

Donoghue To Fight Try To Appeal State Permanent Registration Law

Michael Donoghue is in Sacramento this week to oppose legislation at state capital which would require all voters to re-register after each election.

At its December 24 meeting the board of supervisors went on record opposing the new legislation.

Donoghue estimated the proposed law to be introduced by State Senators George J. Hatfield and Jesse Mayo, would cost Los Angeles county approximately \$700,000 more than the present statute.

The registrar has instructions from the board of supervisors to seek an amendment to the contemplated law if it is not defeated which would make it optional with supervisors in each county.

Under the present law, an American citizen, who resides in California, may register once and provided that he doesn't move or fail to vote in both the direct primary or final of an election year, he is not required to re-register.

The present California registration law has been studied by students of government throughout the United States. It is estimated that at least 20 per cent more people vote in California because of this legislation.

Approximately from 30 to 40 per cent of the voters in other states go to the polls whereas in California the number fluctuates between 50 to 80 per cent. In the 1944 presidential election 86.6 per cent of the registered voters cast ballots.

Calship Named In Wage Suit Of Former Workers

A suit asking for almost a million dollars in overtime pay and damages was today filed in the Federal Court against the California Shipbuilding Corporation, in behalf of more than 25,000 former employees of the shipbuilding corporation.

The action, filed by Attorney David L. Mohr, in the names of J. H. Devine, John Eichen and L. S. Williams, Los Angeles, and in behalf of all other employees similarly situated, living in Compton, Long Beach, San Pedro, Torrance and other cities, seeks overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act, together with an equal amount as liquidated damages.

The suit charges that the shipyard did not pay the employees for work performed by them at the beginning of the shift, at the close of the shift, and during their lunch hours.

The employees in behalf of whom the action was filed are all members of the A. F. of L. unions, and include such crafts as painters, welders, burners, chippers, shipfitters, machinists, electricians, scalers, etc.

"This action," said Attorney Mohr, "is not technically the same as the portal in portal suits currently being filed, inasmuch as the plaintiffs are not claiming time spent in traveling from one location to another; rather, it is an action for actual work performed prior to the start of the shift, during the lunch hour, and after the close of the shift."

Sanitation Relationship Gilbert Topic

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., Acting Los Angeles County Health Officer

It has been proved many times that the absence of good sanitation breeds disease, whereas the presence of good sanitation prevents disease. Therefore, it becomes apparent that any effective public health program must have for its foundation sound and adequate sanitation services.

The general function of sanitation is in dealing with materials, equipment and structures pertaining to sanitary practice, and the behavior of people rather than with disease itself may tend to obscure the importance of sanitation in relation to disease prevention. This is particularly true in areas where sanitary practices are well advanced, thus insuring a minimum of those diseases that flourish in the presence of poor sanitation.

The eradication of disease hazards that arise from insanitary conditions is only a beginning in the perpetual war that must be waged against disease. The objective of the public health program is to destroy the war-making possibility of disease and to perform the mop-up operation designed to perpetuate the gains achieved through sanitation.

A great many epidemic diseases are transmissible through water, milk, food, sewage, insects and vermin. By supervising the application of protective measures against contamination of the water, milk and food supplies, the raiding possibilities of such diseases as typhoid fever, the dysenteries and cholera are effectively held in check. The sanitary control of sewage disposal and the elimination of insect and vermin carriers of diseases provide further obstacles in the path of disease and thereby tend to promote health.

The technical and mechanical knowledge of the sanitarian coupled with the medical and epidemiologic resources of the public health service establishes a sound defense against the invasion of a community by preventable diseases. Some of the most readily visible achievements of the public health program appear in the sanitary condition of the district itself. Sanitation thus becomes one of the first measuring sticks used by an observer in appraising public health in a community.

The advanced position of Los Angeles County in the field of public health has been commented on by numerous public-health visitors from all parts of the world. A more searching analysis reveals that such comment is well justified and serves to point out definitely the success of sanitation in a program of disease prevention.

Hollywood Riviera Area Must Stay In Torrance School District, Rule

Hollywood-Riviera cannot affiliate with the Palos Verdes elementary school district, but children of the area can be permitted to attend the Palos Verdes school, it was revealed in Torrance Friday by Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent of schools.

Meeting here with leaders in the formation of the new Torrance City School district, Dr. Carpenter said that existing laws make it necessary for all area within a chartered city to be a part of that city's elementary school district. Torrance was chartered by vote of the people Aug. 20, and the City Charter was ratified by the California Legislature Jan. 7.

The Hollywood-Riviera Home Owners' Association school committee, headed by Mrs. W. V. Stackhouse, 675 Calle Miramar, sent a petition signed by 80 persons to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the seaside community of Torrance remain a part of the Palos Verdes Elementary School district. This section previously had withdrawn from Los Angeles City school district.

The Hollywood Riviera group does not want to become a part of Torrance City School district for fear that its children will have to attend the Walteria school. It has been pointed out many times, Dr. Carpenter said, that they must remain in the Torrance district, but that the children may continue, under contract, to attend Palos Verdes until a new school is built in that section by the Torrance City School district. This will be necessary this year due to rapid development in Southwest Torrance, it is said.

S.P. Asks Bids On 6,200 New Freight Cars

More than doubling its already heavy postwar purchasing of new modern freight cars, Southern Pacific is asking for bids on 6,200 box, auto, flat, hopper and gondola cars, president A. T. Mercier announced today.

The coming purchases will supplement 5,000 new freight cars already purchased, of which 4,000 were delivered during the past year.

Among the cars for which bids are being asked will be 1,500 composite drop bottom gondola cars, which are expected to be especially useful in improving service to shippers of sugar beets. These cars will have wooden sides to help keep beets cool while the drop bottoms will facilitate unloading. Bids are also being asked on 3,000 lightweight steel box cars, 100 covered hopper cars, 100 gondola sulphur cars, 500 composite tight bottom gondolas, 500 automobile cars and 500 flat cars.

In addition to purchase of new freight cars for its own operation, Southern Pacific is participating in orders already placed for 5,000 new refrigerator cars for Pacific Fruit Express Company, jointly owned by Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. These are to be delivered before the end of this year.

Also now on order for Southern Pacific are 20 heavy duty diesel electric freight locomotives to be delivered before year's end and 23 additional engines to be delivered early this year. Southern Pacific's already large fleet of diesel electric switchers.

Under the supervision of Miss Kay Jennings, coordinator of health activities at Torrance high school, students of the school fifteen years of age and more, are being escorted to the mobile x-ray unit at the Civic auditorium.

Free service is provided and each applicant who presents himself may have a complete chest x-ray in order to detect any early indication of tuberculosis.

Statistics prove that the probability of TB germs being present in the lungs increases with age, but the upper teens offer the point of greater danger.

COLUMBIA AUDITOR PROMOTED IN UTAH MOVE SATURDAY

Joe H. Moore, of 2215 Gramery ave., assistant works auditor with Columbia Steel Company for the past 13 years, left Saturday for Provo, Utah, to assume his duties as assistant supervisor of plant accounting at Geneva Steel Company.

Mrs. Moore and their daughter, Pat, will join him within the next few weeks.

To insure effective repair work on an automobile, motorists are advised to insist on test rides with the shop's testing crew. The first one enables the motorist to point out defects and the last, after the work has been done, allows him to make sure that the car has been effectively repaired.

Tiny metal radio antennas are being developed by engineers in a program to improve naval communications.

AIR MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR FOR FIELD APPOINTED

C. R. Keene, former assistant chief inspector of Douglas Aircraft, who for the past year has operated an aircraft engine maintenance shop on the Lomita Flight Strip, has been appointed air maintenance inspector of the local airport by the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

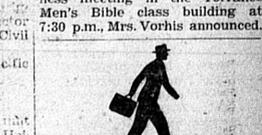
Keene is a resident of Pacific Palisades.

A new cancer research unit has been established by the University of California Medical School and the U.S. Public Health Service in San Francisco.

Around 3,500 veterans are applying monthly for admission to the three Veterans Administration hospitals located in West Los Angeles, San Fernando, and Van Nuys.

Townsend Club No. 1

A regular meeting and dance will be conducted Friday by the Torrance Townsend club, according to Mrs. Ethelyn Voorhis, secretary. Refreshments will be served following a short business meeting in the Torrance Men's Bible class building at 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Voorhis announced.



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COMMERCIAL FISHING CHARGE ASKED BY THOMAS

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas announced he would introduce a bill which would take away all jurisdiction of the state fish and game commission over commercial fishing operations and place the jurisdiction in the hands of a new state agency.

Thomas said the new body would be called the California commercial fisheries commission and would consist of five members appointed to four-year terms by the governor.

Hospital Cases

Among patients admitted to the Torrance-Memorial hospital during the past week are the following:

Mrs. Betty McCutcheon, 20210 S. Western ave.
 Mrs. Rae Kaplan, 1562 W. 203rd st.
 Mrs. Dorothy Godfrey, 21910 S. Figueroa st.
 William Creighton, 2256 Torrance blvd.
 Mrs. Pauline Bonk, 1438 W. 223rd st.
 Miss Ann Biblica, 25965 Eshelman ave.

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