

Lomita Stalls Torrance Bid

Torrance's bid to annex Lomita has been stalled temporarily by the refiling of boundaries and notice of intention to circulate petitions calling for an incorporation election, it was learned this week.

The filing of notice to incorporate by Lomita marked the third time that a group of determined Lomitans have sought to get signatures to the petitions calling for an election in the area to make the unincorporated section into a city.

County Counsel Harold Kennedy has reported that Lomita still has prior claim to the area if they can complete this petition within the 50-day limit although such attempts have failed twice before.

Torrance refilled the boundary descriptions of the area to be annexed Monday and had previously refilled the boundary descriptions for a portion of Rolling Hills south of Lomita.

Original filing by Torrance was made last Wednesday afternoon and caught much of the area by surprise.

Reaction throughout Lomita and the Rolling Hills area was varied—but the loudest comments came from a number of anti-Torrance residents of the area who spoke in terms of "grab" and "sneak attack."

City officials here said the move to annex the area was made following a survey of the residents which showed a sizable number favored annexing to Torrance.

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Henry Creeger to Retire After 46 Years Service

Henry W. Creeger, manager of American-Standard's Torrance plant, was guest of honor at a recent banquet held at the Portuguese Bend Club. Creeger, slated to retire Jan. 1 after more than 46 years with American-Standard, was presented a wrist watch by L. N. Gill on behalf of the salaried staff.

A native of Tiffin, Ohio, Creeger attended Heidelberg Commercial College in the town of his birth.

In 1910 he was employed as stenographer and bookkeeper with the Great Western Potteries in Tiffin, prior to the purchase of that company by the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

He was appointed manager of American-Standard's San Pablo plant, near Richmond, Calif., in 1927, where he remained until he became manager of the Torrance installation in 1948.

Active in Community
 Long active in community affairs, Creeger was a charter member of the Tiffin Rotary Club. In 1938 he was president of the Richmond Rotary Club, and a trustee of the Richmond Union High School District for nine years, two years of which he served as president.

He was also president of the Richmond Community Chest for five years, a member of the executive committee of the Richmond Red Cross, and a member of the board of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for 15 years.

Headed Chamber
 In Torrance, Creeger served as a member of the local Chamber of Commerce for eight years, acting as president of that body in 1951, and has been an active member of the Torrance Memorial Hospital board.

After acting as general chairman of the hospital's fund-raising campaign in 1955 he was appointed to the hospital board of directors and is now serving as that body's president.

Creeger anticipates an active retirement taking care of his home in Rolling Hills, traveling, hunting, and continuing his work with the Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Eight U. S. Presidents did not veto a single bill.

Obituaries

Irene Edne Houdashelt
 Final rites will be conducted by Dr. Robert Chaney for Irene Edne Houdashelt, age 56, 1303 Madrid Ave., at Stone and Myers Chapel tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Houdashelt, a resident of Torrance for the past 10 years, was a native of Dayton, Ohio.

She is survived by her husband, Myron Houdashelt, 1303 Madrid Ave.; a daughter, Betty Fort, of Torrance; a son, Kenneth Fort, of Anaheim; and three grandchildren.

Interment will take place at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Infant Boy Thorne
 A private cremation was arranged by Stone and Myers Mortuary for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thorne, 3636 Conquista, Long Beach, who died Dec. 25 at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Dorothy Henderson
 Services were held at Stone and Myers Mortuary yesterday for Mrs. Dorothy Jessie Henderson, age 76, 1640 Post Ave., under the direction of Rev. Hugh Percy, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Henderson is survived by her husband, George Henderson, of Torrance; a daughter, Dorothy A. Rojo, of Torrance; and two sons, Gordon Peterie, of El Monte, and Lester Peterie, of Los Angeles; a sister, Edith Elliot, of Compton; a grand daughter, Patricia Rippey, of Torrance; and three great-grandchildren.

A native of Queen City, Mo., Mrs. Henderson came to California in 1912, and has been a resident of Torrance for the past 12 years.

Interment took place at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Dennis Ray Scroggins
 Final services were held for Dennis Ray Scroggins, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Artie Scroggins of Torrance, at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary yesterday afternoon.

Interment took place at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Thomas Somerville
 Final services will be held for Thomas Tompson Somerville, age 50, of 2108 Cabrillo Ave., at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m.

Rev. C. Miles Northrup, Torrance First Baptist Church, will conduct the rites.

Mr. Somerville, a native of Dewshill, Scotland, is survived by a son, Sonny Somerville, 4820 Lenore St.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Somerville, of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Somerville, of Colorado; four sisters, Miss Jean Somerville, of Colorado; Mrs. Mary Watson, of Manteca, Calif.; Mrs. Agnes Claremont, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. Margaret Appelle, of Sepulveda, Calif.

Interment will be held at Green Hills Memorial Park.

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