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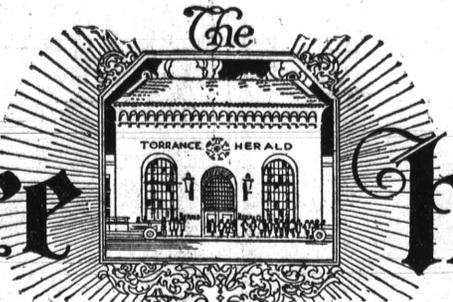
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CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH COMPLETES 17 YEARS SERVICE

Local Congregation Will Celebrate Anniversary With Home Coming and Rally Day Service; Former Pastors Invited

Central Evangelical church, which has just completed 17 years of service in the spiritual life of Torrance, will celebrate this event next Sunday with a big rally and home



CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

coming day, when many members of past and present congregations are expected to visit the church.

Former pastors George Street, Francis A. Zeller and G. G. Schmidt will participate in the services which will begin with the Sunday school and rally day services at 9:30 Sunday morning.

Regular Sunday worship will be held at 11 o'clock. A basket luncheon for the congregation will be served in the Guild hall at 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon services, a fellowship meeting at 2:30, will be addressed by the former pastors, and a vesper service will be held at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday evening the church choir under the leadership of Mrs. P. G. Diney, will present a program of song. Many beautiful selections have been prepared by the choir which has been working diligently for this occasion, an important event in the history of the church, which has been growing steadily in membership and influence since its establishment here.

The Central Evangelical church is one of the pioneer churches of Torrance, established in 1916, shortly after the city had entered upon its municipal career. Starting with a small membership, the church now numbers a large share of the community dwellers on its rolls, among them some of the leading and most influential citizens of Torrance.

The present pastor, Rev. O. D. Wonder, has been in charge for two years, succeeding Rev. G. G. Schmidt, who was transferred to another field.

The congregation occupies a handsome building at the corner of Marcellina and Arlington avenues, with a commodious Guild hall adjoining used by the Sunday school and as a social center. The parsonage, a large, comfortable dwelling, stands next to the church on the north.

"Our meeting on Sunday, celebrating our 17th birthday, is open to the public," said Rev. Wonder this week, "and we would like to have all who care to do so, come and join with us in commemorating this day."

Owners Protest Order to Abandon Lawndale Oil Well

An injunction to prevent an abandonment order by the state department of natural resources from going into effect on Peck well No. 9 in the Lawndale oil field was filed in Los Angeles superior court last week by Lawndale Pioneers, Inc., drilling operators. The complaint recites that the state department's order of July 12 to plug the well was not complied with by the drillers. The drillers assert the order was illegal and that the state on August 31 recommended that the Surety Company plug the well to relieve them of the responsibility.

Records of the state oil and gas supervisor show that the well, upon completion in February 1932, produced about 75 barrels of fluid a day, of which 50 per cent was water. Later the water content increased to 90 per cent and the well had been standing idle for a month prior to the July 12 order.

Neighboring wells producing in the formation open to Peck well No. 9 increased in cut since the Peck well stood idle, indicating to the supervisor that it might be a source of damage to all bearing formations.

Japanese Found Guilty of Use of Poison Spray

One Hundred Persons Made Ill By Insecticides In Recent Epidemics

M. Takaki, Japanese gardener whose property is located on Ocean avenue, southeast of Torrance, arrested on complaint of the chief food inspector, Jonathan Kirkpatrick, recently, was placed on trial in the Lomita justice court Monday morning, and convicted of using poison spray on vegetable food products. He was fined \$50 or 25 days in the county jail. The fine was paid. Attorney C. T. Rippe appeared for Takaki, Jonathan Kirkpatrick for the prosecution.

Takaki was first arraigned on a charge of selling or offering for sale food products sprayed with poison, but when the case was called Monday morning, Inspector Kirkpatrick filed an additional charge of spraying which is prohibited by law, and Takaki was found not guilty on the first count, guilty on the second.

County chemists, health officers, restaurant keeper, vegetable peddler and a representative of a commission house testified against Takaki, while a number of members of the Carson Street Unemployed Relief unit appeared for the defendant. They declared that they had been using products from Takaki's fields for some time without ill effects.

The charges against the Japanese followed recent epidemics in Ocean Park where 65 persons were made ill after eating cole slaw in a cafe, and at a county rest home where 17 persons were victims. The latter were patients sent to the rest home to recuperate from recent major operations and included several children between the ages of 3 and 5 years.

According to Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, head of the county health department, the first evidence of illness in the rest home appeared last Thursday but no report reached the health department until Saturday when an investigation was started.

Activities of the food inspection service under Kirkpatrick have brought about the arrest of 14 Japanese gardeners, who have either pleaded guilty or have been convicted of the use of poison spray during the past six weeks, and several hundred acres of produce have been condemned and destroyed.

Aid of the federal government in bringing about more stringent legislation to control the situation, regulate the amount and time for use of a poison spray which in California is necessary and generally used although in violation of the federal law, or the development of a non-poisonous compound, will be asked by the county health department, as a result of the recent disclosures. More stringent regulations in the preparation of food for consumption by cafes, public eating houses, and other institutions where food is prepared in large quantities, is also desirable, under the circumstances. The removal of all outer leaves from cabbage, careful and abundant washing of celery and all types of vegetables, before using either in public restaurants, institutions or private homes, is a valuable precaution, since the prevalence of insect pests in this part of the country makes a certain amount of spraying necessary.

The office, here acts as a sort of employment bureau, where applicants will be assisted to obtain employment either in private enterprises or in county work. No further applications for aid along this line will be received at the department of county welfare—at the new health center on Carson street.

Keystoneers Ask Board to Clean Up Conditions At Nigger Slough

Bearing the signatures of 30 residents and property owners from Keystone and vicinity and one from Compton, formal demand that the county take immediate steps to "clean up" Nigger Slough was served upon the board of supervisors this week and referred to the county counsel and flood control department for consideration.

The warning, which was termed a "notice of a dangerous and defective condition of public works and property," referred particularly to that portion between Main street and Avalon boulevard.

"This area is overgrown with weeds and bushes, the ditch is filled with debris and mud and debris also impedes the normal flow of water," it read. "Certain oil companies have constructed oil skimmer ponds in the channel which impede the natural flow of water."

"Unless this is remedied, water will flood adjacent property and

Avalon boulevard will be impassable.

"Dangerous and unhealthful conditions exist by reason of the fact that the county sanitation district has constructed an outlet from the Poggi dam.

"A dam or weir has been constructed in the flood control channel at Compton-Wilmington boulevard, causing the water level to be raised. The flood control district also permits the Richfield Oil Company to maintain a channel through the area in an unsanitary manner and to construct oil skimmer ponds in the channel

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Is The City To Lose \$182,665 Thru Klusman?

An Editorial

It is becoming quite apparent that as long as W. T. Klusman remains as mayor of the City of Torrance, this city's chances for receiving federal aid for its new municipal water system will be in jeopardy. In last week's issue, we questioned whether Mayor Klusman in his contacts with NRA officials at Los Angeles was not obstructing the granting of the loan rather than encouraging favorable action.

Inquiries at the federal offices since last week indicate that our suspicions were well founded in fact. And it is a very serious and costly matter.

If federal aid is denied, and the City of Torrance is forced to sell its water bonds on the open market, it will mean the sacrifice of a saving of \$182,665.00, of which \$98,290.00 is an outright grant of 30 per cent of the project's cost, and \$84,375.00 in additional interest, being the difference between interest charges under the 4 per cent government loan and the 5 1/2 per cent rate if the bonds are sold in the open market.

With the saving of \$182,665.00 at stake, can the city council risk the danger of having the federal loan denied by leaving a man in the mayor's chair who is not considered wholeheartedly and sincerely in favor of the project? It is true, the voters of Torrance elected Klusman as a councilman, but the responsibility for appointing him—and of retaining him—as mayor is clearly that of the other members of the city council.

Regardless of what camouflage Mayor Klusman may employ to make people believe he favors a municipal water system, his actions over the past ten years speak most convincingly to the contrary.

Just ten years ago, in the fall of 1923, when the City of Torrance was offered the present water system for \$130,000, and a bond issue was submitted, it was "Bill" Klusman who called it a waterless water system consisting of a second hand piping system and few pipes. While the bond issue was given a substantial majority, it lacked by a mere 32 votes of having the necessary two-thirds. Had it not been for "Bill" Klusman's opposition, it is quite probable that Torrance water consumers would have been enjoying pure, palatable water at a fair rate for the past ten years.

Again in September, 1930, when the present \$400,000 water bonds were approved by a 9-to-1 vote, it was "Bill" Klusman who fought the issue and defended the present private water company. In an issue of his "Independent" of September, 1930, Mr. Klusman advocated buying the present system for \$200,000.

A few weeks ago, Mayor Klusman in open council meeting, "suggested" that the city offer the water company \$125,000 for its plant, in the face of the fact that the city's special consulting engineers had just placed a maximum value on the plant of \$113,441—and no more.

The early construction of the new municipal water system is the most important project before the City of Torrance. It will provide work for the unemployed, give relief from excessive water rates, and furnish palatable drinking water. It is to be hoped that members of the city council will see the urgent necessity of removing Mr. Klusman as mayor and of appointing another of their members who will honestly and sincerely represent the people of Torrance in this most important project.

Beam Calls Meeting of Local Group to Organize Council

An appeal by R. R. Smith to Kenneth L. Beam, divisional director of the co-ordinating council, Los Angeles probation department, to relieve him of the sole responsibility for the playground activities in Torrance, which got under way several weeks ago, has resulted in a call for a meeting Tuesday, October 3, at the Chamber of Commerce to organize a co-ordinating council in this city to take over the work.

"The job has outgrown the amount of time I am personally able to devote to it," said Mr. Smith in making his request. It is a proposition that requires the services of a full-time director, and a move in this direction will be made as soon as possible.

Playground activities which have been set up in the county this summer have resulted in a definite decrease in juvenile offenses. From a total of perhaps 6000 cases required to report to some branch of the sheriff's office or other police agencies the number has dwindled to a possible 75 a month or a year, which is a considerable drop in percentage of juvenile crime.

In the call for a meeting, which will be attended by Mr. Beam personally, the committee called several weeks ago to supervise the playground work here with Mr. Smith as its head will take part, and the entire group will meet with the city council to organize a local co-ordinating council to take over the responsibility.

H. A. Morgan, organizing director, will also attend and lend his assistance in getting the council started.

The plan is a comprehensive one. It involves the active supervision of the council of all recreational activity, not only for Torrance children but for adults as well. Too many adults are left with time on their hands due to unemployment, and an organized system of recreation will be of vast benefit to them. Members of the original group who will meet with Mr. Beam, Mr. Morgan and the city council include Dr. George P. Shidler, Mrs. Phoebe J. Milburn, Secretary L. J. Gilmeister, R. R. Smith, Chief of Police G. H. Calder, Municipal Judge C. T. Rippe, City Engineer Frank Leonard, Grover C. Whyte, editor of the

May Name Hyde Head of County Charities Dept.

Local Man Under Consideration to Succeed Earl Jensen in Nov.

Possibility that Carl L. Hyde, president of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce, or Rex Thompson, assistant, may be the next superintendent of the county charities department was reported today at the Hall of Records.

Temporary appointment of Earl E. Jensen, Los Angeles attorney and close personal friend of John R. Quinn, chairman of the board of supervisors, expires on November 7.

Hyde was summoned to the charities offices shortly after Jensen was drafted last August 7 and has since been given considerable responsibility. Other reports at the Hall of Records were that county officials may seek an eastern social expert to head the department, or that A. C. Price, also an assistant superintendent, may be elevated.

During the six weeks he has been in charge of the county's largest responsibility, Jensen has reorganized the department, and made cuts to reduce the rapidly mounting cost of caring for indigents. This week reports were current that he has experienced ill health since he took over the job at the request of the supervisors.

TWO DIE, FIVE HURT IN FOUR AUTO CRASHES

Dr. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Haggard Injured; G. E. Selberg and Mrs. Conway Die

Two residents of this district have already died and another may not survive as the result of a series of traffic accidents in which local people have been involved during the past week.

When his car went out of control suddenly on Valley boulevard near the Ascot Speedway Sunday afternoon, Dr. R. A. Bingham, Torrance dentist, was painfully cut and bruised and his two lady companions in the car were seriously injured, one perhaps fatally. Dr. Bingham, with Miss Hjordis Dyvik, 24, and Miss Eleanor Hutchison, 23, both of 746 South Coronado street, Los Angeles, were driving to the county fair at Pomona in Dr. Bingham's coupe, when it suddenly went out of control and left the road, landing upside down with the top badly crushed. Both young ladies were thrown from the car and seriously injured. Miss Dyvik sustained a severe scalp wound, head cuts, bruises, and a possible fracture of the pelvis. Miss Hutchison, who is still unconscious, was the worst injured, sustaining a basal skull fracture. Police ambulances rushed all three victims to the Georgia street receiving hospital, and the young ladies were later removed to the Wilshire-Alvarado hospital, where they are employed as nurses. Dr. Bingham, who was not thrown from the car, sustained a badly bruised left arm, cuts on both ears, and numerous head cuts and bruises. However, he was able to extricate himself from the wrecked car and drive back to his more seriously injured companions until the ambulance arrived.

Police reports show that the accident happened at 1:42 p. m. Sunday, and that according to witnesses, Dr. Bingham was not driving more than 30 miles per hour. Locking of front wheels was given as the probable cause of the accident, according to witnesses, who state that no other car was involved in the accident.

Due to the severe bruises on his arm, Dr. Bingham states that he will not be able to attend to his dental practice for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haggard, proprietors of the Poppy Flower Shop, 1400 Cravens avenue, were severely bruised and shaken but escaped without more serious injury when their car was wrecked in a collision at Eighth and Main streets, Los Angeles, about 6

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NEW SET-UP FOR LOCAL NRA COMPLIANCE BOARD RECEIVED

Seven Members, Representing Three Divisions of Labor, Employers and Consumers, Required In Uniform Plan of Work

In compliance with instructions received this week from N. R. A. headquarters, immediate steps will be taken in Torrance to organize a local compliance board composed of seven members, which will handle the local difficulties arising out of the application of the various codes.

Henry S. Mackay, Jr., county chairman for Los Angeles county, has announced the set-up of his committee which will act as a board of review to handle cases which can not be adjusted by the local boards. Associated with Mr. Mackay are John F. Dalton, past president of the American Federation of Labor and now president of Los Angeles Typographical Union No. 174, who will represent employees; S. M. Haskins, president of the Los Angeles Railway, who will represent employers; Mr. Mackay represents the consuming public.

Arrangements to call a meeting of the civic groups in Torrance to pass on the qualifications of the members of the local board as announced last week and to determine whether any changes must be made to conform to the requirements of the county, chairman, were set in motion Tuesday.

The present board as named last week includes Rev. O. D. Wonder, Beverly B. Smith, L. B. Kelsey, Charles T. Rippe and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Under the regulations, the committee must consist of seven members of which two persons will represent employers, two persons will represent employees; two persons will represent the consuming public, and the six will choose a seventh neutral as to all parties as chairman. Of the seven, one must be a woman, and one a lawyer.

The local compliance board will have headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce. They will receive and investigate all local complaints, hold hearings and seek to obtain voluntary compliance through neighborly, humane, and co-operative measures. A letter will be written to the person complained of asking him to come to headquarters voluntarily. One week is allowed for an appearance, after which a hearing will be written setting a day and hour for his appearance.

Besides dealing with complaints of agreement violation, the local board will be charged with the duty of passing on requests for exemption, and to consider applications for longer hour schedules now being worked by employees under union contracts.

"We want no strikes, no walk-outs, no boycotts, no blacklists, no closed businesses, and no bankruptcies because of the operation of the NRA in Los Angeles county," said Mr. Mackay. "All can be prevented by sane, conciliatory, humane, neighborly and co-operative methods, by the local compliance boards now being formed."

Persons desiring to file complaints or to bring matters to the attention of the local compliance boards should do so in writing to the Chamber of Commerce headquarters where forms for such purpose will be furnished.

Industrial Heads Meet At Chamber of Commerce Mon.

Heads of industries in Torrance will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce to pick one of their number to act on the nominating committee which will select the local compliance board.

The Business Men's Association and organized labor will also choose representatives at meetings to be held by these groups.

According to Secretary L. J. Gilmeister the attorneys of Torrance will be given the privilege of indicating which lawyer is to have the post on the board.

As soon as the various groups have named their representatives on the nominating committee, a meeting will be called to select six citizens, one of whom will be a woman, to act as the regularly constituted compliance board. They will receive their instructions direct from N. R. A. headquarters and will be appointed to serve at least 45 days.

Old Ninety-First Division Meets In Reunion Sept. 30

Southern Sector, Inc., of the 91st division, will hold its 15th annual reunion at Los Angeles, September 30. All 91st men are expected to attend. This year the reunion is to be held on the anniversary of the Argonne offensive.

Fifteen years ago this month the 91st division was deep in the heart of the Argonne forest, bleeding and fighting their way to the victory that drew words of praise from General Pershing and caused him to send them immediately to the Belgian front where as shock troops they added to their reputation as fighters and were again cited for bravery. The division was still in action when the Armistice was signed.

ATTENDING COLLEGE Forest McKinley, son of Mrs. May McKinley, 1417 Cota Avenue, is attending Arizona State College at Las Cruces.