

## SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

By C. KESSLER



## People and what they are doing

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Diley of 1404 Beech street returned Thursday from a four-day trip to Twenty-nine Palms.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Fierce entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Elsinore of Leland Sunday at their home, 2353 El Dorado.

W. E. Crossmeyer, who has been ill for some time at his home, 1538 Marcella avenue, is improving.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dye, 1609 Cota avenue, Sunday were Mrs. Bess Harrel and daughter, Betty of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beale entertained at dinner Sunday at their home, 1402 Acacia street, when they were hosts to Beale's cousin, Miss Mildred Anderson.

Dinner guests at the W. A. Beecher home, 1518 Engracia avenue, Friday included Mr. and Mrs. James Hixon of Malibu, Minn.

Mrs. Mary Truesdale of Los Angeles was a dinner guest Sunday at Mrs. Katherine Buffington's home.

Mrs. Korena Karlin, accompanied by her daughters Misses Pat and Ellen motored to Van Nuys Sunday where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y.

For the past six weeks Mrs. Katherine Buffington has been attending the piano master class conducted by Richard Buhig in Los Angeles.

Ralph Fierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Fierce, 2353 El Dorado, enrolled this week at Compton Junior College. Fierce is a June graduate of Leisinger high school.

O. A. Kresse left Tuesday for a business trip to Birmingham, Alabama via San Francisco. He was accompanied by Mrs. Kresse who will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. A. Minkler, of Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Gutfenber accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Roberts of Palos Verdes enjoyed the Annual Camelia Show at Armstrong Nurseries in Ontario, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Osario, spent Sunday at Gilman Hot Springs near San Jacinto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Haynes and their grandson Teddy Romaine of Long Beach were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hook at Fontana.

Friends of Harold Romaine formerly of Torrance, will be glad to know that he is well again following an attack of scarlet fever.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Mitts were San Diego visitors last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Throop at Van Nuys.

Dr. Minnie Proctor of Los Angeles and a former resident of Torrance was a week-end guest of Carrie H. Parks, 1003 Portola.

Mrs. Hector McNeil, who has been confined to her home at 1103 Anapola, is recovering.

Mrs. Earl Scott and son Bobby of Valparaiso, Indiana, are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McGuire. Mrs. Scott is a sister-in-law of Mrs. McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiss have moved into their new home at 1746 Manuel avenue.

Harold Massie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Massie was recently enrolled at Santa Barbara Teachers' College where he is studying drafting and woodshop.

Mrs. William Moss who has been a house guest of Mrs. Mina Shidder returned to her home at La Jolla Tuesday.

Recent dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sears were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Vediker, Mrs. Ben Smith and Warner Ramsey, all of Lone Pine.

Mrs. W. H. Gilbert accompanied by Mrs. Stanley Gilbert enjoyed the showing of "Gone With the Wind" at a Long Beach theatre Tuesday afternoon.

## Divorce of Beverly Hills High School from L. A. Saves Nearly \$200,000

Often cited as an example for Torrance to follow in the last unsuccessful local effort to divorce Torrance schools from the Los Angeles city school system, Beverly Hills has saved its taxpayers approximately \$192,500 since 1935 as result of the separation of its high school from the Los Angeles city high school district, according to the Beverly Hills Citizen.

This saving was determined by the amount Beverly Hills would have had to pay in to the L. A. city high school district during the past five years as compared with the amount it has actually expended for operating expenses in the high school. The figures, according to E. J. Hummel, deputy superintendent of Beverly Hills schools, do not take into consideration the capital outlay expenditures by either district during this period.

Beverly Hills had but recently severed connections with the L. A. city system for operation of its high school when the second campaign to do likewise for all schools here was launched early in 1937.

That campaign was linked to a proposed Torrance city charter. A 39 percent vote defeated the measure. The first "Torrance schools for Torrance children" campaign in 1932 failed to win a majority. In both campaigns, the Los Angeles city board of education directed salvos of propaganda against the city acquiring complete jurisdiction over its own schools, well known.

The district would lose a long amount of revenue derived from this city's large assessed valuation.

Several candidates entered or planning to enter the local municipal election campaign have discussed the school separation plan with friends and it appears that this may be one of the issues in the election race.

"We have every reason to believe that the saving from year to year should run from \$40,000 to \$50,000," Hummel was quoted in last week's Beverly Hills Citizen.

Mrs. Ernest Lock is entertaining Mrs. Charles Smith of Des Moines, Iowa, at her home, 1323 Portola avenue.

Dr. Grove W. Harris and nephew Bud Ketchum of Marshalltown, Iowa, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte and Mrs. Addie Clemmons.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kelsey, 817 Madrid avenue, have as their house guest, Miss Betty Yeager of Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Murchison of Torrance went in to Hollywood to celebrate the Murchison's 15th wedding anniversary at Earl Carroll theatre. Mae Murray and Neil Hamilton were among celebrities seated next them.

## Bankers Sponsor Speech Contest for H. S. Students

With a vacation trip to Honolulu as a reward for the winner, the California Bankers Association yesterday announced a statewide high school public speaking contest on The Values of American Citizenship.

The contest will be sponsored locally by Torrance bankers including James W. Post, president, and R. J. Deininger, cashier, Torrance National Bank; and Dean L. Sears, manager, Bank of America.

"The sole purpose of this contest," according to A. R. Thomas, president of the California Bankers Association, which includes practically all the banks and branches in the state, "is to stimulate among the youth of California a deeper appreciation of the ideals, principles and responsibilities of American citizenship."

In addition to the Hawaiian trip, vacations at Camp Curry in Yosemite Valley and other popular California resorts will be given other winners. Silver trophies will be presented to the students winning regional championships while county winners will receive gold medals. Each student participating in the contest will receive an honor award bearing an inspiring charge of citizenship. The championship finals will be held in the auditorium of the Veterans War Memorial Building, San Francisco, on the evening of May 17.

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## OBITUARY

**JAMES OWEN MOORE**... well-known resident at 1233 Gramercy avenue and retired National Supply worker, succumbed Sunday night at his home at the age of 73 years. He was a native of Zanesville, Ohio, where he was born March 14, 1866, who came to California 22 years ago. He served the National Supply Company as a stationery engineer until 1930. Mr. Moore was a former Odd Fellow and member of the Woodmen of the World.

He was survived by his devoted wife, Mrs. Jennie Moore; a daughter, Mrs. William H. Stanger of 1605 Cota avenue; a brother, L. S. Moore of Seattle, and two sisters, Miss Nell Moore, Seattle, and Mrs. Walter Swallow, Everett, Wash. The funeral service was conducted yesterday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel by Rev. Frank T. Porter. Interment was at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

**JAMES WILLIAM WEST**... Succumbed Saturday evening at the age of 59 years at Rancho Los Amigos in Downey. His residence was 1106 El Prado. Born June 26, 1880, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Mr. West was a pipefitter by trade who had been retired since 1929.

He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Allie Mae West of the home address here; six sons, Jack, Lomita, Jesse, Edward and Robert of the home address, and Claude who is in Panama with the U. S. Army; and four daughters, Mary Armstrong of Bell, Allie Mathewson of Los Angeles, Betty and Ethel of the home address. The funeral service was conducted this afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel by Rev. Harry G. Banks. Interment was at Pacific Crest.

**JOHN H. SCHROEDER**... passed away Saturday at his home, 617 West 124th street, Los Angeles, at the age of 71 years. He was a native of Illinois who had lived in California for the past 10 years.

Mr. Schroeder was survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna L. Schroeder; a son, Burdett A. Schroeder, 803 Sartori avenue; and two daughters, Mrs. Louise Engleke of Philadelphia and Mrs. Nico Lindskog of Portland. The funeral service was conducted yesterday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall. Interment was at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

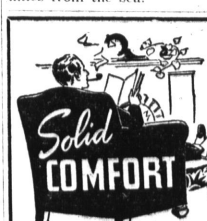
## Fair Warning—Feb. 22 Will Be Holiday

Just a reminder that Feb. 22 is a holiday so don't look for your mailman that day or go to the bank to cash a check. All postoffices will be closed all day. There will be an early morning dispatch and an early morning mail but the only deliveries will be special deliveries. So if you want your mail delivered on a holiday, add a special delivery stamp. The banks will be closed all day.

## Kiwanis Event Open to Ladies

President E. E. Murchison of the Kiwanis club is urging local Kiwanians to participate in the ladies' night division meeting next Monday night at the Beverly Hills hotel. This week the service club enjoyed a motion picture depicting the activities of the Coast Guard as part of the national defense system.

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## COUNCIL ACTS ON ITEMS OF CITY BUSINESS

Petitions from two groups of residents for three civic improvements were received by the city council at the regular meeting Tuesday night. Residents in the vicinity of the 2900 block on 230th street asked the municipal board to order a general clean-up of premises in that area which were described as unsightly and hazardous. The request was referred to the Street department.

Residents on Watson street, near the high school, asked two improvements. First, they would have three eucalyptus trees removed from in front of 1720 Watson because they were "crooked, ill-shapen, undesirable and are cracking the sidewalk. The council as a whole will investigate and make a recommendation.

Then the Watson residents wanted the Carson street extension of their thoroughfare renamed to Watson to avoid confusion. At the recommendation of Councilman George V. Powell, chairman of the Ordinance committee, this was approved and the city attorney was instructed to prepare the necessary resolution.

**Break Set-Back Lines**  
Other matters attended to by the council included: An application by the Sunset Oil Company to cancel the franchise granted by the city to the Julian Petroleum Corporation (and now held by Sunset) for pipelines thru Torrance property. All pipelines have been removed, it was noted. The request was referred to the Ordinance committee for a report.

Charles H. Quandt begged to be excused from appearing before the council, as ordered about a month ago to explain why his water tanks persist in overflowing to the annoyance of residents in South Torrance. He said a device has been placed on the tanks to give a signal when the water is within three feet of the top and then the water will be turned off. The council decided to wait and see if this precaution will eliminate the complaints. If it doesn't then Quandt will again be ordered to appear.

Permit to break the set-back line at the corner of Eldorado and Elm streets was granted Roy Marvin, who owns the southwest corner and has cut it into three parcels of land, each with a 50-foot frontage on Eldorado. Arthur Davies, Gardena realtor, was granted his request that the city quit claim the set-back lines to acreage property in North Torrance.

City Engineer Leonard Young was instructed to make an investigation of floodwater conditions at the "five points" at Cravens, Carson and Cabrillo avenues, and at the Pacific Electric station on Border avenue with a view toward recommending improvement of drainage.

Councilman James Hitchcock's motion for allocation of \$100 from street improvement funds for repairs to Ocean avenue in

## Torrance Hi News Notes by ELIZABETH FISH

**RECUERATING**... Bud Anderson, football player and popular student at Torrance high, is recuperating following an accident in which he suffered a badly cut knee. Bud is home now after a week in the hospital the students will be glad to have him back in school soon.

**WANT SUPPORT**... The staff of the T.N.T., the school paper, is struggling for more subscriptions from the students. Their goal is 500 and so far they have only 250. Subscriptions are only 10c. The staff has been revised and now is composed of Bernard Friedman, editor; Joe Van Kralingen and Bill Hicks, boys' sports; Arlys Fossum and Helen Thompson, girls' sports; Harry Cwengel, advertising, and Mary Walls, joke editor.

**SONG FUN**... The students found out that "Opera Singers" sing more than just operatic numbers. They were all practically rolling in the aisles by the time Julian Oliver finished his personally arranged number of "El Rancho Grande" at a recent assembly. Oliver is a tenor and has sung before large audiences over the world.

**RETURNS**... After a year of sabbatical leave, Miss Ada Chase is back with us again. Miss Chase planned to travel in Europe but was unable to because of war conditions. Instead she spent her leave touring Mexico.

## Week's Building Totals \$3,225

Building permits issued from the city engineer's office during the past week included construction jobs whose total cost will be \$3,225. The permits were issued to:

Roy W. Myers for a five-room frame stucco house and garage attached at 2608 Eldorado, \$2,500; F. G. Hodges for a garage addition at 1447 El Prado, \$75; G. L. Londen for reconstruction of an old warehouse at 2071 235th street into a residence, \$500, and to R. B. Leeds for a frame garage at 2363 Maricopa Place, \$150.

**MINIMUM SPEED LAWS**  
A total of 22 states now have minimum speed laws in effect. Twelve states provide that no person shall drive a vehicle so slowly as to impede traffic; six states stipulate that speeds shall be neither greater nor less than is reasonable and prudent. Four others require that slow-moving traffic shall keep to the right and not impede traffic.

Walteria and to 237th street was approved City Attorney John E. McCall was authorized to draft an ordinance establishing special parking spaces in front of doctors' offices and for a taxi cab stand. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to place flags identifying signs to place on the doctors' parking areas.

## RAY BROOKS LECTURES AT S.C. TODAY

Opening a series of lectures on practical advertising as a part of the University of Southern California course in newspaper advertising today was Ray Brooks, advertising manager of The Torrance Herald.

Brooks, who is an S.C. graduate with the Class of '32 discussed "Where Advertising Begins." The series of lectures will be presented every other Thursday. In cooperation with advertising managers of Southern California daily and weekly newspapers, the S.C. School of Journalism has expanded its course to include this series of eight lectures by members of the managers' association.

All lectures, it was announced by Marc N. Goodnow, journalism lecturer and field representative who teaches the course, will be based on personal experiences of the speakers.

## Fed. Income Tax Aid at Torrance C. C. Feb. 27-28

Services of a deputy collector to assist local residents in preparing their Federal Income Tax returns for 1939 will be available Feb. 27 and 28 at the Chamber of Commerce. A deputy will also be at the chamber from 4 to 10 p. m. on those days to assist those who work during the daytime.

George Washington vetoed two bills during his presidency.

## 12 Patients Enter Hospital

Twelve patients were admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Philip Barnes, Gardena, Monday for surgery; Mrs. Lillian Conkling, Redondo Beach, Monday for surgery; C. M. Coelho, Gardena, last Thursday for treatment of injuries suffered in an automobile accident; Fred Hayashi, Wilmington, Monday, another automobile collision victim.

Little 15-month-old Mic Deft-erios of Redondo Beach, was bedded Friday for pneumonia treatment; Miss Donna Haynes of Hermosa Beach, Sunday for pneumonia treatment; Mrs. Louise Kroman, Manhattan Beach, Monday for an appendectomy; Mrs. Mildred Linch, Palos Verdes, last Thursday for medical care; Gordon A. Mothersell, 1314 Portola avenue, last Wednesday for an appendectomy; Mrs. Florence Prince, 2161 Sierra street, Sunday for surgery; R. M. Stockton, Inglewood, Monday for surgery, and Howard Zahnow, 1406 218th street, Tuesday for surgery.

**TANK DRAINED**  
The gas line on a grader machine at the city yard was cut and all gas drained out, according to police reports.

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