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## WILL FORM CITY PLAN COMMISSION

### NAME NEW CHAMBER BOARD

Four New Directors Chosen; Five Are Re-Elected

3 TIED FOR 2 PLACES

Dolley and Vonderahe Are Named When Judges Draw Lots

Four new members were elected to the directorate of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and five directors were re-elected in the balloting which closed yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

There were 166 votes cast. The directors who were elected and the number of votes which each received are as follows: J. W. Post, 114; W. Harold Kingsley, 121; George Proctor, 115; J. B. Hines, 111; Brian K. Welch, 111; Sam Levy, 80; George Neill, 78; Harry Dolley, 73; Charles Vonderahe, 73.

Harry Dolley, Charles Vonderahe and J. C. Smith each received 73 votes in a tie for the last two places on the board. According to the chamber's constitution the election judges drew lots to decide which two of the three should be declared directors. Mr. Dolley and Mr. Vonderahe were chosen by this method.

The results of the voting revealed a close vote for the last four to be elected. Seven men received votes numbering between 70 and 80. They were: Sam Levy, 80; Charles Neill, 78; Harry Dolley, 73; Charles Vonderahe, 73; J. C. Smith, 73; Dr. J. S. Lancaster, 72; W. L. Booth, 71.

The new board was scheduled to be installed at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when it is expected that officers will be elected.

### Board Opposes Light Petition Selecting Post

Having already taken initial steps for the formation of an assessment district for the purpose of installing street lights in the city of Torrance, the board of trustees, it was made plain by Mayor R. B. Smith last night, cannot consider a petition for lighting which stipulates that a certain kind of lamp-post be installed.

Mayor Smith stated the opinion of the board in response to questions asked by W. H. Kingsley at the trustees' meeting.

Said the mayor: "Some time ago representatives of companies selling lamp-posts asked the board if it would be advisable for them to circulate petitions for lighting and naming the types of posts to be used. The board advised them not to do so, telling them that before a type of post was selected, all types would be carefully studied from the standpoints of cost, beauty, upkeep and stability. As you state, it has come to our attention that a petition is now being circulated asking for street lights and naming the type of post to be used."

**Would Impede Action**  
"If this petition is presented, in fairness to those representatives who were asked not to circulate petitions the board would necessarily have to delay all proceedings to give these men time to circulate petitions of their own."

"So the presentation of a petition would actually handicap rather than assist the board."  
"In forming an assessment district the board believes it is adopting the only means of ascertaining the desires of the public. We have been requested time and again to start proceedings for street lights. It must be understood that the proceedings which we have started are not final. The decision to install lights depends entirely on the public. As the proceedings progress a date for the reception of protests will be advertised. Citizens who wish to protest against the improvement will be heard. The law provides that these protests be made in writing. In the meantime the board will study all types of posts thoroughly and from all standpoints, endeavoring to select the type that is the best."

### First Lady Initiates Mrs. Dawes Into Ways of National Capital



It must have been spring fashions that engrossed Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes so completely when the camera caught them unawares. The "first lady of the land" and the "wife of the vice-president are close friends, and Mrs. Coolidge is herself breaking in Mrs. Dawes (left) to Washington's ways.

### "IN THE GREASE" Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Four wells were completed in the field last week. They were as follows: Superior Oil Company—Torrance No. 59, 300 barrels at 3597 feet; Torrance No. 61, 300 barrels at 3586 feet. Chanslor-Canfield, Midway Oil Company—Del Amo No. 42, 150 barrels at 3675 feet. General Petroleum Corporation—Poggi No. 3, 275 barrels at 3600 feet.

The two Superior completions offset the G. P. Poggi lease in the southeastern extension near Harbor City.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company is erecting three new rigs in the field, Del Amo Nos. 16, 48 and 54, all second tier wells near the south line of the big lease where about 150 wells remain to be drilled. The company has spudded in Torrance No. 74.

Standard's wildcat, with which the company is hoping to extend the field a mile to the southwest,

### Driver Dies Suddenly at Wheel Of Motor Coach Bus on Highway Stanley Booth Prevents Accident

Drama and Death rode in a Motor Coach Company's Long Beach-Redondo bus Sunday afternoon.

George Bower, aged 42, of 2563 Weston street, was Death's victim—his heart stopped beating as he sat at the wheel of the big vehicle and drove it along Governor avenue in Harbor City.

Stanley Booth, pilot of another Motor Coach Company bus, was the hero of the drama. When he started on his run Bower told fellow-workers that he had a pain in his chest. They laughed. "You're looking for a day off," they joked.

Bower mounted the driver's seat and started on the run. A load of passengers left his bus at Belleporte avenue, transferring to a San Pedro coach.

Driving north to Harbor City, Bower was preceded by the bus which Booth piloted.

**Much Traffic**  
Booth passed a slowly moving touring car on Governor avenue, between 258th street and Anaheim boulevard. He looked in the rear-view mirror to see if Bower had also passed the touring car. There was considerable traffic on the road. Bower's bus was zig-

### Observations

What Will Men Be Like Two Million Years Hence? Disarmament Conferences and Aeroplanes—Warren, Coolidge, the Senate, and Precedent

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

PROF. CONRAD THERALDSEN of the zoology department of Northwestern University is attracting attention. He predicts. Unlike most prognosticators, who must live to see their predictions proven true or false, the eminent professor confines himself to statements regarding the physical form of mortals two million years hence. He takes no chances.

There is much reason in Prof. Theraldson's statement that humans of the future will have great, large heads and small, puny bodies. Human skulls are larger now than they were a hundred thousand years ago, larger even than they were 20,000 years ago. It is reasonable to conclude that they will be still larger in the future.

Bodies will be smaller. Machinery is daily making less necessary the use of brawn. Automobiles and aeroplanes are depriving legs of their exercise. Steam shovels, lathes, drill presses, washing machines, electric irons, all modern machinery, are performing the tasks heretofore requiring physical labor by men.

**ANIMALS**, human animals included, adapt themselves to environment. As the hair of St. Bernard dogs in warm climates become thinner and thinner with succeeding generations, so the muscles of men will become weaker and weaker as the necessity for their use decreases.

Men with big heads and small bodies will have much leisure. Machinery is daily reducing the length of the working day. Your grandfather would have scoffed had he been told that soon men would toil only eight hours each day. Yet it will not be long before all the needs and luxuries of the world will be supplied by four hours of daily toil.

As society acquires leisure, succeeding generations will be smaller in stature. And if they are taught to improve leisure their brains will develop and Nature will provide them with larger skulls. Instead of devoting a lot of time teaching boys and girls how to use their hands, schools will devote all their time in teaching them how to use their heads—will educate them for the improvement of leisure.

The wonders of the world will be carried to every man's home through the ether. He will live on concentrated foods made synthetically in laboratories. Electricity will supplant the well known "elbow-grease" in all labor. Bodies will shrink. Brains will grow. And as the average mentality improves, material things will decrease in value. Philosophy will supplant economics as the guiding force of human activity.

The theory of the immortality of the soul may come to mean something in the lives of all men after all.

**DURING** the Washington disarmament conference, when Mr. Harding was President, the writer interviewed Josephus Daniels as the former secretary of the navy snatched a hurried lunch.

Between hasty draughts at a cup of railway station lunch-room coffee the ex-cabinet member said, in effect: "The disarmament conference is a splendid thing. It will be well to limit naval armaments and land forces. But I see no mention of limitations on military aeroplanes. The new weapon of warfare is the aeroplane. Its construction should be limited."

**DURING** the past year the country has been hearing much about the effectiveness of aeroplanes as weapons of destruction against warships. Brig. Gen. (now Col.) William Mitchell has taken up the cudgel against the navy clique and has carried to the people the message that battleships are helpless against aeroplanes unless protected by planes equal in number and strength to the attacking force.

Now comes President Coolidge with a tentative invitation to the powers for another limitations conference. It is planned to discuss reduction of land as well as naval armaments. There is no mention of aeroplanes.

If it is true that planes are as effective as Mitchell contends, further reduction of naval armaments will be of little significance—no much more than a sop to organized pacifists—and we use the word pacifists in its original sense, not in the sense to which it has been degraded by the propaganda of pig-headed militarists.

**LET'S** suppose. Suppose that you were one of the stockholders of a very large corporation. And suppose that corporation held an election and chose one of the stockholders as general manager of the company and several more as directors of the same. Then suppose that general manager—the individual on whose shoulders the stockholders had placed the chief responsibility for the managing of the corporation, selected an assistant. And suppose the board of directors, blind to that assistant's ability or fitness for his job and motivated by selfish considerations, voted that the general manager could not hire this man as foreman.

Whom would you support—the general manager or the board of directors? ALL of which leads up to the subject of Mr. Warren, President Coolidge and the United States Senate.

Throughout the history of the United States Presidents have selected their own assistants—the cabinet members—and the Senate has always approved the selections. For it has always been assumed that the President should be allowed to name his own assistants, just as the general manager of any large corporation names his helpers.

President Coolidge nominated Mr. Warren of Michigan for the portfolio of attorney general. The Senate, establishing a new precedent, refused to confirm that nomination.

**ANYONE** who considers this situation must look at the principle and forget personalities. Mr. Warren is unimportant. But the right of the chief executive, to name his own cabinet-members is extremely important.

The President and his cabinet are the administration. If the administration is bad the people of the country take it out on the President. If it is good, his is the popular reward.

Because this is true he should not be hampered in the selection of his assistants.

It has frequently happened that the party to which a President owes allegiance is not the party with a majority in the Senate. Now suppose it becomes customary for the Senate to prevent the executive from choosing his own cabinet. It is easy to imagine a situation in which the President belongs to one party and his cabinet to another—which might be all very well from an idealistic standpoint, but which would be wholly impractical.

We hold no brief for Mr. Warren. He represents the reactionary element of the Republican party in Michigan—than which there is no more back-sighted contingent in this whole sisterhood of states.

### Teal-Stewart Joint Recital For Benefit of Legion on March 21



MR. EMERSON STEWART



MISS ELSIE TEAL

Miss Elsie Teal, pianist, and Emerson Stewart, baritone, will give a joint recital at the high school auditorium Friday night, March 27, for the benefit of the building fund of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion. Miss Teal and Mr. Emerson have arranged a delightful program and

music lovers in Torrance are anticipating the recital with pleasure. That Torrance can boast of two such splendid musicians is noteworthy; that they donate their services to the Legion is commendable; that the public respond with equal generosity is reasonable.

### Bledsoe Will Boost Western Ave. Celebration on Radio Saturday

Judge Bledsoe will speak over KNX radio Saturday evening, March 21, on "Harbor Development," in the radio carnival to be held that night from 8 to 12 o'clock.

This carnival over KNX will announce the great pageant that is to celebrate the opening of Western avenue, after it has been opened to traffic.

The date for the pageant has not been fixed, but is to be determined by a special committee, after considering all the circumstances.

The date will be announced by Judge Bledsoe over KNX on the 21st, if the committee reports by that time.

A beautiful allegorical float will be the feature of the pageant, representing the spirit of Highway Improvement, City and County Planning and Community Cooperation, under the auspices of the Los Angeles traffic, city and county planning commissions.

### Aviators Cheer News of Local Landing Field

Glendale Meeting Enthusiastic Over Torrance Flying Tract Advantages

Southern California aviators and aeronautical enthusiasts received with acclaim the announcement made Saturday at the Glendale meeting by Carl L. Hyde and J. S. Torrance that Torrance has provided for a 37-acre free landing field.

The banquet was held in honor of the opening of a flying field near Glendale—a landing area smaller than that which the Dominguez Land Corporation has loaned for flying field purposes to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Originators of the idea for the formation of a Southern California Aeronautical Association were high in their enthusiasm over the Torrance field, especially when they learned that it was within a few minutes' walk of a car line and that the landing hazards of the tract are few and minor.

The Torrance field will be prominently displayed on a map which is now being prepared and which will be sent to all parts of North America.

### Seek Furniture, Clothes, Bedding For Family Here

Wanted—clothing and furniture and bedding, for a family with four small children, whose home was burned down in Torrance last week. The Torrance Relief Society is handling the case. Persons with clothing and furniture and bedding are requested to communicate with Mrs. W. W. Woodington, 2013 Arlington avenue, phone 119-J.

### TO GUIDE TORRANCE GROWTH

Trustees Introduce Ordinance Creating Board of Civic Planners TO APPOINT 5 MEMBERS City Dads Believe in Pre-conceived Plan for Development

Future growth and development of Torrance will be in accordance with a preconceived plan—carrying out the idea and ideals of city planning, on which the city was originally founded and developed by the late Jared Sidney Torrance.

This was assured last night when the board of trustees passed through first reading an ordinance providing for the creation of a city planning commission to consist of five regular and three ex-officio members.

The action of the board was taken in accordance with the state law permitting cities to create planning commissions and setting forth the powers and duties of such a commission.

Under this law the commission would consist of one member of the board of trustees and four to be chosen by the trustees from the public at large, with the chairman of the board of trustees, the city engineer and the city attorney acting as ex-officio members.

**Will Advise Only**  
The law provides that the commission shall act only in an advisory capacity. It is empowered to make plans for city development, parks, boulevards, other civic improvements, and to engage experts for the preparation of plans.

The law empowers the board of trustees to levy a special tax, not to exceed 20 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, for the purpose of defraying the cost of city planning.

Mayor R. R. Smith said: "I believe, as does the entire board of trustees, that the time has arrived when Torrance should have a planning commission. When we incorporated we took over the government of a city that has been developed along the most modern lines of city planning. It seems only reasonable that we should continue the development in the same splendid manner. The planning commission could adopt plans for all civic development, so that all improvements could be put in according to a well-designed and preconceived plan."

Delay Hearing In Extortion Case Appeals

Anderson and Morewood Allowed More Time for Filing Briefs

Attorneys for B. M. Anderson and A. P. Morewood, convicted of extortion and bribery by a jury in Superior Court, and sentenced by Judge Collier, have secured from the Court of Appeals in Los Angeles a postponement of the date on which they must file briefs asking for a reversal of the decision of the lower court.

The Court of Appeals set the date for the filing of the brief in Anderson's case at March 26, and in Morewood's for April 1.

When the briefs are filed they will be argued. It is expected that attorneys for both men will move that the cases be dismissed. The court may order a new trial or dismiss the charges entirely under the California law.

R. C. Kite of Pasadena was a Torrance visitor on Friday. The many Torrance friends of Mrs. Kite will be glad to know that she is greatly improved in health and is now able to sit up several hours a day.

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