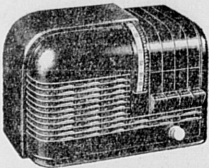


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Gateway Council of P.T.A. Has Election; Plans of Year Laid

Mrs. E. W. Raith, president of Tenth District P.T.A., conducted the election of Gateway Council officers for the ensuing year yesterday at Dana Junior High school, San Pedro. Those elected are: Mrs. Robert Thompson, president, second term; Mrs. J. S. Dresser of Narbonne, first vice president; Mrs. R. Dutton of Banning, second vice president; Mrs. V. E. Keith of Dana, secretary; Mrs. G. A. Carvill of Narbonne, treasurer; Mrs. W. J. Donaher of San Pedro High, auditor, and Mrs. Jay Sanders of Banning, historian.

Mrs. V. E. Hopkins presented a life membership pin to Mrs. V. E. Keith, who served six years in Leland school; was both chairman and secretary of Dana and Gateway Council.

Mrs. Raith told of her plans for the future as president-elect of Tenth District for the local associations.

Dana's mixed glee club and girls' trio sang selections.

June 5 at 9 a. m., the council will hold its breakfast in First Christian church, Torrance. Reservations must be in to Mrs. Thompson or Mrs. Floyd R. Miller by June 2. Mrs. Kenneth Schwartz is to make place cards and corsages. Each school is to be responsible for their art and poster contest displays.

The doll house donated by Mrs. Thompson is being renovated under Mrs. Schwartz' direction and will be presented to the mental clinic at Yale Street.

Mrs. John Garner spoke at length on legislation as planned by Mrs. L. S. Baca, Tenth District chairman.

Mrs. W. C. Vine thanked presidents and magazine chairmen for cooperation during the year and presented the council with the blue scroll award.

Mrs. Donaher led the pledge to the flag. Mrs. Charles Rob-

ertson, hostess president, introduced Principal Cedric Stannard, Mrs. H. G. Woods read the inspirational.

Immediately following the meeting council members had lunch in the school cafeteria.

Among those present were: Mmes. J. J. Millard, John Garner, G. A. Carvill, Ruth McClosky, H. G. Woods, Max Schatz and Kenneth Schwartz of Narbonne.

Local Soldiers Meet In Guinea

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mungler of 2274 W. 239th st., Torrance, recently heard from their son, PFC. John Mungler, in a New Guinea Army Field Hospital corps, praising the Red Cross entertainments for the servicemen recuperating in the mountainous part of the island. He also reports having seen Sgt. Eugene Beckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beckman of 24301 Lomita drive, who is with an anti-aircraft unit of the Army in a combat area.

Charles Davis Writes From Southwest Pacific

From the Southwest Pacific comes word from Charles A. Davis, storekeeper 2/c in the Navy, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Davis of 2442 255th st., and his wife, the former Alta Schmor of 2421 Lomita drive, that he is fortunate on occasion to see some good entertainments during free time from amphibious forces duty.

He has been in this area at most three months and in the service a year and a half. Recently Charles saw Guy Jones, formerly of Harbor City.



REVIVAL SERVICES . . . Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler are conducting services nightly except Monday at the Assembly of God church, 1741 Border ave.

Revival services are being held each evening except Monday at the Assembly of God church at 1741 Border ave., starting at 7:30 o'clock. Evangelists Cordelia Donnell of Guthrie, Okla., and Mildred Holler of Springfield, Mo., are conducting the services.

They will render special sacred music each evening on the hand-saw, violin and auto-harp and will sing solos. According to Rev. Paul H. Perry they are experienced evangelists, having traveled over a number of states in their work, and favorable reports are heard from their meetings.

Sunday school at 9:30, morning worship at 10:45. Miss Holler will speak on the subject, "The Price of Victory." Evening evangelistic service is at 7:30. Evangelist Cordelia Donnell will speak on the subject, "The World's Greatest Blackouts."

Strike Ties Up Construction of Local Refinery

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The controversy between Southern California Edison Company and the unions, with which neither Lummus or General Petroleum Corporation have any connection, 15 A. F. of L. unions have called off their men on the construction job without compliance with the Act of Congress of June 25, 1943, c. 144, Section 8, 57 Stat. 167.

"This strike is causing a serious stoppage of the work on this plant, which is being built to provide the 100-octane aviation gasoline for the Army and Navy aviation, and which has a top priority equal with landing barges.

"The resumption of this work is of paramount importance in the war effort."

Gilbert Regrets Tie-up
Councilman-elect C. Merton Gilbert, who is employed by the Lummus Company as a pipefitter, who asked for his opinion of the strike, said:

"I have been on leave of absence over election day, and am not scheduled to go back to work until Monday. Consequently I am not familiar with the situation. However, personally, I greatly regret the interruption of work on this project so vital to the war. It is a pity that the trouble could not have been settled through conference without stopping work, and I hope that ways can be found to resume construction of the high-octane plant at General Petroleum without further delay."

Union Objection
Trouble began at the plant when officials of the A.F.L. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers objected to seven or eight non-members of the union from the Southern California Edison Company coming on the property to set up electrical transformers and make connections with an Edison line about 600 feet away.

The Lummus Company job is one under which work is given to none but A.F.L. members. In a short time the dispute became so aggravated that word went out to all A.F.L. Lummus workers to get off the job and stay off until Edison either put on union men or took the non-union men off the property.

Heads Not Located
William Glazer of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, wherein the trouble started, and Gene Gaillac, international representative of the union, did not respond to calls for information about the strike.

Cashier Strike
While the I.B.E.W. and associates strike was in progress at the Torrance plant some 200 I.B.E.W. members struck the California Shipbuilding Corporation just before a lunch-hour program was to be put on at the yard to receive a government safety award. They refused to hook up the loud-speaker system and the program was upset.

The union's shipyard strike was in protest to the transfer of one union man to another department after he had engaged in a dispute with a superintendent, yard officials said. After three hours of striking the 200 men went back to work.

Deadlines Near for Taxes and Estimates

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20 percent, or 33 1/2 percent in the case of farmers, a penalty may be assessed equal to 6 percent of the entire shortage in the estimate, but not more than the amount by which the estimate falls short of 80 percent of the tax, or 66 2/3 percent in the case of a farmer.

Persons must file estimated federal returns if single and earn more than \$2700, or married and have an income of over \$3500—too much to be covered fully by payroll withholding. State returns must be filled out in cases where the single person's net income is \$200 or more, or gross income of \$5000 or more, and married couples having a combined net income of \$2500 or more or a gross income in excess of \$5000.

State Branch Office
Returns may be filed in any of the branch offices established by the state franchise tax commissioner including the main office in Los Angeles, 206 California State Building, 217 W. 1st st., and Long Beach, 308 Heartwell Building, 19 Pine ave.

Council 'Lame Duck' Session Is All Routine

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sent a communication from I. J. Hallanger, deputy clerk and city accountant, requesting an increase in salary of \$10 per month. He said that at the time other city employees were given blanket pay raises to cover increased living costs, he was not included. He pointed out that the volume of work in his position has greatly increased since he took the position.

Hallanger's letter was laid over for further study, on motion of Councilman N. H. Cucci.

Ordinance Repealed
An ordinance repealing ordinance 247, which requires registered mail notification or personal contacting of property owners regarding burning or removal of weed fire hazards was adopted. In future it will be necessary only to post a notice on property where grass and weeds constitute a fire menace.

The council authorized use of the city park by the Cub Scouts of Redondo Beach on the afternoon and evening of April 29.

City Clerk Bartlett said the city budget will be presented at the next regular meeting of the council, April 25.

Tolson, Powell And Gilbert In Election Wins

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years, of Councilman-elect Tolson who was mayor when he left the city service in 1910.

The newcomer to the council, Merton Gilbert, is employed by the Lummus Co., construction contractors at the General Petroleum refinery here, and is active in various civic affairs, including Boy Scout work. His father, the late Wallace H. Gilbert, was Torrance's third mayor, or president of the board of trustees, as the city governing body was called in his time—1923 and 1924.

To Quit League Post
McGuire is president of the Los Angeles division of the League of California Cities. He said yesterday the next meeting, April 20, will be his last. He plans to resign at that time.

Babecek, who missed re-election by four votes, told the Herald he had no comment to make until after the absentee ballots have been counted. He has no thought of a recount at present, he said.

Tolson served on the council for six years, from 1934 to 1940, and was in the mayor's chair time. He has been a resident of Torrance for 31 years. He has two sons, both born here: Robert, a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy, and William, Jr., 14, a student at Torrance High school. Tolson's father, John S. Tolson, 78, also lives here.

Powell, who has served eight years on the council, has been custodian of the high school for 19 years. He has ten children, two of whom are in the service.

Expresses Gratitude
In a statement to the Herald today, Tolson said:

"Naturally, I am tremendously gratified with the expression of confidence which the majority of the voters have placed in me and I shall endeavor to merit their trust by my performance. "I was particularly pleased with the fine, clean American type of campaign which with but one exception does credit to all my supporters and opponents.

"The new council has a big job ahead. Let us forget past differences and unite with the one thought of building a better Torrance both during the immediate months ahead and in the longer range program of the post-war period."

WEEKEND GUESTS

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kneisler were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Griffin of Brite, Mont., and Mrs. Kate Griffin of Los Angeles.

Decentralizing of County Offices Is Proposed by Hauge

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precedented expansion in agriculture, business and industry." Hauge's motion would require a "study and survey" of the further possibilities of decentralizing the functions and services of county government in order that those county departments that are logically subject to decentralization may be located in geographical areas more convenient to the people.

Continuing, his motion says: "The soundness of the principle of decentralization is proved not only by the decentralizing of department stores, markets, branch banks and industry, but decentralization in county government services already has proved both economical and constructive, such as the decentralization of the sheriff's office; branch offices of the building bureau; the assessor's office; the county clerk; the bureau of public assistance; the health department; superior courts and other county departments.

"This proposal for further decentralization will not interfere with the development of the Los Angeles Civic Center plan already adopted by the board of supervisors and for which plans and specifications are already in the making, but will only assure an efficient and economical location and housing of such county departments as logically require branch offices in various parts of the county.

"It is the purpose of this motion to call to the attention of Los Angeles county the necessity of giving careful consideration to the future development of Los Angeles county, in addition to the completion of the Civic Center plan, to the end that the county of Los Angeles may discharge its full responsibility in providing efficient and economical county government, relieve traffic congestion and preserve for the future the benefits of keeping local government close to the people, by locating, if possible, centrally housed branch offices of such county departments that can be reasonably decentralized in the various cities and in the unincorporated areas of the county, where they can better serve the public."

Letters to Editor

Grover Whyte, Editor, Torrance Herald.

Dear Sir:

We would like to express our thanks to a few of the people of Torrance for the wonderful cooperation extended to us.

Our thanks to the man who helped more than anyone, "Little Jimmy" Brodie; he was there when we started and he was there when we quit. If you ever need a helping hand to put over a civic affair, just ask Jim. Our biggest surprise was the actions of our police chief. He explained to us what our duties would be concerning his department, checked once or twice, and then left us alone. Thanks, John, for the trust.

Mr. Hankanson, thanks a million for helping keep our dances going by letting us use the A&P parking lot, lights and all, when the auditorium was in use. You helped a great deal.

We would like to thank the Kiwanis club and we are sincerely sorry that the financial end of it was so disappointing. The same to Jack Miller and C. T. Rippey; thanks again, Keith Jones, for being on the spot every night.

To the rest of you civic-minded people, we thank you so much for teaching us this very valuable lesson and for again proving that it is impossible to get people interested in a Torrance sponsored affair.

They told us we couldn't hold a dance in Torrance, and we were wrong. We couldn't. We were wrong behind the cars when it came to civic affairs but at present we have plenty of good dry dirt to sell.

Oh, by the way, now that the drum has had its last beat, let us hope the defense workers can now sleep in peace.

Yours sincerely,
DICK MILLER,
HAL SMITH.

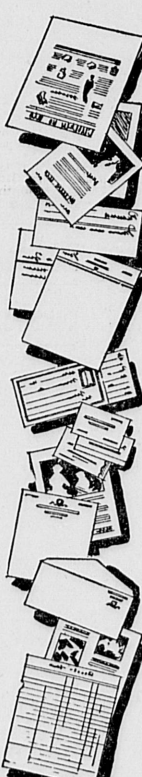
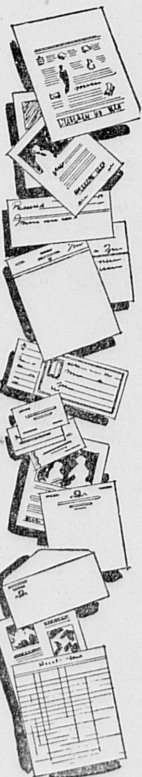
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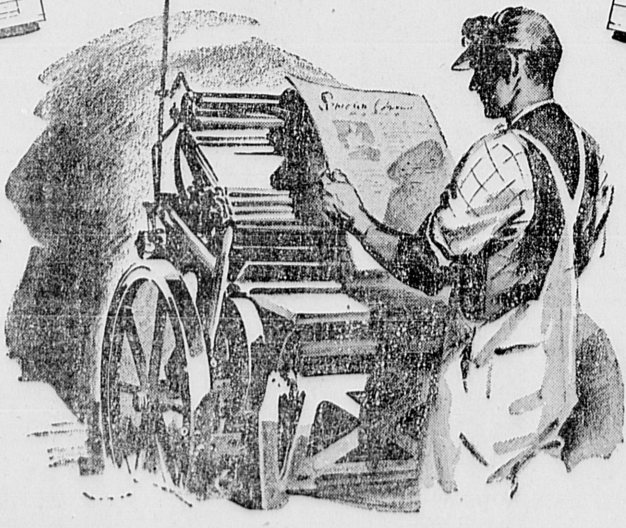
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