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Obituaries

Walter Melvin Abbott

Final rites for Walter Melvin Abbott, 78, of 3906 W. 242nd St., who died at his home Thursday, will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

Dr. Earl Barnum, of the Redondo Church of Religious Science, will conduct the services. He was a native of Harrison, Maine, and had lived here for the past 12 years.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth, of the same address; two daughters, Mrs. Regina Wallace, of 1011 Hickory; and Mrs. Ruth Friend, of 1803 Reynosa Dr., Torrance; a son, Walter M. Abbott, Jr., and six grandchildren.

Interment will follow funeral services at the Inglewood Park Cemetery.

John Swedenborg

Funeral services for John Swedenborg, 69, of 406 W. Griffith St., Gardena, were held Friday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary here.

Cremation followed at Pacific Crest Crematorium.

The deceased was a native of Minnesota. He died Jan. 5 in Inglewood.

He is survived by two brothers, Edward Swedenborg and Ted Swedenborg, both of Harbor City, and a daughter, June Huchler, of New Jersey.

Alphonso De Cigaran

Alphonso De Cigaran, 80, died Sunday at Harbor General Hospital after a two-months illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial at Calvary Cemetery.

A native of Mexico, the deceased had lived here at 2721 Monterey St., for five years.

Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiated at funeral services at Nativity Church. Rosary was recited Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel.

He is survived by two sisters, Henrietta Guvoos, of San Diego, and Ruby Taylor, of Pasadena; a brother, Vincente De Cigaran, of San Diego; two daughters, Rena Hiatt, of Torrance, and Margaret Barker, of Riviera; a son, Al De Cigaran, of Torrance, and a stepson, Dan Myers, of Wabash, Indiana.

Brenda Lee Feldhut

Private inurnment for Brenda Lee Feldhut, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Athol Feldhut, of 4931 Cathann St., Torrance, was held at Pacific Crest Cemetery on Jan. 12, under direction of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary of Inglewood.

The child who died at birth in Bay Cities Hospital on Jan. 10, also is survived by two sisters, Linda Rose, 7, and Vickie Marie, 5; brother, Chris, 3; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Feldhut, of Durango, Colo., and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Eaton, of Red Mesa, Colo.

James Glen Banks

Final rites are set tomorrow for James Glen Banks, 66, of 22325 S. Main St., who died Thursday at his home. The Rev. Nathan Bond will conduct funeral services at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel.

He had lived in this area for more than four years and was a truck farmer. He was a native of Texas.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Annie Banks, of 22325 S. Main St.; seven sons, Virgil, of Tulare; Andrew, of Pomona; General, of Germany; John, of Upland; J. T., of Oklahoma; Cecil, of Oklahoma; and S. B. Banks, of Torrance; three daughters, Imogene Peterson, of Los Angeles; Nadine Larimer, of Torrance; and Geola Stewart, of Torrance; a brother, Charlie Banks, of Oklahoma; 19 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

William Louis Loftus

Private funeral services were held Saturday for William Louis Loftus, 82, of 1434 El Prado, who died Wednesday.

He was a native of Michigan and was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Rev. Hugh Percy, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiated at the final rites. Stone and Myers Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Albright, of the El Prado address; a son, William A. Loftus, of 405 Calle Miramar; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



NEW MASONIC OFFICERS... Installed last week in ceremonies at Torrance Masonic Lodge No. 447 were Tom Foster, junior warden, left; Raymond Lougee, master, center; and Frank Thompson, senior warden. The new officers are optimistic about moving into the new temple at Cabrillo and Plaza Del Amo this year.



WOLCOTT A. NOBLE... New Traffic Manager

New Phone Traffic Man Appointed

Wolcott A. Noble has been appointed traffic manager for Pacific Telephone's west division, effective immediately.

Noble succeeds Robert J. Crissman, who becomes general traffic supervisor in the company's Los Angeles headquarters.

As division traffic manager, Noble will be responsible for the activities of 3500 telephone operators and supervisors in an area which includes the Inglewood, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Compton and Avalon exchanges and Southwestern Los Angeles.

The traffic man joined Pacific Telephone in 1922 after graduating from UCLA.

Native-born Noble rose to division traffic supervisor in 1942. He was appointed to his former position of general traffic personnel supervisor in 1951.

Firm Counsel Named

Paul E. Birmingham has been elected a director and appointed general counsel for General Petroleum Corp., according to an announcement recently by Robert L. Minkler, president. Birmingham succeeds Don W. Woods in both posts. Wood is retiring after 40 years with the company.

Realtors Seat New President Saturday Night

Forrest F. Reed, vice president of California Real Estate Association's twenty-first District, conducted ceremonies seating 1956 officers of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Saturday night at the American Legion Hall.

While Vice President Reed conducted the rites following a seven o'clock dinner, Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was handled by William Tolson Sr.

James L. Decker, of Lomita, took over the Realtor's gavel from Perry L. Connitt, outgoing president. Other officers seated were Perry Connitt, vice-president, and W. E. Bowen, secretary-treasurer.

Directors installed were Gretchen Earle, Fred M. Hansen, Roy Shaw, Edith Smith, Eliza Travoli, and William Tolson Sr.

Also installed were the 1956 officers for the Woman's division. Irene Baker replaced Mildred Patterson as president, with Rose Craig, vice president; Maribel Connitt, treasurer, and Grace Hinshaw, secretary.

Among the many guests at the gala event in addition to Reed, were the presidents of each Board in District twenty-one, and representatives from the escrow, lending and banking institutions and several title companies.

On hand to greet the 250 persons were the ladies of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Decorations were handled by Edna Reed and her committee.

Scott Albright Is Toastmaster Speaker Here

Scott Albright, personnel manager of the National Supply Co., will address the Torrance Toastmasters Club tomorrow evening. Albright recently completed his basic training in speech with the local club and is giving tomorrow's speech from his "Beyond Basic Training," according to Kenneth McBrean, president.

According to Frank Gorbet, the club's publicity chairman, this will be the first "Beyond Basic" attempt in the history of the Torrance club as a means of additional training in speech and leadership for the club members.

Harold Briggs, another National Supply Co. employee, will emcee the program which begins at 7 p. m. K. E. Anderson will preside over the table topics, and formal speeches will be given by Paul Fisher, Robert Hutchens, and Gil Kyllingstad.



IRA KAYE... In Polio Battle

Ira Kaye Heads Polio Campaign For Southland

Ira Kaye, San Pedro businessman, has been named chairman of the 1956 Southern California March of Dimes Polio campaign.

"Salk polio vaccine developed largely through contributions to the March of Dimes fund marks the start of the final assault on the crippling polio disease," Kaye said, "but we must not stop until the vaccine is perfect and available to all, and we must not forget the many iron lung patients whose every breath is dependent on your contribution."

In Sacramento, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, state-wide chairman of the Foundation campaign, congratulated and welcomed Kaye to the March of Dimes program. Knight pointed out the California Department of Public Health recently released a report showing 73 per cent fewer outbreaks of polio among Salk vaccinated children.

Knight said it was "encouraging and reassuring to know that thousands of Californians will have greatly increased protection against paralytic polio when the disease begins next spring."

Kaye will coordinate March of Dimes campaigns in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial and San Diego Counties.

He is associated with the Union Distributing Co., and is a director of the San Pedro Hacienda Hotel. He is a past president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce, immediate past vice president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and vice president elect of Junior Chamber of Commerce, International.

WIND VELOCITY The year around weather bureau atop 6,288 foot Mt. Washington reported the greatest gust of wind ever measured on the earth—231 miles per hour in April 1934.

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