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Hearing Set For Giant Business Zone

A giant shopping center in the heart of Torrance is drawing closer to reality. Rezoning of a huge area for commercial purposes was recommended for approval to the Torrance City Council by the Planning Commission.

A hearing date was set by the council for November 13, 8 p.m.

The area involved is bounded by Hawthorne avenue, Sepulveda boulevard, Carson street, and Madrona avenue.

If this area is developed, there will be room for about 20 major department stores and about 200 smaller businesses, it has been estimated.

News of this trend was reported in the Torrance Press June 7 of this year.

The Planners recommended a C-3 zone (unrestricted commercial) for the area.

This zone will not permit any residential development as will the C-2 zoning originally proposed.

At the Planning Commission hearing no protests were received.

DeMolay Officers Will Be Installed Saturday

John H. Sherfey will be installed as master counselor together with other elected and appointed officers of the Torrance chapter, Order of DeMolay, at ceremonies to be held Saturday, October 20, at 8 p.m.

The installation will be held at the Torrance Masonic temple, corner Cabrillo and Plaza del Amo.

Frank E. Fisher, chairman of the advisory council, will give the welcoming address. Installing team will be provided by the Gardena DeMolay, Dick Somer, senior counselor of the Southern California Jurisdiction Order of DeMolay, will present a flower talk.

Other elective officers to be installed will be Tom E. Ball, scribe; John C. Tremary, senior deacon; Richard D. Donaldson, junior deacon; C. Bart Rowland, senior steward, and Phillip L. Scholl, junior steward.

Other appointive officers are Stephen C. Foster, marshal; Bob E. Halliwell, chaplain; Dal D. Devouin, almoner; David J. Ladd, standard bearer; Paul E. Clayton, orator; and Charles R. Johnson, sentinel.

Installed as preceptors will be James R. Graham, 1st; James F. Myers, 2nd; Richard W. Boucher, 3rd; Donald P. Herd, 4th; Charles G. Sherfey, 5th; Roy H. Sherwood, 6th, and Don L. Fisher, 7th.

A reception and dance will follow the installation in the dining room.



JOHN SHERFEY
... master counselor elect



\$2000 CHECK FOR HOSPITAL

Henry W. Creeger, president of the Torrance Memorial hospital board of directors, accepts a check for \$2000 from C. H. Clarke, North American general foreman, who presented the money on behalf of his firm. L. A. Ensminger, hospital administrator, reads the accompanying letter, while board members look at the new addition going up (-): Don Findley, Mrs. Charles Curtis, A. E. Thompson, Mrs. John Melville, Mrs. Grove Whyte, Mrs. Boris Woolley, Dean Sears, Dr. John Beeman, Dr. E. L. Cook, and Mervin Schwab.—Press Photo.

Fahey Back From Navy

Dr. Norbert Fahey, formerly associated with the Torrance Medical Center, has returned to Torrance after serving two years in the US Navy.

Dr. Fahey was stationed with the Marines at Twenty-nine Palms.

The physician came to Torrance in 1951. He, his wife, Mary, and their three children, Deborah, 3, Mary, 2 and Norbert Jr., 8 months, live at 1219 Teri.

He will resume his practice here.

LITTLE STROKES fell great oaks.—Benjamin Franklin.

David Faulkner of National Supply Dies of Heart Attack

David S. Faulkner, retired vice president of The National Supply Company, suffered a heart attack and died at his home in Los Angeles on Thursday, October 11, after a brief illness.

Faulkner, affectionately known as "Dave," has been a colorful figure in the petroleum industry for over 40 years. Faulkner came to Torrance as an engineer of the Union Tool company.

He was active in establishing the first industry here and actively contributed to the community's growth and prosperity.

The important part he played in the development of this

California city earned for him the often used sobriquet of "Mr. Torrance."

In Torrance Since 1914

Faulkner was born in Gratton, North Dakota, on November 16, 1885 and graduated from Purdue university as a mechanical engineer in 1909. He came to Torrance on January 2, 1914, and as a combination development engineer and salesman, contributed much in developing and introducing the company products in every oil field. Expansion of the plant under his guidance was rapid, and a number of patents in rotary drilling are a tribute to his outstanding work in this field.

In 1924, at the age of 39, Faulkner became president of the Union Tool company, and when it was merged with the National Supply company, in 1927 was elected vice-president, which position he held until his retirement in 1951.

Organizations

In addition to his help in building the National Supply company, Faulkner was one of the founders and directors of the Petroleum Equipment Suppliers association, becoming a director emeritus in 1952. He was an honorary member of the Al Malaikah Temple, a gold card member of the Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, a member of the Highland Park Masonic Lodge.

He was a gold card member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a life member of the Petroleum Production Pioneers, and as a member of the American Petroleum Institute helped develop the API standardization program on drilling and production equipment.

Faulkner was also a member of many clubs, including the California club, Los Angeles Athletic club, Los Angeles Country club, and the Los Angeles Yacht club.

Since Faulkner's retirement he has maintained an active interest in the city of Torrance, and the National Supply company plant here. News of his sudden death has come as a profound shock to all his business associates and countless friends.

Surviving him are a sister, Mrs. Catherine F. Musick, of Santa Cruz, a brother, E. O. Faulkner, Jr., of Redondo Beach, a son, Mr. W. K. Faulkner of Los Angeles, and a grandson W. K. Faulkner, Jr.

Funeral services were scheduled for October 15, at the Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn Memorial park.

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