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DECLARE LOMITA MAN KILLED SELF

George Proctor, Torrance Pioneer, Union Tool Employment Head

COMPANY POLICY TOLD

Chamber of Commerce President Gets New Position at Plant.

MOVED HERE IN 1913

Will Favor Local Residents in Hiring Help for Company.

Official announcement was made yesterday that George A. Proctor, first mayor of Torrance and now president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and has been named as head of the employment and personal welfare departments of the Union Tool Company.

Mr. Proctor has been with the Union Tool Company for 20 years. When the plant moved to Torrance he moved with it, believing that a man should live near his work. He came to Torrance in March, 1913, and is numbered among the original pioneers of the city.

He was active in the incorporation of Torrance as a city and was elected to the first Board of Trustees, which body named him mayor. He helped organize the Chamber of Commerce and has been president of that body several times.

In his new position with the Union Tool Company Mr. Proctor will have charge of all employment and will head the company's personal welfare and employees' insurance activities.

As president of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Proctor has taken an active part in the organization of Torrance to induce men who work in Torrance to live in Torrance. He helped organize the Chamber of Commerce free employment bureau at which persons out of work file applications which are utilized by local industries when workers are needed.

R. R. Smith, plant manager of the Union Tool Company said today: "We have always desired our employees to live in Torrance. In his new position Mr. Proctor will carry out the company's policy of hiring Torrance men whenever possible and of inducing employees to live in this city."

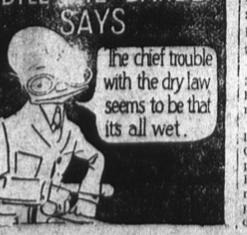
Annexation Case Hearing Will Be Held on Monday

Trustees canvass vote but halt other action pending decision.

The Board of Trustees Tuesday night canvassed the vote at the recent Meadow Park bench frontage annexation election and filed the official canvass with the city clerk, pending a decision in the pending suit brought by the Huntington-Redondo Company in Superior Court. The city is enjoined from filing the canvass with the secretary of state pending outcome of the litigation. The hearing of the case will take place next Monday, at which time the city will seek to show cause why the jurisdiction of the city trustees in calling the election should not be reviewed.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

The chief trouble with the dry law seems to be that it's all wet.



"We hope this one sees his shadow"



Steady Influx of Prospective New Residents for Torrance Keeps Real Estate Men on Jump

A steady influx of prospective new residents of Torrance is keeping real estate men on a jump. J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company reports six calls from families of future employees of the Columbia Steel Corporation's sheet mill over the week-end. Three of the families have arrived in California from eastern steel centers.

Other real estate men report a steady demand for homes from employees of the Torrance Flat Glass Company and men who will be employed at the Columbia Steel Sheet mill.

Realtors here are doing their utmost to maintain rentals at a reasonable level and so far have succeeded in preventing a soaring of prices for dwellings which would militate against the location of new residents in Torrance.

Rentals and land prices now are reasonable in Torrance and it is the desire of all groups interested in the growth of the city to keep them so.

Chamber Voting on Nominations of 5 Directors

Ballots Must Be Returned by 5 P. M. Next Monday.

Ballots for nomination of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, now in the hands of members must be at the office of the Chamber of Commerce by 5 p. m. Monday, February 7.

Members will vote for five and the ten receiving the most votes will be nominated. From these ten members will elect five in the final balloting.

Members of the board whose terms do not expire are Rufus Page, George W. Neill, G. A. Maxwell and Sam Levy.

Directors whose terms expire are George A. Proctor, J. W. Post, James W. Leach, Dr. George P. Shidder and W. Harold Kingsley.

Great Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway Is Two Steps Nearer As City and County Both Act

Two important steps in the proceedings of the great Hollywood Palos Verdes parkway were announced this week.

The first was the inclusion of the project in the major traffic plan. The parkway is slated to be constructed from Wilshire Boulevard south to the city limits at 74th Street and will be paid for out of the city's recently adopted 9-cent tax.

The second was a meeting at La Venta in Palos Verdes this noon when the Southwest organization, sponsor of the great project, met with the Board of Supervisors to inspect detailed plans of the parkway. The landscaping and general outline plans were recently completed by Olmstead Brothers, famous landscape architects and county engineers have been busy now for several months preparing details and specifications.

The highway which will be 225 feet wide with a central boulevard, parking and side highways will enter Torrance on Cedar Avenue and angle southwest at Redondo Boulevard, crossing Tract No. 4071 and proceeding across Madrona Avenue into the Del Amo ranch and thence southwest to a point near the entrance of the Palos Verdes estates.

At the meeting this noon representatives of large land interests, the county surveyor and road commissioner were present.

Club Room Leased By Local K. of C.

Torrance Knights of Columbus have leased the second floor of the Stapleton Building on Redondo Boulevard and will hold meetings there starting Monday, February 7.

The Knights are putting in a fully equipped club room, including library, recreation room and lodge room.

With the leasing of the building local Knights formed a Torrance Columbus Club. Officers were appointed as follows: President, Tom Foley; vice president, J. V. Murray; other officers will be appointed at the next meeting. The club will be incorporated.

Women's Club to Hold Rehearsals for Minstrel Show

Rehearsals for the second annual Women's Club Minstrel Show will begin Tuesday afternoon, February 8, at 2 o'clock at the club house.

All wishing to take part are urged to be present at this time. It is hoped to make this show more successful than the first one.

William Hankins Taken By Death

William Chester Hankins, 73, of 1908 Arlington Avenue, died at the General Hospital in Los Angeles Sunday, January 31, after a week's illness. Death was due to brain hemorrhage.

Mr. Hankins was born in Carlinville, Illinois, and practiced law in that city for many years. He had been a resident of Torrance for four years. Survivors are his wife, Mary D. Hankins; three sons, W. Hankins, Torrance; E. L. Hankins, East St. Louis, Ill.; E. A. Hankins, 6144 Palm Avenue, Los Angeles, an employee of the Pacific Electric, and three brothers, Dr. R. A. Hankins, Dallas, Texas; Dr. C. E. Hankins, and L. C. Hankins of Springfield, Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted at Stone and Myers chapel, Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Francis A. Zeller. Interment was made in Rosevelt Memorial Park.

Torrance Theater Has New Manager

The National Theaters, Incorporated, have appointed W. M. Slater of Los Angeles, manager of the Torrance Theater.

Mr. Slater brings with him the experiences of over five years in theater management, coming to Torrance directly from the West Coast Theaters, with which organization he has been associated the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Slater are enthusiastic over the possibilities of their new home and plan to move here as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

TORRANCE THEATER SAFE

City Engineer Inspects Building and Makes Official Report.

BRINEY HITS AGITATION

Says Furor Started for Personal Credit After Work Ordered.

City Engineer and Building Inspector Frank Leonard reported to the Board of Trustees Monday night that from the standpoint of safety to patrons the floor of the Torrance Theater, owned by the Torrance Auditorium Company is not a hazard.

Mr. Leonard inspected the building carefully last week after Mayor John Dennis had received a communication from W. T. Klusman, calling attention to the condition of the floor in the theater.

Mr. Leonard said that the floor was built close to the ground and that what dry-rot had taken place was in the floor and not in the joists. The flooring, he stated, is only four inches from the ground so that even a break would not be dangerous.

Mr. Leonard said that repairs have been made in the flooring from time to time recently and danger eliminated by the company. He recommended that a concrete floor be laid.

Mr. Leonard asserted that the company had ordered a new floor before the agitation was started by Mr. Klusman.

City Attorney P. G. Briney said it was his opinion that Mr. Klusman started the agitation "so as to make it look as though the new floor had been ordered because of his statements."

The matter of the flooring in the theater has been discussed at several meetings of directors of the company and repairs ordered to keep the floor safe until such time as it would be expedient to close the theater while a concrete floor was built.

Madrid Avenue to Be Improved With Road, Walks, Curbs

Plans for the improvement of Madrid Avenue with oiled rock roads, sidewalks and curbs were tentatively agreed upon by the Board of Trustees Tuesday night. The city will pay for the work on the roads, but the sidewalks and curbs will be assessed against property fronting on the street.

Madrid Avenue property was depreciated materially by the construction of the Santa Fe railroad.

City Will Pay For First Aid Cases at Torrance Hospital

Emergency treatment at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for persons injured in traffic accidents in Torrance and taken to the hospital by police or firemen will be paid for by the city of Torrance, the Board of Trustees decided Tuesday night.

Payment in such cases will be made only when the injured persons are themselves unable to pay. The city will pay bills for extended treatment in such cases.

Ernest W. Sikes Expires Suddenly

Ernest W. Sikes, 73, of Santa Rosa, dropped dead, January 24, at the home of his son, E. L. Sikes, of 1527 219th Street.

Angina pectoris caused the death of Mr. Sikes who had been in Torrance about 10 days. The body was taken back to Santa Rosa for burial.

Observations

China Studies America—Why Not Learn From Chinese? What's the Difference Between the Flapper of Today and the Young Girl of Yesterday?

THE great Giant of the Orient is awakening. China with 400,000,000 inhabitants constitutes the greatest potential market in the world. As such it bids for constant attention from us of the Pacific Coast.

Before many years China will be demanding western manufactured goods in quantities now undreamed. The ports of our coast will be the busiest in the world.

We must cultivate the good will of the Chinese. The time to lay the foundation of the vast trade that is to come is right now.

The United States, along with other nations, collected an indemnity from China after the Boxer rebellion. But the United States has refunded its share by creating a fund for the education of Chinese students in the United States.

That is splendid. It has proven to the intelligent of China, that we harbor no dreams of oriental empire, that we do not use our army and navy for purposes of levying indemnities.

The fund for the education of young Chinese in this country, has already given Chinese leaders a more thorough understanding of our ideals, our native life, our methods of doing business. It has already rebounded to our national credit.

But it is not enough.

As the trade lanes to China widen, this country will need the services of a large number of men who understand the Chinese.

It will do little good if they understand us without reciprocal understanding on our part.

There should be a fund for the education of a certain number of young Americans each year in China.

WE old codgers—and our wives—who have reached the ripe old age of 35—or more—are apt to see too much of the bad side of the modern youngster and not quite enough of the good side.

Certainly in point of health the flapper of today has it on her sister of a few years ago in a hundred ways.

The girl has come out of the seclusion that demanded she be demure, shrinking and weak. Today she is forward, frank, brisk and strong. Certainly that is an advance.

Once—and not long ago—it was considered immodestly mannish for a girl to play tennis, to play golf, to ride a horse, to swim, to go on hikes.

Today the girl who doesn't go in for health-giving exercise is the exception.

It speaks well for future generations when the potential mothers of today are taking care of their bodies. So what today's lassies have lost in inconsequential mid-Victorian modesty, they have gained in improved health.

They dress more sensibly. No bone-ribbed corsets. No bustles. No heavy, dusty succession of underskirts. Their bodies are free. They can move about—and they certainly do move about. Their pores breathe. Their skin glows. They have cast off—let us hope forever—the horrible germ-gathering swaddles of heavy clothes they used to wear.

IN this part of the flapper's emancipation all of us should glory. In some other aspects of the new freedom we cannot so happily take pride. Any yet even in our shocked sensibilities I wonder if sometimes we are not too harsh in our verdict.

Children today are living under conditions vastly different from those existing when Aunt Sallie was a gal.

They go to movies. They whirl about in cars. They see things which their sisters of a few years ago never did see through the opaque glass of their social retirement.

So if the flapper of today is too worldly wise, we must blame it on society and not on the flapper.

I'm not so sure either but what the gain society has made in the new youngster isn't greater than the loss.

These young things of today may be very worldly wise—but they certainly are mentally alert. They observe everything. They draw conclusions with mature judgment that gives an older person pause. They avoid inconsequentialities and in their mental estimates and conclusions cut right through to the pith of the matter at hand.

They are very ignorant of doesn't necessarily indicate that today's flapper is less moral than her bygone sister. Not at all.

Forewarned is forearmed. Today's flappers may possess more moral resistance because of their knowledge than did the innocent and retiring youngsters of 1900 and earlier.

OH, I know what you are saying to yourself. I've said it myself. It goes something like this:

"I don't know what we're coming to. Why, these young girls know more about things at 16 than girls of 25 used to know. And the carriages on! Why, they think when they're 15 that it's time for them to go to dances and shows and stay out nights in automobiles. And what's going to happen to them is more than I can see. It's simply terrible."

Well, is it? I'm beginning to wonder. Yes, I too have heard the wild stories about goings on among high school students. But in only a few cases have I been able to verify any of these tales. For the most part I find that the young folks of today are just about as moral as they used to be. They are less restrained, perhaps were ignorant of doesn't necessarily indicate that today's flapper is less moral than her bygone sister. Not at all.

I'm too much of a believer in the power of heredity as stronger than that of environment to conclude that the race has changed much in a few short years. Moral resistance as an inheritance is about as strong as it ever was.

THE only safe conclusion one can reach in considering modern youth is to conclude that times have changed and youths have altered their actions to suit it.

Speed up the world and you speed up the world's inhabitants. Open up the picture of life through the medium of the movies and you make folks—young folks—wise.

Bring on the automobile which takes a young person away from the home in a few minutes and you put that young person "on her own" at once. Put a girl on her own and you automatically increase her independence. For humans, like all other animals, are naturally adaptable to change. With a new independence born of adaptability to change comes a new flippancy to the youngsters—a flippancy and freedom that express themselves in this young person.

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HINSDALE DIED OF POSION

Post Mortem Held on Body of Former C. of C. Secretary.

MERCURY IN STOMACH

Analysis and Probe Reveal Poison Was Self Administered.

That Frank D. Hinsdale, former secretary of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce, who died suddenly last Wednesday, committed suicide was established by a post mortem and investigation conducted by representatives of the county coroner's office.

When Mr. Hinsdale expired suddenly after only a 12 hours illness a post mortem was requested by Dr. Fuller of Lomita. Contents of the stomach were subjected to a chemical analysis which revealed mercurial poisoning. The official certificate attributes the death to suicide by poisoning.

Mr. Hinsdale was secretary of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce for two years, retiring from that office on January 1. Friends declare that they know of no reason why he should have taken his own life.

Interment was made Tuesday in the Roosevelt Memorial cemetery.

Building Brisk During January Permits Reveal

1925 Mark More Than Doubled; Dwelling Construction in Lead.

Torrance building permits for January, aggregating \$50,275, were \$28,875 greater than in January, 1926. In the first month of last year the value of new construction was \$21,400.

The record of last month is the highest in the City of Torrance for January, except in 1923, during the boom when oil derrick permits swelled the aggregate for the month to \$69,000.

Last month permits were issued for eleven first-class dwellings, one office building and one store building.

Recent permits issued at the city hall were as follows: C. T. McGrew and Sons, six five-room stucco dwellings and six garages on Acacia Avenue at a cost of \$25,200; Frank D. Wright, 1621 Acacia Avenue, 3-room stucco and garage, \$3000; William Orton, 1901 Sartori, store, \$1500.

February permits have been issued as follows: Sam Levy, 1502 El Prado, 6-room stucco and garage, \$7250; Theodore Teichrieb, 1108 Beech Avenue, 5-room stucco and garage, \$2650.

Trustees Demand Fire Escapes For 3-Story Hotels

Owners of three-story hotels in Torrance will be required to provide fire escapes on their buildings, according to action taken by the Board of Trustees Tuesday night. City Ordinance No. 107 provides that buildings of more than three stories, which are used as apartment houses or hotels be equipped with fire escapes. The trustees passed a resolution Tuesday instructing the building inspector to enforce the ordinance. Letters informing owners of this week will be forwarded this action will be forwarded this week, according to City Engineer Frank Leonard. There are five 3-story hotel buildings in Torrance.

Let us help you plan your next building. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.