

Law On Death Of Husband, Wife At Once Changed

The presumption that death comes to a woman first was discarded by Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt, who upheld the validity of a new state law, applied for the first time when he ruled that when husband and wife meet death in such a manner that it cannot be determined which died first, it is no longer presumed under California law that the man lived longer.

The decision grew out of the settling of the estate of Fred C. Keeney, 32, and his wife Margaret, 31, who died when their Manhattan Beach home burned last Jan. 9. Since their two children, Fred Jr., 10, and Judith, 8, also died, the court was faced with the problem of who would inherit the \$6,000 Keeney estate.

Since there was no evidence to the contrary death was presumed to have been simultaneous, and the estate was divided equally between the two sets of heirs, the surviving members of Keeney's family and the surviving members of Mrs. Keeney's family.

State Collects \$1,071,509 From Alcohol Tax

Los Angeles County and the cities in the county received \$1,071,509 from the state-collected alcoholic beverage control tax during the calendar 1945, California Taxpayers' association said today, making public the first section of its study of the share in state-collected taxes that local governments receive.

Cities in the county received \$967,617 and the county received \$103,892, the association found. Total payments to the cities and counties of the state from the alcoholic beverage control fund for calendar 1945 amounted to \$3,378,892, with \$2,209,242 going to the cities and \$1,169,650 going to the counties, the association found.

One half of the receipts from annual license fees of 28 varieties imposed on alcoholic beverage production or sales operations in California are apportioned to the cities and counties in proportion to the collection from each. State law requires local authorities to enforce the provisions of the alcoholic beverage control act.

Total collection of license fees for production or sale of alcoholic beverages in California amounted to \$6,342,131 for 1945, the association found. For the first nine months of 1946 they reached \$9,050,130.

THINK IT OVER

By Oden & Humphrey!

HIS TEACHINGS

Two thousand years ago there were many "Gods" in the world. Almost every state and community had their "Gods" and "Goddesses". Moloch, Diana, Aphrodite and many others. All were Gods of the flesh or material things.

The advent of Christianity brought startling changes upon the world—introduced ideas and concepts of life that were entirely new and even revolutionary. With Christianity came spiritual life and hope—hope of life after death.

The teachings of Jesus are so simple they can be understood by children. Upon these teachings have been built civilization. In this country, Dec. 25 has been set aside in honor of this humble man of Nazareth. All of us, no matter what our religion or creed, owe much to this man who has made the world a better place in which to live. There would most certainly be "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men" if we would follow "His" simple teachings.

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Freakish Gain Of Postwar Travel Subsiding, Report

The All-Year club pointed to vacant hotel and resort rooms in most areas of Southern California today, and reported the freakish frenzied postwar travel is subsiding.

Though permanent residential housing is still tight, vacation-type accommodations are much more available than last winter, it was revealed by the county advisory council of the community travel organization.

Blaine Walker, Dean Sears and Harvel Guttentag are the Torrance representatives on the All-Year Club's advisory council. The Los Angeles-Hollywood metropolitan area is still probably the tightest for hotel accommodations, with heavy bookings expected over the holiday week ends, the council reported.

But at close-by Santa Monica and Long Beach, there are vacant rooms.

Santa Monica has six hotels that from Army use, several of them being converted beach clubs.

Santa Barbara, also with big hotels back from service use, is seeking vacation patronage to fill empty rooms.

San Diego offers accommodations for unlimited length of stay without advance reservations. A ample accommodations are available along the coast between here and San Diego.

NEW BOOKLET ISSUED A three-page bulletin, "Winter Construction Techniques," has been issued by the National Housing Agency for the information of builders who normally confine their operations to milder seasons.

CROSSWORD PUZZLES Crossword puzzles were probably first printed in England in the 19th century, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. They were published in the United States in the "New York World" in 1913.

CHURCHES

NOTICE: Copy for Church Notices cannot be accepted after 10 a.m. Tuesday.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS—Blair Eugene D. Young, American Legion hall, 165th and Normandie, Gardena. Sun., 10 a.m., Sunday school, Relief Society and priesthood Sun., 6:30 p.m., Sacrament meeting, Wed., 7:30 p.m., mutual, Sat., 10:30 a.m.—primary.

NAZARENE CHURCH—W. A. Penner, pastor, 1501 W. Carson st. Sun. school 9:45 a.m., Superintendent, Mrs. Agnes Foster, Service 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting 6:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD—Paul H. Perry, pastor, 1741 Border ave. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Services, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Young people, 6:15 p.m., Wed., 7:30 p.m., Friday, Bible study, Training classes, 7:30 p.m., Prayer service each day except Sat., at 1:15 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Torrance Men's Bible Class bldg., 1319 Cravens, Evangelist R. C. Cannon minister, Sun. school, 9:45 a.m., For all ages, Service, 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., Devotion and Bible study.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—Accacia and Sonoma ave. Phone 1383. Sun. school, 9:45 a.m., Church service at 10:45 a.m., Service on Christmas morning at 9 o'clock, Service 7:00 p.m., Christmas service by the Sunday school.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—Engracia and Manuel ave., Rev. Fr. Patrick J. McGuinness, pastor, Tel. 332, Masses Sunday, 7:30 and 11 a.m., Week day Masses, 8 a.m., Novena services to Sacred Heart, First Fri., 8 a.m., Classes for converts, Monday evening, 7 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, after services, Confessions: Sat. 4 to 6 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.; eves of Holy days and First Fridays, same time.

FIRST FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH—Walter H. Wagner, pastor, Park and Newton, Waverly. Sun. School, 9:45 a.m., Service, 7:30 p.m., Young People's Morning service, 11:00 a.m., Evangelist's Meeting, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. S. Martin Eide, pastor, Gardena blvd. at Manhattan pl., Gardena. Phone ME 4-1064. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Services, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting 6:30 p.m., Senior group and intermediate group.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman pastor, 1629 Manuel ave. phone 2052. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., Morning service 11:00 a.m., "God Gives Wisdom According to the Situation," a thought for the new year. Service 8:00 p.m., "The Life of Christ in Art." This is a presentation in color, based on the great paintings of Christian art. The Youth Fellowship is sponsoring this service and all are invited. Young People's meeting 7:00 p.m., Worship and study under youth leadership. All young people are invited. Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., Midnight, Watchnight party and service for the church. This is sponsored by the Youth Fellowship and will begin with a party and close with the Communion service, Thursday, January 2, 7:30 p.m. The choir meets for rehearsal at the church, Friday, December 27. The choir will hold a holiday party at the home of the Vandeventers at 2203 Carson, street.

KEYSTONE ASSEMBLY OF GOD—Rev. Charles E. Book, 445 W. 220th St., Torrance. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Christ Ambassadors service Sunday, p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m., prayer meeting, testimonies and short sermon, Monday through Friday, prayer service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are invited.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. J. E. Orr, 2164 246th st., Lomita. Phone 1172-W. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., Special Christmas worship services in the five departments, Service 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Christian Endeavor groups for all ages, 6:30 p.m., Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH—1414 Emercia ave., at Arlington, Ronald J. Menzies, M.A., B.D., pastor; Burdette L. Brimley, choir director, Sun. school, 9:30 a.m., Service, 10:40 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SAINT ANDREW'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Engel, second and fourth, Torrance Hospital, The Rev. Paul Moore—Wheeler, rector, Phone, Torrance 509 and 375-15. Services: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9:30 a.m., Junior church and school for all departments, beginners thru high school; 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon; Holy Communion, first Sunday of the month; 7:30 a.m., second and fourth Thursday, 11 a.m., Holy Communion and intercessions for the sick. Meetings of organizations: Young Churchmen's League, senior and junior divisions, Sundays, 6 p.m.; Vestry, second Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Woman's Auxiliary, second and fourth Wednesday, 11 a.m.; St. Cecilia's Guild, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Altar Guild, last Thursday, 8 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—C. Miles Northrup, pastor; Carson and Marina sts., Tel. 148. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Services, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Christmas carols, HYPL, 6:30 p.m., Christmas eve, 11:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., prayer meeting is changed on account of Christmas coming on Wednesday. Praise, prayer, testimony and Bible lessons.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH—Arlington at Marcelina ave., H. E. Warren, pastor, Tel. 138. Minister, Phone Torrance 131. Church youth at 9:30, Christian sermon, Service 11:00 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pedersen, pastors, 1297 W. 22nd St., Torrance. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Service 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Young People's meeting 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7:30, preaching and prayer.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS—Meets at 7:30 Thursday evening in the hall opposite public library on Cravens ave. All men welcome. Rev. Reynolds, Hermosa Beach, preaching.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST—212 218th st. and Manuel ave. Sunday morning services at 11. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday evening meeting, 8 p.m., Reading room at 1750 Manuel ave., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each week day.

"Christian Science" will be the Sunday Lesson-Sermon subject of all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. A verse from I Peter in the Golden Text: "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

In his Gospel Luke says, "Behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go." The Psalmist sang, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men. . . . He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

"The Scriptures are very sacred," writes Mary Baker Eddy in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." She continues, "Our aim must be to have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained." "It is this spiritual perception of Scripture, which lifts humanity out of disease and death and inspires faith."

Community-Wide Confab On L.A. Housing Proposed For January 18

Plans for a community-wide conference on housing to be held in mid-January were announced by the Los Angeles Citizens' Housing Council in conjunction with its release of a letter to the President deploring his scuttling of the Wyatt housing program.

"Our member organizations, constituting the principal veterans, labor and civic groups in Los Angeles, are alarmed by the worsening of the housing crisis through recent developments," Msgr. O'Dwyer, president of the council, stated. O'Dwyer said that the council is sending out a call to a conference to be attended by delegates of all local groups to formulate a constructive program of action.

Among the policies for which the Housing Council reiterated support in its letter to President Truman were: complete building material priorities control, curtailment of commercial and industrial construction to present levels, maintenance of rent control, maintenance of ceiling prices and rentals on new construction and immediate passage of the Wagner-Elender-Taft bill to provide housing within the reach of low and middle-income families as well as to make a start on slum clearance.

"If the Federal government defaults in the job of providing the necessary controls for insuring adequate housing for veterans by severely limiting the allocation of building materials for non-essential and luxury construction, the cities and states must step into the breach," Father O'Dwyer said.

The delegated conference sponsored by the Citizens' Housing Council is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, at the First Unitarian church, 8th and Vermont. Organizations of 50 members or less will be entitled to 1 delegate; 51 to 250 to 2 delegates; 250 members or more, 3 delegates, and central or federated bodies will be entitled to 2 delegates regardless of membership. Additional organizations may affiliate upon application to the Citizens' Housing Council and payment of a \$10 fee.

New Oil Well On Western, Imperial Gets County Okay

Permission to drill an exploratory oil well 1,300 feet south of Imperial Highway and 1,000 feet east of Western ave., has been granted to the Union Oil Co., by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, under certain conditions, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby has reported. The drilling must be commenced within 180 days and the derrick must be removed on completion of the well, whether or not oil is discovered. No oil storage

LOS ANGELES TO ORANGE COUNTY AIR TAXI SERVICE

A twenty minute air taxi service between Los Angeles airport and Orange county communities has been inaugurated, according to Don Hillman, who operates three air taxis.

He said the inaugural flight was made from Santa Ana at 11 a. m. and ended at Los Angeles at 11:20 a. m., Dec. 17.

Passengers on the first flight included several Orange county mayors.

will be permitted on the premises. A \$1,000 performance bond was given by the company.

176 Children Are Presented Gifts By Perry PTA

Yuletide cheer was spread to 176 children of its school by Perry School P.T.A. last Wednesday morning when room mothers packed sacks of fruit, candy and peanuts which were taken to each room and distributed by Santa Claus.

Mrs. W. C. Graham, president, expressed her gratitude to Torrance Lions club, who donated the candy and to J. Sargent who gave them a special discount on the fruit. The money which would have been spent for candy and the discount on the fruit was turned over to Child Welfare, thus making up the amount needed to provide glasses for three pupils in the school.

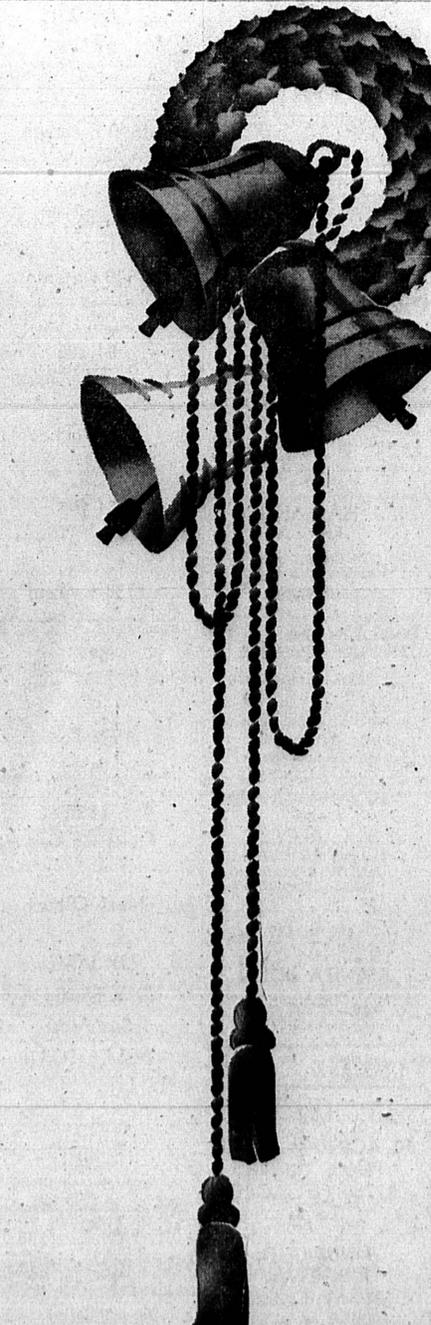
Mrs. R. Evans, school nurse, obtained the services of Dr. E. D. Warren, eye specialist in Inglewood, at a low cost and the P.T.A. promised to raise money for the three emergency cases before Christmas, and this has been accomplished.



Christmas Bells

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