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Their Fourth was Safe and Sane

Mountaineering members of the Rotary-sponsored Boy Scout troop shown above with their host, Attorney Torrance C. Welch, are, left to right: Buddy Guttenfelder, Leroy Wallace, Fred Wilkes, Welch and Arthur Wiechman.

"The best times come when you don't plan 'em!" shrilled one of the 11 Boy Scouts of Troop No. 218 who enjoyed a hurriedly planned overnight trip to Attorney Torrance C. Welch's cabin at Arrowbear Park Sunday and Monday. The trip was thought over only a few hours before the boys were rounded up and packed for the mountan outing.

The party was transported to the local attorney's cabin, located near the top of City Creek grade on the road beween Arrowhead and Big Bear, in a truck furnished by Harry Abramson of the National Home Appliance company, and Welch's car. Serving with Welch in the role of guide, mentor in woodcraft and angling tutor was Bonnie Corder of the National Home Appliance.

Boys making the trip were Jimmie Daniel, Thomas and Rowland Justice, Fred Wilkes, Arthur Wiechman, Leroy Wallace, Bob Bratton, Buddy Guttenfelder, George Winters, Dick Hogue and Guy DeWitt. They put in two full days of swimming, fishing, informal studies in forestry, botany and campfore and Welch conducted two hiking trips.

The attorney returned his group of boys here over the old Green Valley road from Big Bear thru the mountains arriving home several hours later than Corder's group Monday night.

Printing Instructor at High School 11 Years Ends Teaching Career

Unless "some private school wants an A No. 1 printing instructor who is in he prime of life," Herbert B. Andrews, who has taught his life-long craft for 11 years at Torrance high school, has hung up his apron, put away his printer's rule and taken off his eyeshade at the local school for the last time.

Andrews, whose appearance belies his 74 years, is now on a sick leave for a year to safeguard his pension status pending a final decision on litigation pertaining to teachers' pensions which is now before the state Supreme Court. Recently he underwent a thorough examination at Torrance Memorial hospital but now he is "just enjoying life."

A native New Yorker who learned his trade in an Iowa country print shop, Andrews came to California in 1887. He received his schooling in grammar schools of New York and Iowa and also attended Taber (Iowa) college and Marietta (Ohio) college.

Escaped Times' Bombing

"But I got my education in my work," he says. For the past 23 years he has been teaching printing to young people—seven years at Jefferson high school in Los Angeles and five years at Whittier State School before coming to Torance in 1927.

His experience covers many aspects of the printing industry. In addition to setting type and operating presses, Andews has been a printing estimator and salesman and was working in that capacity for the Times-Mirror Printing company on that fateful day when the Times building was bombed.

The instructor-on-leave was a city salesman for the printing firm at that time and left his office in the building at 11 o'clock at night just a few hours before the blast came that killed the man who took his desk space and many others.

Choir Leading His Hobby

Andrews also worked as shop foreman for the Pasaden News, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Printing company and the California Cultivato.

A thorough student of his craft—he delights in recalling that "I had to learn m trade three times over during my life because of new developments in machinery and printing practices"—his major hobby was, until a few years ago, that of serving as choirmaster for a small Los Angeles congregation.

"I loved that better tha anything else except printin," he said. Andrews is maintaining his deep interest in church matters and he is an exceptionally well-read man — following the latest trends in government, economics and history by read-

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Cold Wave Hampers Honey Bee's Operations

And now even the bees are complaining about the unusual weather in Los Angeles county this Spring!

It seems that the adverse conditions have resulted in what Henry Perkins, chief bee expert of the county department of agriculture, calls "a highly disappointing nectar flow from all sources."

And no nectar means no honey.

The nectar flow from the sages was practically a failure, and that from citrus is estimated at 20 percent of normal.

So the bee-keepers plan on taking their hives—bees and all—to the cotton fields of Tulare and San Joaquin counties for a fill-up. That is, if the recent floods in that area have left any cotton to bloom.

Residents Seek Party Election

Three Democrats, one Republican and one member of the new Townsend party who reside in Torrance are seeking election as members of the county central committees of their respective parties.

Democratic committee candidates are: Albert Isen, Harry S. Minor and Neil J. McConlogue, of Torrance; Frederick O. Adler, Benjamin M. Bendat, Lee Roy Halstead, Cecil O. Johnson, Edward A. Lucas, William J. Mulligan, Willard M. Hall, George T. Porter, Stephen Severson, Alva C. Stone and Fred H. Story, of San Pedro; Richard W. Donley, William R. Earl, Malcolm J. Goldie and Robert Hillyer, Wilmington, and John J. Johnson and William A. McVeigh of Lomita.

Republican committee candidates include: John C. Smith, of Torrance; Jean W. Haley, August E. Henning, William S. Lepper, Marguerite A. Mann and Joe Raycraft, San Pedro, and John T. Garretson and Ursula D. Metcalf of Wilmington.

Townsend party committee and candidates are: Vernon F. Glidden, of Torrance; John A. Boyd, Wilmington; George F. Geiger, San Pedro and Lulu French and Harry S. Gates, Gardena.

Drunk Driver Kills Self, Injures Friend in Crash

TRUCK SPINS OVER THREE TIMES HERE

A combination—that of excessive speed and liquor—which nearly always results in grave accidents claimed another victim here last Saturday afternoon when Elza P. Maggart, 35, of 5322 Monte Vista, Los Angeles, was instantly killed and Pete Arias, 23, 4011 Spencer street, Los Angeles, was critically injured at 190th and Hawthorne avenue.

Maggart, police learned on investigation, was drunk and driving a Willys truck. Evidently he swerved off Hawthorne in attempting to negotiate the curve at 190th and lost control of the machine.

Arias was given emergency treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital and then rushed to the county General hospital. His kidney and a lung were punctured in addition to other injuries. He is now reported out of danger.

Warned Against Ride

The truck carrying the two men left the paved surface of the avenue at the curve and skid marks observed by police scraped the soft shoulder for 153 feet rounding the curve at 190th before overturning the first time. Then the speeding and tumbling truck overturned two more times before stopping on the west side of Hawthorne 291 feet from where it first left the paved avenue.

Robert Hamilton, Lawndale, was following Maggart's truck and witnessed the accident. From Sallas Arias, brother of the injured man, police learned that Maggart was "very drunk" at Sallas' home a few minutes before the accident and Pete

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FIGUEROA JOB STARTS SOON

Work is to begin within two weeks on the grading and paving of Figueroa street, between 190th and Lomita boulevard, according to Rex Sawyer, construction manager for the Griffith company, of Los Angeles.

The firm was awarded the contract for $180,389 by the state department of public works at Sacramento Friday.

The section to be improved with asphalt concrete is 4.6 miles in length. Sawyer said work should be completed within four months.

Tire Blowout, Car Spill Does Not Mar Visit

While traveling to Seligman, Arizona, to visit their father and husband, Mrs. Venetta Jensen and her two children, Miss Dorothy, secretary to L. J. Gilmeister at the Chamber of Commerce, and three-year-old Robert were badly shaken up but unhurt Sunday afternoon when a tire blew out and their car turned over two times. The accident occurred a few miles from Seligman.

Mrs. Jensen and her children were picked up by a Greyhound bus and transported to their destination where they were met by Husband-Father Harold Jensen. Their car was only slightly damaged and it was repaired in time for their return here Monday.

Palos Verdes Land Offered County For Park Site

Cancellation of a quarter million dollars in taxes in exchange for 124 acres of land on the westerly slope of the Palos Verdes Hills for a county park was proposed to the board of supervisors this week by the Palos Verdes Homes Association and the Palos Verdes Estates, Inc.

Supervisor Leland M. Ford of Santa Monica said he was impressed with the proposal, and asked Spence Turner, county forester, to report as to the usability and the desirability of the area as a park site. The location is immediately adjacent to what is known as Lunada Bay.

Have You a Valid Driver's License?

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Tests Given Every Thursday in Courtroom

Now is the time for all car owners to take a good squint at the expiration date on their driver's licenses. With the present two-year limitation on most existing licenses, and with previous delays on renewals, there doubtless are a number of drivers whizzing about the country perfectly innocent of the fact that they are guilty of a law infraction, because of carrying with them permits that have died a natural death.

It is a simple matter to keep out of trouble in this respect. About all that is required is to call at the Torrance City Courtroom in the City hall any Thursday, have a clean record and a clear eye (or good glasses), and the new card will be forthcoming without trouble or expense.

The license system is necessary in order to help state officials keep track of car operators, works no hardship whatsoever on the law-abiding, and has more than once been an aid in the apprehension of reckless or criminal drivers.

HOLIDAY IN CITY REVIEWED

"Box Score" Shows Wide Variety

OVER THOUSAND PICNIC AT PARK

This was the "box score" on the three-day Fourth of July holiday here in Torrance:

One dead as result of losing control of a truck while driving at high speed and under the influence of liquor at

Four injured in two automobile accidents;

Three boys suffered burned fingers and cut hands from inability to "time" firecrackers;

Three grass fires started by July 4th explosives; and

One thousand people picnicked at the city park, 700 attended the Monday afternoon ball game and 300 enjoyed the free dance in the Civic Auditorium arranged by the Coordinating Council and the City Recreation Department.

THREE HURT AT 190TH AND WESTERN

Otherwise it was a grand and glorious Fourth—as the appearance of city streets, littered with fireworks debris, testified Tuesday morning. There were many other aspects to the celebration—scores ate too much and drank too much on holiday trips away from home; tempers were lost beyond hope of peaceful understanding as others battled traffic to and from points of interest; some had narrow escapes from peril in one form or another and many "just stayed at home" and really rested up for the work-a-day week to follow.

Three persons were injured last Saturday afternoon at 190th and Western in a collision involving cars being driven by George W. Gogar, 27, Wilmington, and Ted Morrow, 35, Los Angeles.

Cuts, bruises and abrasions were suffered by Mrs. Betty Wetzman, 42, and Norman Lee Hall, 10, Wilmington; and Mrs. Laura Morrow of Los Angeles.

BOYS TREATED AT HOSPITAL FOR BURNS

Mrs. Myrtle Biblehouse, 2451 254th street, Lomita, was treated for minor injuries at Torrance Memorial hospital after she ran her car off Torrance boulevard near the Southern California Edison garage at Marine street in Redondo Saturday afternoon. She was taken to her home by Sergeant Ashton after treatment.

Others who applied at the hospital for medical care of firecracker burns were: Tommy Nuckles, 11, of Arlington avenue, for a burn on his left index finger Sunday; Lawrence Gandsey, 13, 1610 216th, for burns on two fingers of his right hand Monday morning, and Earl Pahel, 15, Monrovia boy who was visiting friends here and suffered a bad cut on his left hand 13 races were held by the Coordinating Council and the Recdue to a firecracker explosion in a can Monday.

EXPLOSIVES START THREE GRASS FIRES

Firecrackers thrown from cars are believed to have caused three of the four grass fires which were put out by the fire department Sunday and Monday. The first blaze, which started about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, was also the scene of the last Fourth of July fire. This was at 174th and Hawthorne where the department was called at 2 o'clock Monday morning to extinguish a second fire.

A grass fire at 1317 Cedar Sunday afternoon indicated it started from a carelessly tossed firecracker. Walteria had a grass blaze Sunday evening. No property loss was reported from any of the four.

PARK THRONGED BY CROWDS TWO DAYS

The city park proved the major local attraction Sunday and Monday. On July 4th it was estimated that more than 1,000 people used the picnic facilities there. Ten extra tables were set up by the park and recreation workers to accommodate the throng on Monday.

In the morning a program of reation department and merchandise prizes given the winners. The awards were purchased by the Coordinators from the money made as result of the student dances in the Auditorium during the past several months.

Sunday the Torrance-Lomita Merchants trimmed the Los Angeles Colored Giants 5 to 2 and on Monday the local team was defeated before a crowd of 700 by the Sunset Gas nine. The score was 7 to 3.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PLEASED AT RESPONSE

The concluding event on the July 4th program here was a free public dance in the Civic Auditorium with Tom Ulrich's orchestra furnishing the music. About 300 attended the festivities which were punctuated by a rattling barrage of firecracker explosions outside.

The Coordinating Council and Recreation department heads, President John E. Miller and Dale Riley, declared the next day that they were delighted at the response to their holiday program.

Tomato Harvest Due to Hit Peak Next Week

Tomato maturity in the San Pedro Hills south of Torrance has come at about the same time as usual, with the peak of the season expected around July 10, according to the monthly report of the county agricultural commissioner.

Adequate moisture in this section has insured a heavy production and cool, even temperatures have distributed the harvest season over a longer period of time than is usually expected. Relatively good local prices have reduced the shipments to eastern markets.

There are nearly 1,000 acres of string beans in the San Pedro Hills this season, and production has been higher than the 70 percent crop which was predicted earlier in the season. The picking season has lasted longer than usual, and good prices were maintained on steady supplies. Quality has been exceptionally good this season.

Celery shipping season was over by June 20, except for occasional cars. Since the first of the year, 1,660 cars of celery have been shipped from Los Angeles county. Available remaining supplies will go to local markets. Poor prices at out-of-state markets prevented further shipping.

New Manager at State Job Office Here

Succeeding Dr. Melville Z. Ellis, who was transferred to Sacramento, Edwin A. Bird became manager of the local office of the California State Employment Service on Carson street July 1. Bird had been working out of the Los Angeles office of the Service and has been a member of that personnel for the past two years.

"I have two immediate problems," he said yesterday. "One is personal and the other pertains to my work here. I must find a house in which to live here because I believe in being close to my territory. Mrs. Bird and our daughter like Torrance very much and we want to be identified with this community. The other problem is that it's my job to find work for the 2,700 men and women on our active file and employment for as many of our 2,000 'inactives' as possible."

To solve his business problem, Manager Bird plans to make personal calls on all local employers to acquaint them anew with the facilities offered by the California Employment Service. He said he believed such visits would be more productive of results than "all the form letters, notices, suggestions and other cold-print matter" combined.

The new service manager is a native of Kentucky who came to California after he was discharged from the U. S. Army. He has an enviable war record. Bird went overseas with the 38th Division, comprising Kentucky and Indiana troups, then served at the front with the 92nd Division and ended his nearly five years in France with the Graves Registration Service.

Silligo Heads Lumber Group

A. G. Silligo, co-owner with Charles Jones, of the Torrance Lumber company, was elected president of the South Bay Lumberman's group last Wednesday night. The trade association has 16 yards in this district represented in its membership.

Norman Gardiner of the Lomita lumber company which bears his name was chosen secretary of the group and the directors are Joe Dawsman, Patten-Blinn; Abe Forshey, Ganahl Lumber, and Mayor George Learned of Hermosa Beach.

Plan Network Broadcast Here For KNX Opening

At a conference Tuesday between officials of radio station KNX, Columbia Broadcasting system officials and civic leaders, preliminary plans were laid for a celebration of nation-wide interest to accompany the official opening of the new CBS-KNX transmitter station here.

"As soon as the exact date of the opening is determined, which is expected to be between August 15 and Sept. 1, our program department will begin planning an outstanding program," stated Fox Case, director of special events for KNX.

Case indicated that in all probability one of the major network programs would be broadcast from the stage of the Civic Auditorium on that evening, following a dinner to be served to KNX and Columbia Broadcasting System officials and Torrance citizens. Preparations are being made to serve approximately 1,000 guests at the dinner and it is expected that a great many others will be able to hear the broadcast through loud speaker extending to the exterior of the auditorium.

Masons Sponsor Smoker July 22

A cordial invitation is extended to all visiting and sojourning Masons, as well as all members of the Torrance lodge, to attend the smoker and card party to be given in the Masonic Temple Friday evening, July 22. At that time officers of the newly-organized Torrance Masonic Club will be chosen. One of the main objects of this club is to institute and sponsor a chapter of the De Molay in the community. A large attendance is desired.

Coordinators Plan "Factory Frolic" Here In October

Torrance will witness its first annual "Factory Frolic" the latter part of October. This decision was reached after two hours of discussion by members of the Coordinating Council at the largest meeting in its history held Tuesday evening in the city judge's chambers at the city hall.

The idea of holding some sort of community-wide festival was proposed by John E. Miller, president of the council, for the purpose of engendering more community loyalty among all residents and of attracting attention to the many residential and cultural advantages of this city.

It is proposed to arrange inter-factory athletic events and contests, exhibition of needlecraft and similar handiwork of adults and children, as well as numerous exhibits by merchants and industrial plants.

"We're going to invite every organization, every church, every lodge, all the schools, the merchants, the industries—in fact everyone in Torrance to take part in this event," President Miller said. "We want them all to come to our next meeting on July 18 to help us plan this big affair.

Feature Fun Element

Inglewood has its annual "Centinela Days"; Pasadena, its "Rose Tournament"; Pomona its County Fair; Hemet its "Ramona Play" and many other communities hold similar affairs which attract wide attention. It is planned to make the Torrance "Factory Frolic" equally famous.

Preliminary plans call for holding the frolic at Hallowe'en time and, while the fun element will predominate there will also be considerable attention given to pointing out the city's many advantages, such as its tidy well-kept homes, impressive civic center, schools, churches and parks.

Churches of the city will cooperate in the event by honoring the factory worker in their services the Sunday following the frolic, according to three clergymen present at the meeting Tuesday.

Meet Again July 18

A preliminary committee of co-ordinating council members was appointed to President Miller to develop a more definite plan for the frolic. Its members are: John E. Miller, chairman, Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, Mrs. Cora B. Bohrer, Harry M. Abramson and R. B. Trezise. Others present Tuesday evening included: Dr. O. E Fossum, secretary, Vernon Coll, treasurer, Rev. Harry G. Banks, N. H. Cucci, L. J. Gilmeister, Grover C. Whyte, Henry Carlson, Clarence Bay, John A. Shidler, M. J. Edwards, Mrs. H. P. Smith, Mrs. Charles Woodcock, Mrs. Edna F. Stone, Mrs. Alice Chambers, Dale Riley, Thoe. Shiben, Harry W. Slover, Roy Chambers, Harvel Guttenfelder and W. C. McCloud.

"We want a much larger crowd at our next meeting July 18," said President Miller, "and I wish all of you would extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend, either as individuals or as representatives of organizations. We want all to participate in planning the biggest community celebration Torrance has ever witnessed."

Official City Gardener Is Retained Here

Beginning today, Torrance has an official City Gardener.

He is Fred Blake, formerly of Beverly Hills, who was retained in that capacity, under William Gascoigne, public works superintendent, by the city council at a salary of $150 a month.

Blake, who came to California from Salem, Oregon will have charge of the planting, landscaping and care of city parks and all trees. He is said to be an exceptionally competent gardener—possessed of the traditional "green thumb," according to Mayor William H. Tolson.

He studied gardening, landscaping and horticulture at at Oregon State College and has had 20 years' experience in greenhouse and landscaping in his native Oregon and on some large projects in Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Pasadena.

JULY 4 NO HOLIDAY IN OIL FIELD

It was "business as usual" in the booming South Torrance deep-sand oil field last week-end despite the three-day July 4th holiday. There was no let-down in the quest for the rich high-gravity "black gold" which is now pouring from more than 75 wells in the derrick-spiked district.

Altho some operators are admittedly concerned over the periodic water influx that streaks their spouts at intervals, most of the oilmen are taking the water showings in their stride. They point out that the mixture only showed up at brief periods and then cleared off.

McDonald and Burns brought in their No. 7 well at Pennsylvania and 231st Tuesday night from around 5,000 feet. This hole is producing around 600 barrels of 21.4 gravity cutting two percent. Three other McDonald and Burns' producers are holding up well, according to information at the firm's office on Pennsylvania. They are starting a new one off 231st near Pennsylvania, with drilling scheduled to get under way next Wednesday.

Wilton Oil brought in another new well on 231st next to the Standard lease late last week and this hole is said to be doing around 600 barrels, cutting about one percent.

A few hundred yards west of the D and B discovery well on 253rd and Vermont, the Fairfield Oil company of Long Beach is rushing erection of a steel derrick to start the second well in the area which now holds much interest for oilmen. Fairfield expects to get steam up Monday for spudding in. Meanwhile the D and B wildcat is reported holding up with a production of better than 500 barrels.

Bank Teller Here Succumbs In L. A. Hospital

Borle E. Rindell, who had been assistant teller at the Bank of America in Torrance since Oct. 1, 1936, succumbed at a Los Angeles hospital last Sunday from complications following an attack of rheumatic fever. He was 29 years of age and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rindell, and a brother, Helge.

Mr. Rindell, who was born in Astoria, Oregon, and came to California about 20 years ago, lived at 5442 Eighth avenue, Los Angeles. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Utter-McKinley Broadway chapel and interment followed in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Mitchell Succeeds Fay as Director of Local Chamber

Thomas A. Mitchell was appointed a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week, succeeding George Fay, resigned. Mitchell is associated with the Hughes-Mitchell Processes, Inc., and the Palos Verdes Laboratories, Inc. Fay is connected with the Hydril company and as his duties require his absence from the city much of the time, he stated that he was unable to serve as a chamber director.

Director Mitchell has had wide experience in industry and business and his host of friends will be happy to learn that he has consented to serve as a director of their Chamber of Commerce, commented Secretary L. J. Gilmeister yesterday.

ART EXHIBITION

The Palos Verdes Community Arts association announces a Traveling Exhibition by the Painters and Sculptures club of Los Angeles at the Palos Verdes Art Gallery, this month.