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SALARIES FIXED FOR THE CITY OFFICERS

\$32,000 IS ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS TO RUN CITY

The first regular June meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. All trustees were present. The meeting was called to order by President Proctor. Minutes of the previous meeting approved. Upon motion, the members recessed for half an hour for an informal discussion of the budget. A communication from the State Board of Health complaining of unsanitary conditions at the Mexican settlement was read and referred to the president to see what could be done and to see what arrangements should be made to have a local physician appointed health officer.

The annual budget is to be gone over and segregated as to the various departments. The City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the advertising of all official business.

The Budget Committee reported that there was an unexpended balance of last year's maintenance tax of \$1500, with unpaid bills amounting to \$184, leaving a balance of \$1360. That approximately \$14,000 would be collected this year. These amounts, together with \$15,316 from the county road fund, would make a total of approximately \$32,000 to run the city for seventeen months, ending November, 1922.

It was made that an ordinance be drawn up fixing the salary of the night police officer at \$125 per month, payable twice a month. Various other salaries were fixed as follows: City Attorney, \$100; City Clerk, \$100; Recorders, \$25; Mr. Gascoignes as Superintendent of Maintenance, \$62.50; Librarian, \$60.

All items of the budget came in for a general discussion. Trustee Stone was instructed to look up the matter of water charges for the fire hydrant and report at the next meeting.

The City Treasurer's salary was fixed at the extravagant sum of \$11. Much discussion was held as to how this money should be paid. It was suggested that the amount be paid on the 29th of February. Finally it was decided to pay the Treasurer on the 31st of December.

The matter of the street lighting was brought up and it was decided to have the Light Committee investigate the matter.

The City Engineer's salary was fixed at \$25 per month. The time that he is to devote to the city was not stated at the meeting.

Mr. J. A. Smith of the San Pedro and Redondo Buss Line spoke to the Trustees regarding the location of a buss stand. One stand for each direction the busses are headed or one stand for both lines. The matter was referred to the Police, Fire and Light Committee.

Trustee Gilbert read a number of proposed ordinances, and upon the request of Mr. Isenstein mentioned a number of license fees that are contemplated against the different lines of business which are conducted in the city. The matter of legality of the ordinances was taken up and the matter referred back to Trustee Gilbert for conference with the City Attorney.

The Ordinance Committee was instructed to confer with the City Attorney regarding the ordinance covering disturbing the peace. This was done to enforce the muffler cut-out law of the State Highway Department.

Trustee Stone of the Police, Fire and Light Committee reported that the work of the police department was progressing satisfactorily. Also that the post had not been put in the jail.

Chairman Fitzhugh of the street department reported that Western avenue had been scraped and rolled, and that his next troubles would be to put Arlington avenue in a more passable condition as soon as the city can get the water tank wagon, which is at present in the San Fernando Valley.

The Seal Committee reported

UNION TOOL EMPLOYEES FEAST AND FROLIC

The Union Tool Company staged its annual picnic on Wednesday of this week at Eagle Rock Park, and about all we can say is that it was a complete success. The day was bright and warm—a little too warm—but the park provided sufficient shade to enable all to share in its sheltering comfort. Every one spent a happy, joyous, carefree day, and when the sun began to sink low in the west nearly all were so blissfully tired that they were glad to call it a day and started for home. But not all, because the dancing continued into the evening, and many remained for that purpose, because the music provided by the U. T. orchestra was the best we have heard for many a day.

The contests and athletic events were run off in fine shape, the handsome prizes bringing out the best talent. The kiddies were each handed a toy balloon, one of the squawking variety, and the youngsters were happy in so much noise and color. The lunch and refreshments were served in regular picnic style, free to all, and the commissary committee has to be complimented on the way they handled the luncheon crowd and for the well-balanced lunch they served. It is estimated that fully three thousand people were present, and it is safe to estimate that every last one of them went home content.

LEASE TWO STORES

Seeing the possibilities right here in Torrance for bigger and better business, one of our much alive merchants, H. E. Paige, has just signed leases for two stores in the Burkhardt Bldg., now speedily rising on El Prado avenue, where he will install one of the finest and most complete marketing places to be found in a city of our size in Southern California. It will be a credit to Torrance and will be complete in every detail with a full line of fancy and staple groceries, a first-class meat department and two other departments that Torrance needs and has needed for some time. The first is a modern, up-to-date bakery, where Mr. and Mrs. Citizen will be able to buy hot rolls and hot bread at four o'clock in the afternoon, a thing much to be desired. The other innovation, which should especially appeal to those in cramped apartments, and to the bachelor maids and men who like to dabble in "house keep," is a delicatessen department. Mr. Paige is contracting with three of the best men in those professions, names to be announced later, and will carry also the same choice lines of fruits and vegetables that make his present store popular.

AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER DIES IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 9.—F. W. Galbraith, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion, was instantly killed when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a train at a railroad crossing late last night. He was a faithful leader in American Legion work, and will be greatly missed.

With a design for an official seal costing \$23.50. Upon motion of Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Smith, the seal was adopted. A motion was then made that Trustee Fitzhugh be empowered to order the seal made up. So far the city has been unable to carry on considerable business on account of the lack of a seal.

Mr. Deininger, City Clerk, spoke regarding a garage Mr. White wishes to construct and which is liable to conflict with the building code of the Dominguez Land Corporation. The president referred the matter to the Ordinance Committee.

A good share of the evening was taken up with general discussions, which shows that the City Fathers are going into every detail for the benefit of the city thoroughly. Not one matter that was brought before the attention of the meeting was passed in a hasty manner.

The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday evening, June 14, at 8:00 o'clock.

FIESTA QUEEN FOR THE TORRANCE FAIR

COMMITTEE ON FIESTA PROGRAM HAS SECURED MANY DISPLAYS FOR FETE

A meeting was held in Mr. Bartlett's office Monday evening just previous to Chamber of Commerce meeting. The date decided on is Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27.

Chairman Paige has already secured some twelve or fifteen manufacturers and wholesalers, with many other prospects, who are anxious to put in exhibits and demonstrations, and work has hardly started yet. With the co-operation of all the merchants they can easily fill a large tent with food exhibits; other lines of manufacture will fill other tents. Also our local plants, the Union Tool Co., the Llewellyn Iron Works, the Pacific Electric and several others, could supply exhibits that would draw crowds for miles around, from Los Angeles and all surrounding cities.

We must have a Queen. So now you good-looking, plain-looking, demure and dashing girls get lined up for this contest. There will be one or more selected from our own city, and if our surrounding sister cities would like to enter the contest we shall be glad to have them. The young lady receiving the highest number of votes will be declared Queen. The one receiving the next highest vote in each of the several communities represented will be elected to the Queen's Court as her attendants. We will have the tickets ready in a few days. So, girls, be getting ready for this contest. We invite contestants from Lomita, Harbor City, Redondo, Gardena, Hermosa, San Pedro, Long Beach and any other who may wish to enter.

We would also like agricultural exhibits of all kinds—poultry, rabbits, cattle, hogs, horses, etc. Who can grow the largest watermelons, the largest squash, cucumber, potato, sweet potato and so on? Anything that you can produce that is extra fancy or out of the ordinary you are invited to exhibit.

Sports of all kinds will be in order. A professional ball game is promised between our own crack Merchants team and some team that Manager Wilder will engage to come here for the occasion, and perhaps there will be another scrimmage between the North and the South (i. e., if they get that chicken dinner).

It is planned to have a big chorus one evening and a professional soloist and director has offered to coach and conduct for this occasion. Torrance is going to have a good chorus to begin with, and a little later on it will be one to be proud of as well, for there are many fine voices here in town, and it is planned to make this the nucleus of an Oratorio Society when our numbers and funds warrant it. The crowning of the Queen, a concert by the big chorus, aided by soloists, will take place the first evening, and the last night there will be a band concert, dancing and wind up with a confetti battle and fireworks.

Now, let's go. Let's get behind this committee and make this, our third, Fiesta a grand success.

MASONS TO COVINA SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 12, all Master Masons and their families are invited to go in a body to Covina and visit the Orphans' Home. Automobiles will leave Torrance at 8:00 a. m. and will stop at Lomita, where every one will leave from their hall at 9:00 o'clock for Covina.

Tonight (Friday) there will be two third degrees, and the work will be started at 6:30 o'clock. There will be five first degrees conferred Saturday afternoon and evening. Lodge will be opened at 3:00 p. m. Saturday.

TO SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rappaport left by automobile this morning for San Francisco, where they will be for one week, combining pleasure with a business trip.

WOMENS CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN THE 27TH

MRS. BEATRICE HUBBELL PLUMMER WILL DEMONSTRATE THE "CHEER OF COLOR"

The Woman's Club of Torrance held its regular business meeting at 1:30 p. m. Monday, June 6, in Steffen Hall.

The membership drive is proving a wonderful success, twenty-three candidates being elected to full membership.

Very favorable reports were given by the various committees for the last meeting. Arrangements were made for a big open meeting to be held on Monday evening, June 27. This will be known as "Woman's Night" in Torrance, and it is hoped that every business man and every resident in Torrance will keep this date open and spend it with the Torrance Woman's Club. The chief entertainer will be Mrs. Beatrice Hubbell Plummer of New York City.

Mrs. Plummer will be with us to bring the joy of "Cheer-Color." She is a student of the arts, a poetess, a composer and singer of children's songs, and the one woman who is going to show the world that Domestic, Industrial and Fine Arts are all one. She has studied in London, Paris, Berlin and New York, and has been in every part of the Orient. She will have been collected from all parts have been collected from all parts of the world.

No one in Torrance or vicinity can afford to miss this wonderful evening in charge of the Torrance Woman's Club, Monday, June 27. It is expected that it will be held in the school house, but will be definitely announced later.

MARGARET E. REES, Club Editor.

NEW BALL PARK

Work was started Wednesday morning on the grading of a lot opposite the Ironton Hotel for use as a baseball park and athletic field. F. D. Murray has been working for some time on plans for the establishment of an athletic field for Torrance, and many people were surprised to find the work under way. The plans for the grandstand are not definitely settled, but it is contemplated to have a parterre professional games can be played, and also for the organization of a local team. The first practice for the recruits for this team will be held on the new field Sunday morning.

At the new location for the field there will be ample room for the outfield, and there are no wires to interfere with fly balls.

ONLY EIGHTEEN VOTE

Displaying an utter lack of interest in the school election last Tuesday, Torrance citizens practically ignored their duty to vote for members of the board of education. Little more interest was shown in Lomita, but that city did get out 64 votes. The final count was as follows:

- Robert W. Anderson 10
- Grace Bashley 8
- McBettinger 12
- D. Joseph Coyne 4
- Elliot Craig 10
- Melville Dozier 4
- Mary Garbutt 5
- Martha C. Harmon 6
- C. J. McCormick 10
- Mary C. Millsbaugh 9
- Robert O'Dell 8
- C. E. Seaman 10
- Edgerton Shore 9
- J. York 1

SENSATIONAL BALL GAME

A fast game of baseball of six innings was played last Sunday on the Union Tool diamond as per schedule, when the South end merchants played those of the North end. Romey Lee pitched for the "South" and Bob Reeve caught. The battery for the Northenders was J. Forbes Anderson and B. M. Anderson. The score stood 13 to 2 in favor of Romey Lee's team, and now his ball nine is wondering when they are to enjoy the chicken dinner the losing side is to buy.

BAPTISTS OF TORRANCE TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

Having outgrown the facilities of the present church, it has been decided by the Baptists of Torrance to build a larger and better equipped house of worship in a more central location.

Two lots have been secured on Carson street, near the school. These have been paid for in full and were dedicated some time back. This was made possible in a large measure by the hearty co-operation of the Land Corporation.

The new church edifice, which is to be erected immediately, will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This building will be a distinct acquisition to the community, a source of continual satisfaction to the Christian people of the town, and, it is humbly desired, an honor to God and His cause.

A large thermometer has been erected in the present church building, and reports will be received from the canvassing committees at every service this coming Sunday and you are cordially invited to be present and watch the thermometer rise.

Come prepared for great heat and be sure to bring your fan with you.

FAST PLAYING NINTH TURN DEFEAT INTO VICTORY FOR LOCAL TEAM

One of the finest exhibitions of baseball ever witnessed in Torrance was played on the local diamond last Sunday, when the Torrance Merchants trimmed the Fahy-Attorney nine by the big-league score of two to one. The score stood one and nothing in the latter's favor at the ninth inning, and our Merchants' chances looked pretty gloomy. But it is hard to take all the heart out of our team, and the spectators' hopes revived when Bady walked and scored on Lowry's clean triple. It then looked like an extra inning was inevitable, but our old friend, Hollis Leake, stepped up and in true professional style sacrificed for the second and winning run.

It grieves us painfully to have to state that in a crowd of approximately two hundred the offering amounted to little over twenty-five dollars. The baseball fans of Torrance—and there are many of them—demand baseball, a good brand of baseball, and we must say they have been handed a pretty good grade so far. But for the future promises can be made as to the permanency of our ball games no as to the kind of ball played. As a reminder, it may be well to add that baseballs cost about \$21 per dozen, bats anywhere from \$2 to \$10, the team has to cough up \$10 each month for a room to accommodate visiting players while changing their clothes; not less than \$5 each game for visiting teams' expenses; \$5 for an umpire each game, and so on, not to mention such items as advertising, upkeep of the grounds, etc.

These amounts do not provide money to be divided between the players, which undoubtedly would be welcome, and to which they are undoubtedly entitled. It's a pretty big thing to ask and expect a man to matter how well he loves to play the game, to devote all his Sunday to your amusement and mine, and for no compensation outside the pleasure he derives from playing the game. Who of our readers would want to do this?

And who of our readers does not get at least two bits worth of pleasure and amusement out of the afternoon he spends watching a real good game of baseball on our local diamond? Who would miss a small contribution each week toward the upkeep of that which promises to be one of Torrance's most interesting institutions—a winning baseball team?

The merchants of Torrance are to be thanked for their loyal support of the team which bears their collective name, and for their interest displayed in keeping Torrance on the map in a baseball way. The support we give to any movement is the strength of that movement, and we believe there are now who want to see a desultory baseball team or a mediocre ball game. So it is up to the fans and enthusiasts to support their team.

TORRANCE FIESTA TO BE GRAND AFFAIR

COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKING OUT DETAILS

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Monday evening in the Steffen Hall, President C. A. Paxman presiding, with A. H. Bartlett, secretary. The attendance was very small.

A communication from W. R. Wright, a Los Angeles attorney, was read, which disclosed the fact that a group of eastern capitalists are looking for a location in this part of the country for the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of glass ware for the drug trade. The concern is to employ from 150 to 200 men, with a weekly payroll of from fifty to seventy-five dollars per man. A large number of the men will be skilled workers. The contemplated cost of the building will be seventy-five thousand dollars to start, and to increase as the business warrants. The letter was referred to the industrial committee.

The Slogan Committee reported that there had been one hundred and eleven slogans turned in. Several ballots were taken to decide the slogan, which finally approved the suggestion of George A. Proctor, "Torrance Means Business." "Torrance To the Top" and several others received honorable mention.

Mr. Proctor suggested that the five dollar prize which was offered and to which he is entitled to as the winner be turned over to the Torrance Relief Society.

The bill of the Times Mirror Co. for the publishing of the folders that were recently turned out for the Chamber of Commerce caused considerable comment, the general sentiment being that the Dominguez Land Corporation should stand the bill. The bill of the Flood Photo Service for pictures furnished for the folders came in for the same discussion.

The applications of several residents of Torrance for membership were read, and upon motion by the board were accepted.

Chairman Paige of the Fiesta Committee stated that this year's celebration will be bigger and better than last year's. There will be two tents instead of one. There will be professional baseball and a chorus of 100 voices, which is to be led by a soloist. There will be an industrial exhibit also.

It was suggested that a contest be run among the young women of Torrance and the winner to be crowned as Queen of the Fiesta.

It is the hope of the Chamber of Commerce that the concessions can be kept among the people of Torrance.

Mr. Paige stated that last year he could not get the local people to enter and pay for the privileges. It was suggested that the various local organizations get together and see what can be done.

George Proctor, president of the fourth District Chamber of Commerce, reported that at the meeting recently held in Redondo the time was taken up mostly by a discussion as to which side of the car tracks the new Mountain to Ocean Boulevard should be laid.

The anti-annexation case of Sawtelle, which was to be heard May 14, seems to have been pigeonholed. The lawyer for Sawtelle has gone to Europe, and it now seems to be a dead issue.

The road committee reported and said that the Keystone Chamber asked that Mr. Bartlett write the Road Supervisors to try and open Carson street to Long Beach Boulevard. They also reported that the county road forces are working on the road from Torrance to Harbor Boulevard.

The State Post Office Inspector will receive bids here on Thursday for a new location and also new fixtures for the local office. Decision will be made in Washington.

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