

PUBLIC INVITED TO VIEW BEAUTIFUL MORTUARY

Many Innovations Are Incorporated in New Structure

Comfort and Cheer Built Into Stone and Myers New Edifice in Torrance

Many innovations for comfort and cheer at services have been established at the new Stone & Myers Mortuary.

With that thought in mind, every possible detail has been included in the building of this fine establishment.

Comfort within is brought out by the comfortable furnishings, and beauty and cheer are reflected in the rosy glow spread by the many stained glass windows.

The family room, situated just off the chapel, is a striking example of this. Just prior to the service, the family of the deceased is brought there for the service. They enter by a side entrance off Cravens avenue, and through a lovely patio to the door of the family room.

Here they remain throughout the service. The room is beautifully furnished and comfortable, and affords an unobstructed view of the minister and casket, without the family being observed by those attending the services.

Throughout, there is a feeling of privacy and shelter seldom found in a chapel and greatly appreciated in time of grief.

Following the service, the family leaves by the same entrance, and are taken to the cemetery in funeral cars waiting at the curb.

In the new building are many entrances and exits that reduce to the minimum all disturbances during a service, and allow it to run smoothly.

An exit in the musicians' room, which is also a private room just off the chapel, permits musicians to leave before the conclusion of the service if they desire, without interrupting the service.

A florist's entrance is concealed behind heavy drapes, and allows him to enter the chapel less than five feet from his destination.

This same doorway also opens into the ambulance garage, which Mr. Stone and Mr. Myers have so thoughtfully planned as a time saver. The garage has openings at both ends, and this saves precious seconds by eliminating backing the ambulance out when rushing to an emergency call.

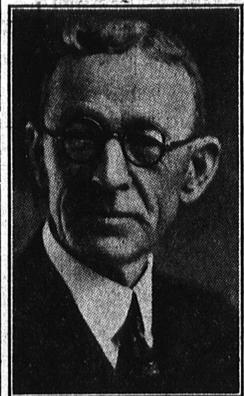
Another innovation, and feature of convenience, is a private entrance to the office, by people making business calls may enter during a service without creating any disturbance.

O. W. Stone Is Michigan Man

Former Representative at State Legislature Member of Firm Here

O. W. Stone was born in Michigan, where he lived for a number of years. For many years he had an undertaking establishment at Scotsdale, Michigan.

In 1900 he moved to Wash-



O. W. STONE

ington, where he engaged in that same business at Davenport.

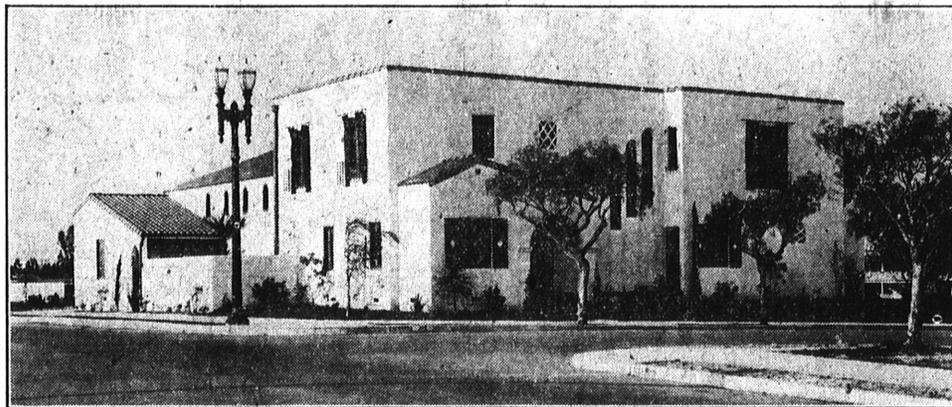
Mr. Stone served as a member of the first state board of embalmers in Washington.

From 1908 to 1912 he was a representative from his community to the state legislature in the state of Washington.

He came to Lomita from Washington in 1921 and founded the institution of Stone & Myers. Although Mr. Stone spent several years in public life, he has spent the greater part of his life in the undertaking business, embarking upon that career as a young man.

VIEW
THE STONE
AND
MYERS
BUILDING
THIS
WEEK

"SNATCH A GRACE BEYOND THE REACH OF ART"



—Photo by LaPlante

One of the most architectural pure and delightfully attractive structures in Torrance is the new home of Stone and Myers at Cravens and Engracia avenues. This exterior view shows a perspective of the beautiful edifice.

King's Nursery Does Landscaping

Landscaping at the new Stone and Myers mortuary was planned and executed by J. H. King of King's Nursery, Torrance.

Shrubs have been used on two sides of the building in a manner that conforms with the Mediterranean-Spanish architecture of it.

Royal palms, and many unusual shrubs, including the Australian blue-bell and the hibiscus are included in the landscaping. None of the more common shrubs have been used.

Eugenias are on guard on each side of the main entrance, and are beautiful and decorative.

In the lovely patio on the Cravens avenue side of the building is planted with tropical shrubs such as would be found in a tropical garden.

In the near future Mr. King will landscape the triangular spaces created at the corners of the building.

Much credit is to be given to Mr. King for achieving the decorative and beautiful result of the landscaping.

Although he has been in business but a short time, he has already gained an enviable reputation in that line of work.

An Ancient Art

Mummies have long been objects of wonder to many people, and the opinion has been voiced many times that the art of embalming is lost.

However, embalming methods have improved with the pace of the people, and contrary to public opinion, they are far above the old Egyptian mummy methods.

The history of their methods is both interesting and unusual. After preliminary preparation the body was dried out with chemicals. Just exactly what was used for this process is unknown, but it is supposed to be the natural chemicals which were mined out of the ground, such as borax, etc.

After this the body was covered with a dark substance, perhaps pitch. This was mixed with herbs, such as myrrh and other herbs emitting perfume.

The body thus treated had a glazed dark finish, something like the shade of mahogany. After this, yards and yards of cloth were used to wrap the body, then the mixture of pitch and herbs was put over that, making it practically air tight.

A wooden case had meanwhile been carved to enclose the mummy, and it was on the case that the Egyptians spent the most time, for this had to have as life-like an appearance as possible. Every effort was made to have the face of the case resemble the appearance of the living body.

This case in turn was enclosed in another case for entombment.

Only the very rich people could afford to be mummified.

Torrance Firms Build Structure

P. O. Guy, Torrance Plumbing
And Torrance Electric
Execute Works

Torrance contractors and Torrance labor were favored in all particulars in the construction of the beautiful new mortuary of Stone & Myers, at the corner of Engracia and Cravens avenues. P. O. Guy, whose success as a general contractor in Torrance is testified to by the many excellent buildings he has constructed was the general contractor.

Mr. Guy takes just pride in the finished product which is receiving so much praise from the people of Torrance.

The structure presented many problems, but the architect is delighted with the manner in which the Guy organization executed the work.

Of vast importance in any modern structure are the plumbing and electrical systems.

The Torrance Plumbing Company had the plumbing contract which was executed, as are all contracts by that company, under the expert personal direction of Fay L. Parks. Mr. Parks' reputation and experience won him the Stone & Myers' contract and the firm is pleased with the results obtained.

The lighting system in the new edifice is a noteworthy feature of the building. The contract for this work was given to the Torrance Electric company. The lighting effects and fixtures are in keeping with the quiet dignity of the building and add no small amount to the interior beauty of the structure. B. J. Scott, whose work has been so satisfactory in so many houses and building in Torrance personally supervised the electric work in the building.

Stone and Myers History Here One of Steady Growth

Firm Founded in Lomita in 1921, Opens Parlors in Torrance in 1923

The firm of Stone & Myers was founded in 1921, when Mr. O. W. Stone and Mr. Charles F. Myers opened a funeral home in Lomita, in May, 1921. 1204 Narbonne, the location chosen by Stone and Myers for the establishment, still is their Lomita address.

In December, 1923, Stone & Myers opened a second establishment at 1732 Cabrillo,

Torrance. Mr. Stone remained in charge of the establishment there, while Mr. and Mrs. Myers came to Torrance to take over the new building and business in Torrance.

Here they remained until recently, when need for a larger building and better equipment prompted the building of the fine Spanish structure that stands at the corner of Cravens and Engracia avenues. December 1 they moved into the new building, which is to be opened for public inspection Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

In building this new funeral home, which is one of the showplaces of Torrance, they have built one of the finest funeral homes in Southern California, both in beauty of structure and convenience.



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Charles Myers
Of Washington

Member of Progressive Firm Here Son-in-Law of O. W. Stone

Mr. Charles F. Myers, partner in the firm of Stone & Myers, was born and raised in the state of Washington. In 1914 he was married to the daughter of Mr. O. W. Stone, and the couple home-

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The lovely chapel of the Stone & Myers new mortuary, where funeral services are conducted, is a spot of beauty. Majestic in appearance, it has a high ceiling, beautified by the intricate design of the exposed, rough brown rafters. Accentuating the cathedral like beauty, are eight stained glass windows set high in the wall, four on each side of the room.

A beautiful setting for the casket is formed in a recessed arch at the front of the chapel. This is lighted by two shaded lamps, between which provision has been made to place the floral decorations.

The room is heavily carpeted, and has rows and rows of wicker chairs and a minister's stand and chair for its simple adornments.

Lovely Chapel for Services



—Photo by LaPlante

Chaste dignity is builded into the chapel at the new funeral home of Stone and Myers, morticians.

Reception
at Stone
and Myers
Friday
Saturday
Sunday
1 to 9 p. m.

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