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A Park's Contribution to Beauty, Art, Music and Drama Reviewed

Second Article in Series on Benefits to Be Gained From a Municipal Recreational Center, Such as City Will Vote on June 9, Is Presented

This is the second of a four-article series on "The Why of a Park" presented by the Herald to acquaint the people of Torrance with the advantages of a municipal recreational center. In today's article, "A Park's Contribution to Beauty, Art, Music and Drama," is reviewed. The material is quoted from a manual of municipal and county parks, compiled as result of a nation-wide study of parks by the Playground and Recreation Association of America.

Beauty and Art
One of the predominant characteristics of American urban communities, especially industrial centers, is ugliness. Pathways and roads of wood, stone, brick and concrete have been substituted for wandering paths and winding roads through fields and woods; unsightly structures have taken the place of the beauty of forest and field. All great natural forces which create anew the spiritual qualities of man and have inspired the great masters to express their thoughts in beautiful forms, are, for the most part, lacking in the modern city environment. It is here that park planners can render one of the greatest services. The acquisition, preservation and care of large natural areas; the application of the landscape artist's powers to the creation of beautiful, natural forms in large and small areas within cities, is of as great importance as preserving and creating areas for the admission of sunlight, pure air, and as places for rest and repose. Such places are the feeding grounds of that instinctive hunger which all people have for beauty.

The contribution which parks and recreational centers make to the satisfaction and cultivation of the love of beauty among people is not to be measured by the creation of beautiful, natural forms. A number of park officials have written and distributed short manuals on the growing of flowers, shrubs and trees; others have distributed plans on condition that they be planted and cared for about the homes of the people. In a few instances, series of institutes have been conducted for the instruction of people in home landscape problems.

Landscape art, however, is only one of the fields of art served by the park authorities. There are many examples of really fine architecture to be found in park structures and more attention is being paid to beauty in style and form. There are several notable art museums located in parks, some of which are partially or wholly supported from park funds. This, too, is a contribution of the park to the cultivation of the appreciation of the beautiful.

Music and Drama
Music has received considerable attention from park authorities and there is promise of better things in the few examples which exist in a limited number of cities of the presentation of operas, symphony concerts, concerts by great artists and organ recitals. Outdoor dramatic features in parks are becoming more and more common, and practically every community contains a stage for the presentation of different forms of dramatic art.

"Best and most fundamental of all the art activities of park authorities is the encouragement of the people to be their own musicians, painters, sculptors, writers and dramatists. The parks are offering opportunities for satisfactions which come only through doing and participating, and a real foundation is being laid for the better appreciation of the work of the great interpreters of various forms of artistic expression. In a number of park systems full-time leaders are employed to develop music, drama, and graphic arts and handicraft."

(NEXT WEEK: The reason why a park increases neighborhood values will be explained, this being a vital factor in the ultimate satisfaction to be gained from a municipal recreation center such as Torrance will vote on June 9.)

Baseball Bug Bites Chamber

Equipment and Lights For Diamond Considered

At the request of Raymond Burdick, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted Monday afternoon to purchase another catcher's outfit for the use of Torrance teams during the coming hard and soft ball season.

A committee was appointed to investigate the proposed purchase of flood-lighting equipment for an outdoor indoor ball diamond, now under construction at the corner of Border avenue and Carson street. The committee, composed of Sam Levy, Wallace Post, DeKalb Spurlin and Frank Leonard, will get estimates and specifications for the lighting apparatus.

When the proposed city park is authorized, this equipment will be moved from the temporary grounds to the recreational center and the games resumed there this fall.

IS RECOVERING
Mrs. S. P. Grace, 1628 Carson street, who was taken quite seriously ill last week, is recovering. Mrs. Grace is resting at the Salvation Army Relief Station at Redondo Beach.

POSTOFFICE FUND TO BE 'SUFFICIENT'

Dolley Gets Letter From Treasury Official On New Building

Asserting that the amount finally fixed by the government for the construction of a new Federal building here will be sufficient to construct a building to meet the requirements as ascertained at the time the amount is set, Harry K. Hardie, assistant secretary of the Treasury, replied this week, through Joe Crail, California representative, to a letter from Harry H. Dolley. Dolley wrote to Crail urging him to assist the city in raising the amount tentatively set by Congress for the new Torrance building from \$35,000 to \$125,000. The representative sent the local man's letter to the Treasury department and received the following reply, which, in turn, was sent to Dolley:

Hardie's Answer
"I have, by your recent reference, a letter addressed to you by Mr. H. H. Dolley, of Torrance, California, urging that the amount allotted to that place in the public building program be increased. The amounts set aside in the public building program for the various places are tentative and subject to revision when the final estimate is made and submitted to Congress for specific authorization and appropriation.

"When Torrance is reached a careful survey will be made of the needs of the Government for space in the proposed building, and you may be assured that the amount finally fixed will be sufficient to construct a building to meet the requirements as ascertained at that time."

CITY TO GIVE TROPHY AT LEGION'S FLOWER SHOW

The city of Torrance will present a trophy to a winner in the American Legion's flower show, which is to be held June 5 and 6. The council, on motion by Councilman Carleton B. Bell, authorized the purchase of a suitable trophy Tuesday night.

Present plans indicate that the flower show will be better than any given here in the past. Flower growers here are taking a keen interest in the event, Bell said.

Torrance Notes

MRS. DEININGER HOSTESS AT PARTY

Complimenting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Moreland, Mrs. R. J. Deininger entertained the younger set at a delightfully appointed dessert bridge Thursday. Varied bouquets of spring flowers were used throughout the rooms and formed centers for tables at which handkerchiefs favored marked places for the honoree, Mrs. C. M. Rohring.

Mrs. H. H. Dolley, Mrs. D. W. Quisley, Mrs. Jack Gill, Mrs. Louis Daininger, Mrs. C. L. Ingold, Mrs. R. F. Bishop, Mrs. D. A. Murphy, Mrs. Baker Smith and Mrs. Paul Vonderahe. Bridge honors were awarded to Mrs. Vonderahe, and consolation to Mrs. Rohring.

Mrs. M. L. May, who recently underwent a major operation in a Los Angeles hospital, returned to her home, Sunday and is reported to be improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Murray enjoyed a week-end at Catalina with friends.

E. E. Barkdull left for Sacramento Sunday to attend the Grand Lodge convention of the Knights of Pythias as a delegate from Torrance Lodge, No. 457.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dolley and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Probert will attend the Retail Druggists' Association convention at Monterey next week.

Misses Katherine and Rosa Ortnan, Mrs. Anna V. Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vonderahe were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George Embree of Los Angeles.

Mrs. M. Jessome has as her house guest this week Mrs. C. A. Doyle of Bedford, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Melzer have as their house guest at their home at Granvia La Costa, Mrs. M. Meisenbach of Santa Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tansey, Mrs. C. M. Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. Bert

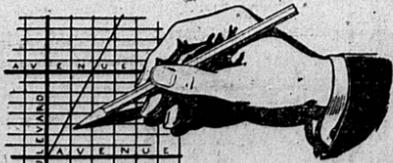
Sharon and Dick motored to Riverside Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCormick, former Torrance residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Gascolgne, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fetheroff enjoyed a week-end of boating and fishing at Big Bear.

Mrs. Caroline Collins, Mrs. J. F. Stone, Mrs. G. W. Hudson, Mrs. D. W. Quisley and Mrs. Paul Vonderahe attended a bridge party given at San Pedro Woman's club last week. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Hudson won bridge honors.

Mrs. L. E. Murphy has as her house guest this week her niece, Miss Garnet Tusman.

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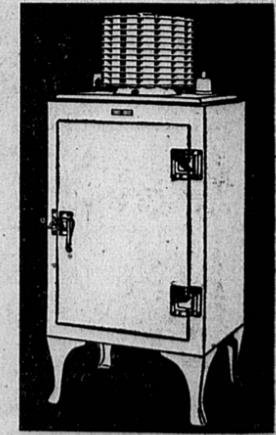
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