

## Townsend Club Activities

By BETH PAIGE

This evening at our club rooms, Torrance boulevard at Parolia, we shall have a speaker, Ted Felt, and some entertainment.

Today the purchasing committee for our new 17th District Townsend hall are conferring; within a few hours we shall learn if we are to have a building of our own. Last Sunday's ingathering of all the clubs packed the present building to the doors.

Your reporter visited state headquarters at 855 South Figueroa the other day and found it fairly humming with activity and plans for our national convention, to which Los Angeles and the state will be hosts June 19 to 22.

All singing students in all of the Torrance schools and older singers up to 35 years are wanted to form part of a chorus of 1,000 voices to welcome delegates from every state in the union—will you enroll? If you will, drop a penny post card to 1103 Arlington ave., this city, print your name and address clearly, give your age; and in case of adults also give your voice-part, whether soprano, alto, tenor or bass. You will be advised through this column later as to further details.

Our advisory and entertainment committee are setting the date of May 19 for their cake and ice cream social. The chairman of our advisory board, Mark Lister, who was bitten recently by a rabies-infected cat, is making rather slow progress in the Pasteur treatments. We are all sorry to learn of the accident.

The pension forces are busy with plans for the national convention which will open June 19 with a mass meeting in the L. A. Coliseum. The next three days will be devoted to business sessions in the Shrine auditorium, a grand ball will be held in the pavilion of that building on the night of June 21, a banquet and social party on June 22 and on June 23 a pilgrimage will be made to Long Beach, the "birth place of the Townsend movement"—and the home city of its founder, Dr. F. E. Townsend, who was given an executive pardon last week by President Roosevelt a few hours before he was scheduled to begin serving a 30-day jail sentence for contempt of a special investigating committee of the House of Representatives.

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## Frankie Says They 'Done Her Wrong'



Remember the old song about Frankie and Johnnie? Well, here's Frankie Baker, of Portland, Ore., who says she is the original Frankie. With her attorney, Bradley Ewers, left, she is asking \$200,000 damages for an asserted "wanton, willful and malicious" interpretation of her life by a movie company. She says she "pulled out her little A's" and shot "rocin-tie-toot" at Johnnie—but a jury acquitted her.

## History Made By Steamship 100 Years Ago

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Steamship passenger service across the Atlantic was inaugurated 100 years ago this month.

By a coincidence, two British ships steamed into New York harbor on the same day—April 23, 1938, just 100 years ago—to begin steamship service that has continued almost uninterrupted ever since.

The vessels, the Sirius from Cork and the Great Western from Bristol, left their home ports four days apart and unknowingly engaged in the first trans-Atlantic steamship race.

The Sirius, no larger than a harbor tug and never built for ocean travel, puffed into New York harbor first, surprising the harbor men who previously had regarded such crossings as stunts. As soon as the news spread through the city, New Yorkers jammed the docks in a welcome that rivaled those accorded trans-Atlantic fliers nearly a century later.

The Great Western docked a few hours later—also unexpectedly—to turn the occasion into

the most exciting day New Yorkers had seen since the War of 1812, according to the Smithsonian Institution.

## HUNDREDS AT COLDEN RITES

From every walk of life and from every community in the 17th Congressional district, hundreds of friends of the late Representative Charles J. Colden attended the funeral rites last Friday morning in San Pedro. At the conclusion of the service, with three pastors officiating, those present filed past the flower-bedecked bier to pay their last respects to the man who served them in the 73rd, 74th and most of the 75th Congresses of the United States.

The service was made as simple as possible, in accordance with the late Congressman's wishes and those of his widow, Mrs. Clara Colden and daughter Miss Abbie Bel' Colden. Ministers speaking were Revs. W. W. Daise of San Pedro's First Presbyterian; Fred Ross, First Methodist; and Father James McLaughlin of Mary Star of the Sea Catholic church.

The official funeral party from Washington, D. C., where Mr. Colden died April 15, included Senator William G. McAdoo; Congressman Byron Scott, Long Beach; John Dockweiler, Los Angeles; Richard J. Welch, San Francisco; and Kenneth Romney, House Sergeant-at-Arms. The interment was at Roosevelt Memorial park near here.

Postmaster Earl Conner of this city served as one of the

## Cornet Tooters Face Police Investigation

Somewhere someone is tooting a silver-plated and gold-belled cornet with a guilty conscience.

No-o-o, the cornet hasn't a guilty conscience but the tooter should have because the instrument was stolen last Thursday night from Lawrence Burchiere's home at 3753 Redondo Beach boulevard.

Police are listening for any silver-plated and gold-belled tootles these days in hopes of tracing Burchiere's valuable instrument.

## Lomitan Launches Rebuilt Craft

R. H. Berger of Lomita and his sailing mate, Drew Taylor of Wilmington, went to sea in their 18-foot reconstructed fishing and speedboat last Sunday for the first time. They rebuilt the craft and repainted it from stem to stern during the winter and recently installed its proudest piece of equipment—a police-type siren.

active palbearers while Mayor William H. Tolson, Councilman John V. Murray, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, City Judge Robert S. Lessing, J. W. Post and Grover C. Whyte were among the honorary palbearers.

## Meter Cleaning Job Near End

The end-of-one-of-the biggest Spring cleaning jobs in this city is in sight for Superintendent William H. Stanger and his co-workers in the Torrance Municipal water department. This is the task of overhauling the last group of 1,400 meters used in the municipal water district.

When the cleaning work is completed sometime within the next few weeks, every meter in the system will have been repaired, checked on a special machine to insure accurate readings and be ready for years of service.

Stanger undertook this task as the first of a series of improvements to put the water department in first class condition. By using his regular crew instead of sending the meters out for renovation, considerable saving resulted, Stanger said.

## Gardena Dairyman Breaks Jaw in Fight

The next time R. V. Blanton, Gardena dairy worker, engages in fisticuffs, he'll give his chin and jaw all the protection possible. He didn't do that last Monday in a battle with a fellow-worker—assertedly on the Radich dairy farm and as result has a badly-injured jaw. His injury was treated by a local physician.

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