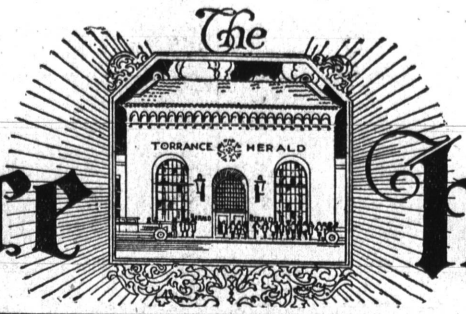




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SCHOOLS RE-OPEN FOLLOWING RIGID BUILDING INSPECTION

L. A. Board Consulting Engineer and Chief Architect Go Over Damaged Buildings With Torrance City Council

School buildings in Torrance, which were damaged by earthquakes, will be made as strong or stronger structurally than they were previous to the temblor of March 10 before pupils will be allowed in the damaged portions of the buildings. This definite assurance was given to members of the Torrance city council by Prof. Allen Sedgwick, consulting engineer of the Los Angeles city board of education, and A. S. Nibecker, chief architect of the school board, following a careful inspection of the high school and elementary school buildings Tuesday afternoon.

Prof. Sedgwick and Mr. Nibecker made a trip to Torrance Tuesday in response to the city council's order issued Monday closing all schools until a careful check of possible damages could be made. The council's action was taken as a precautionary measure, following the Monday morning temblor, which caused little if any damage to local buildings. Mayor Conner explained. The Los Angeles engineers conducted members of the city council, City Engineer Leonard, City Attorney Jensen, and a Herald representative through the school buildings, pointing out the extent of damages to the buildings and explaining the repairs which will be made before the rooms affected will be occupied. Following the inspection trip, the city council rescinded its closing order and permitted the schools to re-open Wednesday.

Auditorium Condemned Under the new state regulations, buildings in which repairs would exceed \$1000, must be brought up to the new state building code. Due to this regulation, the high school auditorium will be definitely closed, Prof. Sedgwick stated. Repairs at the high school library and the elementary school on Marina avenue will not exceed \$1000 per building, and these structures are to be repaired and strengthened at once, so as to be ready for occupancy in two or three weeks. When repaired, the buildings will be as structurally strong or stronger than they were before the March 10 earthquake, Prof. Sedgwick stated.

Elementary School Damages at the elementary school consist principally of cracked partition walls, and while the inexperienced layman these cracks may appear dangerous, they are not serious because the partition walls carry only their own weight and do not affect the building structurally. However, there is one structural damage to the elementary school which will be repaired. The front wall in the older portion of the building west of the main entrance has moved outward about one-eighth of an inch. Anchor plates will be set and this portion of the front wall will be pulled back into place by tie-rods and screws so as to bind the building together more securely. The newer portion of the building has a bond beam built into the wall and is not damaged, Prof. Sedgwick explained.

Speaks Frankly The Los Angeles engineer stated frankly that there were no buildings in the entire Los Angeles school district which have been built to withstand a major disturbance such as occurred in 1857. To make every school building sufficiently strong to withstand a major earthquake would require a building program of twenty to twenty-five million dollars.

Attend Parley The Los Angeles board of education is meeting today with directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to discuss the immediate launching of a program for rebuilding and strengthening of school buildings to take care of the earthquake hazard and to rebuild those buildings which have been wholly or partially destroyed. Mayor C. Earl Conner of Torrance and Grover C. Whyte, editor of the Torrance Herald, were invited to attend the joint meeting today of the two Los Angeles boards to take part in the formation of plans for this campaign.

Relief Society Resumes Fall Work The Torrance Relief Society, which has been inactive during the past two months, has resumed operations and the headquarters at 1503 Cabrillo avenue will be open tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Society meets every Friday morning to sew and receive applications for aid.

Chicago Bound



"Doug." Collins Wins Free Trip to World's Fair

Local Firestone Branch Ranks High in Sales Contest; Helpers Get Checks

A free trip to Chicago and the Century of Progress Exposition, with all expenses paid,—that's the thrilling reward which has been won by Douglas Collins, popular young manager of the Firestone Service Stores, Inc., as the result of his efforts in a recent Firestone sales contest. Mr. Collins leaves tonight, together with a large group of other Firestone dealers and managers, for the two weeks outing. Three Pullmans on the Southern Pacific have been reserved for the happy contest winners.

The Torrance branch attained 12th place among 72 Firestone stations in the Western division competing for the Chicago trip. Dewey Fix, John Hubbards and Jesse Summers, associates of Manager Collins at the Torrance branch, all received substantial bonus checks for their help in placing the Torrance branch among the leaders in sales of Firestone tires.

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* HAVE YOU A SHRUB *
* OR TREE TO SPARE? *
* Have you a tree or shrub in your garden or yard that is crowded for space? Why not let the city transplant it for you in the new Torrance municipal park? All you need to do is telephone the City Hall, phone 400, and the park department men will remove it from your yard and transplant it in the park without trouble or expense to you. * Some day Torrance is going to be mighty proud of its park, and you'll be happy that you helped beautify it. * If you don't have an extra tree or flowering shrub in your yard to spare, you may leave a donation at the City Hall. The park department will purchase the tree or shrub of your choice and attend to planting it in the park. Very attractive trees and shrubs can be purchased for \$1 to \$5.

Mother of City Clerk Bartlett Taken By Death

Mrs. Flora Bartlett Passed Away Friday; In Torrance Twelve Years

Mrs. Flora Bartlett, 76, passed away Friday at her home at 2019 Gramercy, Friday, September 29, after an illness of six weeks. Funeral services were held at the home on Monday, October 2, at 2 o'clock under the direction of Stone & Myers, with Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter, former pastor of the Christian church conducting the religious rites. Cremation took place at Pacific Crest.

Mrs. Bartlett had been a resident of Torrance for the past 12 years. She is survived by her sons, Pliny and Merrill Bartlett, of Buffalo, New York; Albert H. Bartlett, city clerk of Torrance; two daughters, Miss Grace Bartlett, with whom she had made her home for a number of years, and Mrs. Lucy Bartlett Barnes, of Long Beach. Eleven grandchildren also survive her.

Constabulary And Justices To Meet Here

Lomita Township Will Be Host To Visiting Officers of 51 Units

For the first time since the organization of the county constabulary, the Lomita group will be hosts to the members of this organization at a meeting to be held in the justice court in Torrance on the evening of October 19. Constables and justices from practically all of the 51 townships are expected. Arrangements are being made to invite a number of guests, among whom will be city officials of Torrance, including Chief of Police G. M. Calder and as many of the force as are able to attend; Mayor C. Earl Conner, City Attorney J. R. Jensen, Municipal Judge C. T. Hiny, Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink and other members of the department, former Justices L. J. Hunter and S. D. Patterson of Lomita, Justice Alkenhead of La Rambla township and others.

More Pupils Wanted In Kindergarten

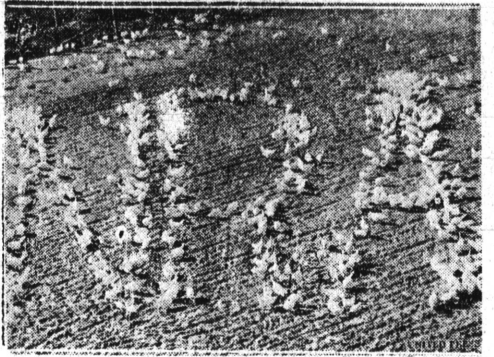
At least 15 more pupils are wanted to enroll in the kindergarten classes at the Torrance elementary school, according to the directors in charge. At the present time two directors are engaged on full time in taking care of youngsters but unless the enrollment increases one of the directors will be placed on half time.

Parents are reminded that under the new law which takes effect in a short time, children will not be enrolled until they reach the age of five years. At the present time the old law is still in effect and under its provisions children who are within three months of four and a half years of age may enter. A child who is four years and three months old may enter now and after having entered the new law will not deprive the child of its right to remain. All parents who have children of kindergarten age under the old law should enroll them now.

Congressman Colden Leaves For Chicago, Washington, D. C.

Congressman Charles J. Colden left Sunday evening to attend the rivers and harbors congress in Chicago, October 12 and 13. He will spend a few days en route with relatives in Denver and northwest Missouri. After a few days at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, Mr. Colden plans to go to Washington, D. C., to prepare for the opening of Congress on January 3, and to attend to routine business of his office.

'Cluck, Cluck, We Do Our Part'



There's nothing behind the times about these Petaluma, Calif., chickens enlisted in President Roosevelt's recovery drive. Snapped at meal-time, they rally around to show their patriotism by forming the NRA insignia.



Hints For The Amateur Gardener

By Harry Nelson

Through an arrangement with Harry Nelson, Los Angeles gardening expert, the Herald will offer each week a timely article on the proper planting and cultivation of seasonal flowers. Mr. Nelson will answer all questions relating to gardening, either through this column or by direct communication. Persons who wish prompt and personal answers to their questions must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with their communication to insure a reply. Questions may be sent to this office to be forwarded to Mr. Nelson.

Residents Asked To Observe Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week, October 8-15, will be observed in Torrance this year as in previous years, with the local fire department superintending the activities. A proclamation, by Mayor C. Earl Conner, calls upon all citizens of Torrance to observe this week as a special occasion, and to take action in clearing up any hazardous conditions that may exist about their properties. A general clean-up of all premises to do away with rubbish heaps, oily rags or similar accumulations that may cause fire from spontaneous combustion, should be the immediate consideration of every property owner or tenant.

Tedesco Trial Is Called Yesterday In Superior Court

Trial of Charles Tedesco, Redondo Beach cobbler, got under way Wednesday in Los Angeles county superior court, on charges of brutally beating to death his friend, John W. Whitehead, beside Redondo-Wilmington road near Waverly last July 13. Tedesco was charged with murder after his arrest by Torrance police. A shoemaker's hammer, found near the scene of the crime, and some of Tedesco's clothing were expected to be introduced by the state as evidence Thursday. Investigation by deputies established that Tedesco had paid the first premium on a \$1000 insurance policy for Whitehead, with Tedesco named as beneficiary.

Probation Plea Denied Kolek Is Sent to Prison

Harbor City Man Convicted of Manslaughter, Given Sentence Yesterday

His plea for probation denied, Victor Kolek, Harbor City resident, was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary Wednesday when he appeared in superior court for judgment as the result of the fatal shooting of Joseph Wojcik, a sailor, last June 20. Kolek was sentenced on charges of manslaughter, to which he pleaded guilty when the offense was reduced from murder.

The fatal shooting took place at the home of Robert T. John, 26123 Oak street, Lomita, where the two men were guests, according to deputy sheriffs. Kolek was said to have left the scene immediately after the shooting on the pretext of calling a doctor. Deputies later apprehended him at his home.

Wojcik, who was stationed aboard the U. S. S. Virginia, left a widow and an infant child.

Bible Class Has Many Fine Plans

Boys' Band Coming Sunday; Outdoor Circus Coming Off October 13

Cleveland's Boys' Band, famous Southland musical organization, which was expected to give a concert at the Men's Bible class meeting last Sunday failed to keep the engagement, but according to assurances received this week, the band will play next Sunday, October 8, at 9:30 a. m. at the Torrance Theatre. All men of Torrance and vicinity are invited to hear a splendid concert.

Other activities of the Men's Bible class include a stag party to be held in the social hall at the Christian church on Friday evening, October 6. Dart baseball will be a feature of the entertainment, with music and refreshments to follow the games.

Details of the membership drive, now under way, will be announced at the stag party. Ben Hannebrink is captain of the "Fire-enters" and Bud Quandt of the "Rancho Boys." Preparations are now being made for the big outdoor circus to be held at the city park baseball field, Friday, October 13, beginning at 7 o'clock p. m. The program will offer vaudeville from 7 to 8 o'clock. The Armstrong Sisters of Gardena and other artists will appear on this program. From 8 to 8:45, a baseball game between two ladies' teams, followed by a game between the men, fawns and leas. There will be clowns, refreshments, hot dogs, candy, and all the features of a three-ring circus without the animals. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to go to the Men's Bible Class treasury.

Centenarian to Be Guest of Co. Council Friday

William Mendelsohn of Lomita, Civil War Veteran, Is Honored

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles county council, the American Legion, will be held Friday evening, October 6, 1933, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the auditorium of Patriotic Hall, 1516 South Figueroa street, Los Angeles. Notice of the meeting has been mailed, according to Commander Clifford A. Hix, to all posts in the county, and a large attendance is expected. An honored guest will be "Uncle" Bill Mendelsohn of Lomita, who will be 100 years old, on October 7, 1933, the day following the meeting. "Uncle" Bill is a Civil War veteran.

Quake Investigator Visits Torrance Mon.

Charles F. Richter, earthquake investigator, of Pasadena, visited Torrance Monday afternoon, making a check-up on the characteristics of the shock felt here and in other localities of Southern California at 1:10 a. m. that morning. The temblor did practically no damage in Torrance, although it was fairly severe and lasted about six seconds. A second pronounced shock was felt about 15 minutes later.

Wanted—Live Wire Workers Men and women to do spare-time work for Torrance Herald. Pay twice a week. Apply at Herald office.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL TODAY AND TOMORROW

By ARTHUR G. WAIDELICH

Walter Lippman, one of America's foremost thinkers, in a recent article in the "New York Herald-Tribune" wrote:

"In times like these, social agencies are more necessary than ever; that applies particularly to the 'Character Building Agencies.' To provide food to keep men alive is an easy task in a country suffering from over-abundance. The food exists, it can be had, it can be distributed and if that were all there was in the problem of relief it would be a simple problem. But to keep men and women, young boys and girls from despair, from the hideous boredom of having nothing to do, from the crushing sense of not being wanted, of having no place in society, and no work to do, of being a problem and not a human being—that is the real task of philanthropy in these long, dreary days. And for that task extraordinary efforts will be required from those social agencies which devote themselves not to feeding the starving, but to providing entertainment, and interests and sociability, and advice and friendliness and all those imponderable necessities which help to make men self-respecting and confident."

A local man, Edward B. DeGroot, Boy Scout executive, addressing service clubs has enlarged upon the same theme in a recent letter by saying: "That is the great job of our schools and colleges—to impart knowledge, teach the truth and build character. But what a task school and college administrators upon the current school year! Public education, in every bracket and on every level, has been subjected to one of the worst of the many economic dislocations of 1933. How discouraging it has been to see the attempts of those in political control, trying to save at the spigot while wasting at the bung. How distressing it has been to see the attempts of the 'statesmen' to mend a watch with a crowbar. How tragic it has been to see the apparent willingness of the 'taxpayer' to 'take it out' of the young and plastic souls who must find preparation for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in schools and colleges. Only the noble few in this tragic situation have bared their breasts and said, 'let the scars of this frightful economic depression be inflicted upon you, and not upon our boys and girls!' Fortunately, within the ranks of our school and college administrators and faculties there is a small army of Patrick Henrys. Their patriotism and loyalty is being tested to the breaking point, though they stand fast in their service to youth. They are the unknown soldiers in this politico-economic battle being waged on all fronts.

There has been a fierce onslaught upon and curtailment of both the curricula and extra-curricula activities of our schools. 'Cut out the fat' has been the cry of the pseudo-economists, forgetting that it is in the so-called frills that youth finds the thrills of life. Forgetting again that youth will have its thrills, vicious if denied the decent. It is clamorously proposed that our schools return to the 'thrilling' program known as the 'Three R's,' no less in the interest of sound education than economy.

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Significant social changes are occurring with amazing rapidity and at the same time more students are coming to the high schools each year. The honest questions of serious-minded parents regarding the true value of the time spent by their children and the money spent in support of the schools deserve an equally honest and unbiased answer. We are breaking away from the mere storing of our students' minds with facts and petty accuracies relating to worn-out curricula.

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