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DEATH CLAIMS JUDGE JOHN DENNIS

BELOVED JURIST AND FORMER MAYOR OF TORRANCE PASSES

End Comes Peacefully At 9:45 P. M. Yesterday; Funeral Services to Be Held Friday At 2 P. M. At Stone and Myers Chapel

Judge John Dennis, 64, incumbent justice of the Lomita township court at Torrance and former mayor of this city, passed away last evening. The end came quietly as he lay down to rest at 9:45 p. m. Mrs. Dennis and her niece, Miss Eva McCormick, of Hillsboro, Oregon, were present at the family residence, 1621 Amalapa avenue, when the beloved public official died. While Judge Dennis has been in ill health for the past two years, the news of his sudden passing came as a great shock to his family and wide circle of friends, who little realized that the end was so near.

Assemblyman



JOHN T. RAWLS, state assemblyman of the 68th district, this week filed his petition for reelection to the state legislature from this district. John T. Gaffey, prominent Democrat of San Pedro, and Edward L. Mulligan, both of whom were delegates to the Chicago convention which nominated President Roosevelt in 1932, circulated Rawls' petition. Assemblyman Rawls also has the endorsement of the county and state central committee of the 68th district, as well as many prominent Democrats in Torrance and Lomita.

Damage Suit Is Reported Settled

Indicating that a settlement had been made out of court, the \$22,000 damage suit brought by Elizabeth La Shier and others against Leonard Babcock, as the result of an automobile and truck collision last April 7, on Western avenue north of Gardena, was dismissed in Los Angeles superior court when it was scheduled to go to trial.

Upon retiring from the mercantile business, John Dennis was placed in charge of the Oregon Hotel building at the World's Exposition at San Francisco, which appointment he held for the two years the fair was in progress. His next business association was with C. M. Christensen at the LaDee Logging Camp, Oregon, where he remained for seven years, before coming to Torrance in 1924.

On May 18, 1893, a friendship which had its inception through mutual friends back in Iowa, was culminated in the marriage of Esther I. Bardsell to John Dennis at Hillsboro, Oregon.

Surviving, besides the widow of the deceased, are a sister, Mrs. Mary Wellman, of Bakersfield, California; a half sister, Miss Daisy Tone of Tillamook, Oregon; two half brothers, Earl Dennis, of Portland, Oregon, and Richard Dennis, of Idaho. Miss Eva McCormick, a niece of Mrs. Dennis, arrived yesterday from Hillsboro. Funeral services will be held Friday, at 2 p. m., in Stone & Myers chapel. Frank Steinhilber will read the Christian Science service. The Masonic lodge will be in charge. Pallbearers have been announced as: Frank Leonard, Gerald Maxwell, G. M. Calder, Charles Taber, Carl L. Hyde, and Sam Levy.

City May Sell Water Bonds At Private Sale

Word Received From Washington Indicates Little Hope of Federal Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—No immediate action by the Public Works Administration is probable on the city of Torrance's application for a \$375,000 loan and grant with which to construct a municipal water system. It was learned late today from a source believed to be reliable at Washington.

When informed of the Washington report, Torrance city officials declined to comment on what procedure they would follow toward expediting the construction of the water system.

However, it is common knowledge that the market for municipal bonds in this district, such as the Torrance water issue, has shown marked improvement during the past few weeks; and it is believed by those close to the local water problem that in the event it is impossible to secure federal financing, no difficulty will be experienced in securing a ready market for the Torrance water bonds at private sale.

New Post Office Plans Advanced

City Engineer Instructed To Rush Survey of Marcelina Ave. Building Site

Further progress toward the construction of the new post office building at Torrance was made this week, when City Engineer F. R. Leonard received instructions to begin at once a topographical survey and soil investigation of the newly acquired federal building site on Marcelina avenue, between Cravens and Sartori avenues.

Authorization to begin work immediately on the survey was given in a telegram to Leonard from W. E. Reynolds, assistant director for public works at Washington.

City Attorney Leonard stated that he expected to have the survey of the local post office site completed this week and would forward it to Washington, as instructed.

Supervisors To Appoint Successor To Justice Court

It is expected that the board of supervisors will make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Lomita justice court at Torrance, caused by the death yesterday of Judge John Dennis. The new incumbent will serve until January 1, 1935, at which time Lomita township is scheduled to be consolidated with Inglewood township and the local justice court abolished, unless injunction proceedings are instituted to invalidate the consolidation.

Time Extended On Boulevard Paving

Extension of 45 days in which to complete the improvement of Torrance boulevard between Torrance and Redondo Beach was granted to the contractor by the board of supervisors this week, on recommendation of the county road commissioner.

Work has been under way for several weeks, but delays have been occasioned through no fault of the contractor, according to the road department. C. O. Sparks is the contractor.

Friendship—His Heritage



JUDGE JOHN DENNIS

TORRANCE mourns the loss of its beloved citizen and public servant, Judge John Dennis. There is genuine sorrow in the hearts of his host of friends. Possessed of a gentle and kindly disposition, he made acquaintances easily, and was one learned by closer contact of his sterling honesty, his keen sense of fairness, and his beneficence to mankind, these acquaintances soon ripened into affections.

Only One Infantile Paralysis Case In Torrance Since January 1

Be thankful for the sake of your children and yourself that you live in Torrance, as this city has been singularly fortunate in escaping the ravages of the dread infantile paralysis epidemic which has been spreading at an alarming rate in the city of Los Angeles and other parts of the county, reaching a total to date of over 450 victims, including six deaths.

Only one case of infantile paralysis has been reported in Torrance since January 1, which case was discovered over a month ago at the Mexican Pueblo and the victim was immediately removed to the county hospital. Likewise, Lomita and Gardena have each had but one case, according to records of the county health department.

However every precaution is being taken to prevent an outbreak of the epidemic in this community, as indicated by a statement made today by Arthur G. Waldeloh, principal of the Torrance high school, as follows:

"Unmistakable orders have been received from the board of education by all of the Los Angeles school principals, relating to measures of prevention on the part of the infantile paralysis epidemic. 'Graduation only will be authorized as an assembly and no other groups of students are authorized, either within the school or outside of the school. This request is made by the health authorities and the public schools are co-operating in every way to make this effective.'"

"Parents are urged to discourage all group meetings of high school classes and to co-operate completely with the health authorities."

Damp Air Helps Mrs. Miller Hurt In Fall From Car

Mrs. J. E. Miller, of the Miller Furniture store, was painfully injured Sunday when she fell and struck her head on the pavement as she was getting out of the family car on Torrance boulevard. The car had run out of gas and was being pushed to a service station, with Hugh Miller, brother and Richard, son of J. E. Miller, furnishing the motive power. Mrs. Miller sought to relieve them of some of the weight by getting out and attempted to leave the car while it was moving.

She suffered a slight concussion but is now recovering, although she is still confined to her home. Mr. Miller is also unable to attend to the work at the store on account of a dislocated vertebra which has given him trouble for the past few weeks.

Democrats to Picnic Sunday At San Pedro

All Local Democrats and Families Invited; Sport Events Planned

Democrats of the 17th Congressional district, which includes Torrance and Lomita, will stage an old-fashioned basket picnic at Pointe Fermin Park in San Pedro, Sunday, June 10. The affair is sponsored by the 17th Congressional District Service Club, which is composed of delegates from all of the Democratic clubs in this district. Headquarters of the organization are located at 7519 S. Hoover street, Los Angeles.

George Duke, president of the club, and John DeLuca, chairman of the picnic, extend a cordial invitation to all Democrats to bring their families and lunch baskets and stay all day.

While there will be no political speeches on the program, many of the candidates for various offices in the fall elections have announced that they will attend. About 3000 are expected at the picnic and a good time is promised to all by the committee in charge.

Basich Bros. Low Bidders On Highway

Contract for Improvement of Sepulveda Through Shoestring to be Awarded

With Basich Brothers of Torrance as the low bidder, award of the contract for the improvement of State street, or Sepulveda boulevard, through the Los Angeles shoestrings, is expected to be awarded sometime this week by the state highway department.

Bids were opened at the State building in Los Angeles late last Thursday and forwarded to Sacramento for analysis and approval of state highway engineers.

The improvement is to extend between the westerly limits of the Los Angeles shoestring and Wilmington boulevard, a distance of some three miles.

Work on the five-mile section of Sepulveda boulevard through the south part of Torrance now is under way by the United Concrete Pipe Company, also of Torrance, which was awarded the contract two weeks ago.

Gardena Is Host To Harbor District

Gardena will be host to the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce next Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 13. Sessions will be held at the Gardena high school, on West Gardena boulevard near Normandie, starting with committee meetings at 4 o'clock, business session at 5 o'clock and banquet at 6:30. This will be the "pre-view" of Gardena's annual exposition.

There will be no speaker, but the banquet program will feature radio entertainers, including the famous Latvian Choir, and the one and only Mrs. Pasquale.

CHAMBER ELECTS DIRECTORS BUDGET NEXT YEAR IS \$6000

Directors Recommend City Aid In Extension of Cedar Avenue Through General Petroleum Property

Results of the annual election of three directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held Monday, were announced today by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the organization.

Bert W. Lanz, general manager of the Columbia Steel Company, and Fred Isaacs, manager of the refining department of the General Petroleum Corporation of California, both of whom represent the industrial membership of the Chamber of Commerce, were re-elected. Dr. Alden Smith, optometrist and jeweler, was selected to represent the general membership, replacing F. M. Buffington, who retires from the board.

Hold-over directors, whose terms will expire this year are: Dean Kahl Stovall, real estate; R. R. Smith, director of personnel and public relations of the National Supply Company; Sherwood McIntyre, superintendent of the Chandler-Cantfield Midway Oil Company; J. W. McQuaid, official of D & M Machine Works; B. C. Huxton, real estate dealer and county welfare executive; and Donald Hildrey, manager of Dominguez Land Corporation.

Officers for the ensuing year will be chosen at the next regular meeting of the board of directors on the first Monday in July.

Ask \$6000 Budget Following the election of directors the regular meeting of the directorate was held. A budget of \$6000, to cover the administrative and operative expenses of the chamber for the approaching fiscal year, which begins July 1, was approved and ordered transmitted to the city council.

Consideration of necessary fencing along the proposed northerly extension of Cedar avenue through the General Petroleum Corporation's property resulted in a recommendation to the city council that a sum sufficient to cover the cost of such fencing be included in the city's budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

At this meeting the chamber directors adopted a resolution urging the representatives in the Congress of the United States from the state of California to seek the appointment of a Congressional investigation committee to make a complete investigation of the defense requirements of the Pacific coast and to take the action necessary to accomplish the recommendations made by such investigating committee.

A growing feeling of insecurity among the people of the Pacific coast may shortly lead to public agitation on this subject unless the federal government promptly undertakes the completion of the Pacific coast of the approved war department project for the strengthening of the present harbor defenses.

New Ordinance Aims To Prohibit Beer Parlor Dances

The proposed county ordinance which would prohibit public dances in any room or building where alcoholic liquors are dispensed is scheduled to be placed before the board of supervisors for adoption on Monday, June 11, it was learned today at the Hall of Records.

A "pre-view" was given the ordinance late Friday afternoon during the conference period of the county counsel's office, at which time certain flaws were pointed out by the assembled staff of attorneys. Any loopholes will be plugged between now and the next conference period, when it is expected to receive final approval as to its legality.

The legislation has been requested by the county public welfare commission following hundreds of complaints about dance halls and beer parlors conducted jointly throughout the unincorporated territory. A number of permits have been revoked, and the commission, as well as constables and deputy sheriffs, agree that dance halls must be separated from beer parlors.

Local Firm Will Start Work Soon On Highway Job

A state engineer was assigned to the supervision of the new Roosevelt highway-State street link of Highway No. 46 to be constructed through the southern part of Torrance, and state engineers announced that the way was cleared for the work.

The successful contractor, the United Concrete Pipe Company of Torrance, prepared to begin work this week.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Polch, who is in charge of the work for the United, the Herald was unable to learn today on what date the work will be started, or other details, though it is expected that it will be within a very short time.

A WIDE VARIETY of "Better" used cars are offered for sale in this issue. Join the "Smart Buyers" who will be able to remark in the near future—"Yes, I know used cars are higher now, but I bought mine at the right time"—which is RIGHT NOW. Turn to Page 6-A for bargains in used cars by reputable dealers.

WE'RE REALLY TOO MODEST! Not being addicted to bragging or exaggerating, the Torrance Herald & Lomita News has naturally confined its claims of complete coverage to its advertisers to include only the immediate trade area. But evidently we have been too modest. For recently, the Curt-Rite Hardware Company of Gardena, a consistent advertiser in the Herald & News, received an order for some goods from Apollo, Pennsylvania. And the customer stated that he "HAD SEEN THE ARTICLE ADVERTISED IN THE TORRANCE HERALD." And we have his letter to prove it. However, while we don't claim to cover the Pennsylvania field, we do maintain that any good merchandise properly advertised in the Herald & News will be sold here and the shelves dusted.

RAINFALL

For Lomita, storm, 46 inches; season, 1118 inches; last year's total at this date, 12.99 inches. Torrance, storm, 79 inches; season to date, 9.68 inches.