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Case Against Welch Held In Court Yesterday

Important Suit Involving Constitutionality of Mattoon Act Argued; Decision Expected Later

Decision in the suit filed by Omar T. Adams, property owner of the Keystone district, against W. O. Welch, county tax assessor, which was heard before Judge Walter J. Shinn in the court yesterday, is not expected to be rendered for some days, according to reports of the press.

This suit, which is one of the most important to ever be heard in the state, and is being watched with interest throughout California, is the result of a petition for a writ of injunction which was filed by Adams against the county collector in June. Adams' contention was that the Mattoon Act Relief Association sought to restrain the county collector from selling property to delinquent taxes which had assessments levied under the Mattoon improvement act.

In August Judge Walter J. Shinn granted the injunction and set the case for trial before Judge Shinn.

New Booklet Shows County Development

In the last eight years Los Angeles county has secured \$74,000,000 in bond issues, an amount of \$67,000 people and a total money return of approximately \$32,280,000. The cost of securing this business was less than 1 per cent.

This is brought out in "Dollars and Cents," an attractive booklet received by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The booklet tells the story of balanced community development, and was compiled by the Los Angeles County Chamber of Commerce. It chronicles an interesting record of the advancement of Los Angeles county during the last ten years.

It is shown that between the years 1920 and 1930 Los Angeles county scored one-half the new population which settled in the Pacific Coast states.

Also the booklet shows that: Farm income in the county increased from \$70,504,423 in 1920 to \$93,146,844 in 1930, based on federal census figures.

The last United States census of manufacturing shows that Los Angeles county ranks seventh in the value of products, eighth in wages paid, ninth in number of wage earners and fifth in number of manufacturing establishments.

In 1919 there were 73,754 employees producing \$417,808,804 in manufactured products.

In 1929 there were 146,647 employees producing manufactured output of \$1,319,386,486.

In domestic trade the net sales of Los Angeles county manufactured goods in the 12 western states amounted to \$379,558,000 in 1919 and increased to \$1,062,506,000 in 1929.

Foreign trade, like domestic trade, is a steady, year-round balance wheel in the progress of Los Angeles county. Within the last five years a total of \$640,914,000 of foreign money has been brought to Los Angeles county, or an average of \$128,000,000.

Speaking of "Dollars and Cents," A. G. Arnold, secretary-manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, said:

"This shows the record of Los Angeles county during recent years. Its farsighted business men, realizing the necessity for balanced prosperity, have supported and worked for this accomplishment through their local chamber of commerce. Our board of county supervisors, appreciative of the fact that the progressive community always has the lowest tax rate, has lent its financial support to the march of progress and the stabilizing of the county's development. It has received in return each year many millions of dollars in new taxes—dividends for this cooperation."

CALVIN COOLIDGE, Former President DIED TODAY

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Jan. 5.—(U. P. Special to the Torrance Herald)—Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States, and the only surviving former president, died suddenly at his home today of a heart attack. Coolidge was 60 years of age. He was elected to the vice presidency as a running mate to Warren G. Harding in 1920 and succeeded to the presidency on the death of Harding, August 2, 1923. He was elected to the presidency in 1924, and on his retirement has been living quietly at his Northampton home.

Calvin Coolidge was born in Plymouth, Vermont, in 1872. He graduated from Amherst college, was admitted to the practice of law, and held the following offices of public trust during his career: City councilman, city solicitor, clerk of the courts, member of the lower house of the Massachusetts legislature, mayor of Northampton, member of the Massachusetts state senate and president of that body, lieutenant-governor, governor of Massachusetts, vice president and president of the United States.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Anna Coolidge, and one son, John Coolidge. Another son, Calvin Coolidge, Jr., died during his father's first term as president.

Real Estate Man Uses Shotgun to End Existence

Frank Tipton, Hollywood Riviera, Said Despondent Over Finances

Frank Tipton, age 42, prominent real estate broker, residing at 624 Miramar, Hollywood Riviera, was found dead in a downstairs room at his home shortly after 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 4, under circumstances indicating suicide. A 12-gauge shotgun had been used to commit the rash act, part of Tipton's head being blown away by the discharge.

The family, consisting of Tipton's wife, Mrs. Ann Tipton, and their 17-year-old son, Frank, heard the shot and the boy rushed downstairs to find his father lying dead in his den.

Despondency over financial troubles is said to have been responsible for the act. Tipton left no notes of explanation.

Redondo and Torrance police were called to the scene and the coroner was notified. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Cate & O'Shea at Redondo Beach.

Tipton and his family had lived in Hollywood Riviera where he had purchased a home since August. He was the owner of considerable property in Los Angeles, and operated as a real estate broker in the city.

Besides his wife and son, Tipton is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harriet Paup, 2919 Waverly, Los Angeles, who was called to her brother's home immediately after the fatal shooting.

TORRANCE WILL BE HOST TO HARBOR DIST. ORGANIZATION

Carl L. Hyde Will Be Installed As President of Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at Meeting Thursday

Torrance will be host to the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at this body's first meeting of 1933 next Thursday evening, January 12.

The program will begin with a turkey dinner, to be served at 6:30 p. m. by the ladies of the Torrance Woman's Club at their club house, 1422 Engracia avenue, and will be followed by the installation of the new officers elected last month. Carl L. Hyde, former secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be installed as the new president of this organization which includes representation from all of the cities of the harbor area.

Bert Lanz, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will give the address of welcome, and the response will be made by Judge Irving P. Austin, of Compton.

The meeting will be industrial in character, and the principal speech of the evening will be made by a prominent industrialist.

The public is invited to attend the session, which will be of interest to all Torrance residents.

Torrance has been honored during this year and last by the selection of a Torrance man to fill the important post of president of this organization. W. Rufus Page, prominent realtor of this city, is the retiring president.

Health Center And Boulevard Important Items

Torrance Given Major Consideration In County Projects

Construction of the new Torrance health center and improvement of 1.25 miles of Santa Fe boulevard within the city limits were two of the most important items of county consideration during the year 1932, reports showed today.

Examination of the records of the mechanical department shows that there was little done in the way of county building last year, according to William M. Dana, chief mechanical engineer.

The new Torrance health center was the more important of the county building projects. It was given as \$29,084.70 for modeling of the supervisory offices and meeting room on the fifth floor of the hall of the center cost \$25,000, and the third one mentioned was a new utility building at the county farm house \$15,259.65. Expenditure of additional \$3,869,679.32 to complete the new general hospital was also a big item.

Improvement of Sepulveda boulevard, but not comparable to a few other county important projects launched or completed during 1932, is important because it is a link in an important boulevard that some day will be completed between San Fernando city and Los Angeles harbor to cut the 18 miles from the distance to the harbor. More costly road projects carried out by the county last year were widening and paving of Pomona boulevard, \$210,000, widening and paving of Anaheim-Firestone boulevard between Atlantic boulevard and Downey, \$500,000, and plans for its paving.

While the county flood control district completed more than \$1,000,000 worth of work in 1932, the filing of a report urging the launching of the Nigger Slough project was the most important work as concerns Torrance, Gardena and surrounding district.

NATIVE MARRIAGE

Although married once in Beverly Hills, Mrs. Edwin Earl and her husband were remarried in Tahiti to a native chieftain while on the honeymoon—just for the fun of it. A genuine native marriage was given the couple after strange tribal rites had been performed. Photo shows Mrs. Earl returned with her husband on the liner Maunaganu.

Fern Avenue School Pupils Move Into Newly Constructed Building

Pupils of the Fern avenue school moved into the new building recently completed by Contractor George Mitry when school opened on Tuesday after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The new building, constructed at a cost with equipment of \$84,000, is a handsome addition to the many public buildings in Torrance, and will provide ample school facilities for the children of the west part of Torrance.

It is built of brick and concrete, two stories in height, with the roof, and contains ten classrooms. The latest ideas in heating, ventilation, lighting and general school building construction were employed.

The grounds outside have been landscaped, and sidewalks and paving of the streets leading to the site are now under construction.

In February, at the beginning of the new school semester, a realignment of the school districts in Torrance, will increase the enrollment at Fern avenue, as a number of children now attending the Torrance elementary school will be transferred to the new building.

Guy Holliday is principal of the school.

The completion of the new building brings to a successful completion a long campaign by the people of Torrance for added school facilities in the west part of the city.

JAMIESON IS NAMED CHIEF OF PERSONNEL

Torrance Man Appointed to Important Post in Met. Water Dist.

Appointment of Colonel N. F. Jamieson, prominent Legionnaire and civic worker of Torrance as head of the personnel department of the Metropolitan Water District, was announced today.

Colonel Jamieson received his appointment several days ago and began work immediately, but the announcement of his appointment was not made public until this morning. Jamieson had made an application some time ago for work in the engineering department, but his peculiar fitness and experience in handling problems of employment caused his transfer to the more important post he now occupies.

Registration of applicants for work on the \$230,000,000 aqueduct will begin now in earnest, as actual work on the huge project has already started. This week 14 men were put on the job on constructing temporary roads and building a series of construction camps for the use of the hundreds of men who will be employed as soon as these places are ready for them.

Among the first 14 are two Torrance men, Joe Peterson and Barnes. Three others who had been placed in pumping and other jobs along the line of the aqueduct some time ago bring the Torrance quota of employed on this project up to six, including Colonel Jamieson.

Registration of Torrance men for jobs on the aqueduct, it is announced, will be carried on from the office of the city engineer in the future, and already the cards for this purpose have been moved to the engineer's office.

Funds for the construction of the aqueduct became available last Friday from the sale of \$80,000,000 worth of bonds to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Of this sum, \$2,016,000 was turned over Wednesday to finance the work for the next 60 days.



Jack Pickford, brother of Mary Pickford and former prominent motion picture star, who died in Paris after suffering a nervous breakdown. He was active in picture work from 1909 until 1929, when poor health caused him to retire from the screen.

First Traffic Circle Includes Lomita Blvd.

Plan to Eliminate Congestion at North Long Beach

Cities and communities throughout Los Angeles county today were awaiting with interest the completion of the county's first "traffic circle," of which State street, extending through the Lomita-Harbor City area, will be a part. Designed to eliminate congestion at points where more than two streets intersect, the experimental circle will be constructed one mile north of Anaheim street and two miles east of Signal Hill.

Los Alamitos Circle, to be named because it is to be on the old Los Alamitos rancho, will be intersected also by Hathaway, Cerritos, Los Coyotes Diagonal, Ximeno and Roswell streets. The circle will be 1000 feet in diameter, enclosing a park of some two acres. The land was deeded to the county last week by the Bixby Land Company, H. M. Conner and P. H. Uplike.

Every community has its traffic problems, and there is no one who knows this better than William J. Fox, chief engineer of the regional planning commission. New Jersey originally sponsored the circles as the solution of a problem which even traffic signals could not solve.

Cerritos street, a heavily-travelled artery between the Hynes-Clearwater area and the ocean, will be one of more important arteries entering the circle, according to Fox.

Twins Likely to Be Left-Handed

BERKELEY, Calif.—(U. P.)—If you are a twin, chances are one to nine that you're left-handed, compared with one in 15 with single-born children, experts of the University of California Institute of Child Welfare reported recently.

If you're a parent, there's no reason for worry.

Data on the likelihood of twins being left-handed was gathered by Prof. Harold E. Jones, director of research, and Dr. Paul T. Wilson. Assurance that parents needn't worry over left-handed children came from Harriet E. Neall. She urged parents of left-handed children to dispose of all prejudice and accept the left-handed child for what he is and give up all nagging and scolding.

Innately, Miss Neall pointed out, the left-handed child is normal. The only real handicaps he faces are lack of proper attitude and lack of proper training. The child is not doomed to be awkward and inefficient.

Professor Jones and Dr. Wilson used the criterion of the throwing hand as the best test of handedness. They explained this to be better than that of writing, since many left-handed persons are trained to write with their right hands.

Judge Dennis Ties Matrimonial Knots

Judge John Dennis officiated at two weddings of the New Year, and on January 3, uniting Eugene B. D. Clark, of the U. S. S. Marblehead and Andelle M. Brink of Los Angeles, on Saturday, December 31. Witnesses were Michael J. Votella, a shipmate of Clark, and Margaret A. Brink of Los Angeles. The ceremony took place at the Dennis home.

On Tuesday afternoon, Murray M. Cooper, a soldier, and Marjorie Hinz, both of San Pedro, appeared at the justice office and took on the bonds of matrimony. Their witnesses were Dave Neilson and Sally Whitten.

Hear Arguments On Travel Service

A hearing in the matter of the application of the Motor Coach Company to discontinue certain travel service in Harbor City, Wilmington, Lomita and Waverly, has been ordered by the railroad commission to be held in Long Beach on January 12. The hearing will be held in the city hall at 1 o'clock.

Two Men Arrested On Liquor Charge

A. Edwards, 827 Arlington, and H. Hedrick, 1754 Arlington, arrested New Year's day on charges of selling liquor, were held in the city jail.

French May Try Chain Stores

PARIS.—(U. P.)—The next step in the Americanization of France may be the chain-store. Red and green store fronts and white aprons won't harmonize with the French villages, but they soon invade the countryside.

The French Ministry of Commerce is studying this merchandising method popular in both North and South America, because of the mounting cost of living here.

Although the French instinctively dislike the chain store idea, Commerce Ministry officials are convinced it has in the Americas caused the number of go-betweens. It is an economic paradox that a country that at a time when prices should be low, since consumers are more thrifty today than ever, the cost of certain commodities is disproportionately high.

"All the intermediaries" is the slogan of the farmer and consumer, in other words, "wipe out the middle man."

First cited by G. de Pawloski, French economist, have just brought the attention to a head. He is not specifically recommending chain stores as a remedy, but a solution is implied in his remarks.

There has a few chain store grocery organizations like Felix Potin, Julien Danyou, but these are highly organized.

KEYSTONE MAN KILLED; AUTO HIT BY TRAIN

Two Women Dangerously Injured When Car Stalls On Tracks

John Richardson, aged 50, residing on Amelia street, Keystone, was instantly killed Saturday, December 31, his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, aged 45, and Mrs. John Dorchak, aged 35, were gravely injured when the Dorchak car stalled on the tracks of the Southern Pacific railroad near Gunst east of Ontario in the path of an on-rushing passenger train. The party was en route to visit friends in Perris.

John Dorchak, said to have been the driver of the car, escaped injury.

All of the parties are residents of Keystone, and are well known in the community.

The injured women were taken to a Los Angeles hospital.

An inquest to inquire into the circumstances of the accident was held Tuesday afternoon at Ontario.

Early Repeal Of Law Is Forecast

Widespread Pressure Brought to Bear On Mattoon Act

Immediate repeal of the Mattoon act, which will affect improvements in Torrance and other cities throughout the state since 1925 when the act went into force, is expected to be ordered by the state legislature during the present session.

This was definitely indicated yesterday as individuals and organizations, including the author of the act, Everett W. Mattoon, Los Angeles county counsel, the Harbor District Political League of San Pedro and others, continued their demands and recommendations that the public improvement measure be taken off the state law books.

Mattoon himself declares that the act has become obsolete and injurious to property owners because many of its provisions are being and have been abused.

The act allows the assessment of property in an improvement district for the purpose of making up delinquencies permitted to accrue on other property in the same improvement district.

Another reason for the immediate repeal of the improvement measure was provided in a recent decision of the state supreme court which held that property in an improvement area cannot be reassessed to make up for delinquencies on other property in the same district.

Crew of Workers Employed On Municipal Park

Tract Recently Purchased by City Is Being Leveled Off

Crews of men were working this week under the direction of City Engineer Frank Leonard at the property recently acquired by the city of Torrance for use as a community park. The men are plowing up the acreage, and preparing to level it off.

A baseball diamond will be laid out, and all the equipment that has been in use at the ball park at Border and Carson will be moved to the new site as soon as the preliminary work has been done. Later on tennis courts will be laid out and a children's playground will be constructed.

The new park will also be completed with rest rooms, facilities for preparing picnic dinners, and beautified with trees and shrubbery.

The property is conveniently located, just south of the Santa Fe tracks, facing on Arlington avenue, about midway between the central business districts of Torrance and Lomita.

CHICKEN HOUSE BURNED

Fire which is supposed to have originated from defective wiring destroyed a chicken house at the premises occupied by Jesse Sprout, Lomita, on December 31. The Torrance fire department was called but found the Lomita department already on the scene and working on the blaze.

ADDED CONTRIBUTIONS

Additional contributions received during the past few days brought the total of the Torrance Community Chest fund up to \$269,999.35 not paid.

The additional contributors are: Standard Oil Company of California, \$25.00. Employees, Columbia Steel Company, \$75.00. Torrance High School Student Body, \$154.10. Employees, Torrance Post Office, \$13.00. National Business and Professional Women, \$25.00.

EAGLE SCOUTS

The meeting of the Eagle Scouts of Torrance are to be at the Scout hall at 7 p. m. on Monday, January 9. This is the Eagle that are not active.

Voters' League Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the Voters' League, which was announced to be held January 6, at the V. F. W. hall, Lomita, has been postponed until the following Friday, January 13.

NEW YEAR'S VISITORS

LIMITA—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Corbrey and family of Ventura, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex...