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Council, Civic Bodies, Leaders Pay Homage to George Proctor; Flags in City at Half Mast

Cast into gloom at the severance of mortal friendship, but cherishing with deep affection the memory of a beloved associate and civic worker, citizens and officials of Torrance gave voice this week to their high esteem for George A. Proctor who died Tuesday morning.

Members of the City Council, fully aware of Mr. Proctor's contributions to the welfare of his city, as city official, president of the Chamber of Commerce and as a citizen passed a resolution Tuesday night in praise of his deeds and his character and immediately adjourned until next Tuesday. The council ordered that flags in the city be at half mast during the funeral Thursday afternoon.

Praises His Work
The resolution passed by the council follows:
"On this day which marks the passing from our midst of one whose unselfish loyalty and devotion to the City of Torrance, and whose willing sacrifice and unending labors in behalf of every cause which would make of this city a better place in which to live have won and kept the friendship, confidence and admiration of the whole community, it is fitting and proper that this City Council should here attempt to express its deep appreciation on behalf of the people of the City of Torrance, for the years of honest toil and constructive thinking and planning and the courage of his convictions which ever caused him to champion every progressive step in the history of our city, and every labor which would make of Torrance a better city, and of its inhabitants a happier people;

"NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this City Council hereby extends to the relatives and friends of George A. Proctor the heartfelt sympathy of each of the members of this council and although regretting to the deepest extent the circumstances which have brought forth these remarks; yet, they are proud to cause these sentiments and facts to be here recorded that future citizens of Torrance may know the type of man who was the first mayor of the City of Torrance."

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C. of C. Directors Mourn
Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of which Mr. Proctor was president at the time of his death, and of which he had five times been elected president answered the popular demand of business houses by announcing that all stores in Torrance would close Thursday afternoon during the funeral.

The directors signed the following resolution, which will be spread on the records of the Chamber of Commerce:
"Since the first days of Torrance there has been no such steadfast worker for the best interests of the city than George A. Proctor. Sensitive to the ideals which prompted Jared Sidney Torrance to found the city our friend and co-worker George Proctor has, more than any other single individual, been responsible for the carrying out of those ideals.

"Loyal, brave, jovial he worked and laughed his way into the hearts of all who knew him. He was ever moved by generous, charitable impulses. His passing takes from our midst not only a fine human friend but a powerful force for the growth and betterment of this city.

"The passing of George Proctor brings out in bold relief the splendid characteristics which marked his life. His deeds should be an inspiration to those of us who revere the City of Torrance, for loyalty to our city and to one another; should so direct our energies that we too, some day may leave to our community a rich heritage such as that which George Proctor has bequeathed to his home town." (Signed)

Harry H. Dolley, James W. Post, C. T. Rippey, Dr. George P. Shidler, Sam Levy, James L. Leech, Rufus Page, Carl L. Hyde, Wilfred Teal, W. Harold Kingsley.

Red Cross Memories
Members of the Red Cross whose activities in Torrance during the stirring days of the war telephoned The Herald to make sure that the work accomplished by Mr. Proctor in the name of the Red Cross be set forth adequately:

"We all depended upon him and he never failed us," said one prominent member of the organization. "Whenever we needed anything we had only to call on George Proctor. He was always ready, always gave of his time, his energy, his good nature and his money. We cherish the memory of his service in the cause of humanity with tender affection."

From all over Southern California came messages of condolence to the bereaved family—from officials and civic leaders who knew George Proctor well.

T. Bennett, chairman of the Welteria Chamber of Commerce said at the Council meeting Tuesday night: "Speaking for the Welteria Chamber of Commerce, I send profound regrets over the death of George A. Proctor—not only because of what he did for Torrance, but for his accomplishments for the entire Harbor district. His demise has been a cruel shock to this community."

AUXILIARY NOTICE
The Los Angeles County Council of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles, Friday, September 7. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock and the meeting will begin at 1.

NEW UNIT TO OPEN LATER

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replace Mr. Mitchell as supervisor of boys physical education and athletics. Mr. Ferrell graduated from Oregon State College. He took his master's degree in physical education at U. S. C. For two years he taught physical education at the Long Beach High School. He coached football one year at Oregon Agricultural College. He spent a year and a half as physical instructor at the Pacific Athletic club and was three years in Y.M.C.A. work. He stands in second place on the L. A. school list of physical education instructors.

James Burchett, graduate of Stanford and the State Teachers College at Santa Barbara will have charge of electrical, sheet metal and wood working instruction. He has had several years of experience in the work he will supervise in Torrance.

Miss Ada Chase will be instructor of art and stagecraft. She is returning to Torrance after two years' absence. She will also conduct the artcraft class in the evening high school.

Miss Katherine Klein will take over the position of Mrs. Morse as girls' physical education instructor. Mrs. Morse will teach Latin and English. Miss Klein is a graduate of the Sargent School of Physical Education at Cambridge, Mass. She has taught for two years. For three summers she was in the physiotherapy and orthopedic department of the Children's hospital in Los Angeles.

Miss Sarah Vaubel, rated on top of the list in the L. A. system in her specialty will teach commercial work, penmanship and spelling. She was graduated from U. S. C. and is experienced, as a teacher as well as having worked in the business world.

Raymond D. Crawford will be band and orchestra instructor. He is already well-known among Torrance musicians. He plays and teaches all instruments. He formerly taught in schools in Wilmington and Gardena.

Stewart W. Wright, U. S. C. graduate will be instructor of Spanish and general science. He taught a year at the Robert Louis Stevenson High School in Los Angeles and two years in Chile, South America.

"The new teachers," said Principal Wood, "are without exception splendidly qualified for their positions. Several of them are on top of the list of eligibles in the L. A. system. We are fortunate in getting such a faculty for Torrance."

With the opening of school, Mrs. Boynton, Spanish teacher, will take charge of the attendance office, relieving Mrs. Parks, vice principal of this work. Mrs. Boynton will continue with most of her Spanish classes, however.

The following program is announced for the opening day at the High School: 8 a. m. faculty meeting in library; 9 a. m.—assembly in auditorium; 9:45 a. m.—making of programs in home rooms; 10:30 and after—pupils go through day's schedule of classes. School will be dismissed about 2 p. m. Luncheon will be served in the cafeteria.

Evening High School
The Torrance Evening High School will open for enrollment Tuesday at 7 p. m. Last year over 400 men and women took advantage of the cultural and vocational classes, offered through the evening school and it is expected that this number will be increased during the new term. Some attractive new courses are being offered. All instruction is free with the exception of a few incidental expenses such as a small charge for gas in the welding class and deposits for text books in a few classes. These deposits are returned at the end of the year, however, if the texts are returned in good condition.

Subjects for the new term and instructors assigned are as follows: woodshop and cabinet making, Mr. Burk; cookery and menu study, Miss Coller; automobile, machine-shop and welding, Mr. Austin; choral club, Mrs. Elschen; dress-making, Mrs. Wilmot; dramatics and public speaking, Miss Lingenfelter; mathematics and mechanical drawing, Miss Ahrens; business English, Miss Huston; reedcraft and artcraft, Miss Chase; typing, shorthand and bookkeeping, Miss Weaver; Spanish, Senor Jibaja; printing, Mr. Andrews; physical education for women and young ladies, Mrs. Morse; physical education for business men, Mr. Hodge; physical education for young men, Mr. Hodge; Americanization, Miss Wartur; Americanization at Palos Verdes Estate Branch, Mrs. Lucock; millinery, to be assigned. Members of the faculty members return for another year of work at the evening school. Some are new. Senor Jibaja, a native of Argentine has been teaching large classes in Spanish in San Pedro for five years and it is only due to changes in his personal plans which force him to leave his work there and make it possible for him to teach at Torrance. Miss Huston, a recent graduate from the University of Southern California, is a new teacher in the English department. She came to the elementary school in the day school last February. Miss Coller returns after a year of absence from evening school work. She has many new ideas for her class. Mrs. Wilmot was very successful with her sewing classes last term but was forced to give up her work in April because of serious illness. Her return will be welcomed by her former students. Miss Chase formerly taught in the evening school and her class always had a waiting list for reed and art painting. She is returning this fall. A new millinery teacher will be assigned and announced next week. A possible course in radio is being discussed and if enough applicants enroll a teacher will be secured. In fact, any course will be offered in the evening school if there is sufficient demand for it.

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