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IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS DELAYED

PLAN BODY ADOPTS POLICY

Will Conduct Referendum Votes on Important Civic Matters

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Chairman Bell Appoints Five as Body Outlines Procedure Plans

The City Planning Commission Friday adopted a policy of working through committees and of holding referendum votes on important civic matters.

Will Seek Advice

Chairman Bell made it plain Friday that the planning commission exists for no purpose other than making recommendations carefully and painstakingly arrived at for the benefit of the city as a whole.

The system will work in this wise: The Board of Trustees will refer a matter of moment to the commission for recommendation.

The referendum system will be used in cases of unusual importance, of course, and not on minor matters.

Names Committees

Chairman C. B. Bell announced the appointment of the following committees:

Parks, Playgrounds—Mrs. J. W. Post. Public and Private Buildings, Streets, Lighting—Brian K. Welch.

Cyrus Will Meet Old-Foe in Tilt at Legion Show

Chief and Orsatti Swap Swats at Compton on Friday Night

Once has Chief Cyrus, Torrance boxer, administered a sleeping punch to Eddie Orsatti, and once has Eddie socked Chief to the land where the birds sing.

And on Friday night at the American Legion arena in Compton the chief and Eddie will meet in the rubber event—a six-round tilt. Daddy Barnes says Chief is confident he'll win.

The main event will be a match between Jackie Sherman of Los Angeles and Young Farrell of Long Beach.

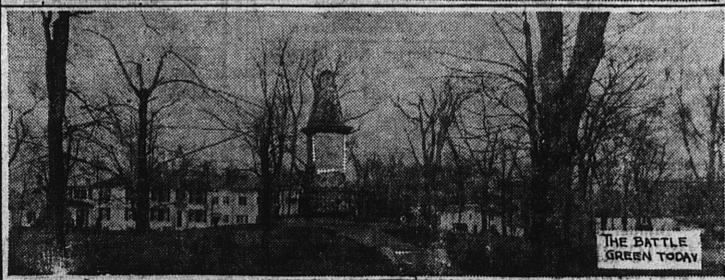
In the semi-windup Young Comer of Long Beach will swap swats with Sam Freeman of Huntington Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hall and son Vernon, of Los Angeles, were guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wiese of 2015 Adlington avenue.

The Minutemen Fired Those Historic Shots 150 Years ago This Week



THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON



THE BATTLE GREEN TODAY

Analysis of contemporary accounts of the battle of Lexington, where were fired the shots that were "heard around the world," reveals this picture of the beginning of the Revolution, 150 years ago last Sunday:

Capt. John Parker, from his farm two miles away, reached the Common at an early hour, and as his little band of Minutemen gathered he told them to remain in the vicinity until definite word could be had of the actual approach of the British grenadiers.

In the four hours since Paul Revere's alarm, some of Capt. Parker's men had left the Buckman tavern to visit neighbors at a greater distance from the Common than they themselves conceived, so that Orderly Sergeant Munroe, who formed the Minutemen into line on the Common under Capt. Parker's direction, had only about 40 men in the front line when the regulars appeared, just below the meeting house.

Just a Few There were but 77 in that little company of Lexington Minutemen. Well, they knew the consequences of their array in arms and military formation across the path of the king's regulars.

Due to the enveloping smoke of the line fire of the British troops they suffered but little from the return fire of the Americans. Two regulars were wounded and Pitcairn's horse was struck in two places. By this time Col. Smith, with the rest of the grenadiers, was on the Common. The British were 800 strong. They gave three cheers and fired a volley in token of victory. Then, just as the sun was rising, they started on their line of march for Concord—about six miles distant—where they arrived without further opposition.

The alarm had spread and the Minutemen of Concord were augmented by the Minutemen of Acton, Bedford, Lincoln and Carlisle—in all probably about 350 men.

Due to the division of the regulars into scouting parties, the main body was repulsed by the Minutemen at the old North bridge. Two men from Acton were killed, two wounded, and one from Lincoln was wounded. Col. Smith then began his inglorious retreat to Charlestown Neck.

For the sake of historic accuracy it should be remembered that the greater part of the conflict, and by far the largest losses on both sides, occurred along the line of retreat; for as the day wore on nearly 800 Continentals had in some way attempted to harass the 1800 British troops in their attempt to reach Charlestown.

Gen. Gage sent reinforcements under Earl Percy, which were met by Col. Smith and his feeble regulars in Lexington, a short distance below the Common.

Earl Percy drew up his fresh troops in a hollow square to protect the exhausted men, planted a cannon at a point covering the road back to the battle-green, and proceeded to bombard the meeting house and the village. He then placed a second cannon on the hill back of the Munroe tavern and established his headquarters and hospital in that old hostelry. Houses and barns were burned and much property destroyed or stolen, a heavy blow to a village of but 800 people.

The delay at the Munroe tavern had enabled more Minutemen to come up and line the march of retreat, and the fighting back to the cover of the British warships at Charlestown was practically continuous. The losses of the Continentals were 49 killed and 42 wounded; of the British, 65 killed, 181 wounded, and 27 missing.

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men and rode forward, ordering them to lay down their arms and disperse. Thrice the order was given, with curses. Then, in those tense moments, some subordinate British officer lost his head and gave the order to fire.

The front rank of the grenadiers fired and some of the Minutemen fell dead or wounded. Ebenezer Munroe was wounded—one musket ball grazed his cheek and another cut through his coat.

Jonathan Harrington Jr. (there were two Jonathan Harringtons on the Common that morning) met with a cruel fate. He fell in front of his own house, on the north side of the Common.

Others killed by that volley from British guns were Isaac Muzzy and Robert Munroe. Four Minutemen had gone into the meeting house to obtain a supply of powder. Caleb Harrington was killed as he attempted to escape from the building, and Joseph Combs was wounded in the arm.

William Tidd was struck senseless by a blow from an officer's cutlass, and Samuel Hadley and John Brown were killed by the pursuing British troops, while Asahel Porter of Woburn, unarmed, was killed as he attempted to escape.

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COACH CO. PERMIT GIVEN

Through Bus Service to Long Beach Okayed by State

Through bus service from Torrance and Lomita to Long Beach will soon be provided by the Motor Coach Company as a result of a ruling of the railroad commission last week.

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Trustees Refer Zoning Problems and P. E. Condemnation Matter

Should business concerns be allowed to operate in the residence district of Torrance?

Should corrugated iron garages be allowed on the rear of lots in the fire zone?

Is it advisable to condemn the Pacific Electric rights of way on Redondo boulevard and Cabrillo avenue so that they may be improved?

These are three of the questions referred by the Board of Trustees last night to the City Planning Commission for investigation and recommendation.

Seek Policy Advice Applications for permits for barber shops, beauty parlors and other businesses in the residence district have been received recently by the Board of Trustees and deemed in accordance with the zoning ordinance. A petition signed by residents requested that a barber shop be allowed in the residence district on Andreo avenue.

An application for the construction of a corrugated iron garage in the downtown fire zone prompted the desire for a recommendation as to policy in this connection.

City Engineer J. J. Jessup reported to the board that conversations with officials of the P. E. have brought out the fact that the rights of way on Cabrillo avenue and Redondo boulevard probably cannot be improved unless condemnation proceedings are instituted.

Today Is Last Day to Enter the Eisteddfod

Contestants Are Requested to Notify Mrs. M. L. Thompson

Today is the last day that entries may be made for the Bay Cities District Eisteddfod contests. All entries should be placed in the hands of Mrs. Mary Lingenfelter Thompson, 721 Cota avenue, Torrance, who is the local chairman.

The executive board, of which Ernest Dixon of Inglewood is the chairman, has been actively at work, and all committees are now formed for the care of the guests and program arrangements.

William J. Kraft of the University of California, Southern Branch, will arrange for the adjudicators for choral and individual vocal numbers; Charles Draa, president of the Los Angeles County Music Teachers' Association, for the piano; and Mrs. Margaret Barbridge Gillette, general drama chairman for the Eisteddfod and president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Drama League of America, for the drama; while Alexander Stewart will have charge of the instrumental music judges.

Observations

Vacant Lots and the Southland's Business—Repudiated American Debts—Doles in England—The Russian-Japanese Treaty—"Smoker-Out"

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

TEN percent of the earned income of Los Angeles county goes into the maintenance charges on vacant lots. These carrying charges—taxes and interest—aggregate \$100,000,000 a year.

During the flush years of California prosperity the people, exhorted by subdividers and lying real estate editors of metropolitan papers, bought lots until it hurt.

Southern California is now paying the price of this buying spree. Think this over again: Ten percent of the earned income of Los Angeles county is going into carrying charges on vacant lots.

Many of these lots today could not be sold for as much as the balance remaining due on the contracts. It would be wise economy for many holders of contracts on subdivision lots to surrender their contracts and drop the bags they are holding.

If you are looking for a cause of the present business depression—now happily on the wane—you need look no farther than this vacant property matter. Southern California indulged in a spree of lot speculation. The headache followed—as it always does and always will.

This does not mean to say that Southern California development is permanently impeded. Some day every vacant piece of property in the Southland will be developed—but whether individuals can afford to hold the bag until development reaches their property is another matter.

When the honest people of the south ousted these crooks they repudiated all of these bond issues. The states which took this action are Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Holders of these repudiated bonds in England, through the financial press of the country, point to these repudiations whenever the debt of Great Britain to the United States is mentioned.

Of course the United States is neither morally or legally responsible for these repudiated debts. Neither can we hold the eight southern states altogether blameworthy for their repudiations. But we can understand the attitude of the bond-holders in England. The worthless bonds which they paid for and now hold—with accrued interest they aggregate a sum of almost \$200,000,000—prompt them to regard the United States as a nation which does not pay its own debts but insists on payment from others.

This, of course, is a misunderstanding due to the Englishmen's misapprehension of our form of government. Just the same the worthless bonds are American bonds, albeit they were issued by crooks.

The suggestion has been made that the United States make these bonds good—for the sake of the American family name. One way would be for us to subtract that amount of the bonds with interest from Britain's debt to us and let Great Britain reimburse the holders of the bonds.

In doing that the federal government would be like the father who pays the debts contracted by a worthless son.

SINCE the signing of the armistice England has paid out almost a billion dollars in doles to the unemployed. Aside from its success in averting a revolution the system has been entirely disadvantageous. Thousands of unemployed men, receiving doles from the government, have preferred to live at government expense without working or hunting for jobs.

The weakness of the English plan lies in the fact that unemployed who received doles were not put to work on public improvements. If the dole-receivers had been set to work with picks and shovels digging canals the billion dollars would not have been entirely charity.

We recognize the right of every man to work—but the dole system assumes that every person who is not working would work if he had a change—which is not true.

THERE now comes to light the far-reaching significance of the pact between Japan and Russia—an agreement that trades advantages and promises Japanese assistance in time of need. The treaty was concluded right after the United States passed the immigration bill carrying the Japanese exclusion clause.

Said M. Tchitcherine, Russian commissar of foreign affairs, to an American newspaper correspondent: "The Soviets are deeply grateful to the United States for excluding the Japanese. Your country does not recognize us, but legislates in our behalf."

VICE-PRESIDENT DAWES in Boston carried his fight for reform of Senate rules indirectly to President Coolidge. He addressed 1000 Boston business men. Senator Butler was present. Butler was President Coolidge's campaign manager. At the conclusion of his address Dawes insisted that everyone present who agreed that the Senate rules should be reformed should stand up. They all stood up—including Senator Butler.

That puts President Coolidge's closest advisor on record. If the vice-president could face an audience in every state with senators from each present he would clinch his demand for reform and prove to be, as he has characterized himself, the "best smoker-out in the United States."

First Aid Work Is Shown by Youths

An instructive exhibition of first aid work was given by the boys of Miss Lay's room at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Wednesday afternoon.

Special Clubhouse Meet of Women's Club on Wednesday

A special meeting of the Women's Club of Torrance will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of deciding matters concerning the proposed clubhouse. The meeting will be held at the Episcopal Guild hall.

TRUSTEES STUDYING POSTS

Redondo Boulevard and Lighting Proposals Held Over Two Weeks

TALK OVER ASSESSMENTS

Paving Cost Distribution to Be Approximated for Public

Still proceeding warily before selecting a lighting post to be erected in the proposed street lighting system for the residence and business districts of Torrance, the Board of Trustees last night delayed for another two weeks the resolutions of intention on the lighting system and the improvement of Redondo boulevard.

Representatives of three companies selling lighting posts were present at the board meeting last night, and will meet again with the board informally next Monday. Each will be requested to explain the advantages of the particular brand of post he has to offer.

Wide Price Range

The board's investigations to date have revealed a considerable range in prices for posts, and more thorough investigation was deemed advisable before a decision is made.

The Redondo boulevard improvement proceedings were delayed because the resolution of intention includes provision for both paving and lights, and the paving proposal was delayed until a lighting post is chosen.

The board informally discussed the district which may be assessed to pay for the Redondo boulevard paving. It is conceded that the owners of abutting property should pay half the cost of the paving and all the cost of the lights. The board informally decided that a map showing the approximate assessments against property in various parts of the city be prepared at the time the resolution of intention is drawn, so that owners may know before the protest date approximately what their assessments will be.

Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

District meeting R. N. of A., Santa Monica. 7:30 p. m.—American Legion Auxiliary, home of Mrs. Forrest J. Young.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

2 p. m.—Special meeting Torrance Women's Club, Episcopal Guild hall. 8 p. m.—Masonic Building Association stockholders' meeting, Masonic temple. 8 p. m.—Triple City Lodge, I. O. O. F., Odd Fellows hall, Lomita.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Noon—Rotary Club meeting. 2 p. m.—Women's Club meeting, Episcopal Guild hall. 8 p. m.—Catholic card party. 8 p. m.—Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., Masonic temple.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 p. m.—High school play, high school auditorium. 2 p. m.—Lomita P.-T. A. mah jong and card party, Odd Fellows hall. SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8 p. m.—Boy Scout rally, American hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

4:30 p. m.—Meeting board of directors, Chamber of Commerce, Public invited.

Hear Fire Siren? Its the Curfew

Did you hear the fire department siren blow last night at 9 o'clock? It will blow again tonight. It is the Torrance curfew. Boys and girls of 16 years and under must be off the streets at 9 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rees enjoyed Saturday afternoon and evening in Los Angeles.

Russell Smith Buys Ferncroft Cafe on Monday

Deininger and Meinzer Sell to Another Torrance Restaurateur

Russell D. Smith, Torrance restaurateur, yesterday purchased the Ferncroft Cafe from Arthur Meinzer and Robert J. Deininger.

Mr. Smith will operate both the Ferncroft, which will be known as Smith's Ferncroft, and Smith's Cafe on Cabrillo avenue. The Ferncroft will be completely redecorated and renovated, and will be open in the near future. An announcement of new policy for the Ferncroft will be made soon by Mr. Smith.

Long Beach "Y. W." Building Is Made of Torrance Brick

The Y. W. C. A. building in Long Beach is being pointed to with pride in that city as one of the most beautiful structures of its kind in the Southland.

Torrance brick was used in the construction of this edifice. The Torrance Brick Company is also able to boast of having furnished the brick of many recently constructed hotels and apartment buildings in Los Angeles and several now under construction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Statter of Glendale and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone of Athens enjoyed a theatre and dinner party in Los Angeles Friday evening.

Banishes Hall from Lomita for Gambling Game

Four Players, Caught in Raid Are Fined by Hunter

Pleading guilty before Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter to a charge of running a gaming house, George Hall, proprietor of the Oil Workers' Social Club on Narbonne avenue, was ordered to leave Lomita and fined \$100. The justice told him he would be jailed for 60 days if he returned to the oil fields within two years.

B. C. Glenn, G. W. Triplett, J. Anderson and Roy Rhodes, taken in the gambling raid by Constable Taber and Deputy Morris, were fined \$100 each. They all paid.