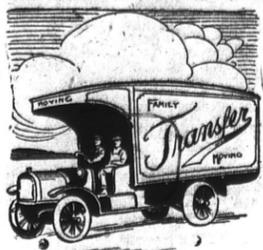


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SOMEBODY IS ON JOB AT SACRAMENTO

Building Private Swimming Pools Attracts State's Officials

About three weeks ago a story appeared in the news columns of this paper to the effect that among the many improvements C. A. Paxman, the Torrance hardware merchant, was contemplating the erection near his home of a small, concrete swimming pool for the use of his son and heir and himself and wife.

What massive oaks from little acorns grow. Due to the large circulation of the Torrance papers this particular item was seen by officials of the "Great Circumlocution Office," otherwise known as the State Capitol at Sacramento.

As the fact that a resident of the great industrial city of Torrance had the audacity to plan the erection or the excavation of a swimming pool without due authority from "the powers that be" filtered through the various channels from the Governor down to the Fourth Auditor of the Swimming Pool Commission, the excitement increased.

Urged to do their duty, they searched the statute books for established precedents. No such liberty as Mr. Paxman was contemplating had ever been attempted within the memory of man. It simply wasn't done, and yet so far as the cohort of clerks could discover, there was on law against it.

In their frenzy the Board of Health was appealed to and this was not in vain for they offered their assistance in designing and planning the new swimming pool. "Build a swimming pool without authority of the State Board of Health?" quoth the fifteenth assistant secretary of the chief of that august body. "Not while we have rules and regulations left, he won't!"

Days of study and the burning of the midnight oil resulted in the drafting of a letter addressed to Mr. Paxman and received and promptly consigned to the waste basket today by the latter.

To quote literally from this mis-sive, which is a shining example of the thoroughness of the board, and that was the undoubted result of many lengthy conferences it goes on to say:

"From a newspaper clipping I note that you propose to build a swimming pool for public use, at least so far as boys are concerned. It will be necessary therefore for you to apply for a permit and construct a pool in a way which will meet our regulations. Enclosed is a copy of our regulations and a sketch of a pool lay-out which we recommend. Trusting that this information will be of assistance to you, I am, Very Truly Yours, (signed), R. F. Goudey, Southern Division Engineer California State Board of Health."

Accompanying the letter was a swimming pool application continuing (actually) 57 varieties of questions.

If "brevity is the soul of wit" this letter was some joke.

HERALD AS PUBLICITY MEDIUM TOLD

Secretaries of State See Daily Editions of Home Paper

Secretaries of various Chambers of Commerce throughout the State will read, or have read to them, the columns of the special daily editions of the Herald that were issued during the late Free Fair, as they contained five well written articles by Secretary Pottenger of the local chamber, on the necessity of chambers of commerce and their proper method of functioning.

The meeting of the secretaries will be held at Palo Alto, the home of the Stanford University and is under the auspices of American City Bureaus and League of Municipalities and is officially known as the California Association of Commercial Secretaries.

At each of the annual meetings of this body the best methods of publicity and the advertising "stunts" of the various secretaries are discussed, and that Secretary Pottenger's method of promulgating his ideas of civic betterment through the columns of the Herald will be under discussion, is felt to be an honor to Torrance.

Moonshine Visibility Test.
One moon—pretty good; two moons—the real stuff; no moon—wood alcohol.—Life.

To the visitor who is seeking the artistic in photography, we would direct them to the north end of the industrial tent, where they will find the most complete and beautiful line of photographs, both in their natural colors, sepia, and hand painted. The arrangement of the booth is the idea of the proprietors of the M. & M. Art Studios, located at 945 Palm Avenue, Gardena, and the display would be a credit to a city ten times the size of the firm's home town.

IT CAN'T BE DONE

We had to smile the other day when we heard a man who ought to know better contending that he would get along all right if people would let him "do as he pleased." It struck us as being funny, because in this country no one is permitted to do exactly as he pleases, and they never will be allowed to. In the first place it would not be a wise thing, either for the man or the rest of us.

Shortly after hearing his remark we read where a man and his wife had decided to show that they could live without the rest of their fellow-men, and without the things produced by others. They decided to go far into the wilds of the Maine woods, and live a primitive life, just as Adam and Eve lived. They figured on two things—doing as they pleased and beating the high cost of living. So into the woods they went, garbed as nature garbed them, and without camp equipment or food. They fashioned rude clothing of leaves and grass, and with bows and arrows made with their own hands they killed game and ate it.

And then a game warden, scouring the Maine woods, came upon them. He took them to the nearest magistrate, where they were fined for hunting without a license, and for fishing without a license, and for killing quail and deer in the closed season. Their fines amounted to \$354.

They didn't prove what they started out to prove, but they did prove that which we are contending—that it is not always best for a man to be permitted to do as he pleases, and neither is it good judgment to think you can beat the present cost of living.

Not For Him.

A man went into a restaurant and told the waiter to give him a nice tender, juicy steak about an inch and a half thick. The man waited quite a while, then called the waiter and asked him where the steak was. "Why," he said, "I'm having some ham and eggs cooked for you. The manager says if he had any such steak as that, he would eat it himself."

A Good Word for Him.

Hans Schmidt was reported to be the meanest man in the neighborhood. He died. His body was placed in the grave, and according to an old Pennsylvania German custom the people stood around the open grave, waiting for some one to say some good thing about the deceased before filling the grave. After a long wait, Gustave Schultze said: "Well, I can say just one good thing about Hans; he wasn't always as mean as he was some-

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