

Parents of Torrance--Hear Dr. Barker Next Wednesday Night

Covers the Torrance District Like a Blanket.

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CITY ZONE LAW TEST LOOMS TORRENCE RESIGNS; INMAN TO RUN

SET-BACK RULES IN DISPUTE

Trustees Order Attorney to Halt Work on Half-Built House

SAY RULINGS SCORNE

Permit Granted Conditionally, But Conditions Disregarded, Say Officials

Confronted by a case in which the set-back requirements governing the location of houses erected in Torrance had, in their belief, been knowingly flouted, the Board of Trustees Tuesday night instructed City Attorney Briney to take any legal action necessary to stop work on the house in process of construction at Andreo avenue and 218th street. The house is being built closer to the street line than is allowed by ordinance, the trustees were informed by Building Inspector Hobson.

All building permits issued by the city stipulate that city ordinances must be complied with. After Mr. Hobson issued the permit for the dwelling in question he asserts he telephoned the owner that before the structure was started special permission to disregard the set-back regulations would have to be secured from the Board of Trustees.

At the next meeting of the board the trustees voted that the permit be granted, provided the builders secured written consent from the owner of the property on the corner of Grand and 218th street.

The owner of the property appeared before the trustees Tuesday night and reported that the building was partly constructed in violation of the city ordinance and that her consent had not been given.

The trustees were unanimous in the opinion that a test case should be made of the matter in order to protect all property owners in the future.

The owner of property adjacent to that on which the building in question is being erected made it plain that she had no desire to have the house torn down, but asserted she appeared only in the interest of all property owners and the enforcement of building regulations.

Fire Destroys Home in Strip; Loss Is \$1500

Oil Stove Explosion Ruins Interior of 220th St. Dwelling

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gillan, 1426 220th street, was gutted by fire last Thursday afternoon. Starting from an explosion of an oil stove, the flames practically demolished the interior of the dwelling, which was owned by Thomas Hudson. The Torrance Volunteer Fire Department saved the exterior of the house. The loss was estimated at \$1500.

Mrs. E. H. Allen of El Prado and Mrs. Charles Betton of Huntington Park enjoyed a motor tour of the beaches Tuesday.

MARRIED SIXTY-THREE YEARS

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MENDELSON, HALE LOMITA COUPLE, CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY AND EXPECT TO CELEBRATE MANY MORE OF THEM



GRANDMA AND GRANDPA MENDELSON

For the sixty-second time since Grandma and Grandpa William Mendelson of Lomita were married in 1863--relatives and friends gathered to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

The celebration was held Sunday at the beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mendelson of Culver City. A bountiful dinner was served at a prettily decorated table, and an afternoon of social intercourse followed.

Among the gifts presented in honor of the sixty-third anniversary was a basket of beautiful

flowers from the M.-P. Club. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mendelson, hale and hearty, declare they expect to celebrate many more anniversaries. Here's hoping they do! Guests present Sunday included the guests of honor and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mendelson and son Lloyd, of Maywood; Mrs. Ethel Mendelson and son Frank, and Mrs. Ida B. Pease, of The Palms; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donegan and sons Gerald and Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lacy, Miss Eva Mauer, Mrs. Rudolph Geist and daughters LeVonne and Helen.

Lewis Torrance Taken By Death At Los Angeles

Brother of Founder of Torrance Succumbs in Samaritan Hospital

Lewis C. Torrance Sr., brother of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the city of Torrance, died last Wednesday night in the Good Samaritan Hospital. He had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in the afternoon while working in his office in the Washington building, where he was head of the Torrance Finance Company. Mr. Torrance resided at 1295 Oakland avenue.

Born in Cowanda, N. Y., in 1855, Mr. Torrance came to Pasadena in 1887, and immediately became identified with development matters. Besides engaging in the real estate business, he established the first electrical plant in Pasadena in 1890.

In 1905 he founded the Santa Monica Bay Home Telephone Company and controlled its activities until a year ago, when it was taken over by a group of business men. It was then that Torrance, with his son and daughter, organized the Torrance Finance Company.

Mr. Torrance was a keen lover of sports, having been one of the original members of the Pasadena Golf Club. He was also a member of the City Club, California Club, and San Gabriel Country Club.

Surviving are the widow; a son, Lewis C. Torrance; a daughter, Mrs. Katherine Torrance Peachey; and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Torrance Welch. The late Jared Sidney Torrance, who also was prominent in development of Southern California and who founded the city which bears his name, was a brother.

Lewis C. Torrance Jr. and Mrs. Katherine Torrance Peachey, son and daughter of Mr. Torrance, were among the donors of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Jennie Torrance Welch, sister of Mr. Torrance, is the mother of Torrance Welch and Brian K. Welch.

Masons To Give Entertainment Friday Evening

Hindoo Seer Will Put On Program at Temple of Lodge

Masons, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend the entertainment to be given in Masonic Hall tomorrow evening, Friday, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock.

According to John Fess, who has arranged the program, the affair will be a knockout. The feature of the evening will be Prof. Saldohna of India, who will astound the audience with mind reading, hypnotic stunts, and lightning calculations.

The affair promises to be worth while. Don't miss it.

Torrance Lauded By Association Of Fire Chiefs

The Board of Trustees of Torrance have received a letter from the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs stating that the fire prevention report of Chief Ben Hapnebrink of Torrance, received at the recent Seattle convention, is being considered with some 100 others.

The letter concluded: "If all the chiefs of the state made the effort that has been made in your city, I am confident that the loss of life and property would be reduced by one-half."

FIREMEN, HO!

The Torrance Volunteer Fire Department will hold a special meeting Monday night at the station. A class of initiates will be taken into the mysteries of the organization and a large crowd is expected to watch these novitiates travel along the tortuous trail.

Cost of Hollywood-Palos Verdes Boulevard Would Be Spread Over Period of 30 Years, Say Speakers

That the proposed parkway and boulevard from Hollywood to Palos Verdes will be paid for over a period of thirty years, was the statement of speakers at the meeting of the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parks and Parkways Association held in Torrance last Friday night.

According to officers of the association, the assessment district, to be formed by the Board of Supervisors must be approved by the board of trustees of each incorporated city included in the district.

The Matoon act, under which the improvement would be made, provides for the issuance of 30 years bonds, the first of which would be retired five years from the date of issuance.

Under this procedure property owners would pay nothing for the retirement of bonds until five years after the improvement was started. The issue would be spread over a period of 25 years from that date.

The proportion which each piece of property in the proposed assessment district would pay each year would be based on the assessed valuation. For example, if property immediately fronting on the parkways increased greatly in value as a result of the improvement the amount paid for the retirement of the bonds would be increased proportionately. Such an ad valorem assessment would eliminate the undesirable features of a flat charge year after year regardless of property value changes.

There are approximately 28,000 acres, exclusive of streets, in the proposed assessment district. Owners of more than half of this land have signed a petition requesting that the improvement be accomplished.

If the Matoon act is declared constitutional, it is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will order plans drawn for the improvement some time in August or September.

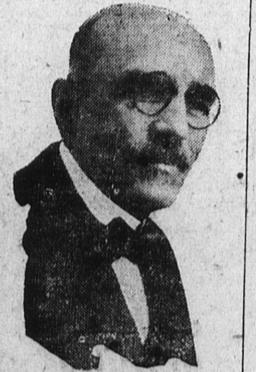
Rotary Urges Men and Women To Hear Parent Talk March 3

Men and women of Torrance and Lomita and boys and girls more than 14 years of age are invited and urged by the Rotary Clubs of Torrance and Redondo Beach to attend the lecture to be given at the Torrance High School Auditorium next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock on the subject, "Parents' Responsibilities to Their Children." The lecture will be free, the Rotary Clubs of Torrance and Redondo having elected to pay all expenses in order to bring Dr. Barker to this city.

Dr. Barker is the only lecturer traveling under the auspices of Rotary International. His address has nothing to do with Rotary as an organization, but is confined entirely to the relationship of parents to children.

Directors of the Rotary Club of Torrance requested The Herald to urge every parent in the city to attend the lecture next Wednesday night.

Dr. Barker will speak in the morning to the students of the Redondo Beach High School, and at 2:30 p. m. to the students of Torrance High.



DR. CHARLES BARKER

National Supply Co. Moving Headquarters to Torrance

The headquarters and warehouse of the National Supply Company is being moved from Los Angeles to Torrance, where the company will take over part of the Union Tool plant.

The entire organization with the exception of the purchasing department and the executive offices will be moved to Torrance. In the office and warehouse here about 35 men will be employed.

Women's Club Will Present Play Friday Night, March 5th

"Are You a Mason?" Yes? No? Well, it doesn't matter whether you are or not. Either way, you'll appreciate the play "Are You a Mason?" to be presented Friday evening, March 5, in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

The plot hinges on the pride that a domineering, purse-holding wife has in believing that her husband is a Mason. The old gent has bluffed her for 20 years--the lodge that he attends once a week is a poker party. When son attempts the same dodge, and an "honest-to-goodness" Mason appears, the plot thickens. Other screamingly funny complications arise and--but that's enough. Go see for yourself.

Lay in a supply of arnica--you're going to laugh yourself sore. The play, ably directed by William M. Brooks, is for the benefit of the Women's Club, and the cast includes Mrs. Louie Patterson, Miss Miller, Miss Lucille Weaver, Miss Mildred Forman, Miss Mary Elizabeth Israel, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Jamieson, "Spud" Murphy of the Union Tool, Mr. Sanderhoff of the Columbia Steel; Charles Inman, candidate for trustee and manager of Daley's Grocery; Fay Parks, well known plumber; Al Gourrier, postmaster; "Hardware" Reese, long, lanky and dark; James Scott of the First National Bank, and Mrs. Elsie Teal Bellini.

Observations

Borah, the Relentless--Washington a Man, Not a God--Bourbons Dangle Skeletons--The British and the Film Industry

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

Rambling thoughts registered upon perusing Tuesday's morning papers.

Senator Borah is relentless. Now comes the bushy-haired Senator from Idaho with a determination to form a new party for the purpose of combating entrance of the United States into the World Court. Whatever else one may think of Borah, he is consistent and courageous. But great antagonists never make good presidents. The duties and responsibilities incumbent upon the nation's chief executive demand more open-mindedness and mental elasticity than one finds in Borah. The Senator from Idaho says he will be a third-party candidate for President in 1928. But he will not be elected.

THE COUNTESS OF CATHCART, who was held at Ellis Island because of asserted "moral turpitude" and then admitted to the United States for 10 days, went from the dock to a newspaper office to close negotiations for newspaper articles she intends to write. If the Countess plans to capitalize on the publicity given her confession of adultery, it were better if she had not been admitted.

FRENCH diamond merchants purchased the Russian royal jewels at Moscow, outbidding Americans. The magnificent crown worn by the last Empress was among the costly articles for which the French paid \$2,924,550. The sale writes the last act in the drama of the Romanoffs. The great crown will be taken apart and its many gems placed on the market. Thus does the symbol of the Romanoffs' authority follow the royal family into the realm of history--cast aside by an outraged people.

EVERYONE should read President Coolidge's address on George Washington, delivered on the birthday anniversary of our first President in the city which bears his name.

There was no hokum in the Coolidge address. The thirtieth chief executive spoke of the nation's first with a reverence due to Washington, the general, the man, the statesman.

Certain self-appointed teachers of American history connected with the moving pictures tell us that Washington was a heavy drinker, a zealot in love, and possessed other characteristics frowned upon in polite society. Those gentlemen make me sick.

WASHINGTON owned a distillery. In his time that vocation was perfectly legitimate and did not brand a man as unfit. Washington drank in moderation. So did every other gentleman of his time. But there is no evidence to show that Washington was anything but temperate.

Washington liked pretty women. Is there a man of any worth who does not? To appreciate comely women is one thing. To permit base passions to rule is another. Washington controlled himself.

Washington was not a god, nor ever a demigod. He was a man with human, natural emotions, to none of which did he ever completely surrender. If there were minor flaws in his character, they were so completely outweighed by his virtues that history counts them as naught.

WASHINGTON was a great man, a good engineer, a truly great general and an equally astute statesman.

Let Americans teach their children his virtues and brains without trying to make of him a man divine.

And if he took a drink now and then, the fact that he did not let drink master him is all the more to his credit. And because he had a liking for handsome women, the more credit is due him because he did not make amours his goal.

HO! HO! Out of the old closet comes the old skeleton--the tariff. It is being dragged out and brushed off by the Democrats, who will dangle it before the eyes of the American people prior to the impending congressional elections.

Isn't that funny? They are actually going to try to make an issue of the old thing. Yes, sir, they are.

Politicians are so amusing. I wonder if they really think the people of this country regard the tariff as an issue. Oh, they can't be that dumb!

But there it is, sent right over the wires of the Associated Press. So it must be true.

When will politicians learn that issues are not manufactured by politicians, but spring from the people of the country? And when will they realize that 99 out of every 100 voters in the United States know nothing whatever about the tariff, care less, and admit that when it comes to an intricate proposition board of experts?

In short, when will politicians stop making fools of themselves? We Americans suffer under the high rubber prices forced on us by the British monopoly, and do nothing but talk about it. British companies drill our oil lands and keep American companies from operating on British petroleum reserves. We do nothing.

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BUSINESS MAN IN RACE

Local Grocer Promises Tax Cut on People's League Economy Ticket

URGE TAX CUT MAJORITY

Local Organization Praises Dennis, Wolfe, Inman, Bartlett, Dolley

Charles Inman, Torrance grocer, became a candidate for city trustee on the People's League low tax ticket Tuesday night, after the Board of Trustees received and accepted the resignation of Trustee J. S. Torrence.

Prior to the resignation of Trustee Torrance, only two vacancies were to be filled at the April election. Mr. Torrance some weeks ago signified his intention of resigning, owing to his protracted absence from this city on business. With the Torrance resignation impending, the People's League named Charles Inman as an alternate candidate on the economy ticket with John Dennis and Brady Wolfe, stipulating that Mr. Inman would be the league's third candidate in case Mr. Torrance resigned.

Pledged to Economy At the meeting of the People's League, Mr. Inman, together with Mr. Dennis and Mr. Wolfe, pledged themselves to the platform which the organization adopted. The outstanding principles in the platform are:

- 1--Substantial reduction in next year's municipal tax rate.
- 2--Continued pressure to secure reductions in the assessed valuation of Torrance real property.
- 3--Improvement of Torrance with street lights, but only by vote of two-thirds of the people at an election.
- 4--Opposition to any and all special privilege.
- 5--Strict municipal economy as one means of inducing men who work in Torrance to live in Torrance.
- 6--Careful application of zoning laws to suit all purposes.
- 7--Preference to Torrance labor by contractors doing public work in Torrance.
- 8--Residence in Torrance of all city employees.
- 9--Careful study of the city finances and preparation of a budget aimed at sound economy in the allocation of funds to all municipal departments.

The campaign committee of the People's League today issued the following statement:

Would Be Majority "The three candidates of the People's League, if elected, will constitute a majority of the Board of City Trustees. It is only through a majority, pledged publicly and firmly to municipal economy, that the promised economical administration of the city government can be accomplished.

"John Dennis, Brady Wolfe and Charles Inman are all owners of property in Torrance. Each has pledged himself to a substantial reduction in the municipal tax rates. "We are gratified that the people of Torrance have been able to induce three men of such high integrity, business experience, and conservative views to become candidates for city office.

"The three candidates constitute a balanced ticket, representative (Continued on Last Page)

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IF YOU WISH TO VOTE AT THE APRIL ELECTION AND HAVE NOT REGISTERED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1926, YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 13. BOOKS OPEN AT CITY HALL.

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