

INDUSTRIAL AREA ORDINANCES PASS

Would Weld the Southwest Together For Big Development

BIG MEET SET FOR FRIDAY

Interest of Whole Area Centered on Gathering in Torrance

MORE HIGHWAYS NEEDED

Roads Major Aim of New Body Inviting Interest of Citizens

Projects of major importance to this part of Los Angeles County, including major highways, will be comprehensively outlined and discussed at a public meeting of the newly formed Southwest Organization to be held Friday night at the Torrance High School Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The Southwest Organization is a body representing civic interests throughout this district. It was formed for the purpose of coordinating efforts of the various communities in this part of the county to secure needed transportation facilities and generally to promote the development of the area between Los Angeles and the sea.

Sponsors of the organization point out that the great bulk of county energy and money expended on highways has been used in the development of other parts of the county. The Southwest Organization proposes to see that the needs of this section of the county are intelligently and constantly brought to the attention of county officials.

Members of the Regional Planning Commission, which maps out county projects and plans developments in advance, will be present Friday night. Hugh Pomeroy, secretary of the commission, will speak.

Charles H. Cheney, noted city planner, who is now Estates, will speak on the advisability of zoning unincorporated areas southwest of Los Angeles prior to development of the territory.

C. J. S. Williamson, secretary of the Southwest Association, will explain the aims of this body.

W. R. Page will outline the status of the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway project.

Friday to the meeting Miss Elsie Teal will play several selections and William Bell will lead community singing.

Tri-City Music Ass'n Announces Concert Series

The Tri-Cities Music Association announces that its series of musical entertainments will begin on Nov. 9 with a concert by Louis Gravoire, famous baritone.

Other concerts will be by Josephine Lucchese, the well known soprano, on Jan. 11; by the Tri-City orchestra, conducted by Jose Brliens, on Feb. 11; and the Cherrilawsky, the talented Russian musicians, on March 31.

All the concerts will be given at the Redondo Beach Union High School Auditorium. Season tickets may be secured from Mrs. Charles H. Cheney at Palos Verdes, telephone Redondo 6521.

BIG EVENTS SATURDAY

SHE WEIGHED JUST 24 OUNCES AT BIRTH

LITTLE NORMA DOUGLAS, BORN WITH ALL ODDS AGAINST HER, BATTLES WAY TO HEALTH AND WINS AGAINST BIG HANDICAP

Norma Douglas, 5, as healthy and active as any rosy-cheeked Oklahoma farm girl, got a mighty slow start in life, but you would never know it to look at her now.

Five years ago Norma was heralded over the nation as one of the tiniest babies ever born.

She was just a mite of human flesh, weighing 24 ounces at birth with a cotton wrapping around her. She measured just nine inches long. She was so tiny that the ring on an average woman's finger would slip over her entire hand and elbow up to her shoulder.

Could she live? There was not a chance in the world, everyone said. The doctor who delivered the baby told the father and mother that there was not a chance.

But if there is such a thing as predestination, little Norma bears a charmed life. The baby was born in the farm house of the Douglasses near Oklahoma City. Four days and four nights after birth the father kept the bedroom at the insufferable heat of 100 degrees for the baby's sake.

And the baby lived and grew very slowly. In six months it weighed six pounds, still two pounds under what normal baby should weigh at birth.

Then one day the proud father



NORMA DOUGLAS

and it looked as if Norma's time had come. But it just wasn't time for Norma to die. She didn't even go to the hospital. In two weeks she fought her way to recovery.

When she was 18 months old and weighed 15 pounds death again attacked her from three different sides. She had pneumonia, whooping cough and measles all at once. It looked pretty bad, especially for a child so tiny as Norma. But Fate apparently is saving Norma for something. After a hard fight in the pine-board farm house she shook off her illness in three weeks.

Pronounced Perfect Then she began to gain rapidly. At the age of 2 she was examined by the state nurse, who pronounced her the most perfect baby she had ever examined in the state.

Now Norma is 5, weighs over 31 pounds, is perfectly shaped, normal and healthy in every way. Since 18 months old she has never had a single day of sickness, her parents say.

"And you should see her eat," her father explained. "We can cook a two-pound chicken and Norma will eat half of it at one meal. I bought her four big sandwiches in a row at the fair."

The Douglas family lives at Choctaw, a village 15 miles from Oklahoma City.

Ordinance Prohibiting Sale, Setting Off of Fireworks in Torrance Proposed to Board

An ordinance which would have prohibited the sale and setting off of fireworks in Torrance except by special permission struck a snag when read before the Board of Trustees Tuesday night.

By the provisions of the ordinance all fireworks would have been prohibited except in public displays authorized by persons designated by the trustees to rule in such cases and providing the chief of the fire department decided such displays not dangerous to adjoining property. The ordinance also would have prohibited the sale of fireworks and would have allowed the fire chief to destroy fireworks offered for sale.

When City Attorney Briney read the ordinance he said that the ordinance committee had considered it too stringent. Trustee Foley said it was a law Torrance didn't want and didn't need. The board instructed the city attorney to ascertain if similar ordinances were in force in other Southern California cities and report back to the board.

Virtually the ordinance would have prohibited Fourth of July fireworks by private individuals. The board did bring to introduction an ordinance regarding inspections by the fire department. The ordinance requires inspections of public and private buildings twice a year. It stipulates that the fire chief may order fire hazards removed and provides penalties for persons failing to respect such orders.

Boys Pour Anaesthetic Into Hall and Break Up Revival Service in Lomita Saturday

Youths, alleged to have been set up to it by adults, broke up a meeting of the Evangelical Union at Community Hall in Lomita Saturday night by pouring a potent anaesthetic in the hall. Several women attending the services were taken violently ill and forced to leave the meeting. All have recovered.

The Evangelical Union is a religious organization which has been holding revival services in Lomita for some little time. The meetings, being of an asserted unusual order, have attracted large crowds of curious persons to the front of the building almost every night.

On numerous occasions rocks have been thrown on the roof of the building and the meetings disturbed. Saturday night, however,

Hundred Attend Season's First Club Luncheon

Women's Organization Opens Season With Highly Successful Meeting

Tuesday marked the opening of the new year for the Women's Club, when at 12:30 over 100 members and guests gathered at the opening luncheon.

Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, president, greeted the old members and welcomed the new members and guests.

Those members who had earned three dollars during the summer vacation gave their money and told the manner in which it was made. The methods of earning the money were as many as there were members, and included "keeping still," teaching bridge, painting, sewing, selling eggs, painting brickwork on front porch, giving bridge party, using car as taxi, secretarial work, doing family washing, saying "Number, please" and "Thank you," darning stockings for neighbors, betting on prize fight, and paying in winnings on St. Louis Cardinals. A short recess was enjoyed and the regular club session was called to order.

Nine New Members The membership chairman, Mrs. Brady Wolfe, announced nine new members taken into the club at the last executive board meetings.

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, chairman of ways and means, announced that among the many affairs planned by the different committees was a play to be given at the high school auditorium on Oct. 15, a dinner dance and a minstrel show later in the season, and a card party each month, a luncheon once a month, and a social hour after each business session.

No reservation for the luncheons will be taken after 6 o'clock the Monday evening preceding the luncheon day. The day of meeting has been changed from the first to the third Wednesday of the month instead of the first and third Tuesdays.

Musical numbers given during the afternoon included two violin numbers, the first movement from De Berlioz's Seventh Concert, and Kreisler's Sabon Rose, Martin, by Mrs. Allen Rice of Hermosa, accompanied by Mrs. C. H. Van Dusteren of Redondo; and a vocal solo, "Deep River," sung by Mrs. Ione Ihms of Redondo, district federation chairman of music, accompanied by Mrs. Van Dusteren, who is district federation accompanist.

Mrs. Brady Wolfe gave a very interesting report on the presidents' council.

Miss Lydia Pringle reported on the international relations conference. (Continued on Last Page)

Hospital in Need of Books, Magazines

Contributions of good books and magazines will be greatly appreciated at the Torrance hospital.

Those books you have stored away in a corner of the closet will relieve the tedium of convalescence. Send them along.

Torrance R. N. A. Members Asked To L. B. Social

An invitation to members of the Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors, to attend a social evening to be given by the Seaside Camp of Long Beach at the Odd Fellows Temple, 728 Elm street, Friday night, Oct. 15, has been received by Mrs. Mary L. Crimmings. Mrs. Crimmings must send in reservations by Oct. 13, and requests all members who wish to attend to notify her at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital on or before Oct. 12.

HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Ned Campbell of Long Beach will appear before Judge Rippey this afternoon, charged with the transportation and possession of intoxicants and with drunkenness. Officer Edwards made the arrest late last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen have moved from Los Angeles to 1924 Andree avenue. Mrs. Rasmussen was formerly Miss Kitty Huggard, and her father, Phil Huggard, will make his home here with Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen.

FIRE LADS' PROGRAM READY

Prevention Message in Parade, Film, Exhibitions, Burlesque, Lecture

CASH PRIZES OFFERED

\$70 Will Be Awarded for Best Floats and Show Windows

A big parade and pageant, a thrilling demonstration, a lot of fun in the Dingville doings, and an interesting lecture.

These are the main events in Saturday's fire prevention program arranged by the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department.

The observance in reality will open Thursday night with the special showing at the Torrance Theatre of the great fire film "One of the Bravest." The film will be shown Thursday and Friday nights. It was secured by the management at the request of the fire department.

The schedule of events for Saturday follows:

2:30 p.m.—Parade through residence and business sections, floats and exhibits to form on Cravens avenue between Marcelina avenue and Carson street.

3:30 p.m.—Demonstration of fire fighting, hose laying, life saving, and foamite use against oil fires, on El Prado between Sartori and Border avenues.

7:30 p.m.—Dingville Fire Department burlesque near Torrance High School.

8 p.m.—Illustrated lecture on fire prevention at High School Auditorium by Capt. Dunlap, chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Prevention Bureau.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: Floats in parade—First prize, \$25; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$10; juvenile prize, \$5.

For best decorated window teaching fire prevention—First prize, \$10; second prize, \$5.

Fives will be members of the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Pacific Coast Fire Underwriters.

Observations

The War Between County Officials—What Does It Mean to You?—One Sign at \$400 and Contracts at Millions

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

FROM events of the past year it seems evident that the most certain way of getting one's self arrested is to win an election for a Los Angeles county or city office.

Charges and counter-charges have been flying thick and fast through the city hall and the hall of records ever since it has been our good fortune to be a resident of Southern California. Two city councilmen were the first to be greeted by an officer with a warrant.

Then came the jail scandal and the grand jury's sweeping investigation of county affairs. During that interesting probe scarcely a man of official capacity in the county but whose name became blighted with some suspicion or other.

And then—even as the grand jury was sitting in solemn deliberation came an order telling them to run along home and not to grand jurize any more.

And now—no unexpected development—Asa Keyes, acting, he says, as a result of the grand jury inquiry, has all of the Board of Supervisors arrested.

Whereupon the supervisors instead of turning the other cheek reach out and slap Mr. Keyes in the face with a warrant for his arrest.

WHAT does it all mean to us average voters who are a long way from the firing line and who can read only the statements of each of the many parties to the controversy without knowing any of the participants well and being almost unable to judge the comparative veracity of any? What does it mean to us?

Not an easy question to answer. If I were bound to hazard a guess I would say, as you probably do, that while all officials are not crooked, where there is so much smoke there must be at least a tiny blaze.

There come to mind a few events of the past year that indicate much.

The Farmer Page case smelled to high heavens. He killed a man. He never even had a preliminary hearing. He is free now. The escapes at the jail, even to the most glib citizen, cannot be regarded as having been accidents. Somebody was working on the inside, either on behalf of the prisoners or in an effort to show up some official.

The interesting details in connection with the real estate investments of some members of the Board of Supervisors indicate at least that some of these gentlemen are not averse to making a few dollars on the side—not necessarily in a manner that required lengthy explanations from the supervisors and did not encourage confidence on the part of the public.

The machinations of companies seeking large contracts with the city and county are too well known to require elucidation. A hint of these activities was brought to light in the bribery case of the two Los Angeles councilmen.

OF course there is a warm political war under way in Los Angeles—just as there is in every large city where millions of dollars of money is spent for government and public improvements every year.

It is quite naturally this war of the type in which no quarter is asked or given. Such strife always leads eventually—for some of the combatants—to the prisoner's chair in a court of justice.

The present battle between Keyes and the supervisors is merely an offshoot from the open warfare which Los Angeles officials are constantly waging.

The only fair and safe conclusion to draw after a casual survey of outstanding events in county and city politics during the past year is that all is not as it should be with the county and city governments and that somebody or several somebodies are not as officially honest as the general public would desire them to be.

I RECALL clearly the small incident of the sign which the city of Torrance placed at the intersection of Harbor boulevard and East road. While unimportant in the vast events of county affairs, it indicates much.

Torrance was refused a permit to erect the sign, despite the fact that it was called to the attention of county officials that similar signs had been placed over several roads in the county.

Not long after this refusal a sign salesman made a call in Torrance. He stated positively that the permit would be granted if the sign which he sold were purchased.

Unfortunately for the confidence of several citizens in their county government, this salesman was right.

A county official said flatly that this sign was the only one that met specifications of county engineers and that if this sign were erected the permit would be granted.

IT occurred to many of us who knew about the incident that the engineers who passed on such matters were unusually careful of the safety factor in the matter of signs over highways. However, through probable ignorance of engineering technique as applied in Los Angeles County, we could not understand why only one sign suited these scientific gentlemen. To our untutored minds it had occurred that the real safety considerations lay in the manner in which the sign was erected and hung rather than in the type of sign itself. But then, of course, none of us was on the county scientific staff, which may account for our failure to comprehend that safety in the matter of signs over public highways was concerned as much with keeping the wolves away from certain doors as it was with preventing heavy weights from falling on the heads of innocent travelers along the paved thoroughfares of pleasure and commerce.

OPEN WAY FOR SHOP PLANS

Trustees Take Final Action on Santa Fe Street Proceedings

ACTIVITY IS PROMISED

Ry. Official Says Development to Start Here Soon as Possible

Ordinances vacating streets in the Santa Fe industrial district and granting the railroad company permission to cross with tracks streets in the district which were not vacated were unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees Tuesday night.

The action was the final official move in the proceedings which are expected to pave the way for a substantial development in the territory designated by the railroad company for industrial purposes.

E. O. Faulkner, vice-president of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, Santa Fe subsidiary, who has been chief representative of the company during the negotiations, said after the meeting: "We deeply appreciate the co-operation we have received in Torrance and will do everything in our power to demonstrate that it was not misplaced. We will develop the territory as rapidly as possible."

The streets vacated by the ordinance include all streets in property owned by the Santa Fe south of Carson street and north of Redondo boulevard except Cedar and Maple avenues. The ordinance granting crossing rights puts the city on record as permitting the company to cross Maple and Cedar avenues, but does not grant crossings over Carson street and Redondo boulevard. To cross unvacated streets in the area the company must also receive permission from the State Railroad Commission.

The matter was broached by Trustee Foley. Mr. Gascoigne said that spraying the trees would destroy the scale upon which the ants feed, and that destruction of the scale would keep the ants from the trees and do much toward decreasing the number of the ants in the city.

Board Declares War on Ants in Trees of City

Instruct Street Superintendent to Spray Peppers at Once

Pepper trees, now densely inhabited by ants, found champions in the Board of Trustees Tuesday night when the board instructed Street Superintendent William A. Gascoigne to spray all the peppers in the city.

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Automatic Signals And Phones to Be Put in for Police

Police Committee Chairman Charles Inman of the Board of Trustees Tuesday night was authorized by the board to install bell and light signals in the downtown district so that officers on their beats could be reached immediately from headquarters. Mr. Inman reported that the present system of signaling makes for considerable delay, which in emergencies is a hindrance to quick response by officers on duty.

A call at headquarters will flash lights and ring bells at two or three stations, where telephones connected with headquarters will also be installed.

The executive board of the Redondo District Christian Endeavor will hold a meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 14, in Central Evangelical Guild Hall.

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