

REV. TORBEN R. OLSEN IS ST. ANDREW'S RECTOR



THE REV. PAUL M. WHEELER Leaves for New Parish



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The vestry of St. Andrew's Church and the Elks Lodge, Chapter 185th Infantry, California National Guard, Regiment Headquarters, Fresno, Calif., have elected a new rector who will assume his duties on Nov. 23. The man chosen has accepted the call and he is the Rev. Torben R. Olsen, present rector of The Church of the Saviour, Hanford, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen will move into the rectory, 1230 Acacia ave. The newly elected rector is a personal friend of the retiring rector, Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler. The two graduated together from Church Divinity School of the Pacific at Berkeley, and at present both are officers of their Seminary Alumni Association.

Rev. Olsen is well qualified to carry on the youth work for which St. Andrew's is well known. In fact his abilities in youth work was one of the deciding factors in his choice by the vestry over other candidates, it was said.

Rev. Olsen was born in Albert Lea, Minn., on Dec. 15, 1912. His father was a Lutheran clergyman. He lived in Oakland, Calif. from 1913 to 1939, and was educated at Oakland schools. He took college work at California Concordia College in Oakland from 1932 to 1934 and Theological education at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, the Episcopal Church Seminary for the west, from 1936 to 1939. He also took work at the University of California.

Upon his ordination to the priesthood on Sept. 29, 1939, at Salmon, Idaho, Rev. Olsen took up missionary work there. He went to Fort Hall, Idaho, in the fall of 1941 to work with the Indians, and in the spring of 1942 was elected rector of the Church of the Saviour at Hanford, Calif., and has been serving there until the present.

Rev. Olsen married Lucille Berg on June 7, 1937. Civic achievements in Hanford, were to organize Hanford Youth Council and he was the first president, holding the office for two years; on the Hanford Recreation Commission for three years, a member of the Rotary

33,712 Voters Qualified On Water Election

A total of 33,712 men and women qualified as voters for the West Basin Municipal Water District election on Nov. 25, M. J. Donoghue, registrar of voters, announced.

A breakdown of the total by communities follows: Redondo Beach, 7,186, the largest number among the five incorporated cities in the proposed district. Manhattan Beach, 4,536; Hermosa Beach, 3,940; El Segundo, 2,385 and Palos Verdes Estates, 660.

Figures for the unincorporated communities and areas in the proposed district are: Wiseburn, 5,228; Lomita, 3,019; Moneta, 2,228; Howard, 2,046; Lawndale, 1,657; Clifton, 256; El Porto, 235; Victor, 99; Norman, 38; El Nido, 95 and a portion of precinct eight in the Dominguez area, 32.

Donoghue's office described Wiseburn as comprising that territory west of Prairie ave., south of Century blvd., east of Anza st. and north of Rosecrans ave.

Lomita Navy Man Receives Air Medal

Lt. George H. Doolittle, USN, husband of Mrs. Betty Jo Doolittle of 1824 261st st., Lomita, was recently presented the Air Medal by Rear Admiral W. A. Kitts, III, commander Training Command Pacific, Navy officials disclosed.

The presentation of the award was made to the naval officer in recent ceremonies at the U. S. Fleet Sonar school, San Diego, California, officials stated. According to the citation, Lieut. Doolittle was awarded the Air Medal for participation in twenty missions between Attu and Paramushiro while acting in the capacity of Patrol Plane First Pilot and Navigator.

Outstanding feats of World War II in which the naval officer participated included action at Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941), Attu and Kiska.

Enlistment Rules Told

Effects of the recently announced directive by which veterans can now enlist for service in the zone of the interior are already being felt in California, according to M/Sgt. James R. Callison in charge of the local Army and Air Force recruiting station.

This ruling provides that the former GI can specify the unit or installation located within the Sixth Army area where he wants to serve. He is guaranteed a minimum of one year's service at the installation or within the unit of his choice.

"Choice of a majority of local recruits," Sgt. Callison said, "has been Fort Lewis, home station of famed 2nd Infantry division, amid the scenic grandeur and exhilarating climate of the Pacific northwest."

Abandoned Toys Wanted To Bring Joy To Needy

"It isn't too early to start playing in Santa Claus," according to Dr. Don C. Moshos, president of First District Welfare Council. "That organization is asking you to look in the attic and out in the garage for toys of all descriptions which could be repaired and distributed to needy children this Christmas," Dr. Moshos said. Anyone in Torrance may help by bringing toys or parts of toys to the collection center at the Moose hall, 1951 West Carson, El Prado Furniture Co., 1200 El Prado, and Lowry Manufacturing Co., 1904 Border avenue.

Collection starts at once, because the holidays are not far away," Dr. Moshos said. Anyone who is handy with tools or good at sewing or painting toys, is requested to volunteer for the repair work. Individuals or groups interested are asked to call District Welfare Center, Torrance 1356, and ask for J. G. Caldwell.

Toys collected in Torrance will be given to needy children of this community.

Hi-Y Groups In Challenge To Student Body

Hi-Y clubs, sponsored by the Torrance Y.M.C.A., issued challenge of Christian living to the student body of Torrance High School in a chapel program at the high school auditorium Thursday morning, October 23. Bill Morgan, student body president, and Hi-Y member gave a brief history of the Hi-Y movement.

Morgan stated that the Hi-Y fellowship is composed of 250,000 boys and girls in these 8,500 clubs over the nation.

Julie Menni, president of the Tri-Hi-Y club, stated the purpose of the club as "to create, maintain and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character." The platform of the club, clean speech, clean scholarship, clean living and clean sports was presented by the Senior Hi-Y president, Gene Stirling. The Junior Hi-Y club was represented on the program by its president, Ronald Higgins. Higgins gave the objectives of the Hi-Y and challenged the student body members to work together in achieving Christian principles.

Milton Isbell, local Y.M.C.A. executive secretary, introduced Bill Hoyt, Y.M.C.A. representative to the World Conference of Christian Youth held at Oslo, Norway in July of this year. Hoyt told of the hardships brought on the youth of Europe by the war and that the youth of the world should work together in promoting a world peace. Scenic views of his trip throughout Europe and personalities from various countries were projected on a screen for the students.

Hawthorne Sues To Fire One Of 2 Police Chiefs

The State Attorney General's office has ruled that the City of Hawthorne has the right to discharge Police Chief Milford R. Baumgardner.

The city had discharged Chief Baumgardner and named Edward J. Parker, in a dispute involving a Civil Service ordinance. The former refused to vacate office, thus giving the city two chiefs, and the city asked permission to sue him for illegal usurpation of office and a ruling as to whether his appointment originally was temporary.

Under a Civil Service ordinance adopted in 1935, the chief at that time was blanketed in. On his death two years later, Baumgardner was appointed to fill the vacancy as there was no Civil Service list. An examination was called last year, for which there were no applicants, and Baumgardner refused to take the test.

Under the Attorney General's ruling, a complaint will be filed in court soon. The court action will be filed in the name of the City of Hawthorne and the State Attorney General.

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