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1924 PERMITS SHOW CITY GROWTH

SUIT FOR \$20,000 FILED

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters Name Contractors Defendants

CARELESSNESS CHARGED

Action Follows Death of Child from Lime Pit Burns

Suit for \$20,235 damages was instituted Wednesday in Superior Court by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Winters of Torrance against Linderman and Ducker, Inc., contractors. The bill of complaint, filed by Attorney Perry G. Briney, charges that the contractors were careless and negligent in leaving a lime pit open at a building on Carson street. It was into this pit that little Rose Winters fell, receiving burns that resulted in her death.

Christmastide Cantata Here Great Success

Splendid Program Result of Combined Efforts of Torrance Churches

On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, "The Angelic Choir," a Christmas cantata by Carrie B. Adams, was given by the choir of the First Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by members of the Christian, Baptist and Central Evangelical church choirs, and directed by Emerson Stewart.

The cantata followed a brief opening service. Mrs. Juliette Johnson played the accompaniment. The solo parts were taken by Mrs. Mary L. Crimmings, Mrs. Ruby M. Horral, Miss Lois Lingenfelter, Gordon Solomon, Emerson Stewart, Mrs. Katherine Clark Stewart, and Mrs. Mary Lingenfelter Thompson. Special numbers besides the solos were a mixed quartet sung by Mrs. Crimmings, Mrs. Horral, Mr. Solomon and Mr. Commings; a solo quartet by Mr. Solomon, Mr. Turner, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Lessing; and a duet by Mrs. Thompson and Miss Lingenfelter, daughters of the pastor of the Christian church.

Do Fine Work
In spite of the fact that several of the soloists had done little or no previous solo work, every part taken in the cantata was handled with credit. Mr. Solomon, for instance, took the tenor solos in the opening chorus with a sense for interpretation which could have left no one in doubt as to the value of the training he received in the Welsh choirs in which he is rightly so proud to have sung.

Mrs. Horral did a short solo part splendidly and showed a beautiful alto voice which, as her confidence in solo work increases, will develop remarkable strength and richness.

Mrs. Stewart handled her short solo in the woman's chorus with just the ease and grace for which it called, and by her clear enunciation showed signs of previous training in solo work.

25,000 Clergymen Select 25 Best Pastors

NEW YORK.—In the opinion of 25,000 clergymen who voted in a poll taken by The Christian Century, a church periodical, the twenty-five most influential preachers in America are:

- The Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, former president of Northwestern University, now pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal church, Detroit.
- The Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Evanston, and Central church, Chicago, and later of Plymouth Congregational church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Bishop W. F. McDowell, West- ington, D. C., for twelve years in charge of the Chicago area of the Methodist Episcopal church.
- The Rev. William P. Merrill, the Brick church, New York.
- "Billy" Sunday, evangelist, Winona Lake, Ind.
- Prof. Charles R. Brown, New Haven, Conn.
- The Rev. Henry Stone Coffin, New York.
- S. Parks Cadman, Brooklyn.
- The Rev. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, New York.
- The Rev. George A. Gordon, Boston.
- The Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, New York.
- Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Pittsburgh.
- The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, New York.
- The Rev. Mark A. Matthews, Seattle.
- The Rev. Joseph Port Newton, New York.
- The Rev. Merton S. Rice, Detroit.
- Dr. Robert E. Speer, New York.
- The Rev. George M. Truett, Dallas, Tex.
- The Rev. James C. Vaner, Chicago.
- The Rev. Charles W. Dickey, Hyde Park Baptist church, Chicago.
- Bishop Edwin B. Hughes.



Five of the men in the list of the "25 most influential preachers in America": The Rev. S. Parks Cadman (left), Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, below (left to right), Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, "Billy" Sunday, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough.

Legion Auxiliary Will Install New Officers Tuesday

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Vernon Babcock, 1919 21st street, Tuesday evening, Jan. 6. The newly elected officers will be installed at that time by Mrs. Bertha Dobins of Long Beach. Mrs. Dobins is president of the county council of American Legion Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Walter Renn Is Much Improved

Mrs. Walter Renn, who was operated upon recently for appendicitis, is getting along splendidly, according to latest reports from the hospital at Hollywood. Mrs. Renn's condition immediately following the operation was critical, and friends will be glad to learn that she is out of danger.

Cota assume, will entertain the Ladies Club on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, at her home.

LOVELY BLONDE LILLIAN RICH IN FEATURED ROLE



The lovely, blonde Lillian Rich has been given one of the featured roles in Cecil B. DeMille's new production, "The Sign of the Cross." Lillian is best known to her picture fans through her role as the dog star. She played with him in "The Love Master."

Parent-Teacher Section Meets on January 16

Mass Assembly Will Be Held Held at Torrance High School

A mass meeting of Section D, Tenth District Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations, will be held Friday afternoon, Jan. 16, at the high school auditorium in Torrance. Officers of the federation who have signified their intention of being present include Mrs. Ethel McCulloch, president; Mrs. C. T. Noble, past president and member of the state and national executive boards; Mrs. Robert L. Hubbard, secretary; Mrs. T. H. Eckerson, nutrition chairman; Mrs. George W. Walker, good films chairman; Mrs. J. L. Thornton, press chairman.

An excellent program is being arranged by Mrs. Gordon L. Groves, councillor of section D. Local members of Section D are serving as hostesses today at the federation meeting in Los Angeles.

BOWLING NOTES

Results of recent matches in the City Bowling League follow:

Palmer's Services—	Total
Kabellitz	138 155 169 462
Baxter	134 119 155 408
Flx	163 147 148 458
Crowell	199 131 224 554
Stassin	153 149 170 472
	787 701 866 2354
Team average, 784 2/3.	
First Nationals—	Total
Stanger	172 177 190 539
O'Connell	183 191 214 588
R. Deiningner	144 155 144 443
McMillan	187 157 179 523
L. Deiningner	148 157 169 474
	884 837 896 2567
Team average, 855 2/3.	
Taney's Barbers—	Total
Summerville	179 205 159 543
Taney	135 192 174 501
Burmester	133 172 164 469
Harvey	191 152 160 503
Sharon	143 185 141 479
	791 866 798 2455
Team average, 851 2/3.	
Payman Tiers—	Total
Von Hagen	146 156 148 450
C. Kin	137 139 121 397
Schwartz	179 110 131 420
Woodington	150 150 150 450
Paxman	166 167 127 460
	778 712 683 2173
Team average, 724 1/3.	

MCKINLEY INN NEWS

Mrs. May McKinley and son Forrest enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mrs. W. E. Callahan of Los Angeles.

George C. Reynolds visited relatives in Los Angeles on Christmas Day.

Mrs. S. Doss, sister of Mrs. May McKinley, who has been a guest at the inn for three weeks, has returned to her home in Los Angeles.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. McKinley Monday were Mrs. W. F. Bowen, Mrs. Romaine Shaw, and daughter Elinor, Mrs. J. F. Nutty, and Mrs. W. E. Callahan, all of Los Angeles, and Mrs. I. V. Blanchard of Springfield, Mass.

R. Shearer was the guest of his son Elmo for Christmas dinner at the inn.

Earl Robinette has returned to the inn after spending the holidays with his mother in Los Angeles.

Louis Batche and W. H. Askew, of Taft, are recent arrivals at the inn.

NAME NEW LEGION HEADS

L. V. Babcock Chosen Commander by Crossland Post Veterans

C. B. BELL IS ADJUTANT

Comrades Find New Buddies and Requit That Old War

With more than fifty members present, the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion Tuesday night elected officers for 1925 and enjoyed an informal meeting at which all the veterans present told of their service during the war.

L. V. Babcock was elected commander of the post, and C. B. Bell was chosen adjutant. Other officers elected were as follows: First vice-commander, Tom Moran; second vice-commander, W. Harold Kingsley; historian, A. W. Greiner; chaplain, F. H. Tiffany; treasurer, J. B. Johnson; service officer, James Scott; sergeant-at-arms, F. J. Schumacher; executive committee, Ted Frenger, Grover C. Whyte, George Parr, J. W. Post, W. Harold Kingsley, and Miss Greenlund.

The executive committee was appointed building committee to have charge of the financing and construction of the new home which the post will erect this year on Carson street.

A report by Fred Rees, retiring finance officer, showed that the post has in cash and negotiable securities approximately \$6,000.

Rising votes of thanks were given to James Scott and A. W. Greiner, retiring commander and adjutant, respectively, for their leadership of the post during the past year.

After the business session every veteran present rose and stated his name, his place of employment, and the name of the organization with which he served during the war. This feature brought out the fact that many of the veterans present were in the same organizations in France, although they had not known it before. So while refreshments were being served these new-found buddies "refought the war" with plenty of gusto.

Several veterans from Lomita were present.

Torrance Woman Is Injured as Autos Crash on Western

Mrs. W. F. Thomas of 1029 Arlington avenue is at the Seaside hospital, Long Beach, as a result of an automobile accident on Western avenue on Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were returning to Torrance from Los Angeles when Mr. Thomas noticed a car coming toward them zig-zagging from one side of the road to the other, so he drove over to the side of the road altogether.

The oncoming car struck Mr. Thomas' car, almost completely wrecking it. Mr. Thomas, who was on the side where the car struck, was slightly bruised and dazed, but Mrs. Thomas, who was sitting on the other side of him, was severely injured about the head and leg. Mortification set in all over Mrs. Thomas' body, but the physicians state they have about gotten the best of it, and hopes are held out for her recovery.

During the excitement that followed the accident Mrs. Thomas' purse was robbed.

FLY TO OAKLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer went by airplane to Oakland for the holiday, visiting Mrs. Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sykes, and sister, Mrs. Pete Burt. Mr. Palmer returned by plane on the 27th, but Mrs. Palmer will remain north until after New Year's.

SOUTH AFRICA ASKS U.S. MAN FOR ADVICE ON GOLD STANDARD



Prof. Edwin W. Kommerer of the department of economics of Princeton University, has been invited by the Union of South Africa to investigate the advisability of reestablishing the gold standard there. Prof. Kommerer acted as currency and banking expert in the American group in the formulation of the Young-Dawson reparations plan. He will sail for Africa soon.

Observations

Religion and Science—An Eloquent Messenger—Selfish Publishers—The Fight For California Control—Party Harmony, a Myth By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EDWARD RICE, professor of zoology at Ohio Wesleyan University, flatly characterized William Jennings Bryan as "a peril to religion." Prof. Rice thus allows his scientific zeal to take possession of his better senses. That Mr. Bryan is unable to accept the doctrine of evolution does not make him an enemy to religion, or even an enemy to intellectual progress.

The truth will eventually prevail despite the beliefs or exhortations of any individual.

The chasm between evolutionists and fundamentalists is wide because the minds of many on each side of the controversy are narrow.

To accept evolution as written indelibly in the story told by geology is not to deny religion.

To accept religion in the orthodox sense is not to deny evolution.

That man evolved from lower species gradually through the ages can be accepted by any broad-minded person without detracting one whit from the truth of Christian doctrine.

Nor does Christian doctrine, to the broad-minded, deny evolution.

The greatest scientists in the world believe in Divinity—and some of our leading religionists accept evolution.

And why not?

THE Midwinter number of the Los Angeles Times is an institution in Southern California. The edition this year is a veritable avalanche of proof that Southern California is destined to become one of the most prosperous sections on the face of the earth. Anyone who lives here or elsewhere, who may be harboring doubts as to the future of the Southland, will do well to read this amazing number carefully. The Midwinter number is really a symposium of irrefutable facts and figures. It renews one's faith in Southern California. And the splendid thing about it is that this edition finds its way into thousands of homes in the east.

MANY publishers are raising a great to-do because an increase in the second class postal rates is proposed. They present a sorry spectacle.

President Coolidge vetoed the bill for pay increases to postal employees because the bill did not provide for any method by which the money to pay the increases would be raised.

Postal employees are underpaid. Many are not even receiving a living wage. They should be paid more. To raise the money in order to meet the increased payroll the government proposes to increase postal rates on those classes of postage for the handling of which the government now loses most money.

Second class mail constitutes 25 percent of the total mail handled by Uncle Sam. Yet second class mail pays only 5 percent of the money the postoffice department receives. Congress has always held that reading matter should be sent through the mail at a special rate. This stand, of course, is right. But cheaper than other mail. This stand, of course, is right. But necessary if the government pays its employees what they are entitled to receive.

This increase proposed for second class mail is not exorbitant. It is eminently just.

This is one newspaper which is perfectly willing to pay its share of the increased postage on second class mail in order to give the postal employees a square deal.

GOV. RICHARDSON is the type of executive that should delight Mr. Common Citizen. His latest declaration is that no new taxes will be imposed on the people of the state if he can prevent it. "The state," he states, "must live within her income."

The political color of the next legislature is at present undetermined. It may be pro-Richardson and it may be anti-Richardson. A big statewide fight is on for control. There are strong political captains who are irked by Richardson's economy, his refusal to make the state treasury a gold-pot for the privateers.

For the benefit of the state, let us hope that Richardson wins his battle for control.

PARTISAN newspapers are forever harping about harmony in the ranks of the particular political organizations they respectively support. But there is never such a thing as harmony in a political party. The reason is that political parties are composed of individuals, each with his own aspirations, hopes and plans, or those of some particular group. There are always parties within parties, a condition which has been even more noticeable since the primary laws went into effect.

To say that harmony prevailed in the ranks of any party is just like saying that the dove of peace has taken up its abode in the Balkans.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE the other day received a letter with a dime enclosed. The letter, which was anonymous, informed the President that while he was walking in Washington recently he dropped a dime, which the writer picked up, and being hungry, spent for a cup of coffee and some doughnuts. The writer added that he "now had plenty of dimes," and so returns another to the President.

The tale does not seem likely. President Coolidge's ancestry and training indicate that he would never drop a dime without knowing it.

No. That dime must have been lost by some Irish secret-service man, and not by Mr. Coolidge.

Rotarians Will Play Hosts to Boys Thursday

Torrance Rotarians will be hosts to their sons next Thursday noon at the local club's first Father-and-Son meeting.

George LaShell of Long Beach and Rev. Lingenfelter of Torrance will speak.

Rotarians who have no sons will bring other boys as their guests.

The meeting will mark the first move of the Torrance Rotary Club in a permanent effort to assist and advise the boys of Torrance.

1924 Receipts at Postoffice 39 Pct. Higher

Postoffice receipts at Torrance during 1924 were 39 percent higher than those of 1923, a report made by Postmaster Alfred Goudier revealed today.

The receipts for last year were \$25,627.32, against \$18,890.43 in 1923—a gain of \$7,236.89.

Receipts for 1923 and 1924, by quarters, were as follows: First quarter 1923 \$3,528.97, first quarter 1924 \$5,822.43, a gain of 61 percent; second quarter 1923 \$4,564.50, second quarter 1924 \$6,570.14, a gain of 48 percent; third quarter 1923 \$4,857.33, third quarter 1924 \$6,716.94, a gain of 43 percent.

Growth of Torrance Reflected in Local Mail Figures

The Lingenfelter sisters will be heard in a duet, "God's Mercy," by Parks, at the Sunday morning service at the First Christian church.

MARK OF MILLION PASSED

Permanent and Substantial Torrance Progress Is Revealed

3 TIMES TOTAL IN 1922

Exclusive of Oil Rigs 1923 Figure Beats 1924 Mark

Despite the so-called depression that existed in Southern California last year, building permits in Torrance for 1924 reveal a steady and substantial growth in Torrance.

Permits for 1924 here totaled \$1,092,260. In 1923 they reached the high point in the city's history at \$1,873,295.

Study of the permits reveals the fact that a great amount of the building done in 1923 was for temporary buildings to house small oil field shops, the 1923 permits reflecting the oil boom. The 1924 permits, though lower than those of 1923, indicate a much more substantial and permanent growth last year than during 1923.

The effect of the 1923 oil boom on permits first reveals itself in August of 1923, continuing until April of last year. Since April in 1924, the monthly permits were lower than those for corresponding months of 1923. But in December of 1924 they were greater than in December of 1923. The last month of 1923 showed permits of \$62,000, as against \$69,600 for 1924.

It is interesting to compare the permits for 1923 and 1924 with those in 1922. The permits here in 1922 were \$333,600. They were more than three times that amount in 1924.

Another fact that impresses itself upon one who studies the permits for 1923 and 1924 is that the 1924 permits reveal more construction of homes than do those of 1923. For the last half of 1923 the big bulk of the permits were for oil derricks in the unrestricted part of the city.

Exclusive of oil rigs, the permits of 1924 were larger than those of 1923.

Residence Changes And Newcomers to City of Torrance

Mrs. Davenport from Hotel Davenport, 1307 Post avenue; D. M. Leonard to 1622 Amapola; Nelly Ferguson from Ironton cafe to Los Angeles; R. Knowles from 1004 Portola to Victoria, B. C.; Fred Bell to 1005 Sartori, apartment A; W. R. Hopson from corner Gramercy and Carson; Mr. Patterson to 1607 Gramercy; C. T. McCrosky to Cravens Court; D. Scroggins to 1239-H Cabrillo; E. A. Ryan from house 5, Spurlin Court; A. L. Blake to 1513 Madrid; Mr. Petry from 1736 Gramercy; Mrs. E. G. Beatty from apartment 802 Sartori; to Alhambra; B. W. Sundt to 1618 Arlington, apartment 16; Walter Schlick to 911 Amapola; Jack Dyer from No. 7, Park Terrace; Robert Knowles from 1907 Cabrillo to 2264 Maricopa; Gertrude L. Smith from 1618 Arlington to 1537 Marcellina; C. N. Richardson to 2521 Carson; N. Y. McClanahan to 1727 Martina; Mrs. C. A. Taylor to 1920 Gramercy; J. A. Pollard from apartment 2, 1419 Marcellina; Frank Bent to Richmond, Calif., from 1518 Amapola; Mrs. Thomas Jones Jr. to No. 19, El Prado Court; B. C. Walker from No. 1, El Prado Court; Robert Lovell from apartment 4, 1419 Marcellina; C. F. Rolfe to 1019 Arlington; James Bell to 1005 Sartori; Mrs. E. Funderbunk from 1675 Gramercy to 1917 29th street; H. C. Bendes to 716-C Amapola from 1629 Amapola; R. W. Aycock to No. 16, Prado Court; Mrs. E. D. Smith to National hotel, 1723 Artesano; W. Russell from 930 North Arlington to Lawndale; Mrs. M. L. Thorpe from 1748 Martina to 2104 Andrea.

WILL SING DUET

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