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TRUSTEES TO MEET AGAIN

New Highway, Municipal Water in Special Session

SERIOUS THOUGHT City Engineer Will Report on Boulevard Proposal

Two major pieces of business were taken under advisement by the city trustees Tuesday night, held over for discussion and further consideration at an adjourned meeting to be held next Tuesday evening. Both of the proposals which it was deemed advisable to bring up as special business at the adjourned session were contained in letters to the board from the directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

On motion of Trustee Brooks the Chamber of Commerce proposed for the establishment of a major highway by extension, widening and development of Cabrillo avenue and Eschelman avenue through Lomita, to connect with Western avenue by way of El Prado in Torrance, was referred to City Engineer Leonard for investigation and study. Mr. Leonard will report at the special meeting Tuesday night.

Chamber Backs It
The proposal for the Cabrillo-Eschelman highway is backed by the Chamber of Commerce directors in preference to another plan which would extend Western avenue straight south from its present terminus at Torrance. This would route through traffic almost entirely outside the city of Torrance proper.

The chamber directors have expressed themselves as favoring a later development of Western a second highway, but as believing the Cabrillo-Eschelman route to be not only more to the interest of Torrance and Lomita, but more practicable from a financial viewpoint. This plan would turn traffic only 1700 feet away from Western avenue, and would furnish a straight highway through Torrance and Lomita to the harbor. Many property owners in Lomita, whose land would be in the Eschelman development assessment district, have called at the Chamber of Commerce office expressing approval of the project.

Water Given Thought
The municipal water system question went over until next week for special consideration, after some informal discussion was had of it. Mayor John Dennis said he believed the problem to be much too serious to be handled precipitately. It was indicated that action would be taken to authorize the city engineer to make a thorough study of the problem to determine in what way the city could best proceed. A motion to give Mr. Leonard such authorization was made by Trustee Brooks, but was later withdrawn in favor of a later suggestion to discuss the question at more length at the adjourned meeting.

Mr. Brooks, in commenting on the Chamber of Commerce letter, declared the water problem to be a basic one in the keeping by Torrance of its corporate identity. The city must not, Mr. Brooks said, ever lose its identity by annexation or otherwise, and he believed it should guard against annexing which might necessitate annexation.

The Chamber of Commerce communication follows:
Honorable Board of Trustees, City of Torrance, Calif. Gentlemen:

At the last regular meeting of the board of directors of this bureau the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, there has been for some time discussion relative to the proposed extension of the city limits to include the area known as the Palms Verdes Hills;

AND WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this board that the proposed extension of the city limits to include the area known as the Palms Verdes Hills is in the best interests of the city of Torrance;

Therefore, be it resolved that the city engineer be and he is hereby authorized to prepare a report on the proposed extension of the city limits to include the area known as the Palms Verdes Hills, and to submit the same to the board of directors at its next regular meeting.

Very truly yours,
John Dennis, Mayor

Santa Fe Contract Is Let For Big Industrial Tract

Contract for grading the Santa Fe industrial tract was let by the C.-C. M. O. Co. this morning in Los Angeles to Clark and Fellows, a Los Angeles firm. The contractors will move their equipment onto the ground south of Carson street Saturday, ready to begin work Monday. A steam shovel and several elevating graders will be used to supplement the work of labor gangs and teams.

Under the contract, the work is to be finished by August 15. In that time it will be necessary to move approximately 145,000 cubic yards of dirt over an area of 100 acres to bring the grade of the tract to the level of the railroad tracks.

Clark and Fellows will install their work camp at Cedar and Carson.

Observations

Pullman Luxury—Enjoyment Well Earned in the Peace of Age—Man's Hard Victory—Lindbergh in the Path of Horny-Handed Pioneers

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A BOARD SOUTHERN PACIFIC APACHE TO CHICAGO.—The vanity of all men is great.

This morning, when the battery of conductors came to take my ticket they spoke me by name.

This noon, when I went to the diner, the Pullman steward said: "How do you do, Mr. Kingsley, and how is business with The Torrance Herald and Lomita News?"

I was surprised. Calling the steward back, I asked: "By what strange alchemy did you get my name and that of my business? Tell me, for I am interested in the intricacies of your system."

Said he: "I have a letter from the general passenger agent giving me your name and your car and berth numbers."

Another argument in favor of "Buying Better in Torrance." When you go east get your ticket from Charlie Mueller or the Santa Fe agent. It will help. The service—rather personal—that I am receiving on this train is performed because I bought my ticket in Torrance.

Remember that!

SAID the steward: "I wish I could know the name of every person who comes into the diner."

In these words the steward bespoke the aim of modern business at personal service. The old days of "The Public Be Damned" are history. Time and experience have told great corporations that courteous service is essential to corporate success.

Even "little toads in little puddles" are pleased when a stranger, agent of a big corporation, puts himself out to please. In wishing to know the names of all passengers our steward exemplifies the new spirit of service in America.

FOR 40 years Orrin P. Stafford ran a drug store in Flint, Mich. He worked hard through long hours, as drug store men do. Just as Harry Dolley and Arthur Finster and George Probert are working now. Ten years ago Mr. Stafford retired. Finances all arranged, he started to travel. Since that time he has visited every state in our union, every Canadian province.

He is 81 years old. He has earned his long vacation. He is finishing a useful life with delightful pursuits. For 40 years he yearned to travel. But he waited until he was economically independent. Now he enjoys himself unworried.

NOW in the peace of age he enjoys himself. For many American who is industrious, thrifty, conservative during his youth and middle age the experiences of Mr. Stafford are possible.

Mr. Stafford is on this train, enroute to his old home. Years ago in Flint Grover Whyte delivered him his daily paper and I delivered drugs for him after school on a bicycle.

"Save your money, live clean lives, work hard, play square and conserve your health, and you will enjoy old age in peace and independence."

That was his advice to me this morning. Coming from one of silver hair, pink cheeks, alert mentality, economic independence, it seemed good.

SUN-BAKED HILLS. Above tower snow-capped captains of the desert range. Between the flanking prominences a verdant valley—irrigated.

Beyond—two ways—waste. . . . At hand—man's hard-won triumph over nature.

LINDBERGH flew to Paris. We marvel at that. . . . But the achievement of driving rails for the iron horse over mountains and deserts is even more wonderful.

LINDBERGH had courage, divine confidence. . . . He won against odds.

The men whose vision encompassed a continent bound into unity by bands of steel were just as brave, just as divinely inspired. Don't forget that, as you ride in luxury over the hot sands of North America.

THE pioneer railroad men blazed an arduous trail. But I follow it in comfort.

Lindbergh has shown a new and glorious way. I hope to live long enough to follow it, too. I think I shall.

RELIEF FUND S WELLS RAYMOND TAKES HIS SEAT

MISS BUXTON'S READING NETS TIDY AMOUNT

Talented Young Woman Moves Audience of 500 to Tears

Virginia Jewell Buxton's dramatic presentation of Henry Van Dyke's "The Lost Word" moved an audience of 500 to tears at a flood relief community service in the Torrance High School auditorium Sunday evening, and added \$70.61 to the community's contribution for the Mississippi flood victims.

With an emotional power that matched her magnificent stage presence, Miss Buxton held her audience spellbound for more than an hour. With pure pathos, she breathed the breath of life into Van Dyke's masterpiece and attained the drama of ancient Greece to the heart throbs of her hearers. The talented young elocutionist read the most of every dramatic possibility that Van Dyke's genius placed in "The Lost Word." An exponent of the natural method of expression, Miss Buxton, in contrasting the magnificence of pagan Greece fifteen hundred years ago with the downtrodden existence of the Christian martyrs, invested Van Dyke's hero with an intensely human personality.

The story of "The Lost Word" tells of the tribulations of a young pagan who, after embracing the Christian faith, renounced it again. Miss Buxton displayed an amazing versatility of talent in developing each separate phase of the drama. Although she appeared alone on the stage and presented each individual section of the story, neither the clearness of her voice nor the power of her dramatic appeal was dimmed at the close.

Miss Buxton received an ovation from the big audience. Assisting in the relief fund program were Miss Lois Lingenfelter and Mrs. J. H. Mingenfelter-Thompson, who contributed a vocal selection.

Before her residence in Torrance Miss Buxton was well known on Chicago and middle western concert programs. On a midwest tour she played with the vocalists of the Alter Ego Little Theatre Players from the Gunn School of Music and Dramatic Expression in Chicago, and began attracting the attention of reviewers while still enrolled in the school. Her services were contributed to the community service in behalf of the Mississippi flood sufferers.

Mrs. Fess Elected 2d Vice President Of Women's Club

At a joint meeting of the incoming and outgoing executive boards of the Women's Club held Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. J. H. Fess was elected second vice president to fill the place made vacant by the death of Mrs. Brady Wolfe.

It is expected that Mrs. Lelia Atherton Irish of Los Angeles will install the officers of the club at the annual luncheon Wednesday, June 15.

The officers to be installed are: Mrs. W. M. Brooks, president; Mrs. Roy Arundell, first vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Fess, second vice-president; Mrs. H. H. Reeve, third vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Neelands, recording secretary; Mrs. P. G. Briney, treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Stone, federation secretary; Mrs. Ed Huddleston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sam Rappaport, auditor; and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Fred Hansen and Mrs. Mary Lewis, directors.

A great program has been prepared for the afternoon. Miss Virginia Buxton will give several readings and Miss Elizabeth Margriew of Long Beach will sing.

Reports of the various officers will be given, and all members are urged to be present.

Reservations for the luncheon, which will be 75 cents, must be made by Monday evening at 6 with Mrs. W. H. Gilbert, phone 234-W.

Rubbish Dumping In Palos Verdes Made Misdemeanor

Officers in the Palos Verdes Hills have issued the warning that, under County Ordinance 1315 it is a misdemeanor to dump rubbish of any sort in the hills; that such rubbish constitutes a fire hazard, and is a menace to health; and that offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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

Gourdier Writes Congratulating Mr. Kingsley

Postmaster Expresses Pleasure Over Honor Accorded Herald-News Editor

Alfred Gourdier, Torrance postmaster, in a letter to W. Harold Kingsley in care of The Independent in Boston, expresses pleasure in Mr. Kingsley's appointment for the summer as editorial writer on The Independent. Mr. Kingsley, who is editor and co-publisher of The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News, is substituting on The Independent staff for Arthur Pound while the latter is in Europe. Mr. Pound is a nationally known as a writer.

Mr. Kingsley left Torrance ten days ago to take up his duties in Boston. While away he will continue to write "Observations" for The Herald and The News.

Mr. Gourdier's letter follows: Mr. Harold Kingsley, The Independent, Boston, Mass.

My Dear King: I was pleased to hear of your very fine appointment to a position on The Independent, but also sorry to lose, temporarily, the very pleasant contact I have enjoyed locally with you.

An appointment such as you received does not come without merit or worth, and I take pleasure in congratulating you on receiving it.

As ever, your friend, ALFRED GOURDIER, Postmaster.

Parent-Teacher Convention Has Much of Interest

Twenty-eighth Annual State Meeting Held in Los Angeles

By PHOEBE J. MILBURN

The twenty-eighth annual P.-T. A. convention held in Los Angeles last week was interesting from many angles. A number of delegates from many eastern states, attending the national convention in Oakland, came on to Los Angeles to attend the convention of the state that, in the eyes of the Parent-Teacher world, has made the greatest advancement of any state in the work. There were 49 national officers present.

From the number of delegates present from California, 1587 being present and coming from all parts of the state, Tenth District was represented by 642 delegates.

All the departments of the work of the association were represented, and the chairmen of these departments told of the work.

Among these speakers were Dr. Newell Edson, chairman of the national committee on social hygiene; Dr. Harvey Eby, manager of the bureau of rural life, associate professor of rural life, University of California, Los Angeles; Sven Lokrantz, director of the department of health and corrective physical education of the Los Angeles city schools; and Judge George Bullock of Los Angeles.

The musical side of the program was given Wednesday night by 235 children from the 2500 comprising the Los Angeles elementary school orchestra; Wednesday afternoon by the "Singing Mothers" chorus; Thursday afternoon by the Section C band; Thursday night by the senior orchestra of the Los Angeles Franklin High School, by the senior girls' glee club of the P.-T. A., furnished the pipe organ music for the convention, Miss Mary Edith Smith, daughter of Mrs. Al R. Smith, chairman of literature, delighted the convention with her harp solos.

Friday most of the time was taken up with the work of the revision of the by-laws. Among the revisions were the changing of the official election to the second day of the convention; the reduction of the personnel of the executive board by excluding from its membership the 100 federation presidents and leaving district presidents to represent the 24 stated divisions. The district and county council presidents were made accredited delegates, with voice and vote at the conventions.

It was voted to substitute the (Continued on Page Two)

Ordinance Would Amend Building Code in 2 Zones

Trustees Consider Measure to Prohibit Galvanized Iron

An amendment to the building ordinance which would prohibit the construction of buildings of other than brick or masonry in Torrance Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 1-A was introduced to the Board of Trustees Tuesday night by Trustee Brooks. The proposed ordinance, which would amend Section 27 of Ordinance 107, would not interfere with one-story buildings of hollow tile which already are built or are being constructed.

Mr. Brooks' ordinance would make no exceptions for galvanized iron structures, however, in the business section of the city. It would allow the construction of galvanized iron buildings for industrial plants only, and in such sections of Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 1-A as overlap the industrial district.

The trustees adopted a resolution making failure to stop at 16 designated and marked boulevard stops in the city a misdemeanor. Under the resolution, which formally takes cognizance of the location of boulevard stops, violators will be subject to arrest.

Boulevard stops were designated in the resolution as follows: Traffic to stop in both directions on Cravens at Redondo, Portola at Redondo, Cota at Redondo, Anapola at Redondo, Madrid at Redondo, Camino Real at Arlington, and Arlington at Sartori.

Traffic to stop on Hawthorne before entering Redondo, and on Arlington before entering Post.

A petition to annex Walteria, comprising about 230 acres south of Meadow Park Tract, was put over for consideration at an adjourned meeting next Tuesday. It was reported to the trustees by City Clerk Bartlett that he had ascertained that more than 25 percent of the residents of the district had signed the annexation petition, as required by law. Under the statutes the trustees are obliged to order an election when such a petition is legally presented in proper form.

Death Comes Suddenly To Young Matron

Mrs. Margery Elizabeth Steinhiber Dies After Illness of Two Days

Mrs. Margery Elizabeth Steinhiber, 25, wife of Frank H. Steinhiber, 1739 Gramercy avenue, died at her home Thursday after an illness of two days. Organic heart trouble, aggravated by an illness of two days, was the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Steinhiber, nee Chewing, was born in New York, and had lived in Torrance since her marriage in 1921. Active in club work, she was a member of the Christian Science Church and formerly a member of the Woman's Benefit Association.

Margery Steinhiber's charming personality had won her many friends, who are deeply grieved at her untimely passing.

Survivors are her husband and young son Wallace; her mother, Mrs. Lucille Chewing; her sister, Helen Chewing; and two brothers, John and Wallace Chewing, all of Venice.

Services were read Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. Steinhiber's sister, Dr. Minnie Proctor, 1512 Post avenue. Cremation took place at Inglewood.

P. E. Fences Off Cedar Right of Way

The Pacific Electric right of way across Cedar avenue at the Nestor tract, adjoining the Pacific Electric shop property, was fenced the latter part of last week, closing the street. What the move on the part of the P. E. pre-erogated city officials had not yet been informed. The Pacific Electric owns a hundred-foot right of way across the street by deed. City traffic on the other hand, has used the street crossing the right of way for nearly twenty years. It was anticipated in city hall circles that the matter would resolve itself into a legal problem between the city and the P. E. and which would not affect property holders.

RATING IS HIGH IN COMMUNITY FUND EFFORTS

Total of \$416.61 Now Collected for Red Cross Relief Work

The community's contributions to the Red Cross relief fund for Mississippi River flood victims were substantially increased during the past week by a silver offering taken at a community service in the Torrance High School auditorium Sunday evening, and by additional individual donations made through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The total now collected places the community in the front rank of districts of its size.

The total sum which the Chamber of Commerce officials now have sent or are ready to send to the Red Cross is \$416.61. Of this \$95.61 was received during the past week.

The Sunday evening community service, at which Miss Virginia Jewell Buxton contributed her dramatic reading of Van Dyke's "The Lost Word," brought \$70.61 to the relief fund. The Chamber of Commerce received during the week \$25 in additional individual contributions. The chamber also is handling the transmission of the community money to the Red Cross.

Contributions to date are as follows:

Previously reported \$321.00

Community service 70.61

J. Ikenstein 10.00

Frank Sammons 10.00

B. C. Higgins 5.00

Total \$416.61

Secretary Carl L. Hyde of the Chamber of Commerce still is receiving and handling contributions to the fund. All money received is sent directly to the Red Cross for use in the flooded Mississippi Valley areas.

Societies Adopt Resolutions On Mrs. Wolfe's Death

The Torrance Relief Society and the board of directors of the Torrance Women's Club have adopted resolutions of sympathy to the family of Mrs. A. Brady Wolfe.

Mrs. Wolfe, who was one of the most prominent women of the community and organization work, died two weeks ago.

"We recognize her never-failing interest and untiring efforts for those sick and in trouble," the Relief society resolution stated.

The directors of the Women's Club, in their resolution, declared "We realize her death to be a distinct loss to the community."

Rev. Loyal Honored By Church, Schools And City at Dinner

Representatives of the city, churches, and schools joined in tribute to Rev. Alex Loyal at the farewell dinner given Tuesday evening by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church.

Dr. A. J. Hughes of Long Beach, district superintendent, acted as toastmaster, and made glowing comments on Rev. Loyal's worth.

Short talks were made by Mayor John Dennis; Herbert Wood, principal of the high school; Rev. Kelley, Episcopal; Rev. Jacobson-Norton, Four Square Gospel; Rev. Schmidt, Evangelical; Fred Hopkins, superintendent of the Sunday School; Miss Hazel Bushaw, Epworth League; Mrs. Guy Mowrey, Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. Wood commented particularly on Mr. Loyal's work among the boys. Mrs. Mowrey presented a substantial purse to Mr. Loyal, in behalf of the Aid society.

An excellent musical program included piano solos by Miss Freese and Miss Mason, and a vocal solo by Miss Winifred Henning, all of Los Angeles; a vocal solo by Miss Wona Wimmer of Long Beach; a vocal solo by Mr. Brower, choir leader; and a selection by the church choir.

Special guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hargreaves of Hollywood and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gayton of Long Beach, old friends and advisers of Mr. Loyal.

Church Announces Change in Services

An important change in the order of services has been announced by the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Hereafter Sunday School classes will be held half an hour before the regular Sunday service.

RAYMOND TAKES HIS SEAT

Succeeds T. F. Foley on City Board of Trustees

HAS HELD OFFICE

Served as Member of School Board and as Road Supervisor

Charles E. Raymond was appointed a city trustee by the Board of Trustees, in session Tuesday night, to succeed T. F. Foley, who presented his resignation two weeks ago. Mr. Foley's resignation, which was mailed to the board when Mr. Foley was aboard a train en route for the east, was accepted with regret.

Mr. Raymond's appointment was moved by Trustee Wolfe and seconded by Trustee Inman. No other name was offered.

The new trustee was sworn in immediately by City Clerk Bartlett, and, assuming Mr. Foley's place at the table, plunged immediately into the mass of business confronting the Board.

In a brief address to his fellow members on the board, and speculators in the trustees' room Mr. Raymond expressed both surprise and gratification that he should be singled out for what he considered the very great honor that had been done him.

Native of Sweden
Mr. Raymond was a native of Sweden. He has been in the United States 43 years, having emigrated from his native land to Pittsburgh, Pa., when he was a young man. He became a citizen as soon as he legally could after his entrance to this country. After living for a time in Pittsburgh he eventually worked his way to the southwest, first going to Kansas City, then to Washington and Oregon, and finally to Torrance.

His recent trusteeship is by no means Mr. Raymond's first experience in public office. From 1897 to 1901 he was a road commissioner of Kings County, Washington, for two terms. Starting in 1906 at Centralia, Wash., where he owned a large farm, Mr. Raymond served for nine years as a member of the board of education, and in 1911 he was appointed a road commissioner in the first district of Lewis County, Washington, a position which he held for six years.

Here Six Years
Mr. Raymond came to Torrance in 1921, erecting at once a day and night garage in Carson street and a home in Gramercy avenue. He has raised a family of five children, the youngest of whom is now 19 years old.

Torrance, Mr. Raymond says, he considers to be without exception the finest place in which he could have settled after leaving his farm lands in Washington and Oregon.

"I came to Torrance a worn-out old man," he told the trustees after his appointment, "but I am not old now! The climate here and my interest in Torrance have made a new man of me."

"My greatest desire is to be of service to the people of Torrance," Mr. Raymond said.

Far from being the "worn-out old man" which he said he considered himself six years ago upon his arrival in Torrance, the trustee who took the oath of office Tuesday night was hale and hearty and upstanding.

School Festival Tomorrow Night

The Torrance Elementary School will hold its annual spring carnival and exhibition of children's work tomorrow evening in the school auditorium and classrooms.

The school garden also will be on view for visitors.

The Parent-Teacher Association has announced that it is prepared to feed all visitors. Food will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

The kindergarten and first grade will stage a spring festival playlet in the auditorium at 7 o'clock, and at 8:30 the play of the upper grades, "Under the Sugar Plum Tree," will be given. In the interval between the plays the Parent-Teacher Association will install its new officers.

The P.-T. A. has designated the evening as its official "Fathers' Night."

GOOD EATS
The "Palms Verdes Hills" will hold a picnic, food and refreshments at the Elmer Wiggly home on Sartori avenue Saturday, June 11.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS



A MAN DOESN'T NEED TO BE TALL OR HAVE BROAD SHOULDERS TO BE BIG