Coral Lindeman Wins Fidac Essay Contest

Boys' Week Plans Made

Boys' Week will be observed April 30 to May 7 with each day set aside for a specific program, according to James H. Burchett, high school faculty member, who is sponsoring the observance locally. One of the outstanding days will be Saturday, May 7, when Boys' Day in the Community will be held. Local civic leaders are assisting Burchett in planning the program.

Church Gets Bad Coins

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (U.P.)—Thirteen "bad" coins, including lead slugs and an Alabama tax token, have been dropped in the collection plate at South Church since September.

INTEND TO WED

Applications for marriage licenses were filed this week by: Donald A. Kelley, 26, of 1004 Arlington, and Lois E. Everett, 20, also of Torrance.

Walter E. Schlick, 34, of Los Angeles (formerly of this city) and Beatrice M. Christensen, 26, of 1401 Sartori avenue.

Albert Harris Roth, 24, of 457 East 221st street, and Kathleen Michelle Guerin, 20, of Wilmington.

URGE WIDENING

Request that Lomita boulevard be widened to 100 feet north and south of Highway 101 was made of the board of supervisors in a resolution from the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce this week.

Stroh Victim of Freak Bowling Accident

If it was any other finger, Capt John Stroh of the police department, would not feel so badly about it but it happened to be his trusty trigger finger.

He was at the Torrance Bowling academy Monday night indulging in a bit of pin-knocking. When his ball failed to "make the grade" and come up to the elevated stand, he reached down to retrieve it.

Just then another ball came along and smacked into the Stroh sphere.

The police captain's finger happened to be over the point of contact and now he is nursing a broken right forefinger—the all-important trigger puller.

Time Needed to Prove Value of Dog Quarantine

Warning that no permanent results from the dog quarantine can be expected until from one to three months after the ban became effective, because the incubation period for animal rabies is that long, County Health Officer J. L. Pomeroy this week reported that the malady again had risen above the average in cases reported during the past week. The weekly average for the year to date is 31 cases.

Smallpox remains mildly epidemic, with 16 new cases reported. Including all reportable diseases, there has not been a week this year in which the actual total was as great as the average for the corresponding week of the past five years.

RABID CAT FOUND NEAR TORRANCE

According to information received this week from the county Department of Health, a rabid cat was discovered at 20900 South Normandie, near Torrance late last week. Contrary to a belief held by many cat-owners, the animal quarantine applies to felines as well as canines and they should be penned up at all times unless given exercise on a leash.

HONOR STUDENT

Alice Burger, 1104 Cedar, a senior student at U.S.C., made a grade "B" or better in every subject during the first semester of the current school year, according to the registrar this week.

PAPER SENT STATE LEGION AUXILIARY FOR REVIEW

". . . it takes more than words between government leaders to maintain friendship among nations. Movements for peace must have the wholehearted support of the common people to be successful."

So wrote Coral Lindeman, Torrance high school student, in her first-prize winning essay among 27 submitted on the subject: "The Spirit of Fidac as Exemplified by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." She was presented with a $5 award this week by Mrs. Eloda Barkdull who was in charge of the contest for the local American Legion Auxiliary.

Marion Spoheger won second prize of $3 and Martha Reeves and Patty Post were given honorable mention by the judges, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Mrs. Julia Coucel and Grover C. Whyte. Miss Lindeman's essay has been sent to the State Legion Auxiliary headquarters for the regional contest and the national winner will receive a $200 educational scholarship. Her contribution follows:

Fidac Aims Told

"In Arlington Cemetery stands the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a beautiful and impressive memorial to the millions of men who gave their lives in the most devastating war the world has ever known—a war which was fought to end war, and to make the world safe for democracy. The other countries who participated in the war also erected monuments to their Unknown Soldiers and war dead. In spite of different customs and foreign languages, the countries were drawn together in mourning for those who fought and died for a common cause.

"The nations fought side by side when their security was threatened by war. The nations should also be united in times of peace, to insure the continuance of life, happiness, and freedom. In 1920, the Legionnaires founded an organization for the purpose of promoting friendship among nations. It is known as Fidac, and is a federation of former allied combatants. It is an international organization. Eleven countries are Fidac members: United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Portugal, Rumania and Poland.

"The aims of Fidac can be classified in two divisions—those in the interest of the members, and those in the interest of the world at large. The ideals are to unite the ex-service men of foreign nations in a binding friendship, to care for the dependents of the war victims, and to keep reverently the memory of the dead. Fidac intends to work for world peace, to prevent the spreading of false news, to act as mediator in solving the nation's difficult problems, and to instruct the younger generation in the spirit of Fidac.

World as Single Unit

"Governments have endeavored to preserve peace by means of leagues, treaties, and conferences, but all have failed. The Hague Conference, League of Nations, World Court, Versailles Treaty and Washington Conference have all been born in a burst of glory, only to meet defeat, when faced with a real trial. We now begin to realize that it takes more than words between government leaders to maintain friendship among nations. Movements for peace and friendship must have the wholehearted support of the common people to be successful. It stands to reason that Fidac, organized by the people rather than by the government, can succeed where other groups have failed.

"We have long since ceased to live as barbarians. We have developed into peaceful communities and states, but nations have not found it possible to agree with each other. If we are to progress, we must consider the world as a single unit, instead of as a number of rival nations, and we must work for the interests of the world at large. Since the beginning of time, civilizations have been built to awe-inspiring heights, only to crumble and fall. Our civilization has reached a point where it must go on, to become the highest and most democratic ever established, or to be obliterated in the depths of ignorance and tyranny.

"Here in the dark through which we grope
"Fidac's glad cry of hope:
"Man's liberty is not to die!
"Fidac is standing by!

"Edgar Guest—revised

Church Bell Stolen During Campaign Is Returned

Canvass of the ballots cast here April 12 by the city council Monday night was only one post-election occurrence. The other was the discovery of the old Baptist church bell at the city yard last Friday morning.

The ding-donger had been stolen April 6 from a decorated campaign truck in the Central garage on Border avenue. It was to have been used to call attention to banners on the truck which publicized Ondus (Doc) Hill's candidacy.

Police returned the bell to the church. Street Superindent William Gascoigne found it as he came to work. Apparently the theft was perpetrated as a "campaign joke."

To Nominate C. C. Directors

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met Monday afternoon. Because the terms of three members will end June 30, President E. M. Barber appointed a nominating committee to select six chamber members who will stand for election.

Members of this committee are: Dr. J. L. Lancaster, Dean Sears, J. O. Bishop, J. O. Boyd and Barber. Directors whose terms are expiring are DeKalb Spurlin, Sherwood McIntyre and R. R. Smith.

PERFUME SPEAKER

John H. Von Hoefferlin, Los Angeles, will speak on "The Perfume Industry" at the Kiwanis club dinner-session next Monday night. The service club entertained 61 at a dinner-dance in the Palos Verdes Country club last Monday evening.