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4,376 MAY VOTE HERE NEXT MONTH

RAY BROOKS' SHOP TALK

Have you heard—that Willis Brooks, long time Pacific Electric employe and father of two grown sons, is studying psychology nights at U. S. C.?

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Would you care—that Harry Roberts' offtimes grouchy and long time restaurant prop. in Dolley Drug Annex, has opened wide the doors to his new beanery in Los Angeles, on Vermont Ave. between eighth & ninth?

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It's a fact—that on a call to the high school last week the hose wagon sped from the fire house with only the driver aboard! (Disregarding possibility of a fire, who would help the poor guy if he had a flat tire?)

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Rumor has it—that the new Inglewood hoss racing plant will charge but a paltry fifty-five centimes for the privilege of squandering your dough, which dough, by the by, can be chunked in at the rate of only one tomato per throw. You see, for the sissies, they are installin' $1 windows—the easier to take your green backs, you saps! (Ed. Note: Shop Talks bets only on the SURE things). Oh, yeah?

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It bears repeating—while waxing wrathfully on the subject of nag vs. nag that Harry "Friendly Credit" Abramson, range & radio tycoon from National Home Appliance, has the somewhat dubious distinction of having trekked Monday to Santa Anita and plunked down his LAST peso, in the LAST race of the day, on the LAST day of the meeting. And so help me whataya think . . . the BLOOMIN' HAY BURNER CAME IN LAST!! (Confidentially, Harry was also LAST to leave the grandstand. He wanted to see his "poor man's friend" finish!)

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Do you remember—when sore-footed mail carriers used to blow a whistle on approaching your house if they had any letters for you? Wonder what's become of ye goode olde whistle? True, there would be a bit of confusion if the postman of today had to compete with three bakery trucks, a huckster and an ice cream vendor. (Verily, and what's become of the old do or die spirit of the Post Office Department when they regarded seriously the moth eaten wheeze "The Mail Must Go Through" —come hell or high water. It appears that the "contract" has supplanted the "spirit," as witness the demoralization of the system in the recent heavy fog that visited So. Cal.)

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Would you believe it—that Alden Smith, prop. at Howard's Jewelers, has just placed in stock a revolving waffle iron, with grids top & bottom so that two waffles cook at the same time! This stream-lined miracle put an end to the sit & wait waffle eater who always starts out with a quarter of a waffle (the first ones have to be divided) gets a half after awhile, graduates to a full waffle after 45 minutes, finally he winds up with three or four full ones on his plate which the hostess demands he eat. Invariably, he eats too many, has acute grut in his midriff, doesn't sleep all night.

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Is it interesting—that if you drive a coupe or roadster the reason the turtle back always sweats first in the early evenings is because the outer air gets cooler while the air in the turtle back is warmer; therefore you have the cold meeting warmth . . . result: condensation.

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Does it make any difference—that during the last small flood that almost swept So. Cal. over to Avalon, the Telephone Co. bought all the rubber boots available south of Tehachapi and flew in a plane-load from San Francisco! That they have started trucks from Oregon picking up water-proof wire and insulators but that only one shipment reached the devastated area! (And who can say that the utilities companies didn't come thru in fine style!!)

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It's timely to remark—that after having had lunch at Christy's the other noon with Councilman-Candidate Wallace Gilbert, the politician reached for his hat, found it missing. Nothing much was thought of it at the time because it was suspected that the hat was the one Wallace had tossed into the political ring. (Frankly, however, he recovered it next day when a gentleman realized his mistake. Christy says it was the first chapeau he had ever lost.)

New Record is Set for City Election

The city of Torrance has a total of 4,376 registered voters who are eligible to vote at the April 12 municipal election, it was learned this week from City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. There are 2,926 registered as Democrats and 1,232 as Republicans.

Present registration is 555 more than one year ago, 883 more than were qualified for the 1936 municipal election and 31 less than the number eligible to vote in the 1936 Presidential ballot event. Of the 3,493 qualified to cast ballots at the municipal election here two years ago, only 1,421 or 40 percent participated.

Thirty-three cities in the county will hold elections April 12. They have a total registration of 135,257, or about one-tenth of the county's total. Democratic ranks have 73,890 and Republicans 53,774.

Voting strength of nearby cities are: Gardena 2,336; Bell 4,354; El Segundo 1,879; Hawthorne 4,031; Hermosa Beach 3,514; Lynwood 4,378; Manhattan Beach 2,743, and South Gate 11,531.

Voting strength in the 13 Torrance precincts is: No. 1—260; No. 2—351; No. 3—351; No. 4—376; No. 5—356; No. 6—337; No. 7—298; No. 8—314; No. 9—390; No. 10—345; No. 11—336; No. 12—333, and No. 13—329.

Second Men's Camp Proposed

Establishment of a camp for single unattached men at the proposed county prison farm site near Saugus was strongly recommended to the Board of Supervisors today by Rex Thomson, county charities superintendent. The camp would be similar to one operated by the state at Alondra park near here.

Negotiations for purchase of the site have been delayed due to storm damage to the property, with indications that the county can now buy the property at a lower figure than originally proposed. The state only recently purchased a camp site for unattached men near Newhall.

Expenditure of $50,000 for the single unattached men is proposed by the charities department, the camp to be built according to CCC camp specifications. Thomson asked that the supervisors set aside a certain portion of the property for this proposed camp, once it is acquired by the county.

Lomita Clubmen Call on Artesians

A return visit was paid by members of the Lomita Kiwanis club to the Artesia club Tuesday night. The Lomitans will stage their dance at the San Pedro Elks club Saturday night to raise funds to send a delegate to the International convention at San Francisco.

Drive Starts March 15 On '37 Car Plates

After March 15, all California automobiles not equipped with 1938 license plates will be stopped by the state highway patrol, the department of motor vehicles warned.

Unless drivers are able to prove they have applied for the new licenses, they are subject to citation.

Roadside Scene of Babe's Birth

In future years when Miss Padilla (she has no first name yet) is asked where she was born to be truthful she'll have to say "On Torrance boulevard in Torrance."

Because her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darotes Padilla, Palos Verdes ranch workers, lost a hot race with the stork on that street in the cold grey hours early Monday morning.

With only the aid of a friend, the baby was born in her distracted father's car while her mother was being rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital from Redondo Beach. But little Miss Padilla and her mother appear none the worse today for the roadside accouchement.

Orthodox Arrivals

Four other babies arrived here during the past week but they were ushered into the world in orthodox fashion at the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kastrup, 2335 247th, Lomita, claimed a daughter last Friday; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Merritt (he is an employe of the Patton Oil company) 1005-A Sartori, a daughter on Monday; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Schmidt, 23811 Eshelman, Lomita, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Smith, Hermosa Beach, greeted sons last Sunday.

Dr. Thorpe Will Speak at Dinner

A large group of representative citizens who are interested in the work of the Coordinating Council is expected to attend the dinner meeting March 24 at the high school cafeteria when Dr. Thorpe, of U.C.L.A., will speak on "Mental Hygiene." Reservations for the dinner may be made with Vernon Coil at Sam Levy's Department store, Mr. Barrow at the high school or Mrs. Edna Stone.

HOLD CARD PARTY

A large number attended the card party held by the Fleet Reserve and Auxiliary of Lomita last night at Artisans hall.

U. S. Steel Soon To Finish Plant

HOMESTEAD, Pa. (U.P.)—The largest private construction project under way in the nation—the U. S. Steel Corporation's $60,000,000 Irvin plant—is scheduled for completion this month and testing for initial production July 1.

Electrically operated throughout, the giant plant overlooking the Monongahela river near Clairton will be the largest sheet, strip and tin mill in the East and the most modern of its type in the U. S.

The plant, occupying a strip of land a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide, will be equipped with many steel fabricating machines never before put to test on a commercial scale. Of more than 40 buildings comprising the mill, two will be a half-mile long.

Ground was broken for the project 10 months ago. A summary of the work since then:

Seventy-nine contractors have worked 4,000 men in three 8-hour shifts.

Nearly 6,500,000 tons of earth have been excavated.

More than 54,000,000 tons of steel have gone into construction.

Treasury Branch In L. A. Reviews Contested Cases

Commissioner Guy T. Helvering of the Bureau of Internal Revenue has established a special branch of the U. S. Treasury at Los Angeles to review contested income-tax cases originating in Southern California and Arizona. Taxpayers of this area will hereafter be able to secure the final administrative determination of their tax liability in their own locality without the inconvenience and expense of bringing disputes to Washington as the present system requires, yet without sacrificing any of the advantages which they have derived in the past from a review of their cases by the Bureau.

The special agency set up at Los Angeles consists of accountants, engineers, and tax specialists of the same experience and skill as the men who handle contested cases for the country as a whole in the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington. Under the new arrangement, the examination of tax returns in the Los Angeles area will be made by the internal revenue agents as at the present time.

MARAUDERS SOUGHT

Boys reported damaging Walteria school property at night were sought for questioning this week by local police officers.

Romance Blooms as Pershing Recovers

Warren Pershing, son of General John J. Pershing, meets his fiancee, Muriel Bache Richards, at the railway station in Tucson, Ariz. She arrived after learning General Pershing apparently had won his fight for life in a desert sanatorium. The young romancers have held daily telephone conversations between Tucson and Miami, Fla., and probably were discussing the threatened postponement of their marriage in April when the cameraman caught them unawares.

More Than Four Million Invested For Co. Workers' Retirement Fund

Bonds of the County Sanitation District No. 5 are among the $4,796,000 in securities held by the Los Angeles County Employes' Retirement Association, according to the annual statement published today by H. L. Byram, county treasurer, who also is the treasurer of the employes' association.

More than $1,000,000 of the total invested in bonds are obligations of school districts throughout the county, while another $1,000,000 are bonds of municipalities in Southern California. Flood control district and county bonds comprise the remainder.

Appraised value of the bonds has grown to $5,701,857, according to the last annual statement. It is this fund which is drawn upon when county employes retire under provisions of the retirement act. The association has $234,614 in cash on hand.

Deductions Average $4

Ninety members retired during 1937, while there now are a total of 242 annuitants receiving pensions from the county, the report stated. Number of members as of last Jan. 1 was given as 9,840. The association had paid $100,171 in pensions up to the time the report was prepared.

By far the greater amount of the retirement funds comes from the monthly deductions made from county employes' checks, averaging about $4 a month. Nearly $500,000 has been deducted thus far. Members have received $116,799 in interest credits.

Contributions from the county have amounted to but $145,348. Interest earned on securities amounted to $165,496. Members leaving the county service have been refunded $199,019. The report also shows that $5,213 has been unclaimed by former members of the association.

Petroleum Engineer Speaks to Boys at H. S. Conference

Sherwood McIntyre, superintendent of the C.C.M.O., presented Robert N. McMaster, chief engineer of the company, at a vocational guidance conference at Torrance high school Monday morning. McMaster sketched the training and background a petroleum engineer must have to be successful.

About 30 boys attended the conference, which was one of a series sponsored by the Youth Service committee of the Torrance Rotary club. The vocational conference will be on the subject of department store merchandising. The date has not yet been set.

TO ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers and a report by Mrs. Alwine Ulman, delegate to the grand chapter meetings in San Francisco recently, will feature the Amaranth lodge meeting in Lomita's Artisans hall March 25.

PLAN INITIATION

Members of the V.F.W. will hold an initiation meeting tonight in their V.F.W. hall.

NEARLY 800 EXPECTED AT CHURCH DINNER TONIGHT

Twenty-six deliciously baked hams are being given final touches today in preparation for 700 or 800 people who are expected to attend the St. Patrick's Day dinner and concert tonight at the Civic Auditorium under the auspices of the Catholic Church of the Nativity.

Dinner service is scheduled to begin at 5:30 and continue until 7:30 or 8 o'clock. Special guests, representing the city of Torrance will be City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Chamber Secretary L. J. Gilmeister, Merchant Sam Levy and Postmaster Earl Conef. Mrs. A. Crossmyer is in charge of the dinner arrangements.

The concert program will begin with piano selections by Mme. Teala Billini, violin numbers by Miss Weaver and solos by Adelle Ferar, soprano, and Jess Fellerman, tenor. There will be dance numbers by the "Cradle Dancers" and a group from the Zabellé Dancing academy; the Eunice Wood instrumental trio from San Pedro will play, Fred Hopkins will read several selections and Eugene Butler, juvenile motion picture actor, will appear.

Rev. Father Joseph Fitzgerald is scheduled to give a short talk on the meaning of St. Patrick's Day and describe his impressions of his homeland, Ireland, which is now officially known as "Eire."

Another Link of Sepulveda Will Be Improved

Bids for the improvement of Sepulveda boulevard between National and Pico boulevards are to be opened by the Los Angeles board of public works on March 23, it was announced today.

No steps have been taken as yet for construction of the last link of the Sepulveda project adjacent to Jefferson boulevard, because the drainage problem in the vicinity has not yet been solved, according to state highway engineers.

JAP SCHOOL ENLARGED

The native Japanese school at 24237 Ward street in Walteria is to be enlarged soon by the addition of a bungalow purchased from the Los Angeles city school district and moved from the Walteria school. The building was recently sold to make room for several new structures at the Walteria institution.

At the present time the Japanese school has one small building used by about 50 children Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. They are being taught Japanese reading, writing and culture in addition to their regular studies in the city schools. The Japanese institution has two teachers and H. Suenaga is in charge of the school.

Soloist With Band At Dance Friday

Songs by Lois Tentz Rowell, formerly with Jimmy Greer's orchestra, will feature the student dance tomorrow night at the Civic Auditorium. Miss Rowell will appear with Dietrick's band here under the auspices of the Coordinating Council.

ST. PAT'S PARTY

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated tomorrow by Narbonne high's senior A's, with a party to be held in the girl's gym.