

PATTERSON AND JESSUP RESIGN

CALDER NEW CHIEF, FRANK LEONARD IS NAMED ENGINEER

Dark Horse Appointed Marshal as Phillips Petition Is Placed on File
END PERCENT SYSTEM
City Engineer Will Live in Torrance and Be Paid \$300 Month

Accepting the resignations of Chief of Police Louie F. Patterson and City Engineer J. J. Jessup, the Board of Trustees Wednesday night appointed G. M. Calder chief and named Frank R. Leonard city engineer.

Patterson's resignation, acted upon Monday night, became effective Wednesday, and Calder was sworn in to office on June 1, when Mr. Leonard will take office. The Jessup resignation ends the percentage basis on which the engineering department has been operated. The new engineer will receive a salary of \$300 a month and will take office on June 1, appointing the new engineer the board also named Mr. Leonard building inspector.

Mr. Leonard for seven years has been engineer of the Dominguez Land Corporation and as such has become well acquainted with Torrance engineering matters.

Mr. Calder made the following statement to The Herald this morning: "As city marshal of Torrance I will do my utmost to see that the law is impartially and fairly enforced and the citizens of Torrance are protected in their constitutional rights. I have no promises to make, but will endeavor to maintain an orderly, courteous and well disciplined force of officers. I invite the co-operation of the public in making Torrance an orderly and pleasant place in which to live."

File Phillips Petition
On Monday night a petition asking for the appointment of William Phillips as chief was presented and was referred to the police committee for report and recommendation Wednesday night. The petition was signed by about 490. Wednesday night Trustee Charles M. Inman moved that the petition be placed on file. Trustee Brady Wolfe then said: "For the position of chief of police of Torrance we want a man who has"

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Air Mail Speed To East Shown In Letter Case

Torrance C. of C. Letter to Washington Reaches Destination in Short Order

The speed of the new air mail service from Los Angeles to the east is demonstrated by a letter received from the United States Chamber of Commerce at Washington, D. C., by Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

On the day the new air service started Mr. Hyde mailed a letter to the United States Chamber at Washington. The organization says the letter was postmarked at Torrance at 5 p. m. April 16; that it left Los Angeles at 7:35 a. m. April 17, and was delivered at Washington at 3 p. m. April 19.

Letters mailed in Torrance before 5 p. m. any day catch the morning plane out of Los Angeles the next day.

Oh, look! Fence lumber, \$15 per 1000. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

BABCOCK CASE NEARS CLIMAX; ARRESTS LOOM

BULLETIN

Warrants for the arrest of L. V. Babcock and Henry Porter of Long Beach were issued in Los Angeles this afternoon, according to an authentic report received in Torrance.

Porter is the man for whom Babcock says he cashed checks which were returned marked "insufficient funds" and which brought about the shortage in the cashier's accounts at the First National Bank of Torrance.

The case of L. V. Babcock, cashier, whose accounts at the First National Bank were discovered to be short to the extent of about \$10,000, was reaching a climax today as officials of bonding houses and federal bank examiners, in co-operation with Babcock, were attempting to secure a refund of the money from individuals other than Babcock said to be involved. It was freely reported that in case the money was not forthcoming one or more arrests would be made.

The matter was turned over to the National Surety Company and the Aetna Bonding and Surety Company by the First National Bank Monday. Babcock was under \$25,000 bond with these institutions.

Seek Outsider
Acting as Babcock's statement that the shortage originated when he cashed a check for a Long Beach man and that when the check was returned as bad he failed to notify officers of the bank, officials of the bonding companies sought the name of the man who cashed the check. Babcock's statement seemed to involve.

On Wednesday the bonding houses called federal examiners on the case. A conference among them today was said to constitute a final effort to secure a refund from the parties outside the bank, and that if the money was not forthcoming at least one and probably two arrests would be ordered.

Up to this morning officials had been unsuccessful in their attempts to secure the refund, and arrest of Babcock, as well as the Long Beach man, seemed imminent.

When the First National Bank turned the case over to the bonding houses Monday all responsibility in the matter was transferred from officers and directors of the bank. The bank's loss is more than covered by Babcock's bond, and the matter now is entirely in the hands of the bonding houses and federal authorities.

Officials of the bonding companies have been working on the theory that the Long Beach man, and another outsider, conspired originally to secure money on a check from Babcock; that they so secured it; that the check was returned to the bank officials laid him open to further obligation, and that while the shortage and turn the case over to the bonding houses, he established still more checks, until the amount of the shortage in his accounts reached a sum in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

This in effect is Babcock's own statement, except that he acknowledges no conspiracy and asserts that he was reluctant to report the cashing of the bad checks to James W. Post, president of the bank.

Monday bank directors issued a statement expressing regret that it had become necessary for them to report the shortage and turn the case over to the bonding houses.

L. V. Babcock made the following statement to The Torrance Herald today:

"In justice to the persons who have had faith in me since this unfortunate affair at the First National Bank of Torrance has been published, I wish to make a statement."

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YOU CAN WIN FINE BIG AUTO FREE

Santa Fe Asks City Vacate Streets To Speed Big Plan

TO HURRY FACTORY AREA

Company Petitions Trustees to Avoid R. R. Commission Red Tape
AGREE TO REDEDICATE

Board's Attitude Is One of Co-operation to Full-est Extent

Anxious to proceed as soon as possible with the work of developing the big industrial area in West Torrance so that the "best industrial subdivision on the coast" may be realized shortly, the Santa Fe Railroad Company through its subsidiary, the Chanslor-Carfield Midway Oil Company, has officially petitioned the Board of Trustees of Torrance to vacate all streets now located in the district owned by the company.

The request is made in order to enable the company to proceed with its plans for spur tracks without being forced to apply to the Railroad Commission for the right to cross each street at grade. The company will agree in writing to rededicate the streets to the city and to maintain crossings over the streets after tracks are installed.

All But Two Unused
The only thoroughfares bounded by Santa Fe property which are now in public use are portions of Cedar and Maple avenues, which the company agrees to allow to rededicate as soon as the city desires. All of the other streets are not in use but have been dedicated as public thoroughfares.

The Planning Commission has agreed to recommend the requested vacation of the streets, and the Board of Trustees Monday night indicated an intention to adopt the recommendation. The board this week will inspect the property personally and have instructed City Attorney Perry G. Briney to prepare resolutions of intention to make the vacations. These resolutions will be presented at the next meeting of the board. They will be advertised and posted on the property and a date set, in accordance with law, for protests.

Will Co-operate
The request from the company was in two petitions—one dealing with streets south of Carson street and one dealing with those north of that highway.

The trustees expressed willingness to co-operate to the fullest reasonable extent with the Santa Fe to hurry the development of the vast industrial district which the entire city seems to agree means so much to the future of the entire Torrance district.

P. E. Is Building Auto Unloading Platform Here

Charles Mueller, Torrance agent of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, announced yesterday that the company is erecting an automobile unloading platform in the rear of the station here at a cost of approximately \$2500. The platform is large enough for three cars at a time. It will be ready for use in about thirty days.

EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The Mothers' Educational Center will be held at the Women's Clubhouse tomorrow, May 7, from 10 to 12 a. m.

Reeve Hardware Store, Pioneer in Torrance Retail Business, Purchased by Wilmington Man

The second oldest merchandising house in Torrance changed hands today in one of the most important transactions in local business annals when the Torrance Hardware Company was sold by Hurm Reeve to Leon Larson of Wilmington. Mr. Larson, for years engaged exclusively in the hardware business in South Dakota, has been affiliated with the Wilmington Hardware Company for two years. While the consideration was not made public, it is said to establish a record for the transfer of a retail business in Torrance.

Small Stock to Start
Mr. Reeve started business in Torrance as a pioneer retailer in 1912. When he opened his doors with a \$500 stock on Cravens avenue the only store in operation was that of Jack Isenstein. Harry Dolley opened a drug store the same day that Mr. Reeve started business. So the Torrance Hardware and the Dolley Drug stores are the oldest now in existence in Torrance. Mr. Reeve has always been intelligently active in all affairs having to do with the welfare and progress of Torrance. Mr. Larson will take charge of the Torrance store Friday. He will retain his affiliation with the Wilmington company in order

James T. Wise Falls Into Vat Of Hot Acid at Glass Factory; Condition Reported Critical

Falling into a vat of hot acid solution at the Torrance Flat Glass plant Wednesday afternoon, James T. Wise was severely burned over the entire body. At the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital this morning the condition of Mr. Wise was reported as critical, although he is said to have a chance for recovery.

The vat into which Mr. Wise fell was filled with a solution of muriatic acid which is kept at a temperature near the boiling point and in which glass is immersed for cleansing purposes.

Standing near the vat, Mr. Wise slipped and fell. He was immersed in the hot liquid almost up to his shoulders. He crawled out of the vat and screamed for help. Workmen near by ran to his assistance. They stripped the clothes from the suffering man and he was rushed to the hospital.

Mr. Wise is an old resident of Torrance, residing at 1753 Andros avenue. He owns several houses in Torrance and is well known.

Observations

Civil War Rocks England—Despotism or Socialism? The Individual vs. the State—Causes of Crisis Lie in Age-Old Struggle for Complete Democracy
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

AS this is written England rocks with a dissonance that shakes the "right little island" to its very foundations. Five million workmen are on strike, tying up transportation, distribution of food, mines, newspapers, restaurants—paralyzing all the media of everyday service upon which modern human beings depend for the necessities and comforts of life.

The great strike has been brewing since the war. Economic conditions in England have been so disadvantageous to the great mass of the people who earn their livings by their toil that threats of a great human eruption have worried every cabinet since 1913.

TO prevent just such a general strike as now prevails England instituted the system of doles for unemployed shortly after the war. Wise heads told the world then that such a measure would only postpone the crisis. That these men were right in the understanding of the underlying causes of English discontent is written large across the face of the English economic map today.

WHAT is the underlying cause? Is it the fact that miners were faced with a reduction in pay? Is it not, is the strike brought on by political parties seeking control of the empire? It is not. The history of England, probably more than the history of any other nation on earth, has been one in which the steady trend of events since the Norman conquest has been toward the exaltation of the individual as against his servitude.

In this trend lies the underlying cause of the British crisis today. ALL human activity is toward progress of one sort or another. For centuries it has been toward the increasing freedom of the

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Bid of Markel Winner

Trustees Award Fire Station Contract to Santa Ana Firm

LOCAL MEN GET WORK
Plumbing and Electrical Jobs Stay in Torrance; Inman Votes Present

The Board of Trustees Monday night instructed Mayor Dennis to enter into a contract for the construction of the new fire station and office building on Cravens avenue. The contract was awarded to Jules W. Markel and Son of Santa Ana, whose bid of \$17,668 was low. Before awarding the contract the board called on Mr. Markel to explain how much local labor and material he would use in erecting the building.

Work to Local Men
The contractor asserted that the plumbing contract would be given to the Torrance Plumbing Company; that all brick would be purchased from the Torrance Brick Company; that electrical work would be done by the Torrance Electric Company; and that local labor would be utilized in all possible cases.

"The only labor we expect to bring in," he said, "is a foreman. Of course if we cannot secure Torrance brick masons we will be forced to seek elsewhere, but our policy will be to employ Torrance men in all possible cases."

See-See-Emmos Out For Scalps Of Pasadenans

Oilers in Revenge Tilt on Torrance Ball Lot Sunday

A hot time is anticipated at the C.-C. M. O. baseball pasture next Sunday afternoon when the galloping oilers step out to obtain revenge from the Pasadena Merchants for the drubbing the lads from the millionaire city administered to the Torrance aggregation not long since.

After that Pasadena Waterloo the local collection of pastimers has been rounding rapidly into form, and with Speed Martin on the mound they expect to win back the laurels wrested from them by the Pasadenans.

The Pasadena team always has been a good drawing card in Torrance, and because they have so much blood in their eyes the See-See-Emmos are justified in expecting a record crowd. The fracas will open at 2:30.

Relief Society to Hold Rummage Sale

The Torrance Relief Society is just about ready for the rummage sale to be held in the vacant store next the Beacon Drug Company at Cabrillo and Gramercy avenues Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 20, 21 and 22.

In addition to wearing apparel, there will be a choice assortment of aprons and various articles of fancy work.

HERALD AND NEWS OFFER STILL OPEN TO REAL WORKERS

Hudson Coach, Chevrolet Roadster, Radio Sets, Big Talking Machines, Watches, Rings, Cash Await Energetic Contestants

EVERYBODY WINS, NOBODY CAN LOSE; SO COME IN

There Is Still Plenty of Time for Really Earnest Persons to Get Off to a Flying Start in Big Newspaper Offer

We'll warrant that you never before had a chance to secure a luxurious automobile without the expenditure of one cent on your part. But that is just what we have offered you in this campaign. And your opportunity to win a car is still here. All that is necessary is that you take advantage of it NOW.

Go after one of those beautiful cars, and go after it strong. Make up your mind that you are going to win, and stop for nothing. If you are alive, wake up to the opportunity. Give a little spare time to this event. Come to the office and talk it over—and you can WIN UP TO A \$1379 AUTO-MOBILE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. If the beautiful cars do not interest you, then surely the cash will.

The work is not hard. You do not have to possess a college education.

TOOT! TOOT! STEAMBOAT! SURE IT'S JUST LIKE THAT

You recall how the wisecracker swore that Robert Fulton's steamboat wouldn't run and then after he got it started they were just as sure that it would never stop?

Well, there are always wisecracks who say that a thing can't be done. And then along comes somebody and does it.

That's just the position we are in on this big \$5000 prize competition. Here we come along with an offer that breaks the offer is so big and so wonderful there are as we expected there would be, some who say "it can't be done."

So this is just to answer that statement with the positive declaration that it not only can be done, but it will be done. The prizes as outlined in our public announcements will all be awarded. That we guarantee. We're going to be here a long time and when we make a promise, well, we go on through with it.

The big Hudson coach, the Chevrolet roadster, the talking machine, radio sets, watches, diamonds and the cash will all be awarded just as we have announced. Don't make any mistake about that.

So if anyone hints otherwise to you, just remember that he is like the folks who said the first steamboat wouldn't run. People like that can't believe anything good, particularly when it seems too good to be true.

We realize this offer of ours is a whale of an offer. It really does seem too good to be true. But it's true in every detail—as any doubters will be shown when the winners of those cars step in and drive them away. W. HAROLD KINGSLEY. GROVER C. WHYTE.

Torrance Company Ships First Order of Bricks Ever to Leave Pedro For Trans-Pacific Port

The first shipment of brick ever to head west over the Pacific ocean from San Pedro was the product of the Torrance Brick Company.

The shipment was consigned to Honolulu on an order of 100,000 common brick recently received by the Torrance company. There is no clay in the Hawaiian islands suitable for the manufacture of brick, but until the Torrance company landed the order all brick shipped to the islands had gone forth from San Francisco and Oakland.

Now that the first shipment has been sent from San Pedro, the Pullman brothers believe that the future will bring them many substantial orders from Honolulu.