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## OBITUARY

**MRS. MARY E. ARMSTRONG**  
Death came Friday to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Armstrong of Ogden, Utah, who had been in-validated for several months at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Post, 1541 Post avenue. Rev. Torben R. Olsen, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiated at the private services conducted Saturday morning in Stone & Myers Chapel. Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. Margaret A. Mills, Hollywood; and Mrs. Dorothy A. Post, Torrance; her sister, Miss Sylvia Dee of Ogden and four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Mrs. Armstrong was born in Ogden, Utah, and maintained her home there, although spending some time in California on visits with her daughters. Her husband, James Clarence Armstrong, was a pioneer Ogden banker and served as a first president of the Commercial Security bank. The family residence, built by him, recently was given to Weber college and is now part of the campus.

**MRS. INEZ HALBERT**  
Mrs. Inez Halbert, 42, died March 2 at Hartman-Jones Hospital, Long Beach, following a lengthy illness. Services were conducted Friday at Donald Lanners' Colonial Chapel, Whittier and interment followed at Rose Hill Memorial Park. Mrs. Halbert, the widow of Alva V. Halbert, whose death occurred in November 1947, had been a Torrance resident at 1120 W. 223rd street for 12 years. Survivors are

her three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Shoberg, Arcadia; Mrs. Edith Tetley, Torrance; Mrs. Virgil McGee, Norwalk, and a brother, Paul Shell, Compton.

**PHOEBE J. MILBURN**  
Phoebe J. Milburn, 78, died Monday evening at Eastern Star Home, Los Angeles, where she had resided for three and a half years. Death followed a lingering illness. Services will be conducted at 12:30 today in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with Rev. Torben R. Olsen, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Pacific Crest cemetery, where Eastern Star graveside services will be read. A native of Stockton, Mrs. Milburn had made Torrance her home since 1917 and with her husband, who died many years ago, was closely identified with the establishment of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as a mission. Active in Torrance Chapter No. 388, Order of the Eastern Star since its inception, she also held a membership in Torrance Woman's Club and served for many years as its historian. Mrs. Milburn will be remembered by many as the official greeter to newcomers, a position she held for some years with Torrance Chamber of Commerce. During the early years she contributed news items to the Torrance Herald. Numbered among her survivors is Mrs. Doris West, whom she reared, and Mrs. West's daughters Elizabeth and Jacqueline, all of Redondo Beach, who made their home with her and affectionately called her "Granny."

**CLARK S. RUGRAFF**  
Funeral services for Clark S. Rugraff, 80, retired Torrance real estate operator, were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Stone & Myers Chapel, Rev. Torben R. Olsen, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church officiating. Interment followed at Inglewood Park cemetery. Death from a heart attack occurred Sunday at Vista where the family had lived for the past two years. Mr. Rugraff, a native of Newport, Ky., came to California from Bisbee, Ariz., nearly 30 years ago and made his home in the Torrance-Lomita area un-

## Wife of Former Councilman Dies in Fellows

Funeral services for Mrs. Esta Van Ness Hitchcock, 65, were conducted at 12:30 yesterday afternoon in Stone & Myers Chapel, Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, of Balboa, former pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment followed in Inglewood Park cemetery. The funeral chapel was crowded to overflowing and a profusion of flowers bore evidence of Mrs. Hitchcock's wide circle of friends and the many organizations which benefited by her unselfish efforts. Pallbearers were Otto B.

Willett, W. H. Stanger, John Keefe, G. M. Maxwell, William Kurtz, and Harvel Guttenfelder. A native of Stoneboro, Pa., Mrs. Hitchcock had made her home in Torrance for 25 years prior to the family's departure two years ago for Fellows. She had lived in California for 38 years. A member and worker in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, she also was an ardent PTA member, and served as president of Torrance Elementary association and assisted in the organization of the Torrance High School PTA. She leaves her husband, James E. Hitchcock, former Torrance City Councilman, of Fellows and Torrance; a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Dudley, Torrance; a son, James Donald Hitchcock, Los Angeles; and her granddaughter Janice Dudley, Torrance. Also surviving are her sister, Mrs. Ray M. Hale, Porterville; and a brother, Fred Van Ness, of Tracy.

Survivors are his widow Mrs. Anna H. Rugraff, of the home address; two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Polhemus, Vista; Mrs. Alice Groves, North Long Beach; and four sons, Maurice, Lomita; Earl and Ralph, Torrance; and Willard, Los Angeles. Also surviving are five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Use of Red Cross Name Unauthorized

"Use of the name of the American National Red Cross in promoting a campaign for vivisection in medical research is entirely unauthorized and violates all policies of the organization."

William T. Season, Jr., volunteer chairman of the Los Angeles chapter and a member of the board of governors of the national body, so declared today. He was commenting on the reports—published and broadcast—naming the Red Cross as a sponsor of the campaign.

"The Red Cross has never taken a position on this subject, nor does it ever take stands on any legislative matters or controversial issues of any kind," Season said.

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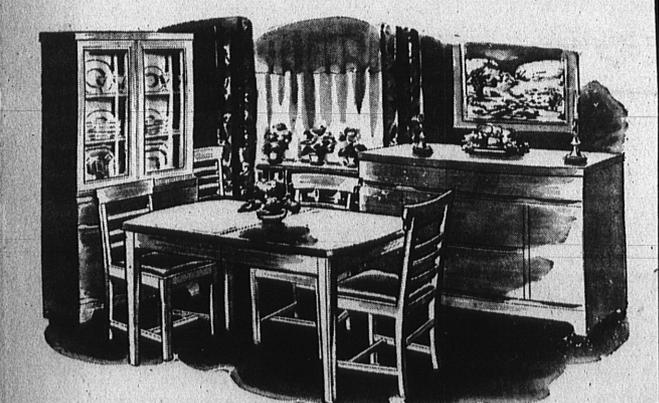
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