corporation.
They were Harry Runkle, president of the International, and J. D. Stacey, president of the Stacey Engineering Company. Both companies recently merged at Columbus, Ohio, to form a ten-million dollar corporation.
However, both executives declined to be interviewed or give a statement as to the immediate future of the new corporation. Charles G. Runkle, who was vice president of the Ideco organization before the merger, stated that the two visitors were merely on a brief inspection tour of all international plants.
"We have no statement of policy to issue at this time," Runkle said. "Of course we always have been constructive and expect to launch an expansion program in the very near future. But at the present time there is nothing we can say." Harry Runkle, who is a brother of the local executive, and Stacey are expected to return to Torrance within 60 days and may at that time outline the future plans of the giant corporation.

Proposed Clinic For City Has New Name

At the request of the County Department of Health, the City Council addressed a resolution to the Board of Supervisors Monday night asking that body not to make any cuts in the department's budget for the ensuing year. This was done because the health chief, Dr. J. L. Emery, indicated that any cut made by the Supervisors would seriously hamper the city's acquisition of the "Torrance Health and Welfare Center."
This last is the new name of the unit which is expected to be built in the triangle site adjoining the American Legion club house between Carson street and Plaza del Amo. The "welfare" part has been added to the plans because that division of county work, now located at Inglewood, is reported favorable to moving to Torrance to relieve the congestion at the new Inglewood health center.

(Continued on Page 4-A)