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SECTION B

Alondra Park Association Will Debate Tax Strike vs. Refunding

MASS MEETING IN CIVIC AUD NOV. 16

The present controversy between Alondra Park forces favoring a refunding of the special assessment district instead of the current "tax strike" is expected to result in heated debate at the Civic Auditorium next Thursday night, Nov. 16, when the Alondra Park Taxpayers' Association holds a mass meeting to decide a future course of action. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock.

A full discussion of the tax strike and other matters pertaining to the Alondra Park assessment troubles will be held. The conflicting forces, both of which are seeking tax relief, are expected to fire their biggest guns at this session in an effort to either:

(1) Hold firm to the "tax strike" method of beating down the bondholders so that the Mattson Act bonds may be purchased by the county at a reduction; or (2) adopt the refunding program as advanced and endorsed by the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Both Favor Tax Strike
All owning property in the Alondra Park Improvement district are urged to attend the Auditorium meeting. Mayor William H. Tolson of this city, who is president of the Taxpayers' Association, will preside. The subject of "what to do about Alondra Park" has aroused almost as much interest and controversy as the late 30-Thursday question which was settled at the polls Tuesday.

The Gardena chamber is actively sponsoring the refunding proposal and while the main body of the Taxpayers' Association has had no opportunity as yet to vote on the question, the executive committee has opposed refunding.

The executive group has urged the membership to continue the "tax strike." The backers of the refunding plan, likewise concur in the strike but also want the refunding accomplished as soon as possible.

School Calendar Has Many Events

After Armistice Day every year the school calendar takes on an increased interest as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays draw near. Although this year's Armistice Day on Saturday robs students of a holiday, the calendar holds two prime "days off" before the month is out.

The second annual "Girls' Day" will be observed at the high school next Thursday, Nov. 16, when "Prudence Penny," famed cooking expert, will appear on a program for girls only and exhibit some interesting motion pictures. This event will be sponsored by the Girls Athletic Association.

Friday, Nov. 17, will be final Marine league football game of the season, when Torrance students migrate to Gardena for the encounter.

Cage Season Opening
Report cards for the first semester are to be issued Nov. 20. Principal Thomas Elson said this week. The Thanksgiving holidays will be Nov. 23 and 24, with classroom programs and parties planned for the observance on Nov. 22.

The Marine league basketball season is tentatively scheduled to start Dec. 1 with Torrance varsity playing at Narbonne.

A girls' playday is booked for Nov. 30 at Fremont high school and another similar gathering will be held Dec. 7 at Narbonne's field in Long Beach.

The Christmas holidays will begin with the close of school Friday, Dec. 22, and last until Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Thieves Active During Week

Thefts-of-the-week, as reported to police here, were as follows:

Model T Ford from Bob Clark, taken Monday night while parked in front of his residence in the Norman Arms apartment on Torrance boulevard.

Two fog lights from car owned by T. V. Long, 823 Portola, about 7 p. m., Monday while parked on Cabrillo avenue.

Twenty-five to 30 Cornish Giant chickens from Mrs. Mable I. Moore, 1887 West 182nd street, Sunday by a suspect whose name was given police.

Eighteen gallons of gasoline from Jack Buffalo's truck Monday night.

"Bessie," a black and white female bulldog owned by Leora Petersen, 925 Border street, missing since 8 a. m., Sunday.

Gardena Host to Harbor Chambers
Wayne Allen, chief administrative officer of Los Angeles county will be the principal speaker at the dinner-meeting tonight of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce in Gardena at the Woman's clubhouse.

The meeting place is located on Orchard avenue, three blocks east of Vermont just south of 161st street.

Allen will speak on county taxation affairs. Mayor Wayne Borgart will give the address of welcome and Oscar L. Willet, of Palos Verdes will respond. A program of entertainment features is also planned.

Get your turkey, duck, rabbit, fryer, orders in now. See Class 29 for the rancher whose poultry "never touches the ground."—Adv.

34 Women Want Housework

Perhaps, there are many more women in Torrance and Long Beach seeking housework, but we know there are at least 34. Mrs. J. B. Shaw of 1122 Amapola tells us she received 35 responses to the little want ad she put in the Herald for women to do general housework and go home nights. Having selected one woman, that leaves 34 more for those housewives who need help, and good help, too!

Where are these people? How can I reach them? Simple questions we are glad to answer.

Most of the applicants seeking this work are from Long Beach and Torrance and, because they saw the want ad placed by Mrs. Shaw, it is only reasonable to suppose that they will see and can, therefore, be reached by another Herald Want Ad.

Why not let one of these little "two-bit wonders" solve your domestic help problems, or rent a room, sell some furniture, or a home, a car, anything you no longer want and would like to convert into cash? It's easy to do. Just phone Torrance 444 and ask for Dottie Lee or Betty Brown. Either one will be glad to help you word an ad and you can drop into the office at your convenience within 48 hours and pay for the ad, still getting the cash rate. Why not do it now while it is still on your mind?

Paralysis Epidemic Threat Said Averted by "March of Dimes"

More than one million dimes donated by Los Angeles county residents in the "March of Dimes" last January, made of a dam of dollars sufficiently strong to check a threatened epidemic the past summer, according to the annual report of Dr. Harlan Shoemaker, chairman of the local chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Development of a certified serum that successfully combats this infection if administered early in the contagion, was made possible through a grant of funds by the chapter to Children's hospital, Hollywood. Hundreds of victims attacked by the disease in Southern California and other sections of the west, recovered within a few hours after receiving an injection of this serum, it is said.

"There is no telling how many lives were saved and how much paralysis was prevented by the timely use of the serum," Dr. Shoemaker's report asserts.

Other activities of the Los Angeles county chapter administering the fund raised by popular subscription, include the furnishing of free surgery, treatment, and care to more than one hundred former victims of this disease. A total of nearly 200 Los Angeles county residents previously crippled by infantile paralysis, will have been cared for before the present fund is exhausted, Dr. Shoemaker predicts.

Anyone suffering physical impairment due to an attack of infantile paralysis may receive advice and financial aid by applying to Postmaster Earl Conner, chairman of the fund for Torrance.

Four Babies Born at Hospital Here

Four babies were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, 1866 259th Place, Long Beach, Sunday.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hefington, Redondo Beach, Monday.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Smith, San Pedro, yesterday, and

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Williams, Compton, yesterday.

First Aid Class Launched at Evening School

New enrollments are now being taken for a First Aid class at the Torrance Adult Evening school. This class will be operated under the American Red Cross system, one night a week, and will have as instructor, Chris Hartford.

Twenty-one free lessons will be taken, after which a regular Red Cross Certificate will be awarded to each student finishing the course. C. B. Baldwin, principal of the school, announced this morning. Men and women 18 years of age and over are eligible to attend the class.

Home Nursing Class Meets Next Tuesday

"Healthful Community Environment, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases and Prevention of Control of Non-Communicable Diseases" will be the subject matter for the next weekly lesson in home nursing conducted from 9 to 10:30 o'clock each Tuesday morning in Room 6 of the Torrance Elementary school in the interests of parent education. Miss Hilda Humphries, instructor, will be in charge.

BOYS and GIRLS...

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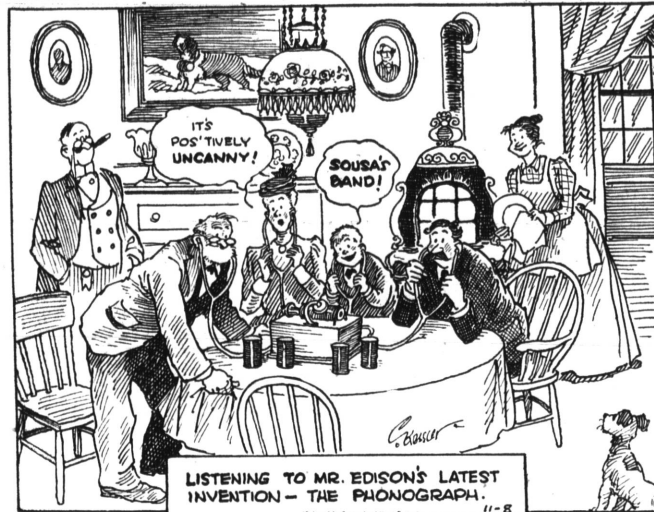
Going to College?

Going to Work?

All of you have problems in your new adventures. ARTHUR DEAN'S "Let's Talk It Over" column appearing every week in the

SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

By C. KESSLER



"Trailer Vagabond" Tours

By WARREN BAYLEY

If you got a thrill from "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn" and other Mark Twain books, this is a place you will really enjoy. Hannibal has gone "all the way" in restoring Tom Sawyer's playground for your enjoyment.

His boyhood home has been deeded to the city and completely refurnished with furniture of that period. It is not only famous as the boyhood home of Mark Twain, but with its white-washed fence it is unforgettably woven into the lives of "Tom Sawyer," "Aunt Polly," "Cousin Mary" and "Sid."

A few feet west of the home runs an alley. Down this alley a trail was worn by the bare feet of little Sam, for at the other end of the alley, on the same block stood the rattletrap home of Huckleberry Finn, with whom Sam and all the other nice boys were forbidden to play.

Many Other Sights
Across from the Finn home (which was torn down years ago) is Cardiff Hill. At the foot of this hill is the famous Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn statue. This is said to be the first statue erected to literary characters in America. Most of the Cardiff Hill belonged to Mrs. Holliday, richest widow in town, but she became famous as the Widow Douglass. Her home, which stood on the top of the hill, burned many years ago.

Across the street from the museum is the home of Becky

Thatcher. It is original but added to and changed with the years.

Other sights are the cave in which Tom and Becky were lost and the gold was found, the old swimmin' hole, Jackson Island where Tom Sawyer, the Black Avenger of the Spanish Main; Huck Finn, the Red Handed, and Joe Harper, the terror of the Seas, went to become pirates, the Mark Twain Memorial Light-house and the pride of Hannibal—River View Park with its statue of Mark Twain overlooking his beloved Mississippi River.

Predicted Own Death

The famous humorist died and is buried in Elmira, New York. Even in predicting his own death his flair for jesting could not be denied. In 1909 while delivering a talk on astronomy, a favorite subject, he said, "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment in my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet. The Almighty said no doubt, 'Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.' Oh, I am looking forward to that."

He was not to be disappointed. On the night of April 20, 1910, the mysterious messenger of his birth year shone clear in the sky and on the following evening he died.

"Trailer Vagabond" is sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Aviation Chief Theme for Student Vocation Training

Vocational guidance lectures at Torrance high school during the remainder of the 1939-40 term will center around the opportunities awaiting young people in the aviation industry, according to Principal Thomas Elson. At a recent meeting of the Teacher Vocational Guidance committee with James Howe and Hugh Sherkey of the local Rotary club, Elson gave an interesting report on the conference of aviation industries which he attended.

The Rotary club is again sponsoring a series of special speakers to address local students on vocational subjects. Students will soon be asked to decide what topics they are interested in and from this will be developed the program for the year. Howe and Sherkey are members of the club's Vocational Guidance committee.

Principal Elson said that the Kiwanis club was likewise interested in offering assistance to graduating students.

NEW ROUTE

Yosemite National Park has been brought seven miles closer to Los Angeles with the recent opening of the new state highway between Lanes Bridge and Kelshaw Corners north of Fresno.

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Eleven Patients Enter Hospital

Eleven patients were received during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. Miss Emma Althuser, Redondo Beach, entered last Thursday for an appendectomy; Harry Bell of Wilmington (no relation to local residents of that name), last Thursday for surgery; Everett Cassell, Hermosa Beach, readmitted last Thursday for further medical attention, and Charles Chammess, Redondo Beach, Monday for medical care. Frank Davis, Jr., Redondo Beach, Saturday for surgery; Ben Henry, Redondo Beach, Saturday for surgery; Mrs. Sophia Krauss, Los Angeles, last Thursday for medical attention; Mrs. Frona Lanipman, Gardena, Monday for surgery; Mrs. Jewell Pounds, Los Angeles, Sunday for surgery; Mrs. Ida M. Schneider, Hollywood, Tuesday for surgery, and Miss Clara Sponheim, Long Beach, Tuesday for surgery.

Local Instructor Presides at U.S.C. Ceremonies

Val B. Lehnberg, instructor of accounting at the Torrance Evening school, acted as master of ceremonies during the presentation of a portrait of Dr. Rockwell D. Hunt to the University of Southern California.

The portrait by Peter Ilyin was presented at a luncheon Tuesday. Lehnberg is president of the associated graduate students at the university.

NEW PEP LEADERS

At future games, rallies, and assemblies, the Narbonne student body will have Earl Capper and his newly-elected assistants, Ernie Combs and Ernie Strong to lead yells. For songs, Ruby Zuver and Ila Haslam will be assisted by Ann MacKay and Mary Ellen Ridenour, new song leaders.

Wooldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

Humor is the salve of sorrow. Rub it into your own wounds.

PROSPERITY NOTE
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MEMO

Now Is The Time For All Good Men—

... to put aside their political differences and forget their bitterness towards each other and each other's political opinions. It's time to get back to earth! In fact... It's time to start thinking about Christmas!

December 25th is only six weeks away and less than two weeks remain until THANKSGIVING. HOWARD'S have made extensive plans to take care of your jewelry requirements. Large, new selections of gifts are on hand and assortments are more complete than ever. In anticipation of increasing prices, most of this merchandise was ordered as far back as July. Prices are not, and will not be increased this season at HOWARD'S. We are ready for the improved business that is sure to come, now that California again feels secure with the retention of its economic stability. It's Big Business ahead!

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