

Last Rites For Raymond Rogers Attended by 200

More than 200 persons attended the funeral of Raymond J. Rogers, 57, Monday morning and heard him tributed for his service to this community during his 32 years as a local resident.

Rogers, a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and owner of the Rogers Home Liquor Store, died at a local hospital last Thursday after a short illness. He saw 21 years of service with the old Llewellyn Iron Works and later with Columbia Steel. He was active in nearly all sports activities and was chairman of the committee which lead the drive for bleachers and lights at Torrance High School. Long an aim of his to see Torrance boys play on their own home field at night, he died before he had a chance to visit the stands and lights he helped erect.

Services for the long-time resident were conducted by Rev. H. Wesley Roloff at the Stone and Myers' Chapel.

Ellen Swearingen, organist played while the guests passed before the flower bedecked casket. More than 100 floral offerings were displayed.

Nadine Nickel was the soloist.

The pall bearers were Hartley Carr, Edwin B. Brown, Claude Barrington, Earl Miles, Bob L. Haggard, and Charles Schultz.

Surviving is the widow, Ruth Rogers; sons, Raymond M., John N., William I.; grandsons, Michael, William and Donnie, all of Torrance and Rogers' mother, Mrs. Alberta Andrews, of Los Angeles.

Inglewood Park Cemetery was chosen as the final resting place.



MARK GARDNER
... Succeeds Ideco's Havekotte

Mark Gardner Elected President Of IDECO

The election of Mark Gardner as President of International Derrick and Equipment Company, was announced this week by J. B. O'Connor, Ideco's Board Chairman and Executive Vice President of Dresser Industries, Inc., of which Ideco is a subsidiary.

Gardner, who was also elected a director of Ideco, succeeds Oscar M. Havekotte, who served as president from 1940 until his resignation recently.

A native of Colorado and a graduate in Petroleum Engineering of the Colorado School of Mines, Gardner joined the field staff of Phillips Petroleum Company in 1933. In 1935, after a year as a driller with Lofland Brothers Company, he returned to Phillips Petroleum as Drilling Superintendent in charge of company tools.

Entering the army in 1942, as an officer in the Corps of Engi-

neers, Gardner served overseas for 26 months. Upon his discharge in 1945, he rejoined Phillips as Assistant General Superintendent of Production, resigning in 1946 to accept the position of Vice President of Lofland Brothers and its foreign subsidiaries.

Reflections

By J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr.

I AM RIGHT.



The Ancients were sure the sun revolved around the earth. They argued long and loud, "I am right." A very short time ago women were burned or tortured as witches. The advocates were adamant in their contention, "We are right." Two old men, brothers, argued over a button, and died. Each was positive, "I am right."

If a friend contends that 2 plus 2 equals 5, what possible difference can it make to you? He will discover his mistake and be ashamed. Unless we learn to give the other person the benefit of the doubt, let him think his way while we think our way, we will have a war on our front porch every second of every day. The people we like best are not the best debaters but the most generous, they are not the most belligerent but the most peaceful. . . . "I am right" should be. "I can be wrong."

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Drug Store Owner Cited For Selling At 'Cut Rates'

"In these times of wide-spread unemployment and the attendant difficulties of many families to 'make ends meet,' I cannot understand why the attorney general is trying to stop us from saving our customers money through lower prices,"—this was the comment today of A. J. McCown, president of McCown Drug Stores, who has been cited to appear before the Superior Court at Los Angeles, Monday, November 7, to answer a complaint for alleged violations of the state 'Unfair Practice Act,'—selling goods below cost.

As previously reported, the suit against McCown is one of three such actions filed October 28 by the new anti-trust department of Attorney General Fred N. Hower's office by Assistant Attorney General Wallace Traut. The other two complaints were against McDaniel's Shop 'n Save, which operates 11 grocery stores in the Los Angeles area, and De Simone's Market in Redondo Beach. McCown operates drug stores in Torrance, Lomita, Hermosa Beach and Compton.

"The Attorney General's office charges in its complaints that the stores named were selling certain goods below cost, which it claims is a violation of the State Practices Act. This practice is referred to in the trade as using "loss leaders." Temporary restraining orders were issued last Friday and arguments on a preliminary injunction will

be heard on Monday, November 7.

The drug store defendant is declared to be in violation by selling what are usually considered to be retail grocery commodities below cost. These include such items as canned peaches, shortening, tomato catsup, coffee and flour.

"It is the policy of the McCown Drug Stores to give its customers the benefits of the lowest possible prices. We often sell merchandise below cost, at our own risk, in order to prove the above policy. If this low-price practice is harmful to some less progressive merchants it seems insignificant compared to the wide-spread benefits enjoyed by the general public," McCown explains.

Mobilers Get Service Pins

For his 30 years of service with the General Petroleum Corporation, C. G. Meiser of the Torrance refinery was recently awarded his 30-year service pin.

Receiving 25-year pins were E. R. Paul, of the Industrial Relations Department at the local refinery and H. J. Pollin, refining. C. G. Peppin received a pin for 15 years of service with the marketers of Mobilgas.

Robert F. Scherrer was presented with his 20-year pin. Receiving 5-year service pins were Dennis Brown, H. W. Hunt, E. C. Lewis, J. H. Ramay, Charles Sanger, Mateo Valdez, and R. M. Milmovsky—all of the Torrance refinery.

INDUSTRIALIST REELECTED

R. L. Minckley, president of General Petroleum Corporation, Los Angeles, has been reelected for a third term as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Industrial Conference Board.

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FENDER SKIRTS REPORTED GONE

Sometime between eight in the evening and 9 a. m. the next morning, October 30, someone stole the fender skirts from his Cadillac sedanette, Richard Gardner, 17038 Falda avenue, told Torrance Police officers last Sunday.

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