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DEED RESTRICTIONS FOREVER PROHIBIT LIQUOR SALES OR MANUFACTURE IN TORRANCE

Regardless of Repeal of Local or State Dry Laws, Original
Torrance Tract Will Remain Dry
Perpetually

Saloons, distilleries, and breweries, are FOREVER BARRED from operation within the "old city" of Torrance, regardless of the repeal of the 18th amendment, the repeal of the Wright Act or the repeal of city or county dry law ordinances. A restriction placed in the deeds of all property within the original Torrance Tract reads:—

"There shall not be erected, permitted, maintained nor carried on upon said property or any part thereof:—Any place for the sale or manufacture of spirituous or intoxicating liquors; any sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors; any storage of spirituous and intoxicating liquors for the purpose of sale; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that alcohol and liquids containing alcohol for use in medicine, arts, or in manufacture may be stored and sold by a licensed druggist holding written permission from the Company (Dominguez Land Corporation) for such storage and sale, or may be purchased by a manufacturer for use in manufacturing. A breach of the foregoing condition shall cause the title to property on which the breach occurs to revert to the Company, its successors or assigns, with the right of immediate re-entry."

The above restriction is part of the Declaration of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and made a condition of sale on every piece of property sold by the company within the original Torrance Tract. Other restrictions set forth in the Declaration expired on January 1, 1925, except the liquor restriction which is perpetual. The exact wording of the Declaration being in part as follows:

"All of the restrictions, conditions, covenants, charges and agreements contained herein shall run with the land, and, except the Liquor Restrictions in Subdivision Eight, which shall be PERPETUAL, . . . shall continue until January 1st, 1925."

The original Torrance Tract extends as far west as Cedar street, north to the Pacific Electric shops, and east to Western avenue. Beyond these limits there are no deed-restrictions, so far as known at present, as the Declaration of the Dominguez Land Corporation does not affect annexed territory.

Since the repeal of the Wright Act, there has been considerable agitation locally for the repeal of Torrance's city ordinance No. 18, which is practically synonymous with the Wright Act and was enacted so that local liquor violations could be tried under a local ordinance and the fines collected by the city instead of being paid to the state. Torrance voted over two-to-one for the repeal of the Wright Act, and many local citizens feel that this big majority against prohibition enforcement is indicative of a desire on the part of a majority of Torrance voters for the repeal of the city's dry law, also.

Liquor Status
The repeal of the Wright Act will become effective about December 22, being seven days after the vote is certified by the secretary of state. Should the city council repeal the local dry ordinance, enforcement would be up to federal authorities, who have stated that they are not interested in minor violations such as "home-brewers" or domestic wine makers.

But regardless of what action the city council may take, or whether the Volstead Act is amended by congress to permit the manufacture and sale of beers and light wines,—or indeed regardless of the possible repeal of the 18th amendment,—saloons, distilleries and commercial breweries will FOREVER BE PROHIBITED within the confines of the original city of Torrance. Under the terms of the Declaration, groceries, restaurants, hotels, or other retailers will not be permitted to sell liquors; and drug stores will be limited in liquor sales to those for medicinal purposes, only.

Special Service Thanksgiving Day At First Lutheran

Special Thanksgiving services will be held at the First Lutheran church, Rev. Frank D. Meehling, pastor, beginning at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, November 24. The pastor will have for his sermon topic, "Our Thanks to God."

Special music by the choir will include an anthem, "O Magnify the Lord."

Rev. Meehling invites the public to join the congregation in this Thanksgiving service.

Wave of Thievery Goes On and On

The wave of burglary and petty thievery which has been vexing residents of Torrance during the past few days, continued over the week-end.

Miss Mary Sopchinsky, residing at apartment 210, El Prado apartments, reported the theft of a Peter Pan radio which was stolen from her apartment between 5 and 8:30 p. m., Friday night.

Henry L. Edlin of the U. S. S. Medina, reported the theft of license plates from his car, while it was parked on Narbonne avenue. Number of the plates is, Virginia 116603.

O. Hill, 1508 Amapola, lost 24 rabbits some time during Thursday night, one Chinchilla and 23 White Giants.

Boy On Bicycle Struck By Auto

Louis Madore, 1504 Martina, reported to Torrance police that he had been bruised and the bicycle belonging to Louis Murray, which Madore was riding, had been bent when a car driven by John G. Hunter, 1903 E. First street, Long Beach, backed into him. The accident occurred Thursday evening. Hunter is said to have departed without offering assistance, according to Madore's report. Billy Irwin of Arlington avenue witnessed the accident.

Neighbor Reports Early Morning Fire

A small fire at the rear of an unoccupied house at 2913 Carson street, was reported to the fire department early Friday morning by a neighbor, Mrs. Edna K. Lynne, who resides next door. Having no access to a telephone, Mrs. Lynne drove to the fire station and reported the fire personally to the assistant chief.

Damages due to the blaze amounted to about \$5.

"PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL"

He's the Proudest Bird of ALL TODAY
But He Gets the AXE TOMORROW!



The Light That Failed!

WHAT'S the matter with the elaborate ornamental street lamps of which we so proudly boasted? For many long years we fought to have them installed. And then came success. You remember the "Pageant of Light" when all Torrance turned out to dance and celebrate. Yes, and the Chamber of Commerce served doughnuts and coffee to the multitude. There was speech making and felicitations, galore. And then the big moment arrived when Mother Torrance turned the golden switch which flooded our streets with brilliant illumination. Whistles blew and folks shouted.

But where are these brilliant lights today? They're DARK! Like dead trunks in a burned-over forest, they stand gaunt and dreary. Even in the business section, folks grope around in the woods at night. Bandits and robbers ply their nefarious tricks in comparative safety and slink away in the dark, unnoticed.

But there is one place where these ornate lamp standards shine forth in brilliant array,—and THAT'S ON YOUR TAX BILL! Yes, indeed, the assessments still go on, whether you have lights or not. You keep on paying just the same.

Isn't it about time to forget this pennywise economy and TURN ON THE LIGHTS? When all the nation is joyful over the turn in national affairs, and looking forward with renewed hope and confidence, it's about time Torrance got in step. But it's difficult to be cheerful and optimistic in the dark. It is most depressing to see our business district at night, dark and gloomy, and it's unsafe to have residence streets unprotected with insufficient illumination. The only thing that thrives in the dark is crime, and it's a wonder we haven't had more hold-ups and robberies, although both these crimes are increasing in Torrance. Twenty-one night robberies and hold-ups were reported to the Torrance police department since October 10,—an alarming number; and all committed under cover of darkness. For the sake of your life and your property, let's TURN ON THE LIGHTS!

The increased cost of full illumination under the present metered system is so small that no one in Torrance would even know the difference. City officials may alibi that they are cutting out the lights to furnish money for the unemployed. THIS IS NOT TRUE! NOT A PENNY OF THE MONEY SAVED BY KEEPING OUR STREETS IN SEMI-DARKNESS IS GIVEN TO THE UNEMPLOYED. A check of municipal expenditures during recent months will easily verify this statement.

Christmas is little over a month away. Many nearby cities are planning brilliantly lighted streets for the holiday season. Surely Torrance, richer in assessed valuation than most of them, can at least afford to TURN ON ITS STREET LIGHTS!

Early Settler of Torrance Is Called By Death

George Theobald, Resident
Here 21 Years, Passed
Away Saturday

Death closed five years of illness for George Theobald, 1452 Carson street, who passed away at his home Saturday, November 19. He was 60 years of age on October 6, last.

Mr. Theobald is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vena Theobald; one son, John L. Theobald; three sisters, Mrs. H. R. Richhart of Torrance, Mrs. William O'Connell of Brawley, California, and Mrs. John W. Hammond residing in the east; and one brother, Charles E. Theobald, of Los Angeles.

With the passing of Mr. Theobald, one of the early pioneers of this district has been taken. The family came to California from Ohio 26 years ago, and first settled in Los Angeles where they lived five years. Mr. Theobald was employed by a contracting firm which did the excavating work for Hamburg's, a large department store now known as the May Company, located at 8th and Broadway, as well as for a number of other large firms in Los Angeles.

After five years, Mr. Theobald moved to the vicinity of Torrance, where he engaged in farming, which occupation he carried on up to about ten years ago when he entered the employ of the city of Torrance, working in the street department. He remained in this department for five years until he was stricken with the lingering illness which finally caused his death.

During the time Mr. Theobald was engaged in farming, he rendered valuable service to the new city of Torrance from time to time, in helping to lay out and grade the streets of the new city. His teams were in demand at that time, and as often as they could be spared from the tasks of the farm, horses and owner were called on to render aid to Torrance. He was one of the six early residents of this section who have seen Torrance grow from the beginning.

Mr. Theobald built the house where the family now lives at 1452 Carson street, and this has been their home for the past 14 years.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Tuesday, November 22, at 2 o'clock, from Stone & Myers chapel, with Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter officiating. Interment will be made at Long Beach cemetery with the Modern Woodmen conducting services at the grave.

Nurse Sent On An Errand Disappears

Mrs. Kendall, 279 Linda Vista, Hollywood Riviera, reported to Torrance police that a man known as Gay, and also as Fred Robinson, who had been employed as a nurse in the household, had left Monday to purchase medicine for Mr. Kendall, whom he was attending, and that he failed to return. The report stated that Gay had been given a check for \$5, and that he also took with him a dark suit belonging to Mr. Kendall when he left.

Charity Ball Friday Attracts Large Crowd

More than 125 couples attended the charity ball given Friday night by the police and firemen of Torrance at Recreation Center, and enjoyed an evening of dancing and card games. Tom Ulrich's orchestra furnished music.

As many of those who had taken tickets to sell had not reported on their success, the amount of cash raised to be turned over to the relief organizations of the city had not been ascertained Saturday, but it is thought that there will be a gratifying surplus after all expenses are paid.

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Work On Quarters
Lief Department
Be Rushed

Plans and specifications being prepared today by mechanical department finishing the second floor new Torrance health center occupancy by the count department, by order of supervisors.

Additional work to which was not contemplated completing the building pancy as a county health will involve metal lat plastering, electrical on fixtures, radiators for facilities, mastipave floor and toilets, it was stated.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county officer, stated this week though the laboratory in by the department in its Redondo branch is to be the new building in Torrance department will maintain with desk space and telephone booth city. This will the convenience of persons may apply to the center, will be directed to the new building for attention.

Contract for furnishing national sectional office for the new health center assigned this week with the Card Cabinet Works. The partitions are to be placed second floor, and will be specified.

Board Increases Apportionment Narbonne Ad

Revised plans and specifications for a new 16-unit addition Narbonne high school, were adopted by the board of education at its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, November 17.

The building apportionment increased from \$84,000 to accordingly.

The board also authorized secretary to advertise for

Pneumonia Attack Is Fatal to Y

Roy Hammerstrom, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hammerstrom, 1167 W. 16th st., Pedro, passed away at the Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Sunday afternoon, after a few hours' illness. Pneumonia as a result of a relay an attack of flu, was the cause of death. Roy was taken to the hospital early Sunday and passed away shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Roy is a brother of Roy Hammerstrom, nurse at the Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. The family formerly resided in Torrance, but returned to San Pedro some time ago. Funeral services will be held at Stone & Myers chapel at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be made at Roosevelt Park.

NEXT ISSUE FRIDAY NOON

The next issue of the Torrance Herald will be distributed shortly after lunch Friday. Carrier boys are requested to call for their papers at 1 o'clock.

Following the Thanksgiving special schedule, the next issue will be published next week on Thursday noon.

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