

Legion Post Proves Royal Host To Council, Auxiliary Tuesday

Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, put over their most successful entertainment Tuesday evening. Members of the City Council, American Legion Auxiliary and others were the honored guests. The club house was filled to the doors, as most of the 207 members of the post, with their wives, families and friends, were present.

Following the short business session, which Commander Earl Crossland carried on with a snap and vigor, a top kick and with his own characteristic witty remarks, the Beverly Hills drum corps marched in headed by its tiny mascot and took over the meeting. Their band of musicians and entertainers laid down a barrage that brought complete and unqualified surrender. Beginning with several drum and bugle numbers, the boys from Beverly Hills showed a lot of versatile talent that carried them through orchestra numbers under the leadership of Roy Bush, vocal solos, dances, comedy sketches, and wound up with a masterpiece of radio broadcasting.

New Posthole Editor
The master of ceremonies for the Beverly Hills boys lost no opportunity in his fun-making to boost for some new uniforms for the new Torrance drum corps, and as the city duds were the guests of the evening the results were highly encouraging to the local post.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, a bugler sounded mess call and eight members of the Crossland Post volunteered for balance of the evening was given over to general conversation and sociality.

Among several announcements made by the Commander were those relating to the benefit performance to be given at the High school auditorium May 15, when admission will be by donation of food stuff which will be distributed to the needy families of Torrance and Lomita; the appointment of W. H. Stanger as editor of the Posthole; visits of the members to various neighboring posts, and arrangements for observance of Memorial Day.

Free Diagnostic Service Offered At Health Clinic

"Every child in Torrance is offered a free diagnostic service at the Redondo Health Center located in the city hall, Redondo," Dr. H. C. Smiley, district health officer, said this week. "This service, which includes a thorough heart and lung examination with chest X-ray where recommended by clinician, is stressed by the County Health department in connection with the campaign for the early diagnosis of tuberculosis carried on nationally by the National Tuberculosis Association and locally through the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association, which is supported by Christmas Seals."

Dr. Smiley urges that all children who are mal-nourished, generally physically below par or believed to be tuberculosis contacts be brought to the clinic for examination. "If discovered early," states Dr. Smiley, "tuberculosis is readily curable. Unfortunately the majority of cases that fill sanatoria are already in the advanced stage when little can be done for their recovery. Yet it is an established fact that 75 per cent of all tuberculosis deaths are preventable if the disease is discovered early. And almost as important as the discovery of the disease early, if present, in the opinion of Dr. Smiley, is the elimination through X-ray film of those that are non-tuberculosis in suspected cases, relieving the mind of both patient and loved ones.

NEWCOMERS ARRIVE AT TORRANCE INSTITUTION

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Gregory, 224 Central court, Redondo, at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, April 23. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Skinner of Gardena received a baby girl on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sandstrom of this city are the proud parents of a daughter, born April 22.

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Tremor Gives City Stiff Jolt

Sensational Damage Yarns Found Groundless

An earth tremor starting at 10:23 a. m., Friday, gave Torrance a severe shaking but caused slight damage. A few slight cracks are reported to have appeared at the High school and other buildings in town are said to have developed apertures as result of the rather stiff jolt.

A large number of residents flocked to the streets from their homes immediately after the tremor and students of the Elementary school were marched from the building in an orderly manner. As usual, a number of highly-colored "damage" stories started the rounds after the shock, but these were found on investigation to be groundless.

Well Known Former Resident Dies in L. A.

Mrs. Theresa J. Close, wife of Will C. Close, who owned the first feed store in Torrance nine years ago, passed away at her home in Los Angeles Saturday morning after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Raphael's church in Los Angeles. The Close feed store was located in the building at 1803 Cabrillo avenue, where the Torrance Relief Society has its headquarters. Mrs. Close leaves her husband; a son, Vincent, and a daughter, Mrs. R. C. Moore.

ELEMENTARY School Notes

Many parents attended the exhibits Friday night which were held in each room of the school and enjoyed seeing the work which children have done individually and also some cooperative projects. The faculty of the school welcomed this opportunity to become acquainted with the parents of their pupils and hope that in the future each child will be represented among the visitors.

Principal William M. Bell Jr. will be principal of the vacation school and other members of the faculty that have been nominated are: Mrs. Gertrude Hayden, first grade; Mrs. Vera Godwin, second grade; and Miss Alice Carothers, fifth grade. These three teachers are from the Torrance Elementary school. Ethel Barkeley Newman from Valley View, third grade; Mrs. Julia Border, Carson Street school, fourth grade; Heber A. G. Grindley, principal of Harbor City school, sixth grade; and Dorothy Elaine Bauer, Belmont—Evening High, seventh and eighth grades.

COMPTON TO VOTE ON WATER DISTRICT JUNE 2

The city of Compton will vote on joining the Metropolitan Water District at the municipal election, June 2. At the same time two councilmen are to be chosen. There are now 14 cities enrolled in the District, Torrance and Long Beach being the latest to join.

CONTRASTS IN EDUCATION

Torrance Resident Writes Article for Herald Comparing American and European School Methods

(Editor's Note: Coming at the close of a successful Public School Week, sponsored recently by the Torrance Masonic lodge, the following article by A. P. Olinger, a Belgian, was educated at the University of Heidelberg in Germany and has traveled extensively through Europe and Africa. He is now a licensed government engineer and is engaged on electrical contracts with the U. S. Government at March Field and San Diego.)

By A. P. Olinger

The educational systems of Europe are quite different from those in the United States of America, and the results are so remarkable that I could not overlook studying them, being educated in Europe and my little son attending an American school.

The fact is that children are natural—whether good or bad. They are born only with reflexes and a few instincts. Out of these, by the action of environment, habits are produced which may be either healthy or morbid. Which they are to be depends chiefly upon the wisdom of mothers and teachers. The child's nature is at first almost incredibly malleable. In Europe this is largely misused, as educators still regard little children as "limbs of Satan" and it is hard to understand how a teacher, in a fit of anger, can flog little boys under the impression that he is conforming to the religion of love.

"Wish to Learn" Best Aid
In practically all children there is the raw material of a good citizen and also the raw material of a criminal. Scientific psychology

tempt was made to dispense with it.

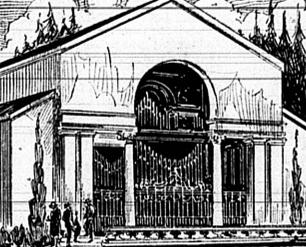
Praise for Educators
On sending my little boy to the kindergarten class of the local Elementary school, I found that he quickly became a more disciplined human being, and that he acquiesced to the rules of the school but he had no feeling whatever of external compulsion. The rules are like the rules of a game and were obeyed as a means of enjoyment. The old idea still prevailing in Europe is that children cannot possibly wish to learn and can only be compelled to learn by the skill, sympathy and patience required by our American educators to make children acquire self-discipline which consists partly of good habits and partly of the real-

ization that it is sometimes worth-while to resist an impulse for the sake of some ultimate gain.

What is astonishing is the great success in finding technical methods of embodying this idea in education. For this our American educators deserve the highest praise.

LEGISLATURE TO STAY IN SESSION TO MAY 15

SACRAMENTO—Confronted with a series of hardy controversial problems, the state legislature must continue in session until May 15. Plans to conclude the 1931 session May 8 were blasted when continued opposition to numerous bills precipitated unanticipated debates and prevented the Senate and Assembly from clearing their files of routine measures.

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"MAY second, next week, the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Torrance will be 18 years old and anniversaries prompt reflections. As we emerge from last year's depression to brighter days ahead, we find much inspiration by looking back over the past 18 years' accomplishments of this community and this pioneer bank.

In those early days of 1913, one could stand on the First National Bank Corner and easily count the buildings within the narrow confines of the little hamlet that was then known as Torrance. But what a miracle the past 18 years have wrought! From a mere handful of structures has sprung a city with thousands of homes, stores and factories. City boundaries have been pushed forward until Torrance is now the third largest incorporated municipality of this vast Los Angeles county. In fact, with the annexation of the northern portion of Lomita next month, Torrance will stand second only to the City of Los Angeles in area.

But remarkable as has been the growth of Torrance during the past 18 years, its pioneer bank, the First National, has kept pace. Its resources have multiplied over ten times in 18 years. New facilities have been added, new and broader services rendered,—all in order that Torrance may continue to develop and prosper. Many of the first depositors of the First National Bank are still patrons of this pioneer institution, and it is a source of great gratification to the officers and directors to hear many of those old depositors attribute much of their success to the sympathetic and personal interest which this locally owned home bank has extended them in dull times as well as good times. Personal service is an old standing policy of the First National Bank, and if you are not already enjoying this friendly banking cooperation, you are invited to come and join with us that we both, as well as Torrance, may continue to grow and succeed."

JAMES W. POST, President