



SHOP TALK

Have you heard the one Postmaster Earl Conner tells—about the very young lady of only eight summers who proudly posted a letter, then defiantly remarked to stamp seller Margaret Neish that "I just mailed a letter but I didn't buy my stamps from you!" Asked why, the little one threw back her head, looked very righteous and said, "I bought MY stamps from Miss Parrot (confectionery store keeper next to Edison office). She needs it anyway, you do lots more business than she does!"

It's so good it can stand retelling—(especially at this pre-election date) we mean the yarn Principal Elson of Torrance's Highest Institution of Learning told his kids some time ago in a talk on vocations and how to find one. Comparing present difficulties with past, Head Man Elson told the students that in the old days parents had a sure fire method of determining what line their boy desired to follow. In the back bedroom they left the lad with a silver dollar, a bottle of XXXX and a Bible. After some time they snatched back, peeked thru the keyhole. If the kid had the dollar in his hand he was going to make money, be a big shot. If he held the bottle only yipped that was too bad. If he fondled the Bible he was sure to be a minister... while if he, by any chance, was sitting on the Bible with the silver piece in one mitt and the bottle in the other he was a CINCH to be a politician!

It appears worth mentioning that it is spring (ain'tcha noticed?) and on vacant lots the yellow poppies are bustin' out as party as anything ya ever seed. The meader larks is chirpin' fit to kill, and here an there they are a picket strollin' up and down. One on Sartori Boulevard the merchants—standin' out in the party sunshine, sufferin' like as not from the Spring Itch and wishin' to go fishin'. That Spring Itch is mighty hard on a feller. They is only two cures. Either get yerself drunk in March and stay thataway till July or take down yer old fish pole and plain old go fishin'. Both these cures has been known to work right smart, 'ceptin' some folks say they ain't cures at all but just givin' in to that old Devil Itch. 'But it's more fun thataway...

A friend brings the news—that a frightful state of affairs exists in California—of which we are not aware. Says that down at India and the Indians who squat around on the nearby reservations are on relief. Now howinell are we going to give this country back to those Red Skins when they can't support themselves. Congress should pass a law anyway and MAKE 'em take it!

The odds are ten to one—that as well as you may know Realtor J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Co. you can't tell quite like what the "J. C." stands for! Shop doesn't know. Those initials might mean Jasper Cullpepper or Junior College, or again, they might not. Wonder if Mrs. Smith calls him to breakfast with a "J. C.?"

Another well bet you can't remember—(Answer within ten seconds). What is the color of the handle of the tooth brush you are now using? (That's the time we getcha).

It might be news—that George Morton, neck trimmer & chin scraper at the American Barber & Beauty Shoppe, recently recognized in the L. A. Examiner a 3-col. cut of a rather purty little gal and a fellow whom the caption said was a promising movie starlet named Arleen. Whaken out with her head. How, however, George knew who that gal was—her off-the-screen moniker was Tricie Snow who was the one-time in-law of the Torrance Snows and who had worked for George as a beauty operator for several months. Seems that Miss Snow left Torrance, got a job in a Hollywood beauty salon met the "right" people, seemed to have what it takes to get to the top in that crazy town, is now doing right well for herself. (You see what you can accomplish when you leave Torrance!)

SEEKS BETTER HEALTH Mrs. Osble Griffith, a teacher on leave from a Wilmington school, her mother and daughter of 25th Place in Long Beach left this week for Arizona in the interest of Mrs. Griffith's health.

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SECTION B

S. W. HIGHWAYS GROUP FORMS HERE

Will Seek Funds for Road Work

Determined to get a better slice of county road funds than has heretofore been granted this area and possibly Federal appropriations under the national defense program, a group of city officials from Torrance and six or eight surrounding communities formed the Southwest District Highways association Friday night at the city hall.

W. A. Curl, highway representative of Hawthorne, was elected president; Oscar L. Willets, manager of the Palos Verdes Estates, was chosen vice-president; W. A. Pierpont, Redondo Beach banker, was named treasurer, and Leonard Young, assistant city engineer here, is secretary. The next meeting of the association, which is backing no particular road project at present, will be a dinner session at the Palos Verdes Country club Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 p. m.

Efforts will be made to enlist every Chamber of Commerce and civic organization in the southwest district from Hollywood and Inglewood to Wilmington and San Pedro in the organization. President Curl declared that Hawthorne avenue would be one of the group's first considerations.

Ford Is Spokester "Part of this highway is 180 feet wide now. We must work to extend Hawthorne up to Hollywood, get it widened while we can at the present low prices," he said. "We want broad, safe highways from the Centinela valley to the coast. There's a great problem coming up and that is the opening of the Hollywood Turn club's track in Inglewood. That racing plant will attract 100,000 people in 33,000 cars and that traffic will almost paralyze our roads."

Supervisor Leland H. Ford addressed the group of some 20 representative officials, including Mayor William H. Tolson, Councilmen James Hildebeck, Tom McGuire and George V. Powell of this city. Ford devoted most of his talk to an explanation of why the county has no road funds, because of the tremendous charity load—35 million dollars out of the total 57 million-dollar county budget. "Our charities amount to 60.7 percent of the total cost of operating our county government, and 81 percent of our charity expense is directly controlled by the state legislature," Ford said in telling the highway boosters why the county road department budget was "wrecked" to pay the cost of welfare and relief.

Judges Board Hearings One statement by Supervisor Ford was typical of his whole hour-long talk. In 1922, he said, the per capita cost for charity in Los Angeles county was 92 cents. Fourteen years later, in 1936, the per capita charity load had soared to the amazing cost of \$44.28. "We can't rob the road department of its income from state gasoline taxes any longer," Ford declared. "I want you city representatives to back me up in my protests to the board that taking 19 million dollars

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They Head New Road Association



W. A. CURL

Who was elected president of the new Southwest District Highways association here last Friday night, Curl is a member of the Hawthorne city planning commission and an ardent booster for more and better roads in this area.



LEONARD YOUNG

He was named secretary of the highway association. Young is assistant city engineer here and, because of City Engineer Frank Leonard's illness, he is carrying on the duties of the office alone.

Vollmerts Welcome Baby Girl Friday

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Vollmert, 1617 Arlington avenue, welcomed their first child, a daughter weighing seven pounds 15 ounces, last Friday morning. The baby, born at Torrance Memorial hospital, was named Diana Lucille. Vollmert is employed at the Columbia Steel plant.

Democratic Club Endorses Pair for Council

Endorsement of John V. Murray and Howard Raymond for election to the Torrance city council at the April 12 election was announced this week by the Torrance Democratic club through its president, Francis Foley.

"When you consider the fact that more than 2,900 of Torrance's 4,300 registered voters are Democrats, it is time that they had representation in our city council so that closer cooperation between the national administration in Washington and our community can be secured," Foley declared.

"Another consideration swaying our membership in making endorsement for a supposedly non-partisan office," Foley stated, "was that on numerous occasions leading Democrats of the state have asked local Democratic workers why they have never elected Democrats to public office so that they could secure closer harmony for securing much needed public improvements as well as laying a foundation for electing a state slate of Democratic officials in the fall of 1938."

None of the prospective candidates for the club's endorsement were present at the meeting, Foley pointed out. The Democrats who had the best chance of winning these important posts as well as those whose record indicated loyal and effective work for the benefit of the party and the community were the decisive factors in making the selections, Foley claimed.

HOG RANCH PLEA DENIED

Denial of the application for a permit to establish a hog farm in the unincorporated "island" between Torrance and Redondo Beach was recommended to the board of supervisors this week by the county Regional Planning Commission. E. L. Grigsby, applicant for the permit, proposed to establish the ranch on Emerald street, between Hawthorne avenue and Earle street. The "island" is surrounded on three sides by the city of Redondo Beach, and about 600 feet or less by the city of Torrance.

Approximately a dozen residents and owners of surrounding property protested the establishment of the hog farm. Homer I. and Mabel B. Rogers, 4401 Torrance boulevard, and Mrs. J. B. Ross were among those who protested.

The board of supervisors is guided in its actions by the planning commission's recommendations, and the permit was expected to be voted down this week when it came before the board.

New Floods Threaten Inland Valleys



Converging rows of telephone poles poke their heads above recent flood waters near Stockton, Calif., currently threatened by new inundations as result of continued rains. The photograph above shows a flooded highway after the Paradise Cut levee broke, flooded 2000 acres of rich farm land, caused 25 families to evacuate.

23 PATIENTS AND 10 BABIES BEDDED AT HOSPITAL HERE

Twenty-three patients, including nine mothers, and 10 babies are confined this week at Torrance Memorial hospital. Those receiving medical or surgical treatment are:

Bernard Conway, 20, of Cheyenne, Wyo., son of Mrs. Lyle Conway of Hermosa Beach, who entered Sunday for an appendectomy; James L. Cloninger, Harbor City, Tuesday, also for an appendectomy; Mrs. Ida England, Wilmington, Friday for surgical attention. Mrs. Wilma Kennedy, 721-R Sartori, was received last Wednesday for medical treatment. Her husband is employed at the Hughes-Mitchell plant, Virginia Rose, 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. L. Key, San Pedro, entered Monday for medical care.

Mrs. Edith Lessing of 2009 Arlington, wife of Fred Lessing and mother of City Judge Robert Lessing, was received last Wednesday night for surgical treatment. She has made a good recovery and is expected to return home in a few days. Marcella Osborne, 15, of Gardena, entered Tuesday for an appendectomy.

Donald Rankin, Redondo Beach, was received Monday for medical care; Corine Joy, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Way, 2103 West 247th, Long Beach, was received Sunday for an appendectomy, and Marvin Young, 14, of Hermosa Beach, entered Tuesday for medical attention.

Nine New Babies Eight of the nine new arrivals during the past week at the hospital were girls and they

Work Starts April 1 on H.S. Aud

Work on the new auditorium building for Torrance high school is expected to be started about April 1, following award of the contract Monday afternoon to the contracting firm of Lovrich and Kenjevod, who submitted the low bid last week.

Section of the main structural part of the building is all that is contemplated under the present contract, amounting to \$12,385. Another for completion of the building is to be let after the new fiscal year opens on July 1, it was explained by the school district officials.

Twelve bids were received last week by the board, the highest being \$57,524. Financial reasons require the letting of two contracts, it was explained.

No definite assurance could be given this week that the building would be ready for the opening of the next fall term, but it is believed it will be ready no later than October 1 and possibly before.

Preview of Show Given Children

Children at the Torrance Elementary school enjoyed a preview Monday morning of dog and pony shows that are to be given Friday by the P.T.A. The shows will be staged at 1:30 and 2:30 in the afternoon and an evening performance is scheduled for 7:30. Mrs. M. J. Edwards is in charge of the entertainment. Proceeds from the shows will be placed in the P.T.A. welfare fund.

is employed at the Columbia Steel plant. The lone boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Aspitte, Los Angeles, on Sunday.

Friends Wish City Engineer Speedy Recovery

Friends of Frank R. Leonard, veteran city engineer, are hoping that the man who probably had more to do with the development of Torrance than any one still alive will soon be able to return to his duties in the city hall.

Leonard, who assisted in laying out the original city of Torrance, is now at home after spending several days at Torrance Memorial hospital, where he underwent observation and X-rays last week. His local physician called in as consultant, Dr. Verne Mason, Los Angeles specialist in internal diseases.

It is understood that Dr. Mason, who flew to Arizona recently to assist General John Pershing's recovery, concurred in the opinion that Engineer Leonard is suffering from leukemia, a disease marked by a great increase in the proportion of white blood corpuscles, with enlargement of the spleen.

The 75-year-old city official is resting comfortably and is eager to return to work but his physicians are urging him to take a much-needed holiday before attempting to resume his engineering assignments. Meanwhile, Leonard Young, assistant city engineer, is handling the office and attending to the building inspections.

Students, Teachers Give \$40 to Fund

More than \$40 was raised at the Torrance Elementary school this week for the relief of Southern California flood sufferers. The sum was sent to Los Angeles to be included in the Los Angeles city school district Red Cross subscription. Mrs. Sylvia Nelson was in charge of the flood campaign here.

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