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DENNIS DESERVES VOTERS' SUPPORT

NEW COUNTY COURTS PLAN IS ADVANCED

Present Justices of Peace Would Be Eliminated; Law Being Drawn

A new court system, to be known as the "county courts," will replace the present forty justice courts in Los Angeles county...

In answer to the Herald's inquiries on the subject, Pritchard said yesterday that the county courts system would eliminate the present justice courts...

Legislature Must Approve "It in no way would take the choice of judges from the people but would retain the character of each township's court with the voters determining the magistrates," he said.

The bill providing for the "county courts" system must be approved by the county supervisors, the judicial council and possibly the Bar association before it will be introduced in the legislature.

The new court would handle civil cases involving sums up to \$2000, he continued. "This is the same as in the present municipal court system, and also would pass on high misdemeanors in criminal cases.

Pritchard declared that so far, no opposition has been encountered by the Justices of the Peace association in the move to install the new system.

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Annual Warning Given By Chief

WARNING! Anchor everything down tight or move inside and under lock such equipment as is transportable tonight and tomorrow night.

This annual cautionary statement to all residents of Torrance was expressed today on the eve of Halloween by Police Chief G. A. Calder.

The chief's admonition is based on years of experience of boys and, sometimes men, who will be boys during the evenings when those all-aged ghostly sprites from the nether-world will gambol in this city.

While Halloween has never been productive of much serious damage here, the police department will take every precaution to prevent the destruction of property and will deal severely with those who are maliciously inclined to go beyond the bounds in celebration of the time-honored jubilee of asserted ghosts.

MAN JAILED FOR ALLEGED AUTO THEFT

Machine Said Stolen More Than Six Months Ago is Recovered

Recovery of an automobile stolen more than six months ago in Huntington Park, was announced by Police Chief G. A. Calder this week, when he and Sergeant John Stroh apprehended H. F. Blum, 37, of 2117 Cabrillo avenue, asserted car thief.

Blum was turned over to the sheriff's office and the auto theft detail of that department is now investigating the alleged theft. Blum is now in the county jail on suspicion of theft. It is reported by police here.

When he was arrested the local man claimed that the owner of the machine owned him a \$10 balance on a \$75 loan in which the automobile was put up for security.

However, the local officers state that Blum could not tell the rightful owner's name. He said that he had not used the car since he took it and that it had remained in his garage ever since May 21, last. The owner, it developed, had settled with the insurance company and had taken a \$400 loss on the car. Blum had lived here for the past three years.

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Torrance Child's Life is Saved By Surgeon's Skill

Japanese Doctor Removes Piece of Bark From Infant's Lung

Because of the skill of a Japanese surgeon in removing a large piece of bark from Jimmie Charles' lungs, the nine-months-old son of Mrs. Elsie Charles, of 1720 Andro street, is very much alive and kicking today.

While playing on the floor on October 26, Jimmie picked up a piece of pepper tree bark which had blown in Mrs. Charles' house and placed it in his mouth. The substance entered his windpipe and lodged in the lungs. Dr. Hara performed the operation without an anesthetic.

Expected Home Tomorrow He used a bronchoscope, an instrument fitted with a tiny electric light. The surgeon passed this down the infant's throat and windpipe until the light revealed the piece of bark. Then a pair of forceps were inserted down the instrument's hollow tube and the bark was removed.

To enable the child to breathe during the delicate operation, Dr. Hara, it is reported, cut through the windpipe from the outside. Jimmie played about his crib for a few hours after the operation and is expected home tomorrow.

Fall Into Ditch Is Nearly Fatal

Lomita Man Fractures His Skull in Accident

A 30-foot fall into the sewer excavation on Weston street in Lomita was nearly fatal for Lewis Sterling, son of Mrs. Edward Spence, of Arizona street, Saturday afternoon. Sterling, who was employed on the excavation job, was rushed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital here for treatment.

He was found suffering from a fractured skull and at first it was thought he would not live. However, he rallied and was later taken to a South Gate hospital, where he is recovering.

Ditch Digger and Automobile Crash

A collision Friday afternoon between a huge ditch digging machine and an automobile resulted in the passenger car, driven by Mrs. C. F. Ramsay, 2948 Palm street, Lomita, coming off second best in the encounter. The accident occurred at Carson street and Cabrillo avenue where the digger was making a right hand turn, according to Mrs. Ramsay's report to the police.

The Ramsay machine had its California top completely wrecked while the excavating equipment was undamaged. Mrs. Ramsay told police that the digger was making the turn without having a flagman on duty to signal the turn. She was uninjured.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

The next meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. A number of important business matters will be taken up then and it is hoped that a full attendance will be present.

Herald Will Give Election Returns

In accordance with its usual custom, the Torrance Herald will be pleased to give information on the election returns Tuesday night until 11 o'clock to all residents of this city and Lomita who call Torrance 444. Special bulletins on the course of the general election will be published and placed on the Herald's bulletin boards at the three drug stores, two banks and the Herald office. Returns from township precincts on the justiceship race are not expected before 8 o'clock.

Civic Pride

By Beulah Lewis, 1915 Gramercy Avenue Poet Laureate of Torrance

When I learned that the Mayor of Torrance Had given five years to the public need, It came with a shock of pleasure, In these days of graft and greed.

Let's Do Our Bit for "Uncle John"

Silly Arguments of Lomita Residents Opposing Mayor Dennis Are Answered. Torrance Expected to Go 100 Per Cent for Dennis in Justice Race.

An Editorial

By GROVER C. WHYTE

Torrance can elect John Dennis to the office of Justice of Peace in Lomita township if every voter who cast his ballot at the recent water bond election, GETS OUT NEXT TUESDAY AND VOTES FOR MAYOR DENNIS. While it is expected that Mayor Dennis will receive considerable support in Lomita, the decision rests with Torrance voters.

It seems almost unbelievable with this six to one ratio existing that a Lomita man has held the office of Justice of Peace in the township for the past 18 years,—in fact, ever since the court was established. And now again, Lomita is putting up a strenuous fight to re-elect its candidate, Judge Patterson. Turn about is fair play, and it's Torrance's turn now.

Patterson supporters in Lomita are making a big cry about the necessity of electing a Lomita man as justice because they claim "Lomita needs the protection of the justice court." The argument is silly, and without foundation in fact or reason. Whoever heard of a justice policing a community! It is the constable and his deputies who do the policing and they are all under civil service. Whether Dennis or Patterson are elected, it will not make the slightest difference to the protection that Lomita or Torrance residents receive from the constable and his deputies. Did you ever hear of Justice Patterson going out and tracking down criminals? Of course not. It is not his duty to do so. All the justice does is to try the cases after the arrests are made. You might as well argue that we receive no protection from the Army and Navy because the President of the United States lives in Washington.

But there is another very good reason why Torrance people should rally 100 per cent to the support of John Dennis. And that is his five years of gratuitous service as mayor of this city. Long days and longer nights for five trying and strenuous years, has honest "Uncle John" labored for this city without pay. He has given all his time and much of his money in service of this city, without thought of compensation. Who is there in Torrance who is so ungrateful that he will not go to the polls Tuesday and vote for such an unselfish public servant. The justice office does not pay a big salary. It is less than \$125 a month, but to a man of modest means such as John Dennis, it is very acceptable. So rally to Uncle John, you loyal Torrance folk, and let's show him even in this small way that we do appreciate his efforts in our behalf. He has two years yet to serve as mayor of this city and he can perform his duties as justice without in any way affecting his capacity as mayor. We've accepted his services without pay for five years. Now let's give him an office that pays a salary.

Campaign headquarters have been established in the Dominguez Land Corporation building, 1510 Cravens avenue. Telephone 5. An urgent call is made for volunteer workers to help get out the vote on election day. If you can possibly spare the time, go down and do your bit for Torrance and Mayor Dennis. It'll be lots of fun and you'll enjoy it. Let's make it 100 per cent in Torrance for Uncle John.

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New Building in Gain During This Month Over 1929

\$16,350 in Building Permits Taken Out Here in October

While new building in Torrance during the month ending tomorrow showed a substantial increase over October, 1929, the total for the year to date is still considerably behind the first 10 months of last year, according to reports at the city engineer's office today.

A total of \$16,350 in new buildings was reached this month as compared with permits for but \$5700 in October, 1929. This increase helped materially in bringing the total for the year to date up to where it normally belongs, it is reported.

Permits This Week New construction during the first 10 months of 1930 totals \$39,479 as compared with \$56,213 in 1929, according to the city engineer's figures.

Among the permits taken out this week were one for a duplex that being constructed for Fred Hansen at 2665 Carson street and costing \$1000, and one for the garage structure of a first owner at 1224 Arlington avenue for Phillip Rupp. This will cost \$3200 to build, the permit states.

Local Man is Badly Burned in Gas Blast

Suffering from second degree burns about his face and upper part of his body, Leroy Dunham, who lives at the National hotel here, is confined at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital in a serious condition following a gas explosion early Monday morning at the Pacific Smelting company.

Dunham is reported to be in a serious condition, but is expected to recover. No details concerning the explosion have been reported by the fire department, but it is thought that a leaking gas line was responsible for the blast which did considerable damage.

Early last night an oil derrick, known as the No. 25, on the Standard Oil lease here, was completely destroyed by fire, the damage amounting to approximately \$5000, being covered by insurance.

Another alarm was received by the department shortly after 1 (Continued on Page 7-A)

Legionnaires Tell About Nov. 11, 1918

Those greying business men, workers and residents of Torrance who are members of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion had the time of their lives on November 11, 1918. They were scattered all over—some in France, some crossing the Atlantic in convoys, some in training camps here—others in the front lines.

They have a story to tell—and what a story! This week at the Legion's regular meeting each one wrote his account of the first Armistice Day for the Herald. Each Legionnaire present was asked to tell where he was, what he was doing and what he thought of the Armistice on that immortal day, 12 years ago.

Their stories will be presented in a feature article in next week's Armistice Day edition of the Torrance Herald. It's one of the best stories the Herald has ever published. Ex-service men who were not present at the Legion meeting this week and who want to "write-up" their own stories are cordially invited to send them in. All stories must be at the Herald by Monday morning to be included in this feature.

Ladies, Vote Early, Please!

An urgent request is made by election officials to have all voters who possibly can cast their ballots in the forenoon. The ballot is long and the polling will be slow.

Housewives are especially urged not to delay voting until their husbands return from work in the afternoon, but to go to the polls in the forenoon when they will have ample time to study the ballot carefully and avoid the delay of waiting in line.

CITY TO ASK WATER CASE DISMISSAL

Attorneys Are Ready For Hearing Monday Morning

A motion will be filed before Federal Judge Cosgroves to dismiss the suit against the city and its 14 officials immediately after the case, brought by a stockholder in the local water company following the September 25 water bond election is called Monday morning in Los Angeles.

The attorneys defending the city in the federal court, Perry G. Briney, city attorney, and James L. Beebe and Pierce Works of the firm of O'Melveny, Teller and Myers, will ask the dismissal at once in order to expedite the resumption of the city's work on the proposed publicly-owned and operated water system which received the overwhelming endorsement of the voters last month.

It is expected that the motion to dismiss the case brought by George W. Dilling, ex-mayor of Seattle, water company stockholder and property owner here, will bring up all legal questions which can arise in the case and these will be settled when the hearing is held. A decision on the dismissal would probably be handed down within the next 30 or 40 days.

Nons to Go on Stand The attorneys for the city state that they believe it will not be necessary for the 14 city officials named in the suit to be present in court Monday morning as the matter hinges on legal aspects only and little, if any, direct testimony from witnesses or defendants would be taken.

According to Briney, the attorneys have practically finished their (Continued on Page 6-A)

SIX NATIONS IN CLASS HERE

Citizenship Students at Torrance Evening High School are Learning American Customs, History and Ideals

Six different countries are represented in the roll of the Citizenship class at the Torrance Evening high school, according to George Clark, principal. These people are taking this course in order that they may pass the examination for their naturalization papers.

The instructor, Mrs. Stella Young, has but 12 students in the class, which meets every Tuesday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock, but those enrolled have shown a keen interest in American history, government and current events.

Those in the class and their native countries are: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Svenson, Sweden; John Kean, Serbia; Elizabeth McKeon, Christina, Cameron and R. B. Christie, Scotland; Mrs. Eva Smith, N. L. Smith, Percy W. Smith and J. Lepkin, Canada; B. Gerry, England; and A. P. Olinger, Luxembourg.

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JUSTICESHIP RACE LEADS IN INTEREST

Veteran Mayor of Torrance Favored Over Patterson for Office

While voters will be asked to express their views on candidates for nineteen state and county offices and twenty-six propositions, the principal interest in the general election next Tuesday was for as justiceship and Lomita are concerned, centers in the race for justice of peace in Lomita township.

Torrance is expected to go almost unanimously for its veteran, Mayor Dennis, and Lomita will give the incumbent, Judge Patterson, a heavy vote. The odds seem to be with Dennis as Torrance has a registration of 300 voters in Lomita's 2297. The balance of the township vote lies in Palos Verdes, and the Dennis supporters are claiming the large majority of 100 votes cast in the Palos Verdes estates at the primary. Sixty-nine of these votes went to Bleeker in the primary.

The race will be close, and whichever community can get out the largest percentage of its vote will no doubt elect its candidate.

Dennis supporters claim that this is Torrance's turn for the justice office, as a Lomita man has always held the office ever since the court was established eighteen years ago. Torrance taxpayers contribute nearly six times as much money toward the justice salary as do Lomita property owners. A large share of Torrance voters feel that the office should go to a Torrance man for this reason.

Dennis Statement In a statement to the Torrance Herald yesterday, Mayor Dennis said: "I am making no promises to anyone in Torrance or Lomita, except that I shall administer justice to the best of my ability and enforce the law without fear or favor. While the election has taken on somewhat of a sectional contest, if I am elected I assure the people of Lomita that they will receive just as much consideration when they come before the justice court as if they lived in Torrance. I feel that it is unnecessary for me to make a lot of pre-election promises which might hamper me later in the administration of impartial justice. I have been mayor of Torrance for the past five years, and the people of this township have had ample opportunity to judge my character. If a majority of Lomita township voters see fit to elect me to the office of justice of peace, I shall endeavor to merit their support."

Ben Hill Moved Unless a new legal move by Frank McGinley upsets the apple (Continued on Page 8-A)

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