

Obituaries

Rites Set for Former Mayor

Funeral services for J. Hugh Sherfy, 57, former mayor and long time civic leader in Torrance, were scheduled for 3 p.m. today at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

The Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will officiate. Mr. Sherfy was a member of the church for many years.

The Masonic Lodge also will officiate at the rites.

MR. SHERFEY died Saturday evening at a Torrance hospital following a brief illness. At the time of his death he was executive vice president and manager of Stone and Myers Mortuary, with which he had been associated for many years.

He was born Oct. 17, 1911, in Colfax, Wash., and came to Torrance in the 1930s. Active in community affairs throughout his life, he was elected to the Torrance City Council in 1946 and served from 1946 until 1950 as mayor.

He was president of the Torrance Rotary Club in 1942 and 1943, served as a member of the Torrance Planning Commission in the 1940s and again in the early 1950s, and was chairman of the Red Cross fund drive in 1954, 1955, and 1956.

MR. SHERFEY also was chairman of the Salvation Army Salvage campaign here for many years. He helped organize and was a founding member of the Torrance Mounted Police. Mr. Sherfy served as the first secretary-treasurer of the El Toga Shrine Club.

Active in Boy Scout work, he served as chairman of the local district finance committee of Riverside County in 1966-67 when he lived in Palm Springs.

The Torrance Mounted Police rodeo, held annually in August, will be dedicated to Mr. Sherfy's memory this year, according to Police Lt. Carmel Cook.

Surviving Mr. Sherfy are his widow, Jessie D. Sherfy of Torrance; two sons, John Hugh III of Carpinteria and Charles G. of Torrance; his mother, Mrs. Theo M. Sherfy of Missouri; a sister, Mrs. Je-raldine Bartholomees, also of Missouri; and two grandchildren.

Inurnment will be in Wood Murray Cemetery, Palm Springs.

Olive Javens

Funeral services for Olive M. Javens, who died Saturday, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. yesterday at Westminister Memorial Park Mortuary Chapel.

Mrs. Javens, of 2267 Sonoma Ave., was born Dec. 11, 1892, in Canada.

She is survived by her husband, William George; four



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sons, Harold B., William J., Curnal A., and Wesley T.; two daughters, Bernice Costanzo and Leola Emery; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a brother, Floyd Weick; and a sister, Della Wiegand.

Weldon Wixom

Funeral services for Weldon Lewis Wixom, 2561 Sonoma St., were conducted Monday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Wixom, who has lived here for the past 38 years, was born Sept. 2, 1911, in Idaho and died May 1.

He is survived by his widow, Dorothy; four sons, Ronald K., Jack, Howard, and Michael; four daughters, Marilyn Tommowitz, Joyce Brown, Judy Leugdale, and Dorothy Gleed; five brothers; six sisters; and 17 grandchildren.

Beatrice Wimmer

Services for Beatrice Rose Wimmer, 22516 S. Normandie Ave., were conducted this morning at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mrs. Wimmer, born April 24, 1882, in England, had lived here for 32 years. She died Monday.

Surviving are two sons, John Albert Rodgers of Whittier and Charles Smith Rodgers of Salt Lake City; two daughters, Dorothy B. Sjodin of Torrance and Myrtle Van Wagenen of Salt Lake City; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mabel Cooper

Graveside services for Mabel Milada Cooper, who died last Friday, were conducted yesterday at Inglewood Park Cemetery with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Cooper, of Culver City, was a former Torrance resident. She was born July 5, 1917, in Nebraska.

Surviving is her husband, William.

Oil Well 'Midges' Breeding Owners Renege In Swamp

Oil well operators are complaining that recent safety and beautification standards passed by the Torrance City Council are too stringent.

Councilmen were presented with a telegram from Pete Lacombe last night, which stated that the oil code "creates a hardship for your staff and my clients (Chanslor Western and others)." Lacombe requested that the council visit his clients oil well sites and reconsider their safety. He also asked for more time to comply with requirements.

Councilman Ken Miller lambasted oil well operators for claiming hardship after they had already met with homeowners and agreed to terms of the oil well ordinance. "Are we going to renegotiate the negotiations we already negotiated?" Miller asked.

Councilman William J. Urek-witz said that oil men could apply for a variance if they found oil codes too restrictive. He added that it is more important than ever to have safety rules enforced because warmer weather will mean more children playing outdoors.

Councilmen noted that the threat of a "barrel tax" had not encouraged voluntary compliance with the oil ordinance, especially among the small producers. Councilman Ross Sciarrotta suggested a type of tax which would impose a high levy on the first barrel produced, working down to a much smaller levy on the 30th or 100th barrel.

Building Director John McKinnon told councilmen that his men are currently in the field, issuing citations. Some sites yield as many as 35 violations, he noted.

There is no mosquito problem in "Madrona Swamp," City Manager Edward J. Ferraro told city councilmen last night.

Ferraro's remarks were prompted by a letter from a lawyer representing the Torrance Heights Civic Association, stating that the city would be liable if disease resulted from city neglect of the area.

"Madrona Swamp" is bounded on the south by Sepulveda Boulevard, on the west by Madrona Avenue, and on the north by Monterey Street. Residents claim that the "stagnant, bad smelling" water is a breeding ground for mosquitos.

Ferraro said that a check of the area had revealed there was no evidence of mosquitos, but that similar insects known as "midges" were proliferating.

The matter was referred back to city management for further recommendations.

... President

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Dr. Owen Griffith, swore in the newly elected Stanley L. Dunn in ceremonies at the Monday meeting. Dunn was elected to fill the seat left vacant by W. J. Hanson, who decided not to seek another term on the board.

Bert Lynn began his third term Monday, and is the senior member of the board. Belzer, who was appointed following the election of Dr. Donald E. Wilson to the City Council, began his first elected term of office.

Multi-Racial Pre-School To Be Topic

Members of the Torrance Human Relations Council will hear a report on the "School in Park," a multi-racial nursery school conducted by El Camino College, at their monthly meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose room of the Torrance Family YMCA.

The school was established by Dr. Eleanor Peterson of El Camino, using the mobile pre-school class facility developed by Mrs. Rosella Lipson of Head Start.

Election of officers is the main agenda item for the business meeting preceding the guest speaker.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

FATAL CRASHES

Almost 70,000 motor vehicles were involved in fatal highway crashes in 1968. Of these, more than 55,200 were private passenger cars.

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Voters' annual meeting also included the election of new officers for the coming club year. Accepting the presidency was Mrs. Louis Lanzer. Other new officers are Mrs. William Bird-sall, first vice president; Mrs. George Brewster, second vice president; and Mrs. William Pryor, secretary.

New directors are Mmes. Charles Randall, Harvey Rosener, C. A. Van Oppen, and G. Noell Marble.

Proposed local study programs accepted by the membership include:

- Survey and analysis of citizen attitudes regarding community services and future needs of Torrance; Planning for the orderly development of the city of Torrance; Support of a library system which will meet the needs of the community; Support of a flexible approach toward the financing of major municipal capital improvements; and City Charter review.

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sive Armed Forces Day parade which will be held the next morning at 10 a.m.

General Hoffman's command at Twenty-nine Palms is primarily a training base and as such is the world's largest Marine Corps base. The base covers 931 square miles of desert and mountains. Its mission is to provide personnel, materiel and services for the maintenance and support of Marine Corps forces assigned.

Chamber members and the general public are invited to hear this timely, informative and up-to-date account of our country's operations in Southeast Asia, Bell said.

The luncheon will be at the Jump 'N Jack restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Hwy.

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walks for their children if the plan is approved.

Also proposed in the program are:

- Parent information meetings; Meetings with administrators affected; Staff selection and orientation; Formation of curricular offerings and scheduling of classes; Student orientation; Facility improvements where required (\$8,200); Liaison with police department to establish safe routes to and from school for children where needed. A second pilot program involving Sepulveda and Jefferson schools was also on the agenda, but was likewise postponed.

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