

LAWYER SAVES \$200,000 BUT MUST SUE FOR FEE

Sam Pritchard, well-known authority on school law, who saved the taxpayers of Torrance property valued at upwards of \$200,000 in lawsuits against Los Angeles school districts brought by local citizens, must sue the Torrance City Board of Education for the balance of his fee of \$500, it was revealed Tuesday night.

OBITUARY

CORNELIA PEARL BRYAN

Services for Cornelia Pearl Bryan, who died Sept. 10 in Portland, Ore., were held Saturday in Stone and Myers chapel, the Rev. Homer M. Grimes officiating. Mrs. Bryan was survived by her husband, Sidney Oliver Bryan, Los Alamitos; four daughters, Donna M. Van Auker, Milwaukie, Ore.; Lucille C. Coiner, Pacific Beach, Calif.; Florence M. Layton, Los Alamitos, and Jessie Nadine Hall, Long Beach; and five sons: Charles M. Bryan, Wailonia; Jessie Theodore Bryan, Washington; Oliver A. Bryan, Wilmington; Paul R. Bryan, San Pedro and Lawrence E. Bryan, Cypress. Interment was in Pacific Crest cemetery.

PEDER JOHAN CHRISTIAN BAY

Services for Peder Johan Christian Bay, 2003 Gramercy ave., who died Thursday at his home, were held Saturday in Stone and Myers chapel, the Rev. Frank D. Meeking officiating. Assisting in the services was the Torrance Masonic Lodge 447. Born in Denmark, Mar. 8, 1889, Mr. Bay had been a resident of Torrance for 27 years and had lived in California 37 years. He was employed at Columbia Steel Co. for more than 20 years. Besides his wife, Anna C., Mr. Bay is survived by four daughters; Mrs. R. W. Stevens, Highland Park; Mrs. E. Johnson, San Fernando; Mrs. Anna Schruggs and Mrs. E. Phillips of Torrance; two sons, Joseph and Clarence of Torrance, and six grandchildren. Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park cemetery.

WM. THEOPHILE DIETLIN

Rosary was recited at 8 p. m. Monday, in the Stone and Myers chapel for William Theophile Dietlin, 1007 Portola ave., who died Friday at Sawtelle Veterans' hospital. High mass was at 9 a. m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Fr. Patrick J. McGuinness officiating. Interment was at Sawtelle. Born in Michigan in 1894, Mr. Dietlin was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his widow, Helen Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Rosalie Severn, Gardena; and two sons, Edward and William, both of Torrance.

AT RADEMAKER HOME

Mrs. L. G. Finlayson returned Wednesday from a week's visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. V. Rademaker, of Lynwood.

HAVE HOUSE GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schott are entertaining as their house guest his mother, Mrs. C. J. Schott, of San Bernardino.

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Lomitans Fight To Gain Airport Renewed In Court

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was filed already was in the city's possession. The plaintiffs persist in calling themselves officers and members of Group Three of the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, although Group Three long ago was inactivated and Col. Bertrand Rhine, wing commander, states that the plaintiffs never have been members of the Civil Air Patrol.

The complaint, which Mrs. Gramer signed herself "on behalf of said Norman Gardiner, as his attorney," was served on City Attorney Otto B. Willard on Sept. 11 and names as defendants the City of Torrance, Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr., Councilmen W. H. Tolson, C. M. Gilbert, A. L. Jackson and former Councilman G. V. Powell; E. Y. Tarkenton, airport manager; Ray Reed, publisher of the Lomita News; R. E. Plomert, Jr., Capt. Scott Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, Reed H. Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Frank S. Selover, managing editor of the Torrance Herald and Glenn Jain, city engineer.

The new complaint also differed in that it does not allege that General Petroleum Corp. intends to drill for oil on the airport, nor did it assert that Doak Aircraft Co. was planning to build a factory on the flight strip. Both allegations were made in the original document.

Plomert, tax consultant for General Petroleum Corp., Scott Whyte, Parkin, Selover and Jain are listed as members of the Aviation Commission of the City of Torrance, although Whyte and Parkin long ago resigned from the commission, and Selover never was a member. The complaint alleges that the plaintiffs are entitled to possession of the airport under terms of a lease executed by the Los Angeles office of the U. S. Engineers which was canceled at the time Group Three was inactivated, prior to the time Torrance was given right-of-entry to the airport.

It claims the defendants pursued their effort to secure the 485-acre airport "although they knew of the existing rights and interests of said Group Three of said Civil Air Patrol," and calls the publicly owned airport a "private" facility in alleging Torrance has no right to operate an airport.

Gardiner, Stanton and Mosher, besides other Lomita business men, backed C. H. Holmes, who had commanded Group Three at the airport prior to inactivation, to the extent of some \$6,000. The money, it is said, was paid in rent to the engineers, and the plaintiffs have been seeking ways to recover the money by operating the airport, collecting hangar rent, landing and tie-down fees and commissions from sales of gasoline and oil.

No Civil Air Patrol pilot training program had been carried on at the airport for months, Holmes having been engaged in a commercial operation at the airport, including the buying and selling of surplus aircraft. Legitimate Civil Air Patrol activities, welcomed by the City of Torrance on the airport, dwindled to nothing, and even the public schools aviation indoctrination program sponsored by the California Wing of the C.A.P. had been moved from the airport before Group Three was inactivated.

Investigation by Rep. Cecil R. King into the commercial and political activities of Holmes, was reported to be responsible for inactivation of the said Group Three and cancellation of the Engineers' lease.

King led the fight to secure the airport for the City of Torrance, aided by Parkin and other members of the Aviation Commission. Weakness of the complaint is indicated in the prayer of the complaint where it states that "in the event that any lease, license or conveyance of said property from the War Assets Administration or director thereof, or Corps of Engineers or War Department of the United States, or United States Commissioner of Roads to the said City of Torrance be held to be a valid lease, license or conveyance, defendants be required to permit said Group Three of said Civil Air Patrol and its members to use and occupy such portion of said property and facilities as may be deemed proper."

Since Group Three has been inactivated, local authorities hold that this hardly can be granted, although the legitimate C.A.P. program could be permitted on the field under proper authority and qualified officers. In upholding the demurrer of the city in the original complaint, the court indicated that the suit was Federal rather than a matter for the state courts.

OCCUPATIONAL DEATHS

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FARRELS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Farrell and daughter Nancy returned to their 214th street home Monday, following a pleasant weekend visit with the V. G. Rumbold family, at Coreoran, Calif.

TORRANCE HERALD

IN SAN BERNARDINO Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moon and Mrs. Bobby are enjoying a few days' vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds De Silva in San Bernardino.

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FROM PRESCOTT Mrs. R. M. Rogers and son Billy of Prescott, Arizona, former Torrance residents, arrived Monday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. L. G. Finlayson.

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