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BOYS' DAY

Saturday some 21 young fellers 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-to-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 greatest number of guests for the day gets an extra five bucks in his pay envelope come quittin' time.

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

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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 dearly beloved Wallace Warfield, in the most sensational love affair since good old Mark Anthony took a gander at lascivious 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.

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BUXTON'S BABY BUGGY

Way back in 1900 B. C. (Before Chrysler) Buxton, local real estate operator plodded 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 Buxton C. Buxton had was a Locomobile Steamer, vintage 1900, and as crazy (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 and Buxton 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-buck 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 Red & 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.

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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 three from the log of two and find the monologue of the difference."

CITY HONORS ITS BOYS ALL NEXT WEEK

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 spot light 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 co-operation 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.

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 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.

Pete 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.

Reggie Treloar, R-B Cut Rate Drug store.

John Schwartz, National Home Appliance company.

Robert Kuhn, 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.

MONDAY, May 2—IN INDUSTRY: A selected group of boys will tour the National Supply

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SECTION B

Youth Reveals Inspired View of Future

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"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 goofiness.

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

Boys are not the same the world over. Each of us is different even though 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 whatnot.

Some of these days we are going to have to take our place in this world-wide world and we are preparing for that opportunity right now. It doesn'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 disengaged 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.

Passing up one of those picture magazines for a book the other day, I read of a M. Piermez, a Belgian banker who, around 1886, 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 international communication established;

the merchant marine perfected; and then he added that all soul 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 1886. 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, 39; Albert Michelson, 31; Henry Ford, 23; Charles P. Steinmetz, 24; Thomas Morgan, 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 "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.

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

HAVING A GOOD TIME

MISSING FIRST GOAL?

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