

"MARCH OF RIMES"

To H. F. NOAKE The Herald has given the order: "Forward, march!" and today the first of that gifted commentator's articles is published below.

Noake is a resident of Sierra Madre, a retired newspaperman whose "MARCH OF RIMES" is the nearest thing to the late Walt Mason's Ripping Rimes that has appeared in print. His articles, you will discover, are cleverly written and are on homely subjects that Mr. and Mrs. Average Reader can easily understand and enjoy. It is with real pleasure that The Herald presents . . .

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SNIDES OF APRIL — By H. F. NOAKE

Well folks, by now you've surely heard about a certain nosy bird who's been knocking at your door and saying, "Stranger, tell me more." Yes, more and more he wants to know "cause Uncle Sammy's will'd it so. Your answers must be prompt and true. In this new game of Snooperoo. The census takers, bear in mind, are under oath to call and find out all they can, so treat them well, and tell whatever's asked to tell. This year the questionnaire is long, begins with ding and ends with dong; intriguing queries every one, concocted back in Washington. A few designed to get your goat, we call to your attention, quote: "Is there a mortgage on the house? Do you like Snerd or Mickey Mouse. When were you born, and why and where? Have you a cow or Frigidaire? What kind of car and is it clear? Do you drink pop, does pop drink beer? Your politics, he'll ask you that; Play safe and answer Democrat. So be prepared with fluent pen, to face these bold inquiring men; and let this thought allay your fears, they won't be back for ten more years!"



NOAKE

Frolic Planners Start Work on 3rd Festival

After completing organization, which included ratification of General Chairman L. J. Gilmeister's 10 committee heads, the general citizens' committee in charge of the 1940 Factory Frolic swung right into the big job of planning the third annual community festival Monday night. The Frolic has been scheduled for the last weekend in September, the 26th, 27th and 28th.

Organizations desiring to operate concessions may file their applications for space and list first, second or third preferences as to location beginning tomorrow (Friday) with John Shidler, who has been named chairman of the Concessions committee. He will have a large map of El Prado prepared and assign locations in the order that requests are received.

Twenty-six were present, evenly divided as to men and women, at the meeting in the Chamber of Commerce Monday night. With Chairman Gilmeister presiding, they elected Mrs. Hilman R. Lee vice-chairman, Dr. O. E. Fossum secretary for the third year and Sam Levy treasurer. The committee heads, who will select their own co-workers, are:

Two Meetings Scheduled
Finance: Dean L. Sears and Levy; Parade & Floats: Hillman Lee; Concessions: Shidler; Sports: George Moore; Decorations: E. E. Murchison; Dance: Gaston Arco; Publicity: Michael Strasser; Handicraft, Hobbies and Arts: Dale Riley; Exhibits: Fay Parks; and Amusements: Dr. Fossum.

Chairman Gilmeister has called a meeting of committee heads for next Monday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce. They are expected to have their committee personnel intact by then and also prepared to report on cost items for their individual parts in the Frolic.

Another public meeting, to which all residents of the city are cordially invited, will be held the following Monday, May 13, starting at 7 o'clock. This will adjourn in time so that those who desire may attend the zoning ordinance hearing before the

DISTRICT JURY PASSES ON WANT AD RHYMES ENTRIES

Jurymen and women, selected from Waleria, Lomita, Harbor City and Torrance battled long and hard over this week's entries to select the following want ad rhymes winners:

First Prize
Mrs. Neil J. McConlogue of 1028 Porterville, Torrance, will kindly call at our Torrance office for the prize of \$1. If she will call on Dr. Katherine F. Slekman, D. C., Ph. D., she will receive a free examination by presenting this news story and proper identification.

The Ad:
Dr. Katherine F. Slekman, D. C., Ph. D., Graduate of Carver University, Darling & Baker, and Post-Graduate of Palmer College and Western University.
Thorough Chiropractic Health Service, Etc.
1307 Post Ave., Tor. 1090
The Winning Rhyme:
"If you're not feeling very well And the snap has gone from your knee Go to a Chiropractor—pel-mel! Why not Dr. Slekman, D. C.?"
Second Prize
Lois Gregg, 13-year-old student at Narbonne high school

Firemen Don Natty Blues for Summer

Torrance firemen are ready for summer.

They are now wearing their new summer fatigue suits with zipper fasteners and pleated highwaist trousers. The new suits of light blue dungaree material are the first ones other than the regulation blues that the department has ever had. New caps will be added to the outfits later.

Vista Highlands Sewer Work Starts May 7

Construction of the extension to the outfall sewer that will serve the Vista Highlands district is ready to start next Tuesday, May 7, according to information received today by City Engineer Leonard Young.

The work will be done as a WPA project, supervised by the county sanitation district. Young said he has an engineering crew in the district obtaining information for the plans and specifications that will be used in installing the necessary laterals in about three months. The only cost to the city will be about \$5,500 for the entire project which is estimated to run close to \$170,000.

Peaches are grown commercially in 31 of the 58 counties in California.

Six Students at Future Farmers Convention

In recognition of their outstanding work as agricultural students and members of the Torrance unit of the Future Farmers of America, six local boys left yesterday to attend the May 2 to 4 convention of State Future Farmers in San Luis Obispo. They were Donald Thompson, Kenneth Franklin, Eddie Rowell, Yasuo Fukai, Osamu Nihel and Tsutomu Shiotsu.

The boys were accompanied by their instructor, Harry H. Stone, and traveled to San Luis Obispo in a school bus that also conveyed a contingent of Van Nuys high school students and their instructor, E. Richard Hansen. They will attend special lectures and demonstrations and be entertained at the California Polytechnic school with all expenses paid.

Thompson and Shiotsu won prizes of \$2 and \$3 respectively in the recent Dairy Cooperative Contest, sponsored by the Challenge Cream and Butter Association. They will be presented with the awards next week.

25 Taking Course Here
Thompson was first and Franklin was third in poultry judging which was a feature at the Anaheim Field Day and Fair last month.

The Torrance high agricultural classes have been raising their standard every semester. Principal Thomas H. Elson said this week and now the school receives a state subsidy amounting to some \$600 for this one subject. Elson paid high tribute to the interest and close attention that Stone is giving the boys, stating that the instructor's efforts have given Future Farmer work here a new meaning to some 25 students.

A number of boys taking the course have developed into commercial poultry raisers and are realizing tidy sums for their investments of what they are learning and their spare time at home.

Boys' Week Holds Interest Here

Boys' Week is being observed this week at the high school. One of the outstanding features was a "Good Citizenship" program in the assembly hall which was addressed Tuesday morning by James H. Scott of the American Legion and City Judge Robert Lessing.

Political "Blitzkrieg" Hits Sharp Rebuff; Secret Huddle Sat.

Saturday morning, May 4, is the time set for firing the opening gun in a political offensive intended to dislodge a number of municipal appointive officers from positions which they have held for many years and replace these department heads with friends and supporters of new political forces. The Saturday morning meeting is said to be called at the request of Councilman George V. Powell, and is scheduled to be an "executive meeting" held behind closed doors.

Any political bargains or campaign pay-offs agreed upon at the Saturday meeting will not be official until action is taken at an open council meeting. The next regular council meeting is slated for Tuesday, May 14.

While political rumors predict an attempt will be made eventually to replace practically every appointive department head, the most common report is that City Judge Robert Lessing will be the subject of first attack, and it is said Councilman George V. Powell is to recommend Albert Isen for the post.

"Pay-offs" Stopped
On the contrary, those supposed to be "in the know" on City Hall affairs predict that the majority of the new council will stand pat and oppose any change in department heads. In support of this position, a number of prominent citizens are signing a letter now being circulated which reads as follows:

"Honorable Mayor and City Council,
"City of Torrance,
"Torrance, California.
"Gentlemen:

"The undersigned, who represent a large group of local citizens who are of the same mind, are advised that your body will meet Saturday, May 4th, in a closed meeting at the request of one of your members to consider certain changes in city government heads."

"It is obvious that the proposed changes are motivated by purely political considerations. Those changes which we know are to be offered can be nothing more than 'pay-offs' for political activity during the recent councilmanic campaign."

"As long time residents of this community we protest (Continued on Page 8-A)

Building Total Here Now Up To \$122,015

For the first time this year, new construction in Torrance last month topped the figure set by the same month in 1939. The April building total was \$37,050 as compared with \$31,735 for the same month last year. The total for the year to date is now \$122,015 while the first four months of 1939 saw \$321,055 in new building here, according to records on file at the city engineer's office.

Seven new homes were started during the past month, at a cost of \$24,500. There were eight permits issued for private garages, totaling \$2,350, and four for industrial buildings, whose estimated cost amounted to \$7,550.

Recent permits issued here were: Kern Oil Company, 5,000-gallon underground gasoline storage tank at 3615 Newton street, Waleria, \$340; Nellie Pohl, hay barn at 3910 Redondo Beach boulevard, \$75; C. G. Sutton, five-room frame stucco house and double garage at 2418 Torrance boulevard, \$3,200, and Art Gorzeman, Gardena seven-room frame stucco house and two-car garage with two sleeping rooms adjoining, \$5,600, and a milk house and dairy barn, \$4,400, all at 3400 Huntington street.

C. D. Cherry, 24459 Park street, Waleria, a stucco garage and living quarters at 24071 Neece avenue, Waleria, \$350; George W. Turner, four-room frame house and double garage at 820 Portola, \$2,700; Joe Tedesco, frame stucco building at 24051-53 Neece avenue, Waleria, \$500; William E. Laven, frame stucco garage at 1809 Arlington avenue, \$150, and Gus Gossiaux, window addition to residence at 1962 222nd street, \$75.

Longshoreman's Trial Set for June 13 in L.A.

Monte E. Boyd, 51-year-old San Pedro longshoreman, pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of drunk driving on the night of April 7 when he was arraigned yesterday in Dept. 41 of the superior court. His trial was set for June 13 in Dept. 42 and his bail of \$1,000 still stands.

Boyd is accused of smashing William Naess's car into several other machines on Highway 101 in Waleria, injuring three persons and damaging five cars.

Primary Election May 7 Limited to 3,659 in Torrance

Torrance has 4,866 registered voters but only 3,659 are eligible to participate in the Presidential primary next Tuesday, May 7. The polls open at 6 a.m. in 16 precincts and close at 7 p.m.

The reason for the reduction is that only Republicans and Democrats who have registered as such may obtain ballots for the primary.

There are 2,370 registered Democrats and 1,289 Republicans in Torrance, while in Lomita there are 2,130 Bourbons and 746 GOPartisans.

Since the last general election, the gubernatorial contest of 1938, there has been a loss of 895 voters from the Democratic ranks in Torrance, while the G. O. P. has gained 39 registered supporters.

In Lomita the Democratic ranks have lost 164 since November, 1938, while the Republican party has been reduced 256 registered adherents.

Many Can't Vote
Throughout the county there are now registered 936,364 Democrats and 513,358 Republicans. Two years ago there were 920,000.

DEADLINE FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS
Today is the last day to obtain absentee voters' ballots at the city clerk's office so that persons may be able to vote if they are unable to be in their precinct on election day, next Tuesday.

MWD WATER ROUTE CHANGE BENEFITS CITY

A proposal that the Metropolitan Water District deliver Colorado river water to the central source of supply of its member cities, instead of merely making it available to the city from its nearest feeder line, would save the city of Torrance between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

The plan is now under construction by the directors of the District. Warren Butler, Compton's representative on the board, who proposed the additional service asserts it would save five member cities in the county about \$285,000. They are Torrance, Compton, Long Beach, Burbank and San Marino.

Under the original plan, M. W. D. water would be brought to 190th street and Western avenue, Torrance's northerly boundary, where the city would have to construct approximately two and one-half miles of pipeline to get the water to its main feeder line.

The new plan would link the Torrance system with Colorado river water right at the high tower tank off Cedar avenue and Torrance Boulevard without necessity of laying any additional pipe. C. T. Rippy, this city's M. W. D. representative, said yesterday.

Rippy said M.W.D. engineers estimated the cost of building the extension at between \$90,000 and \$100,000 a considerable—if not prohibitive—expense in addition to the amount Torrance has already contributed in taxes since the District was organized.

Steele to Attend S.W.O.C. Parley in Chicago Soon

Bound for Chicago where he will represent the state, his local lodge No. 1414, and several other Steelworkers Organizing Committee units in the Los Angeles area at the national S. W. O. C. convention, Carl Steele of 1320 Cota avenue will leave by automobile May 9. He will be accompanied by his wife and son Duane.

Steele, who is now serving his second term as president of the local S. W. O. C. lodge, will participate in convention sessions from May 14 to 17. Last year he attended the national C. I. O. convention in San Francisco where he was elected one of the state vice-presidents of the labor organization.

On their return from Chicago, the Steeles will visit Mrs. Steele's mother, brothers and sisters in Oklahoma. They expect to be away about two weeks.

COUNCIL MEETS MAY 14
The next regular meeting of the city council is May 14. The municipal board will hold a public hearing on the proposed city-wide zoning ordinance May 13.

Torrance Youth, Now a Sailor-of-Fortune, Bound for War Zone and More Adventures

By KENNETH J. FISHER
Written Especially for The Torrance Herald

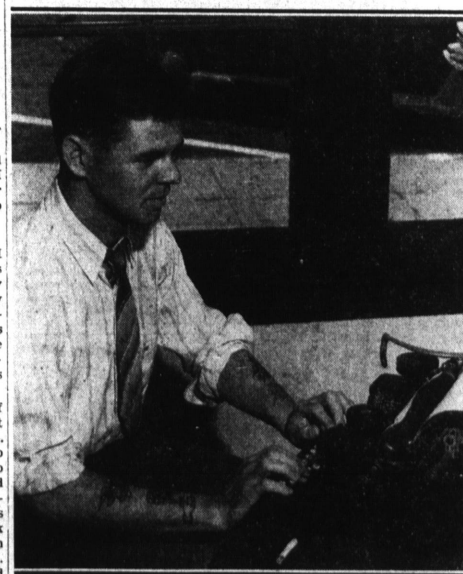
In the past six years since I left Torrance—bound for where I didn't know or care—I guess I've had my share of adventure—jail in Algiers, news reporting in London, shanghaied to Spain, bayoneted in the back in Barcelona, miled in the North Sea, captured by a Nazi submarine.

But I'm frank to admit I'm a victim of wanderlust and in a few days I'll be at sea again, my destination probably beside my father in France with the British Army—if they'll have me.

At least I've got one qualification that makes me welcome wherever I go—I'm a good cook! In fact, I claim the distinction of introducing Mexico's gift to gourmets—chili and beans—in Scandinavia! While working as a cook at the Grand Palace hotel in Stockholm I concocted some chili and while the head chef couldn't take it hot after all the smorgasbord he'd been used to, the American patrons were delighted.

Reported for London Mail
When I left Torrance I had an idea of joining the French Foreign Legion. After a detour to Syracuse University, I finally got a berth on a ship bound for the Mediterranean. In Algiers I got into a little trouble—too much Algerian wine (which tastes surprisingly like a mixture of orange juice and carbolic acid!) and the matter of galumphing off on a camel that I didn't take the trouble to rent from an insistent dragoman.

I landed in the bastille. But with the aid of a flock of diplomats and consuls I got out. Next I shipped to London where I got a job on the London Daily Mail as a reporter. My "beat" was interviewing more or less prominent Americans. After I finished an interview the invariably question followed: "Where can I get a good cupacoffee in this gawdforsaken place?"



Soaked Traffic Fine
While in port at Barcelona I saw some of France's soldiers pick on a woman so I promptly putted in and received for my troubles and chivalry a nice bayonet wound in the back. I was laid up in the hospital for nine months. I remained in war-racked Spain exactly 10 minutes after I was released.

No Love for Nazis
During that time I was treated very nicely. Swedish people are very courteous to Americans and I dare say the same holds true for the Norwegians. That's a dud.

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