

Edison Masons In Torrance for Dinner Meeting

More than 500 members of Masonic lodges employed by the Southern California Edison Co., in an area from Long Beach to San Bernardino and from Santa Ana to the Tehachas met at the civic auditorium Saturday afternoon and evening for a business session and for a dinner and entertainment.

Ernest M. Mosher, Lomita, master of Torrance Masonic Lodge 447, together with Gordon Mothersell, senior warden, and Fred Cook, junior warden, both of Torrance, were among those who welcomed the visitors.

The business session began at 8 p.m. with key Masonic lodge members and Edison employees from Long Beach, Compton, Lynwood, Torrance, Santa Ana and nearby cities participating and the dinner started at 6:30 p.m.

Following the formal addresses of welcome, five acts of vaudeville were presented.

—RIGHT BY HIS SIDE—

COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE

- Expert Body and Fender Work
- Painting
- Complete Motor Overhauling
- Guaranteed Work
- Reasonable Prices

EDDIE'S SERVICE
23213 NARBONNE—LOMITA

Retta Nelson Heads Rebekahs

Retta Nelson was installed as Noble Grand of Trio Rebekah lodge at a beautiful ceremony held Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, at the V.F.W. hall with a host of friends and relatives of the newly elected officers present.

Rose Ainsworth and her staff from Angeles Mesa lodge was the installing team.

Supporting Retta Nelson for the coming year are Fronia Branaugh, vice grand; Dr. Etta Wood, recording secretary; Ethel Walte, financial secretary; Ada Andersen, treasurer; Josephine Schwartz, warden; Marie Eaton, conductor; Josie Vandegrift, chaplain; Phoebe Sykes, right support to Noble Grand; Clara Conner, left support to Noble Grand; Olive Veatch, right support to Vice Grand; Gertrude Kastrup, left support to Vice Grand; Julia Keys, inside guardian; Hattie Schroeder, outside guardian; Vera Lockett, assistant to warden; Helen Kupp, assistant to conductor; Maude Barnard, musician; Nettie Taylor, color bearer; Mamie Wren, right support to chaplain; Norma Wren, left support to chaplain; Elizabeth Hunt, right support to Junior Noble Grand; Martha Hespe, left support to Junior Past Noble Grand.

Visitors from Rebekah lodges in Long Beach, Compton, Los Angeles, Gardena, Santa Monica and San Pedro were present. Many gifts were presented to the new officers, including beautiful orchid corsages to Retta Nelson and Fronia Branaugh by members of the Compton lodge.

Included in the entertainment was a lovely cello solo played by Miss Lois MacPhail, and the serving of refreshments in the dining room completed a very colorful evening enjoyed by everyone.

—THEY'RE COUNTING ON US—

Keep Your Home In GOOD REPAIR

You made a good investment when you bought your home. You are making a better investment when you spend money to keep it in proper repair. Check this list and see that the repairs you need are taken care of.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

1. Patch or replace leaky roof.
2. Caulk broken and door frames.
3. Rebuild broken porch steps, floors.
4. Repoint and repair masonry walls.
5. Examine foundation for cracks.
6. Repair or replace cracked stucco.
7. Replace weakened porch supports and railings.
8. Patch screens and replace others.
9. Paint outside of house and trim.
10. Replace leaky gutters and downspouts.

INTERIOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

12. Waterproof damp basements.
13. Patch or replace broken plaster.
14. Fill cracks in plank floors.
15. Remove old stains from concrete floors.
16. Strengthen weakened joints.
17. Refinish or recover worn floors.
18. Rehang jammed windows and doors.
19. Fill cracks in foundation walls.
20. Tighten loose stair treads.

ADD SPACE FOR WAR WORKERS

21. Build attic living quarters.
22. Install non-critical shower stalls.
23. Install space-saving sliding doors.
24. Rebuild closets; add new ones.
25. Add dormer to enlarge upstairs room.
26. Build dining bay off kitchen.
27. Install additional needed windows.
28. Build double bunks for bedrooms.
29. Enclose a sleeping porch.
30. Enclose entrance way; add closet.
31. Remodel inefficient kitchen.
32. Convert house into 2-family unit.
33. Install a clothes chute.
34. Add a dressing room.
35. Build storage space under stairs.
36. Convert unused space into quarters.
37. Build a breakfast nook.
38. Cut large bedroom into two smaller ones.
39. Convert old house into apartments.
40. Install kitchenettes.
41. Build drop-leaf tables, cupboards.
42. Add shelves and linen closet.
43. Recover bathroom walls.

HOME GARDENING, POULTRY RAISING, CANNING

44. Build shed for garden tools.
45. Protect Victory Gardens with fences.
46. Build fruit cellar in basement.
47. Convert garage into tool shed or poultry house.
48. Erect shelves for home canning.
49. Install fruit and vegetable bins.
50. Build chicken house.

FUEL CONSERVATION MEASURES

51. Insulate attic, walls, ceilings.
52. Install storm sash and storm doors.
53. Construct protective entrance.
54. Install plastic weatherstrip.
55. Repaint chimney.
56. Cement all flue connections.
57. Repair fireplaces.
58. Patch broken putty on windows.
59. Recover outside walls.

IN THE YARD

60. Repair or replace broken walls.
61. Repair or build fences.
62. Convert attached garage into extra room.
63. Patch or build needed driveways.
64. Check cesspool or septic tank.

We now have several repair men with years of experience in this line of work.

John S. Gibson, Jr.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

333 W. Seventh St. Phone Harbor 7107
SAN PEDRO



PRESCHOOL TEACHER . . .

Mrs. Paul Moore Wheeler, as guest speaker of Clerica, addressed that organization, wives of Episcopal clergymen of Los Angeles Diocese, at a dinner meeting during the Diocesan convention held last week. In her talk, she gave interesting views of her experiences as head teacher of Torrance Day Nursery and stressed the fact that the demand for preschool training is growing.

Torrance Fire Damage for Year Is \$8,071

Torrance fire department made a total of 218 runs responding to alarms in the calendar year 1944, and damage by fire resulting in calls to the department amounted to \$8,071.00, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

Grass fires accounted for the greatest number of runs during the year, a total of 145 calls for this type of blaze resulting in fire department equipment being summoned in 1944.

During the year, 562 inspections were made by fire prevention officials, and 255 fire permits were issued.

The department traveled 1,117 miles on runs, and used a total of 46,366 feet of hose. Fifty acres of land were burned to eliminate fire hazards.

During the year there were eight inhalator and first aid calls; one airplane crash resulted in a call; nine residence and apartment fires; six business alarms; seven oil fires; one box car fire; one haystack fire; two garage alarms; 14 auto alarms; 14 rubbish alarms; 14 miscellaneous alarms; and two false alarms.

Seventy-two drills were conducted during the year.

Sgt. Griffith At Santa Ana AAF Station

Sgt. Stacey W. Griffith whose parents reside at 1545 1/2 West 218th st., Torrance, is currently assigned to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 4 at Santa Ana Army Air Base.

Sergeant Griffith, entered the service on Mar. 12, 1942 and went overseas in the following year. He is entitled to wear the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the European theater ribbon.

At this redistribution station, an operation of the Personal Distribution Command, combat returns of the AAF receive complete medical examinations, classification interviews and reassignment to domestic stations of the Army Air Forces.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued by the City of Torrance during the past week: Julia and Paulina Rella, 18404 Hawthorne, bldg., addition, \$600. T. H. Wright, 1803 W. 190th st., a greenhouse, \$2500. J. F. Reynolds, 3827 Newton st., a residence, \$2000.



Save Gas, Tires and Repair with BEAR WHEEL ALIGNMENT!!
Have a Check-up NOW!

Continue the conservation of your car and truck with a check-up by our BEAR alignment experts at regular intervals. They are especially trained for wheel alignment work. PAMPER YOUR CAR . . . make sure it will serve you well for the duration. COME . . . our experts will tell you in a jiffy if your car is wasting gasoline, tires or other mechanical parts due to the wheels being out of line.

VIRGEL'S WHEEL ALIGNMENT SERVICE
1530 CRAVENS Located in Harvel's Service Station
Telephone Torrance 168 VIRGEL BOLLES

Two Torrance Guard Officers Are Promoted

Promotion or appointment of ten officers of the Second Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, by Brig. Gen. Victor R. Hansen, the adjutant general of California has been announced by Maj. A. Milton Fish, commanding the battalion.

Promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant are: Elmer A. Swenson, Co. E, Bellflower; Marvin L. Klepper, service detachment; Frank S. Selover, battalion headquarters detachment; Thomas Ramskill, Co. H, Torrance.

Appointed first lieutenant is Harley R. Slater, Co. F, Hermosa Beach.

Appointed second lieutenants are: First Sgt. Willard H. Watts, Co. A, Long Beach; S/Sgt. Guy R. Martin, Co. A, Long Beach; S/Sgt. Maurice E. Oldaker, Co. G, San Pedro; Carl R. Robinson, Co. E, Bellflower, and Sgt. Don W. Bivens, headquarters, Second Battalion.

LT. Swenson is executive officer of Co. E; LT. Klepper is executive officer of the service detachment of the battalion; LT. Selover, city editor, Torrance Herald, is communications and public relations officer, press, of the battalion; LT. Ramskill, Columbia Steel millwright is executive officer of Co. H.

LT. Watts and LT. Martin will remain with Co. A, as platoon commanders, as will LT. Oldaker, with Co. G, and LT. Robinson, with Co. E. LT. Bivens will command the machine gun platoon of headquarters detachment of the battalion, Major Fish said.

Local Teacher's Husband Has Big Mess Assignment

Herbert C. Burke, recently promoted to first lieutenant, is perfectly willing to step into any feud regarding food with a staggering set of figures, at a U. S. Army General Hospital in Paris. His wife is teaching at Chadwick Seaside school, Rolling Hills, Lomita.

Twelve thousand and 15,000 meals are served daily. This tremendous turnover is handled through a system which assures the many patients and permanent personnel the finest foods prepared in a most delectable style.

Heading a staff of 60 enlisted personnel, Lt. Burke has four dietitians, who in turn are aided by a staff of 125 French civilians.

In addition to his spacious modern mess halls, Lt. Burke's responsibility includes 22 ward kitchens which are separately staffed, handling of over 500 special diets, procurement of rations and special catering.

Red Cross functions, dinner meetings, civilian children parties or any get-together involving the serving of food, comes under Lt. Burke's jurisdiction.

A graduate of Vancouver university, British Columbia, Lt. Burke did post-graduate work in Sociology at the University of Chicago.

Lt. Burke enlisted in the army in January, 1942, and joined his present unit June of the same year.

Underwear and Nightwear to Be Reduced in Price

Women shoppers of Southern California within the next month will find a reduction of approximately seven per cent in the prices of women's, children's and toddlers' underwear and nightwear—about 60 items in all. OPA district apparel price heads, in announcing this also said that there will be a slightly increased supply of these articles.

The price reduction, is being obtained through a regulation which will require wholesalers to pass on to retailers and retailers to pass on to consumers a new reduction in the prices manufacturers may charge.



SERVING IN PACIFIC . . .

Marine Private Iredell Garrett, 26, whose wife, Della, resides at 1872 W. Palos Verdes Drive North, Lomita, is serving with the Sixth Marine Division, under Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., in the Pacific. The local Leatherneck, a student for the ministry prior to entering the corps in October, 1943, has been overseas seven months. He is an assistant mail clerk. (Official Marine Corps photo.)

Townsend Club No. 1

Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 will hold its regular semi-monthly social night on Feb. 2. There will be the usual games with prizes for high scores and a door prize and dancing to the best music obtainable. The refreshments will be sandwiches and coffee. The public is always welcome to any and all meetings of this club. The meeting on Jan. 26 was attended by an unusually large crowd. After a short business session games were played, prizes awarded and dancing filled the remainder of the evening. Mr. Dawson assisted Mr. Buckley with the music. Floyd Reheimer also helped and Mrs. Morton played a delightful three step. There were visitors from both Redondo clubs No. 1 and 2, also Hawthorne. To Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Fox, and Mrs. Collier go the praise for the good home made rice pudding, sauce and coffee. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Good Chance That Palica May Play With Dodgers

Branch Rickey, Jr., head of the Brooklyn Dodger farm enterprises, said Friday that Ervin Palica, 16-year-old Lomita high school youth, recently signed to a contract, has been sent to the team's Montreal club, but that "he may even get to play with the Dodgers this summer."

"He is a fine prospect and we have been after him for a long while," Rickey said. "He is to report to Montreal for spring training, but there is a possibility if the baseball player shortage becomes more acute, that he may even get to play here in Brooklyn."

Palica played in New York last summer as a member of the West team in the first annual All-America boys' game.

ROWLAND E. JUSTICE . . . convalescent at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, asks that his friends write him. His address is: Pfc. Rowland E. Justice, A.S.N. 3852682, care Dibble Gen. Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.

Spend an Enjoyable Evening in Tropical Splendor AT NICK K. OREB'S Hawaiian Gardens Aloha Room

The Harbor Area's most beautiful . . . nothing like it on the whole Pacific Slope. You must see it to believe it. Overlooking our splendid tropical gardens . . . make your wish in the Victory Wishing Well.

FUN and ENTERTAINMENT
• No Amusement Tax • No Cover Charge • No Minimum • Very Sensible Prices
Serving the Finest of American-Chinese Foods—Mixed Drinks—Sparkling Cocktails
Harbor Drive-In Hawaiian Gardens
Sixth and Gaffey Beacon 3579
AMPLE FREE PARKING SAN PEDRO

Two Torrance Leaders Named Church Officers

Two Torrance citizens were elected to offices of Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles at the 50th annual convention held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, last week.

The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, was named a clerical member of the Department of Christian Education, and H. B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was chosen one of the lay members of the department. Other clerical members are the Rev. W. O. Brown, the Rev. E. E. Hailwood, and the Rev. J. A. Luther. The other lay members are H. O. Cook, G. G. Entz and Judge J. H. Pope.

Bishop W. Bertram Stevens, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his consecration here, reported "unprecedented prosperity" in church institutions here, paralleled, however, by need for more workers and facilities.

He called for a "necessary re-dedication of ourselves to service of all kinds in our grave emergency," and urged thorough action now on postwar expansion plans.

Delegates from St. Andrew's church attending the 50th convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles were Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, Frank Church, Burleigh Lewis and Lewis. The speaker at convention was the Archbishop of Toronto, who is the head of the Church of England in Canada.

The rector has been registrar of Camp Stevens the past five years.

Wheeler was reappointed by the bishop to the diocesan department of missions and church extension and clerical advisor to the Long Beach convocation of the House of Young Churchmen.

Tuesday at the banquet at the Ambassador hotel honoring the Archbishop, and Bishop Stevens' 25th anniversary as the bishop of Los Angeles, St. Andrew's church was represented by the Rector and Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lessing, Dr. Grace McCleery and Mrs. Viola Grant.

Christian Education day was held at St. Mark's church, Glendale. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Grace Stewart, superintendent of St. Andrew's primary department was present.

Sunday the Long Beach convocation of the House of Young Churchmen held its annual pre-convention rally at St. Cross church, Hermosa Beach. The Rev. Kenneth Mann, the new executive secretary for Young Churchmen, was the guest and speaker. Mann comes from Yonkers, New York, to take over the work in this diocese. St. Andrew's church again had the largest delegation present. The diocesan youth convention will be held Feb. 17 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles. Official delegates from St. Andrew's will be Edith McDermid, Nancy Whyte, Doris Church, Jack Turner and Charles Ringle.

VAN BARNARD . . . a lieutenant, A.A.F., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Barnard, of Sonoma ave. Lt. Barnard was on a cross country flight between Santa Ana Air Base (Texas) and Santa Ana Air Field, when he was "weathered in" overnight at Tucson, Arizona.

FRANK E. PERKIN . . . an A.A.F. corporal, serving with a topographical company, is now stationed in the Marianas, according to a recent letter to his sister, Mrs. E. T. Melz, here.

Firestone VALUES FOR LAWN AND GARDEN

FINE QUALITY . . . TOOLS SEEDS . . . GARDEN NEEDS

GOOD TOOLS are HALF THE JOB!

Garden Rake 1.39
A sturdy rake to do the job efficiently, easily and quickly.

Garden Hoe 1.35
A socket type hoe of excellent quality. Four-foot polished hardwood handle.

Cultivator 1.19
Sharp-pointed, forged-steel tines. Tapered handle for easy gripping.

Round Shovels 1.29
Choice of long-handled type or 27-inch D-shape handle.

For a Rich, Velvety Lawn

FAIR-LAWN SUNNY GRASS SEED

2 Lbs. 1.00
Will provide a luxurious, fine-textured turf. A top value mixture containing a high percentage of fine grasses to insure a more permanent lawn.

FREE ZINNIA

Reg. 25c Pkg.

BURPEE'S GIANT ZINNIA SEEDS

Come In Today!

Does the Job Like An All-Night Rain

Soil-Soaker 1.65
Gets way down to thirsty roots! Mildew-resistant canvas.

VIGORO The "square meal" for All Plants 45c 5 Lbs.

For healthier, more luxuriant lawns, shrubbery, flower or vegetable gardens. A complete food.

Twenty-Five Foot Garden Hose 2.95
Made to withstand heavy service. Ribbed surface. Plastic couplings.

Rootone and Transplantone 25c ..

Rootone promotes early, heavy root growth. Transplantone minimizes transplanting shock and reduces wilt.

OPA WARNS MOTORISTS TO RECAP NOW

Car Owners Who Do Not Heed This OPA Warning Run the Risk of Not Getting New Tires! NOW . . . Have Your Smooth Tires RECAPPED BY FIRESTONE FACTORY METHODS NO RATION CERTIFICATE NEEDED 670-16

Firestone STORES

Marcelina at Cravens, Torrance. Phone 476
Listen to the Voice of Firestone every Monday evening over N.B.C.