

## SHOP TALK

### BOYS' DAY

Saturday some 21 young fellows will discard their academic robes, step out into the world of commerce as she is practiced here in Torrance. 21 local merchants, service stations, and automobile dealers have agreed to hire these 21 boys for the not-too-bad wage of \$2 for 8 hours, with an hour off for lunch.

Now these boys are supposed to learn something about the way things are done in the stores to which they are assigned. Some will. But no doubt a majority will only learn how tiresome it becomes to stand on one's feet seven hours at a stretch.

Naturally, the merchants are anxious to establish good will and they sincerely hope that all the boys' friends and all the friends of the friends of the boy will drop in on him some time Saturday. You see, the boy who has the great deal of a number of guests for the day gets an extra five bucks in his pay envelope come quitting time.

So plan now to visit all or some of the boys next Saturday.

### WALLY'S WEDDING RING

Neatly displayed in Alden Smith's (Howard's) jewelry store window is a wedding ring and matching engagement ring. Aside from being exceptionally charming & beautiful the rings have no significance. But upon closer inspection (providing you were present at the wedding) you will find that they are exact replicas of the rings His Highness Edward, Duke of Windsor, gave to his dear beloved, Wallace Warfield, in the most sensational love affair since good old Mark Anthony took a gander at luscious Cleo from behind a clump of papyrus on the shallow banks of the Nile.

Notwithstanding, the rings are truly the work of master craftsmen and were copied from the originals.

### BUXTON'S BABY BUGGY

Way back in 1900 B. C. (Before Chrysler) Buxton, local real estate operator plopped into the engineer's office of the New York City Hall building and after a rigorous and lengthy examination was handed one of the first automobile driver's licenses ever issued in this country. And he still has it today. However, this officious looking document is not exactly a driver's license as we know one, but rather a permit from the city to drive and operate a steam engine. Because the car Bronson C. Buxton had was a Locomobile (Steamer, vintage 1900, and as snazzy (sneaky would probably be better) a jalopy as ever wheezed up a two percent grade. Only a hundred or so of these licenses were issued & Bronson believes his is the only one extant.

Bronson, at the time, was located in Newport, Rhode Island, swank home of millionaires, who gathered around Bronson's office and his Locomobile like two-back gamblers around a bookie's office today. Bronson sold Virginia Vanderbilt a Locomobile for her husband W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., on his birthday. He also taught John Jacob Astor how to drive one of those horseless buggies.

The price of the Locomobile was \$750 for the Runabout and \$1200 for the Surrey, or 4 passenger job. Mud guards were extra as were headlights. Of course if you were content with the two kerosene lamps which were standard equipment, that was up to you. But if you wanted a pair of latest acetylene blinkers you paid extra.

Drifting to Chicago later, Bronson was with Reo & Apperson and later was one of the three founders of the Yellow Cab Company, now a big outfit. With the fold-up of the Apperson, Bronson entrained for California and left the automobile business for good.

### ANSWERS & ANSWERS

Inspectors of the New York state department of education found many a chuckle in Regents examination answer papers, according to Dr. Warren W. Knox, director of the division of examinations and testing.

In checking the papers, inspectors found the following answers:

"Jefferson found a little verse in the Constitution whereby he could annex Louisiana."

"Before 1860 the Negro was cotton's closest friend."

"Cuba is Key West from Florida."

"The chief executive of the United States is the electric chair."

"To find the log of two-thirds, subtract the log of two from the log of two and find the monologue of the difference."

# CITY HONORS ITS BOYS ALL NEXT WEEK

## TORRANCE HERALD

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SECTION B

## Store Training on Saturday is First Event on Program

Starting next Saturday, April 30, and continuing for the next seven days, boys of Torrance will take the spotlight of community interest as national Boys' Week is observed here as never before. Boys of all ages will participate in the events of the week which have been arranged by

James H. Burchett with the cooperation of school teachers, civic officials, pastors, business and industrial men and the boys themselves.

The week should produce an increased interest on the part of adults in the community toward the young men of the coming generation and a greater appreciation of the youngsters themselves of the problems confronting their elders. The first event on the week-long program has been arranged by The Herald with the hearty cooperation of the business men of the community.

### In Mercantile Field

Twenty-two high school boys of Torrance high school will be located at as many diversified business houses Saturday where they will be coached in the work or services of those establishments and receive a wage of \$2 each for the day. In addition to this cash award, the Torrance Retail Merchants' association is donating a \$5 prize which will be given the boy who registers the greatest number of guests or visitors for that day. Details of this Boys' Day in Business will be found in the adjoining column.

James Burchett had arranged most of the program before the sudden passing of his wife Saturday night. Principal Thomas Elson carried on with completing the plans outlined by the bereaved faculty member this week. Boys' Week will be marked here by the following events:

**SATURDAY, April 30—IN BUSINESS:** Boys to receive business training at local stores, shops and firms, receiving \$2 each and an opportunity to win an additional \$5 for receiving the most visitors. That night Dale Riley, city recreation director, and Tommy Wilkes, student athletic commissioner, will stage a "game night" and winner bake in the city park.

**Feature Ball Game**  
A softball game between boys of high school age and men will be played at 7:30 o'clock at the municipal park diamond. "Red" Dawson and Don Moser are slated to pitch for the boys' team which will include Orville Smith, Bill Fulton, Max Coast, Jimmy Jackson, Louis Ericant, Ralph Gilbert, Earl Lock, Johnny Schmidt and J. B. Wallace. Some of the men players will be Frank Egger, Roy Chambers, "Red" Moon, Johnny Roe, Bill Jergner, Bud Edwards, Paul Vonderahe, Walt Zuver, El Kuhn and any others who think they can stop the youngsters.

**SUNDAY, May 1—In Church:** A union service in observation of Boys' Week will be held by the Central Evangelical, Baptist, First Christian and Methodist churches in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. The theme will be "Ideals of Youth" and talks will be on the following phases of this subject: Rev. F. T. Porter, "Physical"; Rev. E. W. Matz, "Intellectual"; Rev. B. C. Brewster, "Social"; and Rev. C. M. Northrup, "Spiritual." Boys will also serve as ushers and Ralph Gilbert will preside. There will also be musical numbers and other parts of the program to be contributed by students.

**MONDAY, May 2—IN INDUSTRY:** A selected group of boys will tour the National Supply (Continued on Page 2-B)

## Students Take Jobs for Day

Twenty-one high school boys will be guest-managers Saturday of as many local places of business as part of the Boys' Week observance here. They will be "in trade" for the day to earn \$2 each and compete for a prize of \$5 which will be awarded by the Torrance Retail Merchants' association to the boy who registers the largest number of "guests" during the day.

The young "business men for a day" will thus be given an insight into the commercial life of the community. They are extending, in advertisements published by "their firms" in today's Herald, a cordial invitation to their friends and families to visit the stores Saturday. The complete list of boys and participating firms follows: Jack Sheehan, Mullin's Service station.

Lee Roy Benner, Torrance Auto Sales.

Melvin Benner, Sam Levy Department store.

Wilbur Franklin, Ed Schwartz Store for Men.

Johnny McDonald, Ed Thompson's Chevrolet agency and garage.

Ralph Gilbert, Prewett Motor Sales.

Joe Bay, Harvel's Service station.

Addison Smith, Firestone Auto Supply and Service store.

Bob Sikes, Schultz and Peckham's Ford agency and garage.

Max Coast, Beacon Drug store.

W. L. Priest, Baker-Smith's Jewelry store.

Tommy Wilkes, Howard's Jewelry store.

Joe Miles, Harder's General Petroleum Service station.

Bill Walker, Pearson's Richfield Service station.

Charles Schultz, La Mode Furniture store.

Earl Lock, Torrance Plumbing company.

Arvol Smith, J. C. Penney Company store.

Walter Marek, Western Auto Supply store.

Roggie Treloar, R-B Cut Rate Drug store.

John Schwartz, National Home Appliance company.

Robert Rauss, Star Department store.

**Steel Unionists Want WPA Wage Scale Changed**

Answering a request made by steel workers' union officials, for a higher wage on bridge projects being constructed by engineers, Major Theodore Wyman, Jr., told the board of supervisors today that he had no authority to change wage scales prescribed by the Works Progress Administration.

Union officials said their members were being deprived of employment on these projects. The federal government's relief program, under which army engineers obtain their employees for flood control projects from relief rolls, prescribes a wage lower than that of the steel workers' union.

## Youth Reveals Inspired View of Future

"AGE OF OPPORTUNITY ALWAYS JUST BEGINNING"

I AM a boy.

They tell me next week is my week.

I don't know so much about that but I do know something about being a boy and, believe me, it's not all games, girls, good times and goofy-ness.

Nossie! And Boys' Week in Torrance should prove that to what my dad calls "my betters" here.

Boys are not the same the world over. Each of us is different even the way we do try to act alike on matters of dress, preference for sports over class literature and general disbelief in some of the old ideas of government, business, economics and what-not.

Some of these days we are going to have to take our place in this world-a day world and we are preparing for that opportunity right now. I don't mean that all our preparation is confined to school studies, either.

Many of us, more than you imagine, are keeping our eyes open to what you, the older generation, are doing and saying and absorbing all the stuff we can get on what makes, this old

world tick. Frankly, a lot of us young fellows are rather discouraged over the outlook for our future, seeing the mess you adults have made of the present.

Wars, labor troubles, depressions and repressions, politics shot thru with graft and corruption—all this looks bad to us. But then some of us persist in thinking that the future, which looks dark to many who are older and wiser than we are, offers countless thrilling adventures. And anyone who predicts that progress is at an end is likely to get the "royal razz" from us.

Fussing up one of those picture magazines for a book the other day, I read of a M. P. Merz, a Belgium banker who around 1836, said: "It is not likely that there will be again an economic progress comparable to that by which this century has changed the face of the world."

And a man by the name of C. D. Wright, in his first report as commissioner of labor of the U. S., in 1886, surveyed the condition of the world.

He said all the railroads and canals needed had been built, a sufficient network of interna-



ment communication established, the merchant marine perfected; and then he added that all societies had to do was to settle down and enjoy what had been accomplished, because the next 50 years would see no advance equal to the previous 50 years.

And a Dr. A. A. Noyes, another leader of thought, said that the physical sciences, physics and chemistry also seemed to have reached a stationary condition.

That was in 1846. In that year there were some men-and-boys who were to make their way in the world just as we must make it a few years hence. Among this group were such fellows as Thomas Edison, 35; Albert Michelson, 34; Henry Ford, 25; Charles P. Steinmetz, 34; Thomas Moran, 20; Robert A. Millikan, 18; Orville Wright, 15; Dr. Alexis Carrel, 12; Guglielmo Marconi, 12; Walter P. Chrysler, 11; Charles Kettering, 10; Albert Einstein, seven.

And, also in 1886 when the "thinkers" of that day were claiming we deserved a chance to sit back and rest, Franklin D. Roosevelt was a four-year-old; and two three-year-old boys

were to grow up and leave indelible marks on this world—Charlie Chaplin and Adolph Hitler.

Suppose those young people had taken the advice of the older men and decided that the world's work was finished? It seems funny to us now. You know what Edison and Ford did. Thirteen years later Marconi, forgetting that the world had an "adequate network of communication" established in 1886, sent the first wireless message. Seventeen years later the Wrights, as you remember, did something about airplanes, forgetting that "all transportation problems had been solved."

And of course we all know what Steinmetz did in the realm of electricity and what Kettering and Chrysler have done in the field of automobiles.

So it seems to us—the younger generation—that the men needed in this world are the creative optimists who face the future with courage and intelligence, not the pessimists. Big businesses will be created by men who are still in elementary school. All present businesses will change. Many will probably be wiped out. The fit will survive and the unfit will perish, according to age-old laws.

The age of opportunity is always just beginning and we, the boys of Torrance, appreciate this Boys' Week whose program will allow us to get a little closer to that age.

## Art Club Sees Gardena Paintings; Plans L. A. Trip

Having made a group visit to the Gardena high school exhibit of paintings Monday night, the Torrance Art club is now anticipating an all day junket to Los Angeles points of art interest Saturday. The club will tour the churches of St. Vincent and St. John, have a picnic lunch at Exposition park and afterwards see the painting and sculpture exhibit on view there. About 15 members enjoyed the Gardena exhibit, which is on view until May 4. Afterwards, the club group had refreshments at the home of Miss Ada Chase.

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## Speak Your PIECE!

Have you anything on your mind in the way of a constructive criticism, comment on municipal or neighborhood activities, cheers or jeers at local institutions?

The Herald today begins this weekly feature of "Speak Your Piece!" as result of the following communications received from local residents this week. The Herald will be glad to publish your letter (keep it brief as possible) providing: (1) It is signed with your name and address you may, if you wish, use a pen-name but we must insist on our knowing who you are; and (2) it is not libelous.

### MISSING FIRST GOAL?

Quoting from our Herald of Dec. 30, 1937: "Mayor Tolson said he believes the 'three great goals' for this coming year should be: (1) The beautification of Torrance boulevard and Western avenue entrances to the city."

Here it is 119 days since our mayor issued that statement and not a spade has disturbed the unsightliness of those two gateways to our fair city. I think it's about time the city should at least be talking of making that "goal" come true sometime this year.

### BEAUTIFIER

**THAT CURFEW LAW**  
I learned about a county law the other day and now I'm beginning to wonder if the sponsors of these student dances in our Civic Auditorium are "contributing to the delinquency of minors." I was told that there is a county ordinance which makes it illegal for any child under the age of 16 to be out on the streets after 9 p. m., and for any youngster 18 or under to be out after 11:30 p. m.

If this is a fact then we've got a surprising number of young law-breakers in Torrance. It seems to me this is a good law and I would like to see it enforced. I've heard that there is no enforcement of this law unless a child gets in trouble and is haled before juvenile authorities. Why wait until the child becomes delinquent? Why not enforce it at all times—and also the curfew law we have right here in Torrance?

PARENT OF TWO

Apparently it goes to the hearts of these maulin sympathizers to see our Noble Friend hauling a 200-pound man at the end of a leash. Or dragging a frail woman into the middle of a dusty weed-patch while he goes about his strictly canine duties.

And how grievous a thing it is, to the aforesaid M. S., to know that between the leashing tuggings poor Faithful Fido is eating his heart out in close confinement on the couch in the living room, or at worst on a mat on the cold concrete floor of a snug garage.

Yea, ho. It is tough on the (Continued on Page 2-B)

**BILL WALKER**  
Guest-Manager for Boys' Day at Pearson's Richfield Service.

**"You're All Invited To Visit Me Saturday at PEARSON'S RICHFIELD SERVICE"**

**Boys' Day Special!**

- To demonstrate our superior, all-around service Bill Walker will clean and adjust spark plugs on all cars lubricated Saturday, April 30. Drive in! Have your car Richfield lubricated and watch Bill clean your plugs with our new mechanical cleaner!

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popular young high school student who will be Guest-Manager at Howard's Saturday, April 30. He invites all his friends and family to pay him a visit that day. Tommy is a track star as well as Commissioner of Athletics.

**SELECT YOUR GRADUATION WATCH NOW!**

**TELL THE FOLKS IT CAN BE BOUGHT ON EASY TERMS!**

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