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ESTIMATE PLUNGE, TENNIS COURT COSTS

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SHOP TALK

CHIT & CHAT AND THIS & THAT

Proving that it certainly pays to invest money at 4%, W. E. Bowen, of the Torrance Bldg. & Loan Assn., told the other day about a woman, a one-time investor, who returned to draw out a remaining eighty cents left on deposit only a few years. Instead of eighty she drew out $1.40, the original having almost doubled.

Invigorating and tempting is the smell of the interior of a new automobile fresh from the factory. Smell, ya know, greatly affects a person and salesmen would do well to attract buyers to the dotted line by suggesting they "smell before they buy." Theatres, too, could use odor to box office advantage. When the picture conceins a slum area have the house flooded with a decided slum stench. If it's springtime on a farm the ushers could tap the valve labeled "Alfalfa." A barnyard scene could be accompanied by the reek of manure. (And chew me up and feed me to the hogs, but you can't say there isn't something esthetic about a barnyard smell)!

Gertie "Woman-About-Town" Ralston jumped Shop Talk in no uncertain terms early this week because last week Mr. & Mrs. Rupp were commended on their fine growth of flowers, whilst her dear old pappy, Grandpa "Snazzy" Richardson, was handed no bouquets for the rare horticultural display on which he has worked his fingers to the bone. Apologies, Gertie, and congrats, Mr. Richardson. You, too, have done a good job.

Have you ever tried traveling from East to West (or visa verse) instead of North & South when washing your neck. Habit takes a strong hold and you'll be surprised how hard it is to change direction. It's tough, too, to attempt to scrub the left ear first if you've always given first attention to the right one. Switch around some time. It really throws you into reverse.

To be hanging soon from the neck of Addie Parks, wife of Fay "Plumber" Parks, is a beautiful diamond & ruby studded monogram "A," the which has behind it a bit of interesting history.

Thirty or more years ago Addie's brother, C. F. Wittenberg (the same gentleman who will soon be hitched to Torrance's Olive Lee) was agent in Tonopah, Nev., for the famous, famous Anheuser-Busch beer. As a token of esteem the brewery presented him with a mammoth gold & diamond & ruby watch charm in the shape of the letter "A". On it, also, was the American eagle and a shield of stars & stripes.

Recently he gave the charm to Mrs. Parks, who had Alden Smith take off the eagle & shield. It now makes a very handsome (and modern) monogram.

New York's World's Fair officials now have banned fan dancers from their exposition. All this means is that the concessioners will be forced to think up something entirely nude and different.

Certainly more support is needed by Mrs. Lenora Ralston, who operates a Children's Nursery at 1331 El Prado. Here's a worthy person, scorning the relief rolls, trying to make an honest dollar in the good old American way—working for it! Mrs. Ralston keeps children and charges very little for it. Ages 4 and 5, 25c per day; 3 and 4, 35c; under 3, 50c. She's very reliable: reports state that the children actually WANT to be left there. They play games, talk politics, pan the city council and have a great time. If you have any offspring and you're invited to a swank party over the week-end, take them to Mrs. Ralston's. She needs it and you can afford it.

CHINCHILLA CHATTER

From the Chinchilla Farm near Inglewood comes the following "do you knows" . . .

That there are less than 2,000 chinchillas in the world.

That an average coat requires about 100 pelts.

That the wild supply has been exhausted for many years.

That a baby chinchilla is born active, with eyes open and fully furred.

That the chinchilla has no body parasites.

That they carry their young 111 days, which is longer than the gestation period for the African lion.

That some chinchillas live over twenty years.

That chinchillas can't see for sour apples in the daytime, do their foraging at night.

Prexy in Fall

DICK LEECH
. . . follows mother's footsteps

Next September the young man shown above will become president of the Junior high school student body, succeeding Helen Thompson. Dick is one of Mrs. Harriett Leech's three sons who live at 1630 Amapola. In winning the recent school election, young Leech enjoyed the same experience his mother had last month when she was elected city treasurer.

Dick attended Torrance Elementary and entered high school as a B7. The large number of votes he received testified that he has many friends who are confident that he'll have a successful administration.

European Study of Perfume Data to Aid Project

Mrs. Lucretia del Valle Grady has been named vice-chairman of a committee which is seeking sponsorship by the county board of supervisors of a WPA project research into the possibilities of growing flowers and other perfume-oil producing plants at Alondra park near Torrance.

Mrs. Grady and her husband, Dr. Henry S. Grady, are sailing this week for Europe where she will visit various libraries and investigate sources from which information may be obtained for the research to be done in connection with the project.

On the committee are many prominent educators and authorities on botany and plant industry.

Local Girl Wins Honor at U. S. C.

Miss Laurella Lancaster, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster of 1503 Post avenue, was one of 12 sophomore coeds at the University of Southern California named last week to membership in Spooks and Spokes, junior women's honorary organization.

The award was made at the annual Women's Self Government Association recognition banquet, culmination of the year's activities for Trojan coeds. Miss Alice Burger, of 1104 Cedar, was one of the senior hostesses for the banquet.

Engineer Reports Data to Council

First estimate on what a municipal swimming plunge and new tennis courts would cost was given to the city council Tuesday night by Leonard Young, acting city engineer. He reported that he made several trips to other communities during the past week to find out relative costs and data on construction, design and operation of the recreational facilities which were proposed two weeks ago by Councilman John V. Murray and enthusiastically recommended by other members of the city board.

Young said that with Murray he visited Montebello, a new plunge at Sixth and Atlantic in a county playground, Brookside Park and John Muir Tech in Pasadena. He said that he believed a plunge about 80 feet wide and 105 feet long would be the best for Torrance and estimated that such a pool would cost about $50,000 to $60,000 for a modern plant.

In regard to tennis courts, the engineer said he visited Hermosa Beach's and Lakewood Country club's facilities, which are recognized as among the best in the Southland. He was accompanied by Baker Smith, local tennis enthusiast. The cost of a good, lighted court would be about $2,000, he said.

Prior to Young's report, the council heard a letter read from the Torrance Elementary P.T.A. unit which heartily endorsed the proposed municipal plunge and expressed itself as anxious to learn more of the details concerning initial expense, unkeep and liability costs. The P.T.A. group said it would be happy to assist in any campaign for the recreational facilities when "a complete understanding of the costs is reached."

The council took no action this week on Young's preliminary report but the engineer said he would continue to accumulate data and present a complete survey in the near future.

Two Homes and Auto Smoked Out by 'Bombs'

Punctured tin cans loaded with rolls of movie film to which a fuse of some sort was attached, caused billowing clouds of acrid smoke in two homes and one automobile here Saturday night . . . and no end of excitement and conversation.

A card party at the J. B. Scotton residence, 1438 El Prado, was temporarily disrupted by the smoke and Mrs. William Bush at 1303 Cota reported her home was also victimized by the amateur stench bombers. In both residences, the inflammable material had been placed in fireplace vents.

Mrs. Caroline Collins, on crossing Torrance boulevard to enter her car, parked near Alcorn's drug store, saw some boys running from the machine. The third can was emitting smoke in her machine.

18 Cities Have Spotless Traffic Fatality Record

Eighteen cities in California have passed through the first quarter of 1938 without a traffic fatality. They were Sebastopol, Palo Alto, Alameda, Fortuna, Orange, Coalinga, Montague, Lincoln, Beverly Hills, San Bruno, Davis, El Cerrito, Redwood City, Santa Monica, La Mesa, Los Gatos, La Verne and Santa Clara.

Cities Advised to Scorn Politicos' Aid in Settling St. Maintenance Problems

Problems such as how the 44 cities of Los Angeles county will maintain their streets without the usual allocation of gasoline tax money which is being withheld by the state the coming year to repay a relief loan, should be settled within the county and not left for the politicians at Sacramento, Deputy County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy told the county League of Municipalities at their meeting in Pomona.

Seventeen Torrance city officials and their wives, headed by Mayor William H. Tolson, attended the Pomona dinner-session.

The question of obtaining more gasoline tax funds, or of getting funds from the city to replace the usual allocation, was not precipitated into the meeting but it was understood that a committee which conferred last week with the board of supervisors would have suggestions to present at the June meeting of the League.

Long Beach had sent a delegation of 34 to the gathering to seek the next meeting of the League for their city. But the beach city waived its claim when Inglewood invited the organization to be present at the opening of the new Hollywood Turf Club.

Kennedy told of the tremendous increase in the burden of charity and explained that Los Angeles County bears 40 percent of the charity load in the entire state. This still-growing need has virtually doubled the county tax rates, he declared.

Too Much Sinew Costly

OAKLAND (UP)—Stanford Stanley really didn't know he was so strong. His automobile stalled; he gave it an encouraging push with his right arm and it went over the railing and fell to the bottom of a 300 foot canyon, a complete wreck.

Los Angeles in Throes of Eleventh Hour Preparations For International Shrine Convention June 7-8-9

C.N.P.A. Service

While Shriners everywhere in North America and Hawaii were packing their bags ready to make Los Angeles their Mecca early next month, Al Malaikah nobles are up to their ears in arranging festivities including six spectacular Coliseum events. Upper view indicates what to expect in the Cavalcade of California and World Championship Rodeo; with Imperial Potentate Walter S. Sugden (insert left); below, Harold Lloyd, director of the Shrine Motion Picture Electrical Pageant is shown discussing the parade of the stars with Director General Robert A. Heffner and Leo Altman, business manager of the movieland fantasy.

A limited number of choice seats for all Shrine convention events are now on sale at Harvel's Service Station, Cravens and Marcelina avenues.

Young Men Making Crosses for Vets' Graves at Roosevelt

Strong young hands are now fashioning white crosses which will be erected Sunday over every veteran's grave at Roosevelt Memorial park in preparation for the Memorial Day observance there starting at 1 o'clock. (See story on Page 1).

The cross-makers are Sons of Legion boys, headed by Bernard Peterson, who is chairman of the local squadron's participation in the traditional rites. He is assisted by his brother, Arthur, Bobbie Lewellen and Bobbie O'Toole.

MWD BOND REFUNDING APPROVED

An agreement with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation whereby the Metropolitan Water District will issue refunding bonds bearing an average interest rate of 1¾ percent in exchange for $200,000,000 in Colorado River Aqueduct bonds already sold to the R.F.C., and bearing an interest rate of 5 percent, was approved late last week by the District board of directors.

The District's refunding agreement with the F.F.C. is based upon present and favorable bond market conditions. It will result, during the next several years, in an annual saving of $1,750,000 to the taxpayers and water users of the District.

Over the life of the bonds this new agreement will result in a total saving of approximately $62,500,000 to the people of the District, according to C. T. Rippy, this city's representative on the M.W.D. board of directors.

3 Local Students to Graduate at Compton Jaycee

John Clayton, 1617 Arlington; Marguerite Leake, 1525 Marcelina, and Myron Nightingale, 2304 Andreo, are among those to represent the city of Torrance as candidates for graduation ceremonies June 9 at Compton Junior college, it was reported this week.

Myron Nightingale, who is majoring in science, is working for a Junior Certificate, while John Clayton, who is majoring to be a pharmacist, and Marguerite Leake, who is majoring to be a librarian, are working for the diploma of graduation.

Local Man's Son Expires in Hospital

Frank C. Kelton, son of Charles Kelton of 729 Border avenue, passed away Tuesday morning at Cedars of Lebanon hospital in Los Angeles after a lingering illness of eight months. Besides his father, he is survived by two sons, Frank, junior, and Wallace of Chicago, and a sister who lives in Inglewood. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pierce Brothers Mortuary in Los Angeles.