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POTTENGER DISCHARGED AS SECRETARY

Directors Appoint Mrs. J. F. Anderson To Act Temporarily

The climax to the several more or less stormy meetings of the Chamber of Commerce during the past six weeks was reached Wednesday afternoon when, at a special meeting, the board of directors decided to dispense with the services of H. D. Pottenger as secretary, and Mrs. Pottenger as assistant secretary.

While this action on the part of the directors was not wholly unexpected by those in close touch with the affairs of the chamber, it is said to have come as a complete surprise to Mr. Pottenger and his friends, who expected him to be retained even though he had been informed several weeks ago that such action might be taken unless moneys due the organization were collected and the Chamber placed on a sound financial footing by November 1st.

The meeting Wednesday was held behind closed doors. Mr. Pottenger was in Los Angeles attending a meeting of the welfare committee of the Los Angeles city council regarding the improvement of Western avenue, and Mrs. Pottenger was excused from her duties during the discussion of the Chamber's intended action.

It is not known to others than the eleven directors what was done or said during the executive session other than the mere fact that by unanimous vote of the directors the positions of secretary and assistant secretary were declared vacant.

Following the meeting it was learned that pending the selection of a new secretary Mrs. J. F. Anderson, now employed in the First National Bank of Torrance, and for some time past acting as assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will fill the position vacated by Mrs. Pottenger, at a monthly salary of \$85, an increase of \$10 per month over the amount paid the former assistant secretary.

Few of the directors would comment on their action other than to say they deemed it a duty they owed the many dissatisfied members of the Chamber, who have been urging a change in the executive personnel of the institution.

President Alfred Gourdir, when asked for an expression of opinion on the action of the board, said: "The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce has seen fit to dispense with the services of Mr. and Mrs. Pottenger as secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, of the Chamber, and the board will consider the material for a new secretary. Pending the selection of a new secretary, Mrs. J. F. Anderson will attend to the duties of the office.

"The members of the Chamber of Commerce are requested to hear in mind that eight of the present directors, six of whom were elected at the reorganization election, and two elected by resolution at an open forum, will pass out of office January first, and that during the first week of December there will be a nomination election of twelve nominees, and during the second week in December there will be an election of six of these twelve as directors, to take office on January 1st. Only those whose dues are paid up in full for 1922 are eligible at these elections.

"As president of the Chamber of Commerce it is my earnest desire and request that all members of the Chamber of Commerce who have the interest of Torrance at heart, will not fail to avail themselves of a participation in these elections, and of expressing their views in this way."

When interviewed Mr. Pottenger said: "The board of directors having decided, much to my surprise to dispense with the services of myself and that of my assistant, there is little that I can say except that we submit gracefully to the decision and take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for the consideration they have shown us during our stay in Torrance.

"Due to the fact that nearly \$1,000 had been collected during the last month and that the chamber finds itself at the close of October in fairly good financial condition, the board's decision greatly surprised me, as my retention as secretary was based on the financial showing I was to make.

"This I do wish to say however. The board, as well as the general public seem to be laboring under a misapprehension as to the duties of a secretary of a chamber of commerce.

"A Chamber of Commerce is comparable with a big business organization and the secretary of the chamber of commerce fills the position of sales manager. His duties in a new and growing community are to get more people to come to that community, thus making more business for the merchants, professional men, banks, amusement places, etc.

"This condition can be brought to pass only by continually and persistently taking advantage of every opportunity to get the name and message of the community to the outside world.

"The fact that a person is a resident of a community is taken as prima facie evidence that he thinks it is the best place in the world and the secretary assumes that it is not necessary to 'sell' him his own home town."

Mr. Pottenger stated that he had endeavored to do all the work of the chamber to date, so that the

Chief Decides On Fire Engine

At a special meeting last Friday night the city council convened for the purpose of considering the purchase of a more powerful fire engine for this city. For several weeks the different types had been investigated, and at this meeting Trustee Stone stated that he and Fire Chief Hunnabrink had looked over the specifications of the different bids, and that they were persuaded that the American-La France was the best, being far superior to all others. The La France company also offered the best bargain on extras and small parts.

The new engine is sold for \$13,500, but as the model used here for demonstrating purposes was also used at San Francisco recently in a similar manner, it was purchased for \$11,500 and \$1500 was allowed for the old fire engine.

Since the drain on the Torrance water of late, due to the many extra houses and families coming here, the pressure is neutralized. The new engine, however, provides for this, and a suction hose may be thrown into pipe lines, connected with hydrants, etc., anywhere on the system, and the proper pressure be developed just the same as in large cities.

It was estimated that, at a cost of from \$100 to \$150 the present fire house could be fixed up to accommodate the new apparatus by lowering part of the flooring and putting in three-inch plank, also that a room for the attendant for sleeping quarters would be included in the remodeling.

The work was ordered done and immediate action will be taken to house the new engine properly.

Following close on the heels of the announcement last week of the building in Torrance of the \$30,000 Masonic Temple, it was learned today that a handsome brick block involving an investment including lot and building of a similar amount, will be erected shortly on the lot adjoining the new Masonic building.

The building, which will be of brick, sixty by one hundred feet in dimensions, will be erected by Hurum Reeve, the well-known hardware merchant, and R. W. Mangum, a successful business man of Oklahoma, who has been in California less than a year, but who is so impressed with the business possibilities of Torrance that he is investing heavily in property here.

MODERN STORE GOES IN NEXT TO MASONS

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MONDAY NIGHT FORUM

The next regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Forum will convene next Monday night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms (city hall). Every member is requested to be present, as matters of importance will be brought before the meeting.

'Tell It To the Judge,' Say Police

Why do motorists, when they reach a smooth stretch of new pavement, instinctively "step on 'er"?

This question and several others will be answered today and tomorrow by a dozen or more residents of this and neighboring towns who have been haled before Police Judge King for exceeding the speed limit on Arlington avenue.

Officer Anderson, whose task it is to overtake and tag the speedsters, if everyone he tags and the daily average found guilty continues for a month, enough fines will be collected to pay for the recent paving of the avenue.

HALLOWEEN BALL

Never before in the history of Torrance has there been a scene more beautiful or gay than the one at the American Legion Hall on the "Night of Halloween." The American Legion Auxiliary staged the annual mask ball. "Nuff said."

The hall was beautifully decorated with everything that carried out the spirit of the holiday, from pumpkins, jack faces, corn stalks, and yellow and black galore. In one corner, in an appropriate setting, was Madame Nina Eusia of Long Beach, a professional teller, who turned down many fine offers to give her services to the organization that lies nearest her heart, for she had two brothers serve in the World War, one of whom paid the supreme sacrifice.

Every dance and every few minutes brought a surprise, in the shape of favors, novelties, and pretty special features.

A large flag suspended, unseen, in the center of the hall was unfurled, and a great yell of delight was heard when a hundred beautifully colored balloons came down as it dropped.

The grand march was at 10:00 o'clock and the three judges said it was terrible to have to choose the best costumes, for it seemed they were all best.

The ladies' prettiest costume was worn by Miss Corista Reeve, who wore a gown of blue and white, and in her Martha Washington Day hoop skirts.

The gentlemen's prettiest costume was worn by Sam Levy, who seemed a real thinman, fresh from the Orient. If he had not walked, danced, or talked, he would have fooled us all, but Sam can't disguise any of these things.

Miss Reeve was given a beautiful pair of embroidered and sequined chaperon slips, and Mr. Levy a pair of thoroughbred Himalaya rabbits, pedigree and all, raised in the Reininger-Bush rabbitry.

The ladies' funniest costume was worn by Mrs. Kent, who was a complete mystery to everyone until she unmasked, and the gentlemen's funniest costume, worn by our own "Scotty," as a cave man, was a grand canibal nose, fine dagger, and all. Mrs. Kent was the recipient of a box of pretty stationery, and Mr. Scott of a fine, big, home-made pumpkin pie.

Among the spot dance prizes were a carton of Camel cigarettes and a bottle of perfume. The music was furnished by Carolina's orchestra from Los Angeles, led by the Herman Sisters.

The waltz, a serpentine dance, gave the party the appearance of a real Parisian affair, and when the midnight hour of witchery arrived the spirited crowd would lots rather have heard "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here" than those simple strains of "Home, Sweet Home," but with the promise from the American Legion and Auxiliary for a repeater very soon they were happy.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

The Boy Scouts had a lively time in Masonic Hall, Saturday night, when they and an equal number of girl friends put on a masquerade in celebration of Halloween. District Executive Moore was present and told a hair raising ghost story. Games were enjoyed and refreshments served.

MEMBERSHIP IN B. & L. GROWS RAPIDLY

Popular Young Business Man Receives Loan to Build

With a present membership of approximately seventy-five and an objective membership list of at least 350, officials of the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association express the opinion that the organization will soon attain the standing in Torrance that similar associations hold in other cities in Southern California of equal or even greater population.

Mr. C. E. Berry, the organizer of the local institution, is at present working out a form letter to the employees of the Union Tool company, explaining the benefits to be derived by membership in the association. This move has the hearty approval and cooperation of the heads of the tool company, many of whom are original guarantee stockholders in the loan company.

Last Saturday Mr. Berry was requested to address the glass workers, his speech being readily dispensed with at a workmen's business meeting. It is thought that as a result of the speech and the cooperation of the officials of the glass company many names from that concern will be added to the roster of the loan company.

The first loan for building purposes was made by the association a few days ago to Charles Vonderahe, who had been one of the first members of the organization.

In describing the methods by which he secured two loans from the association this week, Mr. Vonderahe said:

"Aside from a substantial saving in the loans as compared with figures obtained from other companies, with whom I have been in correspondence and conference for several weeks, the main reason why I readily disposed of the loan-made so promptly after my application was filed that I feel due the association to publicly express my thanks.

"Following more or less unsatisfactory inquiries from other concerns I made my application to the Torrance Building and Loan Association last Tuesday afternoon, and Thursday morning was informed my application had been favorably passed upon and that the money I needed for building purposes was awaiting me at the office of the association.

"I am certainly delighted with the promptness and courtesy with which my request was received and cannot say too much in praise of the company and its officials."

"Based on the success of the building and loan associations formed on the same plans as that of Torrance within a radius of twenty miles of this city," said Mr. Berry, "it is my opinion that we should have within the next few months a membership of at least three hundred and fifty, and we are using every effort to attain that goal.

"Education as to the immense advantage to the individual and town is all the residents of Torrance and Lomita need to have such a membership list as the size of the community deserves and for this reason I and the other officials of the association are delighted to meet in the evening with those unable to see us during regular business hours. It is indeed gratifying to feel that the Union Tool company, the key industry of Torrance, is behind our project, and to receive the cooperation of the glass works and other manufacturing plants."

Secretary's Last Official Act

The last official act of Secretary H. D. Pottenger before relinquishing his office Wednesday was a conference with the members of the Traffic Commission of the Los Angeles city council regarding the contemplated improvement of Western avenue at 190th street.

Following speeches advocating the necessity for immediate improvement on this boulevard to the sea, made by Mr. Pottenger and C. J. Colden, candidate for the Assembly from the 71st district, the members of the committee requested Mr. Pottenger to draw resolutions recommending the expenditure of the necessary funds for this improvement, which will be presented to the Welfare committee of the city council that handles the expenditure of \$400,000 for necessary street improvements.

KASPAR-ROLLINS BATTLE AT TORRANCE

Sam Kaspar is to get more acquainted with the navy Friday (tonight), November 3, when he mingles with "Sailor" Polly Rollins of the U. S. S. Texas, the navy's roughest at 140 pounds, in the main go at the Torrance Legion hall.

The semi-final brings together two boys who need little introduction when "Sailor" Eddie Buell of the U. S. S. Connecticut meets Teddy Ayres of Los Angeles. Buell is the navy's "Fittin' Phil" at 120 pounds, while Teddy makes his name famous by K. O.'s.

The balance of the program is made up of several good bouts, as follows: "Batting" Patino vs. "Sailor" Dave Biss, 118 pounds; Bobby Noble vs. Joe Ritchie, 125 pounds; Nat Cyrus vs. "Sailor" Island, 118 pounds; "Sailor" Irish Serico vs. Tanni Stassi, 108 pounds.

DEMOCRAT GETS REPUBLICAN SUPPORT

C. J. Colden, Aspirant For Assembly Wins Opponent's Votes

A study of the results at the recent primaries in this district reveals the rather startling condition of a Democrat receiving more than three to one the number of Republican votes that his Republican opponent secured.

The case in point is that of C. J. Colden, Democratic candidate for Assemblyman of the 71st District and H. E. Carter, running for the same office on the Republican ticket.

In Harbor City, Wilmington, San Pedro and Terminal Island, Colden received 1032 votes while Carter received 243. In the same district Colden received 760 Republican votes, or more than 3 to 1 the number secured by his Republican opponent.

Mr. Colden is a man of few words as is shown by his platform which says, "I stand for Progress.

Sales For Week Total \$40,000

For the five days ending Wednesday evening the Dominguez Land Corporation has sold approximately \$40,000 worth of real estate. The larger portion of this is close to real estate suitable either for business or residence purposes.

Among the week's sales are seven lots sold to C. M. Smith and Chas. Elman located on Cabrillo street, that according to the purchasers will be improved shortly. While neither Mr. Smith or Mr. Elman would indicate what their plans might be the property is so located that either homes or business blocks would be readily rented.

MASQUERADE PARTY

A delightful party was enjoyed Saturday evening at the McKinley Inn, when Mrs. McKinley and son Forrest entertained twenty-seven friends at a Halloween masquerade.

The Inn was beautifully decorated appropriate for the season, the children enjoyed games, ghost stories and refreshments. Those attending were Harold Cook, Richard Sinclair, Robert Kemble, John Reynolds, Jack Rice, Claude Grant, Nellie Middleton, Vivian Beckwith, Delia Barand, Johanna Neelands, Vera Davis, Comet Brooks, Peary Quigley, Melvin McFarland, Claude Mills, Harwood Clark, William Wilson, Olive Helton, Bernice Wikler, Katherine Mullin, Grace Denny, Marcelle Kimbel, Isabel Songer, Robert Bartlett, William Dymond, Paul Denny, Forest McKinley, Hazel Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Geruff and several friends from Long Beach attended a Hallows party and dance at the Virginia Hotel, Long Beach, Monday evening.



Economy, A Square Deal for Labor and Service for all," and in discussing his chances for election with his friends says:

"While I was defeated at the primaries on the Republican ticket, it is a satisfaction to know that I have so many Republican friends or those of the Republican party who believe that if elected I will ignore party lines in my service to my constituents and serve the best interests of the Assembly district that I represent."

Mr. Colden was for years a news paper man in his home state, Missouri, where he served two terms in the legislature. He has been identified with every civic move of note for years in San Pedro where he was elected president of the chamber of commerce during his absence from the city.

NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors of America, will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, at Legion Hall, initiation.

TORRANCE OIL WELLS ARE STABLE

Experts Say Wells Will Produce For Many Years

The Torrance oil field will be long lived, and will, when the maximum production is reached, pour out a great volume of oil daily.

This is the opinion voiced by oil men who have been watching the developments of the Torrance field during recent months. They also point out that while the Torrance wells may now suffer when compared with the big producers in neighboring fields, they will in the long run outlive the gushers and in the end produce as much oil, if not more. The oil men compare the Torrance field with the Whittier field where wells have been producing for more than a score of years.

With crude oil at the present low level, the oil men drilling in the Torrance field, say they are pleased that the wells are not flowing so rapidly. At many of the wells, which are already producing, no secret is made of the fact that the wells are permitted to take their time and that the production could be increased if it were necessary to do so.

Bearing out the opinion that the best wells will be drilled as they come east through Torrance, Del Amo No. 2, a Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil Company well, is flowing between 400 and 500 barrels a day, and some days is exceeding the production of Del Amo No. 1, the discovery well of the Torrance field, brought in last June. Del Amo field, has been the leading producer in the field up to the present time, and with the production of Del Amo No. 2 increasing from week to week is likely to take a back seat, Del Amo No. 2 is about a half mile east of Del Amo No. 1.

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Dominguez No. 1, a Chanslor Canfield Midway lease well, which was originally put down 4,200 feet and had to be redrilled because of water difficulties is being watched closely by everyone in the field. It is now down beyond the 4,000 foot level with the water shut off. It is the deepest well in the field and the feeling prevails that an attempt may be made to reach a third oil sand, claimed by some geologists to exist in the Torrance field as it does in the Signal Hill district. The oil flow was tapped when Dominguez No. 1 was first drilled but water difficulties prevented the drillers from getting any idea as to what kind of production the well was capable of.

The Shell well located between the Amalgamated Oil Company's Watson No. 1 and the Fullerton Oil Company's Waddell No. 1, two of the latest producers, is pounding away through oil sand and is expected in before long. The rig for Waddell No. 2 is about completed and the derrick for Kirk No. 2, a Standard project, is under way.

Del Amo No. 3 being drilled on a Chanslor Canfield Midway lease across the highway from the Amalgamated well, is down more than 700 feet. It was started October 24 and is being drilled with electrical tools.

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