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Hula Girls Enliven Shriners' Festivities

Shriners from all parts of the U. S. have been taking Los Angeles apart to see what makes the Southland metropolis tick during the past week while they are here for the order's national convention. Many brought their wives and families but Potentate R. P. Faithful and his fellow Shriners from Honolulu did more than that. They brought along the hula dancing girls shown above who have enlivened many a festivity. Tonight the mammoth electrical motion picture star parade in the L. A. Coliseum will conclude the gathering of Nobles.

Only Two More Weeks of School; Graduation Program Announced

GRADUATION EVENTS REPORTED NEXT WEEK

NEXT THURSDAY'S ISSUE of The Torrance Herald will contain full details about all commencement programs to be held in this city and in Lomita, together with the names of all graduating students in Torrance and Narbonne senior and junior high schools and the five elementary schools . . . Watch for it!

About this time of the year there comes into every boy's and girl's life a realization that it won't be long now until summer joys of vacation will begin. And Torrance youngsters are no exception to the horde of young people who are beginning to yearn with a mighty yearning for freedom from school classrooms only two weeks off.

Among high school seniors this anticipatory urge is being felt in two different ways: Some are eagerly looking forward to college or university while others are already seeking jobs. A few are still wondering whether they will have the opportunity to carry on their education or must get out in the world and hunt for work.

At any rate, this is final examination week in all high schools and youngsters at Torrance high school are "cramming" for the final tests that will be given tomorrow. Principal Thomas H. Elson announced the graduation program as follows:

Term Ending June 24

Baccalaureate service is Sunday evening, June 19, at 7:30 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. Junior high school commencement exercises are set for Wednesday, June 22, at 1:45 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. Distribution of the 1938 edition of The Torch, high school annual, is scheduled for that afternoon.

The annual senior breakfast Thursday morning, June 23, will start graduation day for the boys and girls who are finishing high school. During the afternoon there will be an awards assembly at the high school when winners of athletic letters and other honors will receive recognition. The commencement program will be held at 8 o'clock that night in the Civic Auditorium.

Report cards are to be issued to all students Friday morning, June 24, when the 1937-38 term will officially end.

There will be no formal commencement programs at the elementary schools here on the closing day, June 24, but each room is planning some kind of school's-end party.

Fate of Perfume Project Up to County Board

Application for WPA funds for sponsorship of a perfume experimental project in Los Angeles county was pending today on order of the board of supervisors, following a report from Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner, which did not favor the proposal.

Ryan recommended that it be left up to the University of California and the U. S. Department of Agriculture to do the experimenting. It had been proposed by Monroe C. Kidder, etomologist, that 50 acres in Alondra park near Torrance be utilized.

Musicians May Oust Mershon Over Bull Fiddle

Stalemated in this, its fourth week, the conflicting forces in the "battle of the bull fiddle" launched May 10 by the city council which is seeking to recover the instrument which was purchased several years ago with city funds for the defunct Torrance Symphony orchestra, were apparently resting until the outcome of tonight's session of the Torrance Musicians' Society, Inc.

Only one move was made by the city this week to carry on efforts to establish ownership of the wheeze-and-groan box. This was a visit by Capt. John Stroh of the police department to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cates at 1413 West 220th street, to verify the presence of the string bass there. Assured by Mrs. Cates that the instrument was in good hands and being well taken care of, Capt. Stroh departed.

Discord Observed

Later the Cates interviewed Mayor William H. Tolson and assured him that they were willing to cooperate with the city council in the matter of the bull fiddle. Mayor Tolson informed Cates that the city does not desire to re-possess the instrument and was willing that he continue to use it in his practice of learning the art of playing the string bass.

Tonight the Torrance Musicians' Society is holding a session which, according to advance notice, promises to be quite interesting. A number of members are known to be dissatisfied with the direction of the Society by George N. Mershon, former conductor of the Symphony and his opposition to the city council in the "battle of the bull fiddle."

An effort may be made to oust Mershon from his position as an officer of the Society and its musical director on the ground of lack of confidence, according to statements made this week by members of the Society.

LICENSE DEADLINE

Real estate brokers and salesmen must renew their state licenses this month or be penalized by a double license fee, according to the state real estate commissioner. The deadline for renewal without penalty is June 30.

Rotary to Hear New Zealander

Tonight's program at the Torrance Rotary club will honor the nine members who have joined the service club during the term of President Grover C. Whyte, who retires from office June 30. Special arrangements have been made to pay tribute to this year's crop of "baby Rotarians" who include: William E. Wylam, Dr. John Beeman, Rev. Thomas Marshall, Robert McCallum, Dr. M. A. Bauman, Merle Helbach, Ed Wakely, Thomas A. Mitchell, and Carl S. Warner.

George W. Hutchinson of New Zealand will give the address, emphasizing the international aspect of Rotary. Hutchinson is the gubernatorial nominee of the 53rd New Zealand district, and is stopping in Los Angeles enroute to the Rotary International convention in San Francisco, June 19 to 26, where more than 70 different countries will be represented.

Gourdiers Home After Trip and Oregon Accident

Three weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier of 1807 Gramercy started out for Detroit in their old car. Yesterday they returned in the second new car that they purchased while on the vacation tour. The first new one, bought in Detroit, ended up in a Eugene, Oregon, garage so badly wrecked that the local residents were forced to replace it with the second new machine.

After obtaining new car No. 1 in the automotive capital of the U. S., the Gourdiers continued east to New York, Washington and other points of interest. Then they headed back to the northwest. Near Eugene a truck forced them into a deep ravine. Gourdier suffered a slight cut on his forehead while Mrs. Gourdier was unhurt. But the car was badly damaged from the fall and acid from the battery.

The Torrance residents immediately arranged to buy a second new car in the Oregon city and continued on home. They had covered 4,555 miles in the first machine before it was smashed up and traveled 6,000 miles in the three weeks. Even the accident failed to mar the enjoyment of the trip, according to Mrs. Gourdier, who said the damaged car was insured and that the truck-driver involved acknowledged he was responsible for the mishap.

Guards Placed to Halt Damage to New Homes

18 Holes Knocked Thru One Ceiling

Wanton damage to homes under construction here forced contractors and owners to put guards on several buildings this week. Meanwhile police are seeking to catch some of the young miscreants who are accused of causing the damage in the act. If and when they are apprehended, the penalty will be severe, the officers say.

One of the latest instances of intentional damage occurred at the home being built by Charles M. Wyne for Kenny Ruffell at 2114 Martina avenue. There some 18 holes were deliberately knocked thru new ceiling plaster by boys who got in the attic and walked across the new construction. Portions of exterior stucco were deeply gouged out in the form of initials and other marks and some of the walls were likewise nicked.

"This kind of damage has occurred on nearly every job I've had in Torrance," Contractor Wyne told The Herald. "None of it is accidental and the repairs that have to be made afterwards are always costly. I am going to guard this job every night until I'm thru. Other contractors have noticed that some of their material has been stolen and we believe that young boys are responsible."

Recently A. H. Silligo's new home, now being completed at 1214 Engracia avenue, was damaged by similar marauders. De Kalb Spurlin has been another victim of the new home wreckers. It is understood that when the new high school assembly hall is starting the finishing stage, a guard will be set to prevent damage to that structure.

Council Favors Removing 10 Eucalpytus Trees Along El Prado to Get 3 Homes

Trees or homes? This is the question confronting the city council as result of an inspection trip members of the city board made Tuesday morning with Wallace H. Gilbert, local real estate broker. Standing in a group on the south side of El Prado, 150 feet from Arlington avenue, the council craned necks to study 10 towering eucalyptus trees as Gilbert said:

"This is the situation, gentlemen: The Dominguez Land Company has taken five lots here off the market for the time being while negotiations are in progress for their purchase by a party who desires to build three fine homes on the five lots.

"But the home-building project will not go thru unless the 10 eucalyptus trees are removed. The purchaser of the land does not want them and says that he will not build with them continuing to shed their leaves and damage the sidewalk. The homes will be a distinct credit to the city and each will have a frontage of about 75 feet. They will be attractively landscaped."

Gilbert pointed out that two homes on the south side of El Prado—C. T. Rippy's and J. B. Scotten's residences—have no eucalypti in front and also that the city had the trees removed on that street when the city hall was built. Across El Prado there are several homes which also have an unobstructed view of the center park.

Members of the council were inclined to favor the removal of the trees but with the condition that actual building be started on the proposed homes before the eucalypti are cut down. Mayor William H. Tolson told Gilbert that the council would make a decision on the matter at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, June 14.

Councilmen well know that the El Prado tree border has long been a controversial subject. The periodic trimming of the old growths has always resulted in considerable comment—pro and con—on the appearance of the trees, their growth being contrasted with their "dirtiness" and habit of drawing all the strength from surrounding lawns.

The black acacias and palms in El Prado park are regarded as some of the most beautiful in the city and no attempt has been made to remove any of

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Redondo Asks County to Light Sepulveda

Request that the county make provision for installation of ornamental lighting on Sepulveda boulevard between Avenue I and Diamond street in Redondo Beach was made of the board of supervisors this week by the Redondo city council.

City Clerk C. C. Mangold stated that the boulevard, formerly known as Irena avenue, was improved with a splendid pavement and carried a large amount of through traffic. Redondo officials feel that the county should stand the expense of installing the lighting system, and the city will undertake to supply electrical energy for the lights, Mangold said.

Tax Delinquency Is 6.23 Percent

Current tax delinquency in the City of Torrance was 6.23 percent this year, an increase of .13 percent, it was computed today by Joseph Lowery, acting county auditor, on the basis of collections made by H. L. Byram, county tax collector and treasurer. Last year it was 6.10 percent.

County officials were agreeably surprised to learn that all but 5.71 percent of this year's general county levy of $1.41 per $100 of assessed valuation had been paid by taxpayers prior to last April 20. The delinquency last year was 5.98 percent, and two years ago it was 7.15 percent.

Monterey Park showed the highest delinquency with 27.04 percent, with Lynwood a close second with 25.06 percent. Los Angeles, showed all but 5.11 percent of its taxes paid. Long Beach, second city, had a delinquency of 4.94 percent. Pasadena, third city, had 7.37 percent of its levy unpaid.

Delinquency figures for some of the other political subdivisions in this community follows: Redondo Beach, 7.34; Gardena, 7.84; Compton, 11.17; Hermosa Beach, 6.43, and Manhattan Beach, 8.43.

Teachers to Honor Conrad at Dinner Here on June 15

About 100 school principals and administrators from the Harbor district will gather at the Torrance Elementary school auditorium for a dinner-program next Wednesday night, June 15, to honor Warren C. Conrad, assistant superintendent in charge of this area who is being transferred to the new area composed of schools in the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and Venice. Mrs. Conrad will also be an honor guest.

All schools south of Manchester thru to San Pedro, Walteria and the Long Beach boundary will be represented at the dinner function which is being arranged by Principal Merle R. Helbach of the local elementary school. Miss Nora Halloran, principal of the 15th Street school in San Pedro and president of the Harbor section of teachers' association, will preside.

Pension Petitions Available Here

Voters who wish to sign a petition to place on the ballot this fall the proposition known as the California Pension plan, will have an opportunity to do so here this week.

Frank Krekow will be in front of the Masonic temple on Sartori avenue all day today, Friday and Saturday to take signatures.

CAREER ENDS

ED W. HOPKINS
. . . had people's confidence

QUINN NAMED CO. ASSESSOR

Precedents established in previous appointments to fill positions where county department heads either had died or resigned were being recalled today with the appointment of John R. Quinn Tuesday to fill the late County Assessor Ed W. Hopkins' unexpired term. The supervisors named Quinn, state director of military and veterans' affairs, to the office by a 3 to 2 vote after a hectic session.

Quinn immediately announced his resignation from the state office and declared that within the next few days he would file a petition as candidate for the assessorship, to succeed himself, in the August primaries. J. W. Hartman, chief deputy assessor under the late incumbent, who had previously announced his candidacy for the assessorship, is reported to have declared that he was withdrawing from the contest. Quinn's appointment smacks of "politics," according to many observers who believe that Hartman should have been given the post. They cite these precedents:

Eugene Biscailuz was elevated from undersheriff when Sheriff W. I. Traeger's office became vacant. When William Davidson, veteran chief mechanical engineer for the county died some

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Aged Lomitan Killed By Car

Warren Jefferson Worden, 75-year-old retired contracting carpenter who had lived in the Lomita area for the past 17 years, was instantly killed when his neck was broken as he was struck by a car Sunday night while crossing Highway 101 near his home on Lucille street. The machine was driven by Mrs. Francis H. Holman of Redondo Beach who was absolved of all blame for the fatality by the coroner's jury in Lomita Tuesday.

Mr. Worden's right foot was severed from his leg by the impact and hurled 85 feet from the scene of the accident, according to deputy sheriffs who investigated. Funeral services were held at A. M. Gamby's mortuary in Lomita yesterday afternoon with Rev. John Orr officiating. Interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Worden was survived by a daughter, Mrs. C. S. Cheney, 2117 242nd street, Lomita; and two sons, Guy D. Worden, San Pedro and Lester A. Worden of Medford, Oregon. The coroner's jury decided the accident was one of the unavoidable type after hearing testimony of the woman driver, who said she "knew she hit something but didn't know what it was," and the investigating officers. There were no eye-witnesses.

Chamber Elects Three Directors

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce elected Sherwood McIntyre, superintendent of the C.C.M.O.; George W. Fay, treasurer of the Hydril company, and DeKalb Spurlin, local builder, as new directors Monday. At the next regular meeting of the directorate, which is scheduled for June 20, new officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1 are to be chosen.

The hold-over members of the board are President E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the Columbia Steel company plant; Earl Brunner, Sam Levy, Dr. Alden W. Smith, Fred Isaacs, J. W. McQuaid and R. R. Smith, whose term expires June 30.

Narbonne Alumni Dine Friday Night

To honor graduates of the Winter and Summer '38 graduating classes, Narbonne high school will hold the annual banquet tomorrow evening in the school cafeteria. All former graduates, their husbands, or wives, are urged to be present.

Following the banquet at which Billy Powers is to preside as toastmaster, there be a short musical program and a short business meeting for the purpose of electing new officers. After that all will enjoy dancing in the gymnasium.

MANN ELECTED

Gordon L. Mann of 4800 La Fresa street, North Torrance, was elected a Perry school district trustee this week. He is a son-in-law of Mrs. Lela Gonner, prominent North Torrance civic worker.

Pupils Will Give Operetta June 27

An operetta "The Golden Apple," a musical fantasy based on ancient Greek mythology, will be staged by the A6 class of the Torrance Elementary school Friday afternoon, June 17, at one o'clock in the school auditorium. The class has been stuyding the Greek myths during the past semester.

All parents and interested friends are invited to attend this entertainment by the 60 children in the class. Miss Bernice Lloyd, Miss Volney Henderson and Mrs. Juliet Young are directing the production.

Three New Wells Producing Better Than 1,550 Bbls.

Additional impetus was given this week to deep sand drilling in the South Torrance field by completion of three wells at 233rd and Pennsylvania which added some 1,550 barrels of new production. Best of the trio is W. E. McCaslin's Whitney No. 1, which is reported flowing 550 barrels of 27 gravity from a depth of 5,042 feet.

McDonald and Burns also finished two 500-barrel wells of 27-28 gravity in Moore Nos. 5 and 8 adjoining the firm's record producer to date, the Moore No. 3, which established the top field mark of 600 barrels. The new wells were bottomed at 5,025 and 5,041 feet, respectively.

Doyle Petroleum's deep sand test, the Getty No. 3, off Narbonne avenue has been stopped in schist at 5,596 feet, which is about 550 feet lower than the usual South Torrance lower zone. Casing has been set to bottom and the hole was tested at midnight last night. No statement could be obtained on the result, a spokesman for Doyle asserting that the tests will continue for several days before further work on the project.

Seeking Water Entry

Other oilmen in the field are rather dubious about going lower than 5,000 feet. They point out that there is danger of water seepage below that level and call attention to the fact that the Roy K. Wilson No. 1 near Pennsylvania and Sepulveda is running water waste to local entry of the H2O. The well is cutting about 40 percent water at the present time.

Patton Oil company's Neill No. 2 on the adjoining lease to the east is running a lektrolog to locate water entry. When the break in the formation is located both wells are to be cemented off. The small gas pressure observed in the field is allowing the water influx.

Altho the production to date has been described as "only satisfactory," veteran operators in the local area assert that wells sunk below 5,000 feet run chances of coming in wet. Several have gone below that depth but they have had to be plugged back to effect a shut-off.

Six New Derricks

Patton's Neill No. 1 flowed 160 barrels in six hours Tuesday, cutting eight percent. This well has been flowing about 105 barrels before it was gun-perforated with 40 half-inch shots. Other developments in the South Torrance field this week were:

Six building permits for new wooden oil derricks were issued by the city engineer's office this week. Cost of each one is reported at $5,000. Consolidated Petroleum company of Beverly Hills is erecting one at 2410 233rd, Packard Petroleum company of Long Beach is throwing up another at 2452 231st and the Silver Beach Oil company of Long Beach is building at 2271 233rd and Morton and Elder of Long Beach is constructing the fourth at 2401 233rd. Neal H. Anderson is putting up a new one at 2426 231st and the Hampshire Oil company of Hollywood is building at 2270 230th.

Patton and Conaway's Fee lease on 233rd is down to 4,700 feet after 3,400 feet of eight and five-eighths inch pipe, which had been twisted and bent by the earth tremor of May 31, had been straightened out. Albertson Oil is swabbing out its well at 227th and Pennsylvania preparatory to putting it on production. Depth is around 5,000 feet.

Lyman No. 1 Finished

Summit Oil put its Kelly-Wilson on production yesterday, but there is no report out on its quantity. This well is located on 233rd adjoining the Patton-Conway Fee lease on the west and is down to 5,000 feet. C.C.M.O. brought in its No. 3 Tuesday with production around 125 barrels. This firm has six or seven other wells deepened on Sepulveda.

McDonald and Burns started two more deepening projects and has a battery of six boilers up for operation on 232nd and Pennsylvania. Consolidated Petroleum brought in a 100-barrel producer Monday on the west end of 229th adjoining the Meacham well. Texas Company is putting its Wilson Community No. 9 on production at the west end of 229th.

Torrance Oil company has finished drilling its Lyman No. 1 at nearly 5,000 feet on the west end of 230th and the Silver Beach Oil company is down to about

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June Building Total Already Is $39,800

With permits issued for six new wooden oil derricks costing $5,000 each and seven other building projects started, the new construction total for June got off to a good start during the past week. The month's building total now stands at $25,600.

In addition to the new derricks (for locations see the adjoining column), the new building permits were granted to:

Edison Securities corporation of Los Angeles for remodeling a dairy barn and feed shed at 17380 Arlington, $1,200, and C. L. Cheadle of Los Angeles for a stucco house and double garage at 823 Beech, $3,000.

John Melville of Hermosa Beach for a five-room frame house and double garage at 1423 Beech, $4,200; Automatic Printing company for alterations and repairs to the building at 1316 Cabrillo, $1,000; Joe Leitner, 2108 Dominguez, for a 20 by 27-foot frame garage at 2200 Dominguez, $200; and Pearl Holland of Long Beach who is building a 16 by 24-foot frame garage at 24421 Hawthorne, $200.

Firemen Called to 7 Blazes

Five grass fires, one industrial blaze and a car fire were extinguished by the fire department during the past week. A stubborn fire at the Coast Insulating plant, 500 Arlington, took an hour and one-half's work to extinguish last Friday evening. The blaze was between the roof and rafters and caused damage estimated at several hundred dollars. It is believed the fire was caused by oil used in a process of settling dust in the plant.

The rear seat of E. H. Stewart's Chevrolet sedan was destroyed by fire at Carson and Cabrillo Monday night. Cause of the blaze is unknown. The car-owner lives at 19297 South Vermont, Gardena.

Saturday afternoon a grass fire on Western avenue near 222nd street burned several acres and destroyed a small tree row. That night Engine company No. 2 responded to an alarm at Hawthorne and Lomita boulevards and Sunday afternoon the third grass blaze was put out at 1621 Greenwood, according to fire department reports.

Two more grass fires were reported Monday night about 8:20 o'clock. One was at Carson and Abalone streets and the other near the General Petroleum refinery. Both of these were quickly extinguished without loss.

Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson called all residents' attention this week to the necessity of obtaining a permit before burning off weeds on their property and to the necessity of taking proper precautions, sdch as having a connected garden hose, rake or shovel close by when such fires are started.

Local Men File For Central Group

Five candidates, two of them from Torrance, filed declarations of candidacy for members of the county central committee in the 68th assembly district, on the first day to file, June 1.

The five are Harry S. Minor, 1006 Sartori avenue, and Neil McConlogue, 1028 Portola avenue, both steel workers. The other three are Robert Hillyer, Wilmington, Malcolm J. Goldie, Wilmington, and William M. Nall, of San Pedro. James J. O'Toole, 1225 Madrid avenue was the first to file for assemblyman from the 68th district. He gave his occupation as a dairyman, and filed on the Democratic ticket.