

Fireman's Magazine Answers Klusman

The following article appearing in a current issue of The California Fireman, published in Los Angeles by the California State Firemen's Association, is of particular interest to Torrance citizens who will vote on the proposed civil service plan for firemen and policemen in Torrance at next Monday's election. The complete text of the magazine article follows:

EX-MAYOR SCOLDS CHIEFS

"In a letter appearing in the Long Beach Press Telegram, Ex-Mayor W. T. Klusman of Torrance takes Fire and Police Chiefs of the Southland to task for attempting to have their positions placed under the protective wing of Civil Service.

"It will be noticed in his letter that he had the pleasure of attending one of their 'patriotic' meetings. Being thus warned of Ex-Mayor Klusman's antagonistic attitude, it might be well to extend a special invitation to Mr. Klusman to attend all the meetings of the California Municipal Protective Association, where he would no doubt learn much concerning the value of civil service.

"Read the letter: 'Editor Press Telegram:—In the Press Telegram, January 29, I notice the big headlines that the Torrance Police and Fire Departments are circulating petitions to place on the ballot in April a proposal for the election to decide whether the present Police and Fire Department officials shall hold their offices under Civil Service.

"The Municipal Co-operative Defence Association was formed some months ago by Police and Fire Department officials of a number of sixth class cities in Los Angeles County. Meetings have been held in the various cities in which these officials hold their jobs by appointment, or, in other words, at the pleasure of the City Council.

"It is marvelous how anxious they are to hold their jobs and keep them under Civil Service.

"I had the pleasure of attending one of their 'patriotic' meetings at Huntington Park, and it certainly was a pleasure to listen to some of the arguments, how much it would save the taxpayers if the present officials would hold their jobs after April 3, 1934, and how much more efficient the present officials are over any other who might take their jobs at the pleasure of the councils which might be elected in the different cities in April.

"A certain chief of police brought forth the unselfish argument that he did not care for himself or his office, but that he was only interested in the welfare of his men, and he would like to see them stay on the job and draw their salaries out of the public coffers.

"Furthermore, he stated that the City Councils had played football long enough with chiefs of police, chiefs of fire departments and street superintendents.

"I had the pleasure to inform these so-called city officials, of whom there were about 100 assembled, that some chiefs of police and chiefs of fire departments had played a lot of football with councilmen in the past by being much more interested in politics than their respective offices.

"It will be my pleasure to go on the stump to defeat the Civil Service proposition, if possible. It is nothing more and nothing less than a political affront to the citizens of the different cities.

"I would like to remind the chiefs of the different departments who are mainly interested to get the Civil Service Act over so as to hold their jobs: As a rule, the City Councils do not interfere very much with the men who do the real work and mind their business.

"To make a long story short, this Civil Service business, as it is presented today, is mainly for the selfish protection of the chiefs who would like to have a bureaucratic grab on their jobs.

"W. T. KLUSMAN, Ex-Mayor and Councilman of Torrance.

"It is easy to understand why a politician would oppose the adoption of Civil Service for fire and police chiefs. It would give them two less jobs to play with after election. There is no doubt that a system that has proven its value in federal government for 50 years would also prove to be a good thing for the taxpayers in every community, no matter how small. Too often the welfare of the taxpayer is forgotten by the politicians in their zeal to reward

their political henchmen for campaign services rendered. "In the old days it was considered part of the game in every city to remove sometimes as many as half the firemen and policemen immediately following an election, and replace them with votes. Everyone expected it, so it behooved every member of those two departments to play the politics as hard as they could in order to hold their jobs. Circumstances forced them to it.

"But the long suffering taxpayer, whose doubtful pleasure it was to pugle up top-heavy fire insurance premiums, discovered that they were footing the bill for the sport of the politicians. Fire losses were heavier than they should be because the safety of the citizens was in the hands of men largely inexperienced, and consequently unable to cope with dangerous situations that all too often confronted them.

"So the worm turned, and civil service came into existence, guaranteeing two things: First, that the persons so employed would keep out of politics, and second, that politicians would keep away from civil service employments. It was a profitable arrangement, as subsequent events proved, but down through the corridor of the years, we can hear the politicians shriek anathema on the authors of civil service, and view with alarm the conditions that would follow the adoption of this insidious thing that interfered with their political pleasure.

"The federal government took up civil service. President after President widening its scope as they became convinced from experience of the wisdom of the plan. State followed state into its protective folds. County upon county adopted its benefits. City emulated city in taking up civil service for the protection of its citizens. And now the puny voice of Ex-Mayor Klusman of Torrance is raised with the age-old cry of the politician, 'Down with Civil Service.'

"Just so the mouse cries 'Down with the Cats,' and the felon hollers 'Down with the Law.' As well try to stem a flood, single handed, or try to hold an avalanche with the tiny pressure of a finger for regardless of what Ex-Mayor Klusman might think of the situation, Civil Service WILL be adopted by every Sixth Class City in California sooner or later, and perhaps much sooner than the Ex-Mayor thinks. Perhaps Ex-Mayor Klusman's antiquated ideas are the reason for that. Ex before his former title.

"The Ex-Torrance official's allusion to the patriotism of the fire and police chiefs who are members of the California Municipal Protective Association brings to the fore a thought that should be exploited by those fire and police officials. Fire fighting and police work are every bit as technical and as important to the nation as are the Army and the Navy. The latter two units of public defense, though seldom called into action, are necessary to maintain, by their very readiness to take the field, the peace of the nation. Yet the ranking officers of the Army and the Navy are not continually at the mercy of the politicians as are fire and police chiefs who are not under the protection of Civil Service. Just as the rank and file of the national defense forces are imbued with deep patriotic impulses, so are firemen and policemen who spend their lives in the service of the protection of their fellow man from the ravages of the enemy within the borders of the nation.

"The work of the firemen and policemen as compared to that of the Army and the Navy are so analogous as to purpose, that to the mind of the writer, it is only a question of time before the firemen and policemen of the nation will each be welded into a unified federal force. Protecting the people of the United States is rightfully the job of the Federal Government, whether the enemy is

Homemakers' Bureau



OUT OF THE DEEP FAT FRYING KETTLE

It seems a shame that such an interesting way of cooking as deep fat frying should go out of common use, especially when we all know that the men folks usually choose French fried potatoes when they dine out and ask for doughnuts with their morning coffee. We should take a lesson from the restaurants for they must cater to their patrons and therefore include deep fat fried foods on their bill of fare.

Deep fat frying is easy and when foods are fried correctly they are crisp and brown without soft within, and thoroughly delicious. With a little practice, you can turn out fancy and plain fried foods so that the most experienced chef will have to take a back seat.

The fat does all the work for you in the twinkling of an eye, and all you need to do is see that the fat doesn't get too hot or too cold. There's no deep secret about frying. A simple little bread cube will divulge the temperature in no time at all. For temperatures of about 385 degrees, the inch cube of bread should take approximately 40 seconds to brown. This is right for cooked foods such as croquettes that just need to brown and heat through. On the other hand, food that needs to cook through first and then brown requires a lower temperature for a longer time and so recipes for fritters, doughnuts, etc., require 365 degrees, and the

outside our boundaries or inside. But, more of this later. "If the estimable Ex-Mayor of Torrance doubts for a minute the patriotism of the firemen and policemen, not only of Torrance, but of the entire nation, I shall call to his attention a long line of shrouds beneath which lie the broken and mangled bodies of heroic firemen and policemen who gave their very lives that others, including politicians, might continue in the full bloom of life. And not an Ex-Mayor is among them.

"If the men engaged in public safety work sat back and waited for the people to give them the things they are rightfully entitled to, they would still be fighting fires with water buckets, or be chasing criminals on horseback. Like the veterans of the World War, they have had to fight for recognition, and for their rights. And as long as they have strength in their bodies, they will continue to fight, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WIN.

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bread cube will brown in 60 seconds.

Never crowd the deep fat frying kettle for you can't expect the fat to stay at the same temperature after a cold shower of wet, cold food such as potatoes. The fat must be kept at nearly the same temperature all the time for it must quickly sear the product, thus keeping the flavor in and the fat out, without doing it so rapidly that the food becomes a burned cinder.

Deep fat fried foods should be drained on crumpled paper because the uneven surface makes little pathways for the grease to run off and away from the food, making it much more appetizing and digestible.

Croquettes are familiar to almost everyone and the easiest thing in the world to make because to one basic recipe almost any meat, fish or hard cooked eggs may be added.

EGG CROQUETTES

2 cups chopped hard cooked eggs
1 cup very thick white sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Dash of cayenne
Eggs and crumbs
Chop the eggs fine and mix with the sauce that has been well seasoned. Let chill thoroughly on flat plate, divide up and mold into desired shape. Roll in crumbs, then in slightly beaten egg, and again in crumbs, and fry in hot fat. Drain. Serves 6.

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Setback Lines Established On Three Highways

Three ordinances establishing setback lines on highways in this vicinity, have been passed by the county board of supervisors recently. Ordinance No. 2437 establishes setback lines 50 feet on each side of the center line of Vermont avenue, from the northerly line of Lot G in Rancho Los Palos Verdes to Sepulveda boulevard. Ordinance No. 2438 fixes a 40-foot setback line, on each side of the center line of Torrance boulevard, east from the boundary line of Redondo Beach 1028.82 feet in county territory. Ordinance No. 2443 establishes a 50-foot setback line on each side of the center line of Western avenue, from the north boundary of Gardena to the south boundary of the city of Los Angeles.

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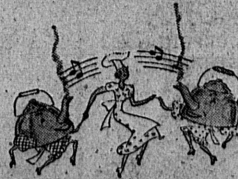
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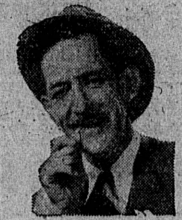
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