

## ONLY 313 VOTE IN SCHOOL ELECTION HERE

### Easter Lilies Are Mostly Home Grown

That ifly you buy this week to mark the return of Easter next Sunday will be the result of some six months of expert care by one of 25 commercial growers of these plants in Los Angeles county, Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner, pointed out today.

About 300,000 plants produced in this county will be ready for sale before Saturday and in addition, large shipments are enroute from the San Francisco Bay district, Ryan said.

Sales this year are expected to exceed last year by about \$50,000 and the returns to the wholesaler should total over \$120,000, Ryan estimated.

Value of a lily immediately after Easter is about equal to that of a Christmas tree on December 26, he added.

### Incumbents and Bogue Supported

Only 313 voters in Torrance, Walteria and part of Gardena took enough interest in the Los Angeles city board of education election Tuesday to go to the six consolidated precincts and X their ballots. Approximately 5,000 were qualified to vote here in the election.

The local returns showed that voters in this area maintained the trend of the balloting thru the L. A. school district by giving the three incumbents strong pluralities and endorsing John L. Bogue for the fourth seat on the school board.

Complete unofficial returns locally gave Lawrence L. Larrabee 163 votes, Roy J. Becker of San Pedro 145, Gertrude H. Rounsaville 137 and Bogue 67. This foursome were apparently elected by the district.

How They Ran  
The remaining candidates received the following totals in this area: Elizabeth McManus 63, Effie P. R. Austin 63, John E. Por-

ter 57, James W. Mellen 62, Adams 20, John J. Beck 15, Alfred M. McLaren 16, John E. Wright 14, Alfred L. Fox 23, Meade McManahan 24, James D. Vollor 12, Alfred A. Wright 7, Rex Hardy 6, James Bondi 3, Lucius C. Dale 3, John F. Matthews 3, Louis E. Korn 1, Myer Shugan 1, and Isaac Kushner 0.

The total votes cast at the consolidated precincts here were: Parts of Gardena precincts and most of Torrance Precinct No. 1 at 18311 South Western, 49; Precincts Nos. 6, 7 and part of No. 2 at 2313 Torrance boulevard, 53; Precincts Nos. 5, 13 and part of No. 2 at 1213 Portola, 52; Precincts Nos. 4, 8 and 9 at 1734 Arlington, 82; Precincts Nos. 10 and 11 at 2133 Arlington, 29, and Walteria Precinct No. 12 at the Recreation center, 24439 Park, 48.

**Library Service Renewal Here Before Board**  
Renewal of the contracts with Los Angeles county to supply library service to the city of Torrance and to the Palos Verdes Library district, was scheduled to be approved by the board of supervisors this week.

The Torrance city council has approved renewal of the contract, which this year will carry a penalty if semi-annual payments are not made promptly. The city will pay \$7,090 for the year 1939-40.

Contract with the library board of the Palos Verdes library district, which also carries the penalty clause, calls for a payment of \$2,000.

**Weed Abatement Job Tests Set for April 10**  
Examinations are to be held soon by the county civil service commission to fill the position of weed abatement man in the department of rehabilitation. Last date for filing applications to take the test will be April 10.

Only strong active men over 21, with some working knowledge of the methods of removing fire, health and safety hazards from vacant property, are qualified. Applicants must have at least three months recent paid experience in such work. The job pays \$4 per day, when needed.



NEW HOSPITAL . . . Juliette Margien, who made a career beautifying women in Paris, New York and Hollywood, is the operator of a swank new fingernail hospital in Hollywood. Her own nails are between two and three inches long — ain't dat sompunn!

### Trio Face Trials In U. S. Court for Ship Thefts

Three men, one of them a Walteria resident, are being held in jail in default of \$1,000 bonds each by order of Federal agents, who accuse them of stealing merchandise from interstate shipments. The U. S. attorney's office issued a complaint charging that Earl T. Halterman, 25, of Walteria, a watchman employed by Luckenbach Steamship Lines, stole merchandise from waterfront piers and turned it over to Watson H. Jones, 45, and Charles A. Simpson, 42, unemployed transients, who later sold it and divided the proceeds with Halterman. They are scheduled for preliminary hearing today.

### Winters' Rusty Reported Missing

Anyone seen Rusty?  
He is a one-year-old cocker spaniel who, minus his collar and license tag, wandered away from his abode at the J. F. Winters home at the Erwin hotel last Monday and has not been seen since.

Mrs. Winters is offering a reward for his safe return.

**Dakota Mining Booms**  
DENVER, Colo. (U.P.)—South Dakota's gold and placer mines produced \$20,893,434 in gold and silver during 1938.

### "I KNEW HIM WHEN . . ." Intimate glimpses of world's great as recalled by Torrance residents

Out of a wealth of memories of six years and one month service in the Austrian navy—an enlistment that began in October, 1912, and did not end until the World War was over (so far as his country was concerned) on Nov. 1, 1918—two events stand out for Saul Koch, well-known shoe and paint store proprietor here.

One was his acquaintance with the man whose death was the signal for the start of that great European conflict and the other was the time King Ferdinand of Bulgaria planned a medal on his chest to honor an act of heroism.

Koch insists he was no hero—his one brilliant face now tarnished and stained and its red and white ribbons badly soiled.

#### Met In Hospital

Three days of attending Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, ill-fated pair whose assassination at Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 28, 1914, precipitated the war, are still engraved on Koch's memory. During those days the local man enjoyed the friendship of the archduke, his wife and their three children in the confines of a hospital room at Pola on the Adriatic Sea.

The Austrian fleet and the 12 hydroplanes that comprised the Austrian air force had been engaged in spring maneuvers in March, 1915, and during a flight, a Lieutenant Banfield, an Englishman in the Austrian air service, had crashed. He was removed to Pola and Koch was assigned as his orderly. The archduke and his family were close friends of Lt. Banfield and came from Vienna to visit the injured man.

"Every day for three days, Francis Ferdinand, his wife and three children came to the hospital and stayed with my charge," Saul said this week. "I got to know them very well and thought them fine people. The archduke was a short man with a bristling moustache and short beard. His wife and children were very nice and we had many talks together around Lt. Banfield's bed. I was

### Let's Have Your Story Next Week!

Last week W. E. Bowen was revealed as a boyhood acquaintance of the late President Warren G. Harding . . . Today Saul Koch's recollections of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria are reported . . .

Next week . . . well, The Herald would like to report your recollections of some great man or woman.

If you "knew them when . . ." will you let us know so we can tell the folks about your impressions of famed personages and thus continue this series?

deeply grieved to learn, in the following June that he had been killed by a Serbian student. I attended his funeral in Vienna with my own impressions of 100 men."

#### War On Danube

Koch joined the Austrian navy in Budapest and was transferred to a battleship on the Danube in September, 1913. When Austria declared war on Serbia he was on the Serb frontier at a point that is now in Jugoslavia. He served with distinction (not his words but permissible because of his record) on the Danube and during one of his voyages there occurred the exploit that won him Bulgaria's highest military decoration.

At that time he was aboard a battleship conveying several barges of munitions and war supplies down the Danube to Turkey. He made several such trips, including some to the beleaguered Dardanelles. From Belgium to Bulgaria and the sea is the first part of about 200 miles. The distance of the voyage was uneventful, the ships sliding past Serbian shore batteries under cover of night.

Christmas Eve, 1914, found the

party more than half way and finally the munitions were unloaded to trains and the return trip began. Then the Serbs discovered the Austrians and began a bombardment that struck one of the two barges in the convoy. It began to sink and the commanding officer called for volunteers to plug the hole in its bottom. Seaman Koch responded and with several others made the barge watertight and thus permitted the expedition to continue.

#### Here Since 1936

He was decorated by Bulgaria's monarch for this act. But Koch says "all I did was to attend to a man that was injured while the others did the work." Thruout the war, he continued to serve with the Austrian navy in the medical corps and Red Cross.

Today the local businessman is an American citizen—after having officially been a citizen of two other countries. He was born a Hungarian in a town not far from his historical interest. After the war, his part of Hungary was given to Rumania in the transfer of territories under the Versailles treaty.

Although he does not consider himself a one-time Rumanian, nevertheless he obtained his U. S. citizenship papers as a former resident of that country. He came to this country in June, 1921, and to Torrance, June 1, 1936. Koch is a member of the Torrance Kiwanis club and has made a number of talks locally about his impressions of the European situation.

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### LIQUOR FEES ALLOCATED

Cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles county will receive a total of \$346,805.05 as their share of the fees derived from liquor licenses issued during the last half of 1938. It was announced this week by the State Board of Equalization.

From the standpoint of the state as a whole, the allocation will amount to \$1,222,192.84. This represents 50 percent of the total fees earned during the last six-month period of 1938. The State's share of this income, after administration costs are deducted, goes into the general fund.

On the basis of actual licenses issued, the city of Torrance will receive \$785.94. Allocations and distribution of these funds are made twice a year.

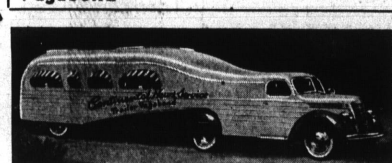
### Local Boy Home from Children's Hospital in L. A.

Still weak but in good spirits and eager to "get out and play," eight-year-old George Ryan, Jr., was returned to his home at 2067 220th street Monday morning from the Children's hospital in Los Angeles. He had been confined there for three weeks, suffering from a severe attack of lobar pneumonia. It will be several weeks before the youngster is fully recovered and able to return to school.

### Wooldridge Herold Circulation Mgr. Writes

Circumstances are beyond the control of man but conduct lies within his power.

### "Trailer Vagabond" Visits Boulder Dam



By WARREN BAYLEY

"It is fitting that the flag of our country should fly here in honor of those men who, inspired by a vision of lonely lands made fruitful, conceived this great work and of those others whose genius and labor made that vision a reality."

Such is the inscription at the base of the flag-pole as you approach Boulder Dam from the Nevada side. After parking your car, you pause and read it quickly as you are in a hurry to get on to what you think are more beautiful things. However, after spending two hours on an escorted tour through the dam and power house, you go back and re-read this tribute and find it has by far greater meaning than when you first almost passed it by.

This makes my third trip to see the dam. The other two times were during the period of actual construction of the dam itself. That, of course, is a vanished now and the lake has almost filled to capacity. The present work is confined to the installation of the generators which, the guide informed me, will continue as the power is needed and will all be completed within 10 years.

Volumes have been written about this project and no doubt you have read many of them. However you can't begin to grasp its magnitude until you have actually visited it and have listened to a guide give you comparisons with every day things with which you are more familiar. For instance, 4,360,000 cu. yds. of concrete was used in its construction. That in itself doesn't mean much as it is impossible to visualize that amount of concrete. But when you are told that the concrete used would be sufficient to pave a 16 foot highway from Miami, Florida to Seattle, Wash., you immediately get the point.

Here's another . . . the power plant is built in two wings of equal size. Looking it over you realize it is an enormous place. The guide gives you the dimensions of each wing. However you don't get the full significance of its size until you are told that

two complete football fields could be installed in each wing.

One more . . . the lake is 115 miles long with a maximum depth of 590 feet. That's a lot of water. Of that you're sure. Even then you are somewhat surprised to learn that it is sufficient to supply the population of the world with drinking water for 28 years.

Abraham Lincoln once said "speak so the lowest will understand and the wisest will be sure to enjoy." Maybe that's the reason I enjoyed the guide's comparisons so much.

My note book contains enough facts and figures to furnish material for 20 additional articles. However, no amount of writing could portray such a picture. You must see it for yourself. An average of 1,000 people journey there each day to gaze in unbelief. Make it 1001 at your first opportunity. Then, let's rectify a great wrong and re-name it Hoover Dam.

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