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## AUDITORIUM PROJECT WILL BE GIVEN RIGHT OF WAY

### AGREEMENT FOR MOVING PICTURE LEASE

The outlook for the completion of the Torrance Auditorium project is now very bright.

Arrangements are under way for the raising of the necessary money to complete the building.

During the past week Mr. C. A. Paxman closed an agreement for the lease of the moving picture theatre to Mr. Fred Bennett, travelling auditor of the Select Pictures Corporation.

#### A PROPHET IN TORRANCE

##### Coming Events Foreshadowed

Some years since a symposium of eminent lecturers was held upon the theme of the "Limit of Toleration," referring to views which may be held upon the greater subjects which might engross public thought. But the lecturers probably did not refer to the toleration which might be extended the publications of the county, the weekly and daily press included. But a couple of months past one of the higher priced popular magazines carried an article, under signature, which more than intimated that storms, lightning, hail and earthquakes were caused by the mental status of the inhabitants of a particular offending country. This statement caused no public discussion nor outcry. It was accepted by the public with the utmost equanimity. And hundreds of those particular magazines are in the households; thousands of them in this county.

It seems a high-priced popular magazine enjoys the utmost toleration. The question arises: Has a weekly paper any rights whatever to speak of anything but cows, horses, chickens and goats? Here goes!

Torrance has a prophet. And here are a few of his prophecies. First, the name of the prophet is Mr. J. J. Boatman and he formally reduced the prophecies to writing and had them acknowledged before a notary and under notarial seal. But he was accused of being in corrupt collusion with the notaries. As a final resort Mr. Boatman now writes his prophecies upon postal cards, mailing one of each to himself and thus securing the postoffice stamp and date upon the card. He has over 1000 of these cards to date, some of which were returned to him by his request after the prophecy had come to pass.

On a card addressed to Dr. Jennings

of Compton, January 30, 1917, are these words: "Two more nations involved in war. Italy will lead, America will follow."

On February 3, 1917, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany. Bernstorff was dismissed.

The card also states: "Wilson in his highest fame. Watch him slide downward in his peace hobby. He'll find himself encompassed about. He'll find no way out."

Germany and Austria intrigues in Mexico will head Carranza, some way from America. The above to Mr. Ed. Carson, Compton, March 15, 1917.

A card to Mr. O. K. Reed, secretary Farmers and Merchants' Bank, Compton, dated March 15, 1917: "Germany loses her colonies. Europe owes America—by way of England—20 billions of dollars. England called on, pays one billion. France recovers Alsace-Lorraine. This card was written September 13, 1918.

On the oil question Mr. Boatman wrote a card dated March 19, 1917, to Mr. G. W. Black, superintendent of production, Standard Oil Company, Brea, California, "The best producing well will be east of No. 1 near the road. You will find a white string upon top of second elevation. Will prove to be a gusher." This well ran 8,800 barrels every twenty-four hours.

Coming back to war, a card stamped August 29, 1917, prophesied "Germany defeated in Belgium and peace on Thanksgiving Day."

To Mr. Elliott, First National Bank, Compton, Mr. Boatman wrote a card—not upon request, by any of these given out, but purely upon the volition of Mr. Boatman. The card reads: "Germany's coming drive takes place on east and northeast of northeast line. Ententes retreat through fear. Three desperate drives, first against England, second against Italy, third against Russia and at last changes in favor of Entente." Card with post-

#### CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Edwin L. Weatherwax, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.  
Rev. Geo. Streit, superintendent,  
Junior Chorus Choir sings each Sunday morning.

Morning worship, 10:45. Subject, "What Characteristic of the Church is of Most Value to Torrance?"

Evening worship, 7:30. Subject, "Life's Cheerful Aspect."  
Young People's Alliance, 7 o'clock.

A cheerful, interesting half hour for all young people of Torrance.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30. It's different—you'll feel at home and be benefited.

An unusual Rally Day program is in preparation to be given Sunday, October 10. Watch for announcement.

#### MISS MYRTLE SCOTT

Rally Day for the Young People will be observed next Sunday at the First Baptist Church, of Torrance, and Miss Myrtle Scott has been secured to address the gathering. It has been decided to make the meeting an open one, so a cordial invitation is extended to young and old to be present at 6:30.

#### The Message of the Caves

At the morning service the pastor will preach on the subject of "The Message From the Caves." Service begins 11 o'clock.

#### Satan

The third sermon in the series on the book of Jude will be "Satan and Michael Fighting for the Body of Moses." The Song Service commences at 7:30 sharp. Come and enjoy the singing.

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."—Eph. 2:13.

First Baptist Church of Torrance, Cabrillo and 220th Street.

office stamped date May 4, 1918.

The following card with postoffice March 14, 1918, stamped date addressed to Mr. O. K. Reed, Compton: "The German drive takes place against the English west of Lille, on a sector extending north and south. Germany resorts to skinning southern Russia. Entente appear on scene. Germany surrenders her spoils."

The following post office stamped date card was sent the Compton Enterprise September 7, 1918: "Germany meets, via Italy and Serbia, all-round defeat. At this stage Bolsheviks apologize but Entente ignores. President Wilson instrumental in converting (Germany) to a republic by only acknowledging the German people, thus thrusting the Kaiser into exile."

A card to Mr. I. Mason, hardware dealer, Compton, postoffice stamped date October 21, 1918: "Diplomacy wobbler, encourages Germans but is menacing to soldiers' spirit of the Entente armies. Germany should be conquered but President Wilson will block it."

A card postoffice stamped date June 24, 1918, to Mr. Dean, druggist, says:

## NEW JEWELRY STORE FOR TORRANCE

George D. Parr, an experienced jeweler, has opened up a jewelry store in Torrance. Until the completion of the new Steffens Block he will be temporarily located in the Murray Building, opposite the bank, using part of the store occupied by F. L. Parks and the Torrance Herald.

Mr. Parr will carry a full line of jewelry and kindred lines and will do all manner of watch and jewelry repairing. Both goods and workmanship will be guaranteed.

#### THE GREATER FIESTA

##### HURRAH FOR 1921

The committees having the Fiesta in charge reported everything satisfactory in winding up the affairs of the annual Fiesta but recently closed. The Fiesta demonstrated that the gala days furnished the best possible advertisement of Torrance, its people and its industries, as well as the productions of the soil, which latter as an exhibit also attracted great attention.

The Fiesta next year is already looked forward to and all of the great industries of Torrance will be fully represented each by a "big top," each one will have a tent of their own. The Fiesta for 1921 will be ten times longer than the one just passed and everyone is looking forward enthusiastically to the Greater Fiesta of 1921.

## CENSUS RETURNS OF LOMITA TOWNSHIP

### POPULATION SINCE LAST CENSUS

A preliminary report of the 1920 U. S. census gives Lomita township, including part of Assembly District 71, a population of 4491.

No figures are available for 1910, but it is safe to state that the population has probably trebled or quadrupled since the previous census. Torrance was not in existence and the Lomita section sparsely populated.

"Russia is to come to worst internal dissensions yet."

These are but a fraction of the 1,000 prophecies and with postoffice stamped dates. One may run back over the war chronology found in libraries and make comparisons of the advance dates given with the dates of actual occurrences.

(To be continued.)

The Bluebird Washer lightens the good wife's weary burden on wash-day and she can greet your homecoming with a glad smile. Sold on easy terms. Torrance Electric Shop.

The Apex Vacuum Cleaner is the acme of perfection. Does all that any cleaner does and more than most. Sold on easy terms. Torrance Electric Shop.