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MR. AND MRS. HARRY PEEBLES PASS AWAY FEW HOURS APART

Hosts of Friends Shocked by Sudden Death of Old Torrance Residents—Funeral Saturday, 2 P. M.

The shadow of death fell upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Peebles Saturday night, and claimed them both within a few hours of one another. Mr. Peebles died at 10:30 p. m. Saturday and Mrs. Peebles was found dead in her bed Sunday morning. She expired about 5 o'clock Sunday morning from a heart attack.

Mr. Peebles had been ill three weeks from a kidney complication. He underwent an operation at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital Saturday morning, and died at the hospital Saturday evening at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Peebles had been suffering from a long illness and was confined to her bed when Mr. Peebles became ill. She got up, however, and helped care for her husband until his death. A collapse followed and she went to sleep Saturday evening never to awaken. She had been suffering from a weak heart, and it is thought that this was the cause of her death, following the shock of losing her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Peebles were both 55 years of age and were born in Newcastle, Pennsylvania. They came to Torrance about twelve years ago at the time the Torrance Flat Glass Company was built. Mr. Peebles was a glass cutter by trade and worked at the local factory as long as it operated. He was also an interior decorator and gave a good deal of his time in later years to this work. For the past few years, he had retired from any active work, except the management of his real estate properties. He owned his home at 1423 Cota avenue, Torrance, as well as a duplex adjoining, and two apartments over a group of garages in the rear of the Peebles residence. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Matilda Peebles was a member of the Central Evangelical church of Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Peebles have no children and there were no close relatives near them at the time of their death. They were in almost constant care of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Penmar of Hermosa Beach, life long friends, who formerly lived in Newcastle, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Penmar have also taken charge of the funeral arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wright, neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Penmar in their sad work of caring for their departed friends.

Mrs. Peebles is survived by three sisters in the East and one of these sisters, Mrs. Stannie Smith of Monaca, Pennsylvania, is expected to arrive in Torrance Friday morning.

Mr. Peebles has a cousin, Don Eckles, in South Pasadena and an aunt in Pennsylvania.

While few relatives remain to mourn the loss of the devoted couple, their passing has been a great shock to their hosts of friends in Torrance and throughout this district. Their keen interest in civic development will also be greatly missed.

The memory of their charming personalities and their sterling characters will long remain in the hearts of their friends. Their devotion to each other and the large measure of happiness that was theirs because of this beautiful relationship will long remain as a glowing example of happy married life. While their friends feel the loss of their parting very keenly, they find comfort in the realization that neither of this devoted couple had any regrets from any cause, and an inseparable companionship.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, September 7, at 2 p. m. in Stone and Myers Chapel, being delayed awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Peebles' sister, Mrs. Stannie Smith, from the East. The Rev. G. G. Schmidt of the Central Evangelical church of Torrance, and the former pastor of this church, Rev. F. A. Zeller of San Bernardino will officiate.

Cremation will be at Inglewood cemetery.

SUPERVISORS TAKE JOY OUT OF TAX CUT

18 Cent Increase by County Wipes Out 17 Cent Saving by Torrance

Just as Torrance taxpayers were congratulating themselves on a 17 cent cut in their tax bill, the county board of supervisors voted an 18 cent increase in county taxes. So the net result will be a one cent increase over last year's tax bill.

However, there is consolation in the knowledge that had it not been for the stringent reduction in the Torrance city rate, taxes for 1929-30 would have been considerably higher than last year.

The supervisors increased the county tax from 72 cents to 88 cents, and the county flood control assessment is increased from eight to ten cents, making a total increase over last year's county rate of 18 cents.

Motion for adoption of the new rate was made by Supervisor Fred T. Deady and seconded by Supervisor Henry W. Right. Supervisors R. F. McClellan, chairman, and Sidney T. Graves were not present.

The 1929-1930 budget calls for the expenditure of \$56,000,000, an increase of \$8,000,000 over the preceding year.

The following increases, caused the 18 cent jump in taxes:

- General hospital construction, 4 cents.
- Purchase civic center building property, Los Angeles, 4 cents.
- Purchase beach playground property, 2 cents.
- Pension for blind, 1 cent.
- Increase in salaries and personal, 4 cents.

"The principal reason for the increase in the tax rate is the fact that assessed valuation of county real estate did not increase as fast as the expenses of county government," Supervisor Henry W. Wright, chairman of the finance committee, said today. "There also is the fact that the state legislature made changes in methods of taxation which reduced greatly the amount of personal property to be taxed and therefore made it necessary for the county to raise more money on property which remained taxable."

Progress Pays An Editorial By Grover C. Whyte

The astoundingly low city tax rate of 53 cents per \$100 assessed valuation in the City of Torrance for the coming year proves in a most convincing way that PROGRESS PAYS DIVIDENDS. The broad visioned progressive attitude of the City of Torrance in annexing neighboring territory has been largely responsible for establishing for Torrance the lowest city tax rate of any city in Los Angeles county, and so far as records have been tabulated, the lowest city rate in California.

The assessed valuation of the territory which has been annexed to Torrance nearly equals the present valuation of the original city. We have annexed territory, greater in assessed valuation than the entire City of Redondo Beach. And it has paid us handsomely to do so. By practically doubling our assessed valuation without materially increasing our city expenses, we have more than cut our city tax rate in half, since the City was incorporated in 1921.

We are particularly happy in this situation, because it has been as beneficial in lowering the taxes of the territory annexed as it has to the City of Torrance.

TAX RATE DECREASES EACH YEAR SINCE CITY OF TORRANCE WAS INCORPORATED

The following table of assessed valuations and city tax rates for each year since Torrance was incorporated shows in a most convincing manner that taxes have decreased each year as the city has expanded its territorial area. The territories annexed have also benefited greatly by decreased taxes over those charged to unincorporated areas adjacent to this city.

Year	Assessed Valuation	City Tax Rate	
1923-23	\$ 3,909,560	1.22	
1924-24	5,943,130	.98	
1925-25	10,549,985	.98	
1926-26	8,161,695	.98	
1927-27			
Old City	\$10,667,695	.76	
Northwest Addition	1,655,470	12,323,025	.74
1928-28			
Old City	9,468,360	.67	
NW Add. and Meadow Pk.	6,822,935	16,291,295	.64
1929-29			
Old City	10,676,925	.70	
Northwest Addition	2,885,470	.66	
Meadow Park	5,647,755	.66	
S. Torrance	379,696	10,239,346	.66
1929-30			
Old City	11,729,310	.53	
Annexed Territory	10,736,270	22,465,580	.49 1/2

Go Blow Your Horn, We'll Pay the Fine!

"Go ahead and blow your siren and flash your red lights in defiance of the state law, Chief; we'll stand behind you and pay your fine!" This was the essence of instructions given Chief of Police Calder by City Council this week.

The question has been brewing for several meetings since it was discovered by Councilman Steiner, that a quick in the new state law, effective August 14, prohibited the use of sirens and red lights on private cars of chiefs of police and numerous other state, county, and municipal officers.

Apparently the restriction in the new state law was aimed at the promiscuous use of red lights and sirens by minor officers, and in the opinion of the Torrance councilmen was not intended to prohibit a chief of police from using the red lights and sirens while on official calls in his own car.

The chief has frequent official calls to Los Angeles when it is deemed necessary to use the emergency facilities, and the choice of purchasing a city-owned vehicle for the chief or telling him to use the red lights and sirens on his private car.

Hence the order, "Go ahead and violate the law!"

BOY AT PLAY CRUSHED BY AUTOMOBILE DIES

Paul McIntier, 4 Years Old, Loses Life in Unavoidable Accident

Car Driven by W. O. Middleton Crushes Tot Playing in Street

Paul Eugene McIntier, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. McIntier, was killed Saturday morning while playing in front of his home at 1735 Gramercy avenue, by a car driven by William O. Middleton, 2224 Gramercy avenue.

He was rushed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital, where he died 30 minutes later.

"At the coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon the jury rendered a verdict of 'unavoidable accident.' The baby was born in Torrance and was four years, four months and 13 days old. Funeral services were conducted this morning at 9 o'clock at the Catholic church with interment at Calvary cemetery in Los Angeles.

2 MEN HURT IN COLLISION ON VERMONT

Heavy Cars Dive Into Deep Ditch When Front Wheels Lock

Two heavy cars were completely demolished yesterday afternoon in a crash at the intersection of East Road and Vermont Avenue.

It is asserted that the front wheels of one car struck the front wheels of the other and the two cars careened crazily and came to rest in the ditch at the side of the road. A heavy sedan, which C. F. Richardson of 1430 W. 6th street, Los Angeles, was driving came to rest at the bottom of the ditch after turning over several times. Richardson sustained a scalp wound and chest bruises. His passenger, C. A. Hyer of 1282 W. Jefferson street, Los Angeles, received a bump on his head and was bruised and shaken up.

F. A. Hyer of 122 Temple street, Long Beach, driver of the other car escaped unscathed.

For Rent—Furnished apartments, single \$20.00, double \$30.00. Gas, water, lights included. Sam Levy, Phone 121-W, Torrance.—adv.

ECONOMY BUDGET, GROWTH IN TERRITORY SAVE \$38,000

Tax Payers in Torrance Benefit by Annexations During the Past Year—Added Territory Has Value Greater Than Redondo

Exactly \$38,191.48 were saved the taxpayers of the City of Torrance, when the city council adopted its economy budget last week and set a new low city tax rate of 53 cents per hundred dollars assessed valuation.

The total assessed valuation of the city of Torrance is now \$22,465,580, and by reducing the city tax rate 17 cents lower the past year \$38,191.48 is saved. It is estimated that the industries alone in Torrance will save \$16,000 by the new rate.

While the major factor in cutting the city tax rate was due to the annexation of territory having an assessed valuation of ten million dollars, the yield per acre of all city expenses was responsible for a measure of the saving.

After days and nights of careful study, the city council adopted the following budget for the ensuing year:

BUDGET FOR YEAR 1929-30 CITY OF TORRANCE

Category	Amount
Income	
Estimated receipts from Taxes	\$ 58,738.00
From licenses, permits, fines, etc.	16,650.00
Cash on hand	25,915.00
Estimated total receipts	\$131,303.00
Disbursements	
General government expense	\$ 19,750.00
Includes clerk, treasurer, attorney and engineer's offices and expenses of general nature	
Protection of life and property	53,636.00
Includes fire and police salaries and expenses; inspection, lighting, maintenance, hydrant rental, etc.	
Health and sanitation	6,550.00
Health officer \$1400.00; garbage disposal, sewer system expenses, etc.	
Street department expense	26,994.00
Supt. salary and all expense of repairing and cleaning streets and alleys, together with labor and material	
Park departments expense	6,480.00
Labor, fertilizer, etc. Alder library rent, \$420.00	
New equipment, snow improvements, etc.	10,412.00
Crossings over P. E. alleys west of Madrid	
TOTAL	\$128,752.00
Estimated receipts from 10c per \$100 tax for parks, advertising and promotion	\$ 22,465.00
Budget	
In commenting upon the budget for the coming year, Councilman Ed Nelson, chairman of the finance committee, said, "Mayor Denison and the other members of the city council have endeavored to make every dollar of city tax money go as far as it is possible to do, without depriving any important work or development of needed funds. We do not want to have the reputation of having the lowest tax rate if it is going to mean the sacrifice of important city services, and while the 1929-30 rate sets a new low mark in Los Angeles county, I believe there will be sufficient funds to run the	

retirement and interest. By way of comparison, the City of Redondo finds it necessary to add 38 cents to its tax rate for interest and retirement of city bonds.

The fortunate position of Torrance is appreciated by comparison with other cities, a few typical ones being:

- Compton—\$1.07 city tax.
- Hermosa Beach—\$1.50 city tax.
- Hawthorne—\$1.00 city tax.
- Inglewood—\$1.05 city tax.

Perhaps the most startling comparison is that of Pittsburg, California, home of the northern plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation, and like Torrance an industrial city, will have a city tax rate next year of \$1.60.

DAHLIAS ARE STEEL OPTION SUBJECT OF GARDEN TALK

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5—Announcement as to whether the option on the Columbia Steel Corporation, held by the United States Steel Corporation, will be closed or not, will be made the latter part of September, according to telegraphic advices received this morning from New York City. The telegram said:

"Definite announcement as to whether the United States Steel Corporation will take up the option to secure the Columbia Steel Corporation of Delaware is not expected until late in September, according to reports obtained from sources close to the Steel Corporation officials this morning. The option for the ninety day term will expire October 1."

Auditors are still at work in the Pittsburg and San Francisco offices of the Columbia Steel Corporation, and also in the offices of the United States Steel in San Francisco. Part of the reports have already been submitted to the heat offices.

Caesarian Twins Born at Hospital

Twins, a boy and a girl, weighing six and one half pounds each, were born at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital, August 30 to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCarthy of 3121 Gramercy avenue. This is the second set of Caesarian twins born at the hospital this year. Mr. McCarthy and the twins are doing nicely.

Big Program and Many Changes Ahead for Next School Year

School opens Tuesday. Vacation days will then be over for another year and the main topic of hundreds of school children will be grades, examinations and class-work.

Many changes in the location of classes have been made at the high school and several others will take place at the completion of the new science hall.

The cafeteria will continue in its present location for a couple of weeks and at that time the new cafeteria, which will be located under the Auditorium, is expected to be completed.

All classes will be held in the newly completed quarters, which were formerly occupied by the chemistry and physics classes. The rooms have been remodeled and refurnished and will be furnished with the most up-to-date equipment. New drawing boards with an adjustable top and compartments for drawing materials have been installed. There will be two art rooms, both with large wall space for display of finished posters and art work. Miss Ada Chase will hold her classes in one room and Miss Bernice Summerwell will have the other.

Equipment for art crafts, including a new rock sink for softening of needs, facilities for dyeing and pressing, clay modeling and leathercraft has been installed, as well as large cases for art objects on display.

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FIESTA NETS LEGION \$800

Auxiliary Also Makes \$125—Commander Thanks Public and Others for Success

While all the expenses are not yet compiled, it can safely be stated that the net profits to the auxiliary of the Legion on the Fiesta and Auto Show this year will exceed \$800. This will be applied on the clubhouse fund. The Legion Auxiliary also netted a little over \$125.

Over seven thousand attended the show during the four days, and proved that the show can be as successfully put on under local direction as by outside professional showmen.

Speaking for the local Post, Col. N. F. Jamieson, commander, wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the annual event.

"I would like to especially thank Sam Levy for his generous donation of the grounds, lights, and dance hall. This is a splendid service and the Legion boys also appreciate Mr. Levy's help a great deal," Col. Jamieson said.

Mention was also made of the large amount of publicity given by the Torrance Herald and the Los Angeles News, the Export Refining Company through their representative Nick Gallucci, for the painting of the arch. Automobile agencies and commercial exhibitors are also thanked, as well as the general public for their generous patronage. Paul and Murray also loaned their Dodge truck on several occasions.

"The success of the Fiesta and Auto Show was due to a large extent to the untiring efforts of the Legion committeemen assigned to their tasks," said W. C. Collins, general chairman of the Fiesta. The committeemen were: Don Haxter and Ray Leslie, concessions; Ellis Harder, car space and exhibitors; and Tom Bowker, dance.

Thumb Mangled in Oil Rig Machine

Lloyd Myers, 2438 261st street, Harbor City, had his left thumb badly mangled yesterday afternoon when it was caught in some machinery at one of the oil rigs at Dominguez Hill.

He was treated at a doctor's office here and sent to his home. He is an employee of the Standard Oil Company.

Mrs. Stackowicz Is Guest Of Signor Conti Of Italy

Mrs. E. Stackowicz of Torrance, mother of Miss Wanda Stackowicz, who in December of last year made her operatic debut in Belluno, Italy, visited in Hollywood yesterday with Maestro Alberto Conti of Italy who directed Miss Stackowicz when she made her debut.

Signor Conti recently arrived in America and is now in Hollywood, where he was brought by the Columbia Opera Company to train the principals and choruses for the coming operatic season.

He said of her, "Miss Stackowicz has studied intensely and was in splendid voice on the night of her debut. He also said that she showed great intelligence in the interpretation of her roles and that he felt that by next year her training would be broad enough to allow her to make her debut in America. Signor Conti was charmed by the lovely voice of Miss Stackowicz and spoke most highly of her. He saw her just a week before she sailed for America and said that she was now studying the opera "Tosca" in Milan, Italy.

Miss Stackowicz is a Torrance girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Stackowicz of Post avenue.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

It takes the girls longer to dress now than it did when they wore 3 petticoats.

