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PISTOL CLUB FETES LADIES WITH DINNER

Deputy Sheriffs Display Amazing Skill With Regulation Guns

As the gun smoke cleared away and the ladies removed their hands from their ears, members of the Torrance Revolver club leaned back in their chairs at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse Monday night and declared they had given their "gun widows" a fitting entertainment for their first "ladies night" dinner meeting.

Three members of the famed Sheriff's Exhibition Pistol team, Deputies Sewell, F. Griggers, C. E. Pealer and Tom Fleming had just completed a display of marksmanship and iron nerve equal to the historic exploits of such gunfighters as Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Buffalo Bill Cody and Annie Oakley.

With Deputy Griggers the star of the "act" and Deputy Pealer running him a close second, they demonstrated a familiarity with regulation police pistols that was remarkable. Deputy Fleming, "stooging" for the pair of sharpshooters, likewise displayed no small amount of nerve as he held cards in his teeth, chalk and clay plates in his hand while his comrades blazed away at him.

Elect Three Members
The three deputies were presented by Captain O'Brien of the Long Beach sheriff's substation. Serving as toastmasters at the dinner-meeting were Captain John H. Stroh, president of the host club, and Mayor W. H. Stanger.

The mayor again demonstrated his memory-foet of introducing all 70 present without a stammer. Members of the Revolver club elected three new affiliates, Myron R. Houdashelt, W. Schuerman and S. E. Eklund, and decided to form six teams, Columbia Steel, National Supply, C. C. M. O., civilian and two police squads, within their ranks for intracub competition.

A notable feature of the meeting was the excellent steak dinner served the Torrance group by Manager Roy Stewart of the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse.

Multiple Housing Program Planned

Northwest Part of City is Scene of Operations

One of the prominent local builders was in the office of the Better Housing Program at the Chamber of Commerce recently, with the idea of taking advantage of the liberal terms of the Federal Housing Act to construct a series of homes in the northwest section of Torrance for the prospective home owner who desires a comfortable home at low cost. This builder, thru the information dispensed at the above office, was able to secure the necessary financing and the first of these units is reported ready to start.

If his anticipations materialize, there will be built in this section of Torrance 25 low-priced houses, consisting of five rooms, to sell at \$3,500 to \$4,000 complete, with all improvements in and paid for, subject to no special assessments. The opportunity presented by the shortage of housing in Torrance is within the realization of the most conservative builder.

The fine cooperation that the banks of Torrance are giving the office of the Better Housing Program tends to prove one thing, that the information dispensed by this office is reliable. The problems which concern the individual are held in strict confidence. Building in and adjacent to Torrance is gaining by leaps and bounds.

From Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, \$60,000 worth of new construction loans were referred to the banks and other financial institutions in this district as a direct result of inquiries made by prospective builders at the Torrance office.

Registration for Charter Vote Being Taken Here

Qualified residents desiring to participate in the first election of the year here, the March 17 vote on adoption of the proposed City Charter, and who are not registered, may become electors on or before Feb. 3.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced today that he will be glad to register voters at his office in the city hall daily until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Feb. 3. This is the only opportunity for Torrance residents to qualify to vote for the Charter election.

More Safety Aids Bought By City

Reflector Buttons and a Sodium Arc Ordered

Declaring that if \$150 spent for 100 more "owl's eye" high way reflector buttons could curtail loss of life, injuries and property damage by making night driving safe it would be the "best expenditure the city can make," Mayor W. H. Stanger proposed the purchase at city council meeting Tuesday night.

His opinion was shared by the remaining members of the municipal board and they voted the allocation promptly. The reflector buttons will be installed on roads here which curve or approach dangerous intersections.

Another safety precaution was taken by the council when City Engineer Leonard was instructed to contact the Southern California Edison Company and have a sodium arc light installed at once over the railroad crossing at Cedar avenue near the Pacific Electric shops. At the present time this crossing has no warning lights of any kind, Mayor Stanger pointed out, and most of the rail traffic is at night.

BOARD DENIES SCHOOL ANNEX

Culver City Citizens Must Vote On Any Changes

A proposed addition to the Los Angeles city school district was voted down this week by the board of supervisors in denying a proposal to annex the Culver City elementary district. Annexation to the Los Angeles elementary district would cause Culver City, now an "inland city" entirely surrounded by Los Angeles, to lose its identity, it was contended by opponents. It also was argued that Culver City's tax rate was four cents lower than in the Los Angeles city elementary district. Culver City is in the Los Angeles high school district. Any further changes proposed shall be decided by vote of the residents and not by the board, the supervisors decided on motion of Supervisor H. C. Legg. Motion to deny the petition was made by Supervisor Leland M. Ford.

Britain's Beer Bill Up
LONDON (U.P.)—Great Britain's beer bill is up nearly \$5,000,000 a month compared with 1935.

Steel Men Turn Actors for Aud. Show, Feb. 5-6

Determined to make the first home-talent theatrical production for 1937 in Torrance a memorable event, employees of the Columbia Steel Company are presenting "The Harum Scarum," a four-act comedy drama, Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 5 and 6, at the civic auditorium. Billed as "a story true to life with lots of good, wholesome comedy," the play will be given by six men characters and three women, directed by Harry F. Showalter, a veteran of the theatre.

Following each performance there will be a dance for all the attending. A special orchestra has been engaged to provide the latest swing music for this and another musical or-

HERALD HOME PROGRESSES STEADILY NOW

Tentative Opening Date is Set for Attractive Five-Room Cottage

With plasterers at work on the interior and the exterior now completely rounded out, The Herald's Demonstration Home at the corner of Beech and Sierra streets, was making excellent progress this week. If the rains hold off, the contractor, F. J. Marvin, expects to turn the furnished home over to this newspaper for public inspection about Feb. 15.

The brickwork, a major feature of the home's finish, is now mostly complete, including the attractive brick flowerboxes around the bay windows. The fireplace—a practical one—is practically finished and the whole five-room Californian-Cape Cod cottage is beginning to look like the drawings prepared several months ago by the architect.

Sign to Point Way
One of those new overhead garage doors, all in one piece and perfectly balanced for easy manipulation, has been hung at the entrance of the two-car storage auxiliary structure at the rear of the home.

The date of Feb. 15 has been tentatively set by The Herald for the presentation of its Demonstration Home, completely outfitted and equipped by the architect and the contractor to the public. It is planned to keep the home open for 10 days and 10 evenings so that all residents interested in home-building may inspect its plan, construction and furnishings.

A sign has been erected on the Torrance boulevard parkway at the Beech street intersection, with permission of the city council, that will point the way to the Demonstration Home.

Strawberry and Figueroa Extensions Proposed

Extension of Strawberry street easterly from Normandie avenue at the edge of Gardena to Alameda boulevard, to complete the last link in another important east-west state highway, is proposed in the tentative budget of the state highway department submitted to Gov. Frank Merriam, it was learned this week.

The link is five miles in length and would involve the expenditure of \$265,000. Plans call for grading of a 50-foot roadway, and laying 20-foot pavement, with oil shoulders and a grade separation at the Pacific Electric railroad line. Strawberry street is known as Artesia avenue farther to the east.

The tentative budget also contains an item of \$160,000 for the extension of Figueroa street southerly from 190th street to Lomita boulevard. This uncompleted link in the state's important north-and-south highway also is five miles long. Plans call for grading a 50-foot roadway and application of a four-inch plant-mixed surfacing, with oil shoulders.

organization will be "in the pit" for the stage attraction.

Tickets Going Fast
The Columbia Steel workers have engaged special scenery and lighting effects for their first dramatic offering and all of the men are keenly interested in the plans for the gala two-night show. Those in charge of the sale of tickets (limited to 2,600) report that, because of the demand, Friday night, Feb. 5, will be the best opportunity for townspeople to attend.

All Columbia employees will attend the show Saturday night, Feb. 6, as the plant will be closed and no one will be required to work that night. The tickets are selling at 50 cents each. The curtain will go up each night at 8:20 o'clock.

Central Figures in Big Birthday Party



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose birthday January 30 will be the occasion for a series of 5,000 celebrations to be held throughout the country to raise funds for the nation's war against infantile paralysis. Right, Colonel Henry L. Bokerly, for the fourth time national chairman of the world's biggest birthday party.

Gardenans Give Generously to Inter-City Fete

Reports of enthusiastic pledges of support in his community for the combined Torrance-Gardena Ball were received here this week from Sid Horrell, Gardena chairman, by Mrs. Harry U. Higgins, Torrance chairman for the Jan. 30 event at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse.

"And I believe I can match Mr. Horrell's glowing report," Mrs. Higgins said. "The local sale of tickets has been steady and during the next eight days before the Ball I believe we will distribute more than any sold for the past four dances to raise funds to combat infantile paralysis locally and nationally."

Gardena Committee Named
Chairman Horrell said that he interpreted the "reaction of those I have contacted for tickets to indicate that our people in Gardena are in favor of the joint community dance and in sympathy with the purpose for which it is being given Saturday night, Jan. 30. The fact that 70 percent of the proceeds remain in the Gardena-Torrance district, with 30 percent going to the national foundation for research into the causes and cures of this disease is appealing to many of our citizens."

The Gardena sponsor committee includes Judge and Mrs. Frank Carrell, Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. McQuarrie, Messrs. and Mesdames Lee Geyer, J. J. Bruckshaw, Earl Jacobs, E. K. Barton, Earl Arboren, Ben Sutton, P. K. Venneman, L. Decker, Lew Guild, Keith Schlager, Manuel Nelson, Dave Shrader, P. E. Hennis, William Sell, Dale Clanton and Miss Sue Dawson.

Evening School Term Opening

Second Semester Starts Monday, Feb. 1

The Torrance evening school opens its second semester of work a week from Monday evening, Feb. 1. Enrollment will begin next week so that the classes may start off at once.

Following is a list of classes being organized. More may be added as demand seems to warrant: Commercial (short-hand, typing, bookkeeping and comptometer); shops (wood and machine); clothing, arts and crafts, orchestra, men and women's physical education, beauty culture, English and mathematics, dramatics and public speaking, metallurgy and mechanical drawing.

The school is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. The tuition is free.

ARCHITECT PAID

The sum of \$409.55 was ordered paid to Walker and Eisen, architects, by the city council Tuesday night as part of their fee for work on the proposed city administration building, according to their contract with the city.

CHARTER AND SCHOOLS ARE QUERY TOPIC

City Judge Lessing Analyses Relationship; Cites California Law

A number of questions have been asked of City Judge Robert Lessing concerning the proposed city charter and relative to the Torrance city school district, which would be created by the adoption of the charter at the special election, Mar. 16. All of the questions this week, he said, were based on the relationship between the school district and the city.

"I think that all of these questions may be competently answered by a brief statement taken from the laws of the state relative to this relationship," Judge Lessing declares. "It has been held by various supreme court decisions that school districts are corporations organized for educational purposes and are classed with counties as necessary political divisions. They are public and not municipal corporations and are not agencies of the state for the promotion of the convenience of the public at large."

Funds Kept Separate
"Inasmuch as school districts are state agencies, they are subject to the control of the state legislature, both in respect to their formation and to their subsequent powers and are not subject to any measure of control by the legislative bodies of any city or county. The school board of any district may exercise only those powers that are specifically granted to them by statute."

"It must be remembered that the municipal corporation known as the City of Torrance will be a separate and distinct corporate entity from the corporation known as the City School District of Torrance. The funds of one will not be responsible for the liabilities of the other. The funds of the city will be deposited, as at present, with the city treasurer, while the funds of the Torrance City School District will be deposited with the county treasurer. These rules have been clearly established by statute and by virtue of the decisions of the supreme court of the state. The Torrance schools will be supported by funds collected from the county, the state and by those funds derived from special taxes levied in the Torrance School District."

"Thus, it will be seen that the schools of the new district may not be tampered with by local agencies as has been feared by some of the people who have submitted questions. The state carefully guards its schools against any such tampering," Judge Lessing concludes.

6,000 A Day
A daily average of 6,000 motorists passed thru California's border quarantine inspection stations last year.

SCHOOLS ADVANCE STUDENTS ON JAN. 29

Narbonne Graduates 48 Seniors With Term's Close

To Frank A. Anderson, Narbonne graduating senior, went two honors this week. He was chosen as Ephebian of the 1937 mid-winter class of 48, and alphabetically qualified to head the list of Seniors who will receive their diplomas Jan. 29. Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, principal, announced this week that young Anderson was named Ephebian by votes of the faculty. He already held a life membership in the California Scholarship Federation and has been active in public speaking. He tied for second honors in the district final of the World Friendship speaking contest last year.

The Ephebian is chosen at Narbonne on the basis of scholarship, leadership and civic mindedness. Anderson won a letter in track, is a member of the Vigilantes boys' honor and service club, and has been active in journalism. He served last year as calendar editor of the yearbook and this term he

Elementary Pupils to Enter Jr. High

Fourteen girls and 21 boys will enter Junior high school from the Torrance elementary school with the beginning of the second semester, Feb. 1. They will be honored with a special program in the school auditorium, Friday afternoon, Jan. 29, to which their parents and friends are cordially invited. Those who will conclude their elementary instruction are: Eileen Earlin, Jacqueline Cook, Dane Daniels, Mary Dawson, Margie Holt, Jacqueline Jackson, Hazel Mimms, Marie Olsen, Mary Louise Ordaz, Catarina Rios, Akiko Shinotani, Margaret Shultz, Dorothy Treloar and Gertrude Unger.

Leland Bender, Tommy Bishop, Gus Dodos, Ernest Duncan, Robert Fulton, Larry Gandsey, Lowell Jensen, Harland Johnson, Billy Mallin and Joe Marek. Bob Michelson, Stanley Peterson, Wallace Post, Jimmy Prowen, Fred Russell, Robert Schimick, Newton Sleeth, Leroy Wallace, Dick Williams, Hikaru

Thompson Boy Fails to Survive Crash; Truck Driver Killed

With the new year but 19 days old, the Red Highway of Death claimed two lives and accounted for injuries to two persons within the city limits of Torrance this week. Two families mourn the loss of loved ones . . . two more are faced with costly bills for medical treatment . . . and still the Red Highway swings on . . . on to more fatalities and injuries and property destruction in 1937 . . . DON'T TAKE CHANCES! DRIVE SAFELY AND KEEP YOUR MIND—AS WELL AS YOUR HANDS—ON THAT STEERING WHEEL!

Truck Smash Star Athlete at City Line Ends Fatally

A traffic accident which began in Redondo and ended fatally in Torrance accounted for the first 1937 highway death in this city last Saturday morning. The victim was William Kerr Gamblin, 37, Inglewood meat truck driver for a Los Angeles concern.

Mr. Gamblin was driving west on 190th street west of Inglewood avenue and apparently dropped off the edge of the concrete pavement to the low road shoulder. In attempting to pull his truck back on the highway, Mr. Gamblin swerved it straight across the road and struck an east-bound oil truck and trailer driven by William H. Ellett, 26, Venice.

The impact spun the meat truck around in Redondo territory and Mr. Gamblin was thrown to the pavement in Torrance territory, his skull being fractured. Rushed to the Hermosa-Beach hospital by a passing motorist, Mrs. Ed. E. Timmons, Los Angeles, Mr. Gamblin failed to respond to treatment and died a few minutes later.

Inquest at Hermosa
Captain John H. Stroh and Sergeant Ernest Ashton investigated the accident for the police department because, while the meat truck and oil truck-trailer collided in the beach city's area, Mr. Gamblin came to his death within the Torrance city limits.

The driver of the oil truck-trailer was exonerated of all blame for the accident by the coroner's jury investigating the fatality. The jury placed full responsibility for the crash on the crash victim.

HEADLIGHTS STOLEN

R. A. Huber, of 1444 Post avenue, reported to police last night that two headlights were stolen from his Chevrolet coupe while it was parked near the high school gymnasium.

Torrance High to Graduate 23 Next Thursday Night

Union Baccalaureate service, honoring Torrance high school's mid-winter graduating class of 23, will be held at the Civic Auditorium, Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. C. Miles Northrup, pastor of the First Baptist church, is in charge of the devotional and will speak on "Building a House of Wisdom." All parents and friends of the graduates are cordially invited to attend.

Graduation exercises will be held in the Auditorium next Thursday evening, Jan. 28, at 8 o'clock. Admission will be by card only. Principal Thomas Elson announced today that Vida Jones and Dorothy Lillian Shaw will be given life memberships in the California Scholarship Federation, both having been honor students during their four years in high school. Selection of Ephebian, highest award at Torrance high, will be made from the combined winter and spring graduation classes, Elson said, because the

Three blood transfusions and modern medical science failed to save the life of Francis Anthony Thompson, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of 823 Cota avenue, who was critically injured in an automobile accident at Beech and Sonoma streets Jan. 13. He succumbed at the Los Angeles General hospital Monday night at 8:45 o'clock.

The boy, a large, robust athlete, had a great many friends and acquaintances at Torrance high school where he was a senior student and one of the outstanding players on the Tartar varsity football team last fall.

His death, although not unexpected because the seriousness of his injuries had been reported last week, came as a distinct shock to all who knew him. Besides his parents, he is survived by a 13-year-old brother, Richard.

Young Thompson had both his legs broken and his ankles badly mangled in the collision which pinned him under his car. He was riding on the running board, tuning the motor while the machine was driven by Victor Benstead, 1621 Beech street. At the intersection of Beech and Sonoma, the Thompson car was struck by (or collided with) a machine driven by Walter Claude West, 18, 2517 Sonoma street.

Inquest Held Yesterday.
Given emergency treatment at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, the boy was rushed to the attention of specialists at the General hospital. There he received three blood transfusions, the donors being his devoted mother, City Fireman Jake Benner and William Neff. Despite all treatment, he did not respond.

Francis was born in Bisbee, Ariz., and moved here with his family in May, 1922. Negligence on the part of both drivers, West and Benstead, was blamed by the coroner's jury probing the accident yesterday in Los Angeles. The jury found West at fault for excessive speed at the intersection and Benstead was blamed for allowing Francis to ride on the left side of the car and thus obscure his view.

Publisher Ill From Influenza
An attack of the prevailing malady, influenza, has kept Grove C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald, in bed since Monday. A temperature of 103 has kept him warm despite the present cold wave.