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LOMITA WOMAN HELD FOR HOMICIDE

PALACE CAFE SHOTS FATAL TO J. M'DANIEL

Mrs. Joanne McDonald Found Guilty of Shooting Brother-in-Law, by Coroner's Jury

"Intended Homicide" Verdict J. McDaniel Dies Instantly After Two Shots Pierce Body

A coroner's jury at Wilmington this morning, rendered a verdict of "intended homicide" in the case of Mrs. Joanne McDonald, 1123 Eshelman avenue, who shot and instantly killed her brother-in-law J. McDaniel, last Monday night.

The fatal row, which occurred in the Palace Cafe, 2407 Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, was the culmination of weeks of argument over money matters. Several times during the past few weeks local officers had been called to oust McDaniel who was creating a disturbance in the McDonald home.

On Monday night, he entered the cafe where Mrs. McDonald was employed, started the arguments anew, and, according to witnesses, struck her to the floor. As she arose, he renewed the assault. Mrs. McDonald seized a .22 revolver and with a view of "scaring him," she asserted, fired four shots. Two struck McDaniel, killing him instantly.

Mrs. McDonald knew she had hit the man, she said. Unaware of his death, she went to her home, called the local fire department and begged the men on duty to send someone at once to McDaniel's aid. She claims, Local and San Pedro officers met no resistance when they took her into custody.

A coroner's jury held at Wood's Mortuary Thursday morning, found that James McDaniel's death was caused from gun shot wounds inflicted by Mrs. Joanne McDonald with homicidal intent.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

Even though a woman looks as heavy as a truck she'll believe you and be pleased if you say she looks thinner.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

W. H. Stanger Is Master; Jesse Sprout, Secretary

Annual election of officers was held by Masonic Lodge No. 447 last Wednesday night, with the following officers chosen for the coming year: W. H. Stanger, Master; J. O. Boyd, Junior warden; Job Stone, Treasurer; Jesse Sprout, Secretary; D. C. Turner, Chaplain; Earl Babecek, Senior deacon; O. E. Fossum, Junior deacon; J. H. Fess, Marshal; Edward Barlow, Senior steward; R. W. Leslie, Junior steward; C. E. McNaw, Tyler.

Closed installation will be held Friday evening, December 27, with E. N. Tomkin, past master, as the installing officer. F. C. Pardee of Inglewood district, inspector, will be master of ceremonies.

NEW REFINERY OPENS MARCH 1 NEAR LOMITA

Modern Plant of Western Oil Company Completed at Cost of \$1,350,000

A notable expansion to Wilmington oil refinery units will go into operation on March 1 when the Western Oil and Refining company opens its new \$1,350,000 refinery unit on the Lomita-San Pedro road. Date for start of operations was announced this week by E. W. Bearsey, chief of construction for the concern.

It will be operated by the Western True Vapor Phase company, a subsidiary of the Western Oil and Refining company, which has two other similar plants, one at Texas City, now in operation, and one in St. Louis, to open on May 1. The local establishment, it was said, will be the largest of the three when completed.

Situated back of the main plant of the Western Oil and Refining company, the new refinery will have a "through-put" of 10,000 barrels a day, from which 120,000 barrels of extra high-test gasoline will be produced each month. This product, according to Bearsey, will be the most powerful fuel yet developed.

Two by-products will be derived from manufacture of the gasoline. It was stated. These will be Diesel oil and high-grade fuel oil.

"We have already booked for all we can handle on the coast," Mr. Bearsey said, "and the firm will strive for development of Atlantic coast and foreign trade."

LEECH MADE SECRETARY OF KIWANIS CLUB

Chairmen of Committees Also Appointed at Directors' Meeting This Week

J. W. (Jim) Leech was unanimously appointed secretary of the Torrance Kiwanis club for the year 1930 at a meeting of the board of directors held Tuesday evening. Chairmen of various committees were chosen, and are as follows: Program committee, Bob Deining; public affairs, Earl Connors; inter-club relations, Bert Acree; publicity, Dave Preston; sports, Ed Tansey; Boy Scouts, Frank Steinhilber; education, Bob Young; music, Hank Ulbricht; underprivileged children, Guy Mowry; vocational guidance and placement, G. G. Schmidt; reception, Tom Waters; attendance, Doug Collins; standards, Paul Vandenberg; business and membership, Fossie Fossum; agriculture, Fred Kern; finance, A. D. Hayes; law and regulations, C. A. Paxman.

BANK OFFICIAL OPTIMISTIC OVER FUTURE

Orra E. Monette Thrills Rotarians in Enlightening Talk on Stock Market Crash

If anyone came to the Thursday meeting of the Torrance Rotary club feeling pessimistic over the coming year's business, they left with the load off their minds, after listening to the enthusiastic address by Orra E. Monette, vice-chairman of the Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings association.

Mr. Monette is one of the most widely known banking officials of the Pacific Coast and is an able speaker.

"There is too much talking about the recent stock crash, especially by economists, paid to write their opinion of the causes for the stock market crash," said Mr. Monette, and said that in his opinion the amount of talk was all out of proportion to the importance of the event. Admitting that to some individuals who suffered losses, the sharp downward turn of market quotations had worked a hardship, Mr. Monette said that to the country as a whole it was of little importance and without any real reason. He expressed confidence

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Lives On \$1 a Week—and Now That Has Quit Coming

Here Is a Pathetic Story of a 75-year-old Keystone Resident—And His Ideas of Prohibition, Lovers and Youth

What would you do if you had only a dollar a week upon which to live, and were too old to work? This is the pathetic plight of A. L. Parsons, kindly old Christian gentleman of Keystone, who has written us his philosophy of life in the following unsolicited letter to the Torrance Herald.

The letter so rich in advice from Old Age to Youth was written on the backs of sheets from some school boy's cast-off note book. "There is a wealth of warning to be garnered—who spend the earnings of Youth without a thought of tomorrow—in this touching story of Old Age. Mr. Parsons's letter follows:

Keystone, December 2, 1929.

"Torrance Herald, Torrance, Calif. Dear Editor:

My clock is striking 75. So I am interested in many things, so many I say thanks for the Herald. It is good of you to send it to me. Last week it gave me data on the old folks' pension. It would seem to me as if I, as a 26 year resident of California, should be entitled to enough money to use for food and shelter. Thanks for the data on that subject.

Prohibition

"Again the data regarding prohibition. From Toronto I learn that the wet premier for Ontario explained how the liquor would only cost (under government rule) \$5,000,000. Little Ontario to spend five million dollars to debauch men, women and children, to help Canada pay its war debt? Shame and awe! But in two years it jumped from five to fifty, and this third year, it will be sixty million dollars for Ontario.

"What was the reason for that? So asks fathers and mothers and social workers at the pier yesterday. Some of our local men were saying Canada is far drier than California. Rats! Rats! I ride from here to Long Beach three, four, and five times a week, on three, four, or six different cars, but never even smell—or hear of it. (This under oath). Two years ago a fresh young man said we must celebrate for this is 'Mothers' Day.' He drew the hip flask and offered me a drink. A bright young man, well groomed in a splendid car, thinking of home and mother, and kind enough to stop and pick up an old man and offer 'dad' a drink. He was not thinking of our war debt here, I suppose. On vacant lots, we see a sprinkling of drink bottles, I mean, much more than you can, but the drunken man or boy is seldom seen. When shall we get full prohibition? None may foretell, but so far it is a tremendous success. Oh, will a hundred years wipe out the treachery of these three years in Canada? I hope it may. Doubtless there are drunks and empty flasks everywhere in California, and the United States as well as in Canada and England. Be sure, we have gone some. Yet, I hear of the open cry of utter failure of prohibition. It simply is not so. I am 75 and would not offer my spent strength of mind and muscle, or attempt to drive a Ford. So I have the time to take care of an infirm frame and yet get around well on the other fellow's gas and tires, cleanly, kindly, very sweetly and never meet a drunk (or nearly that). So I ought to know.

Could Not Buy a Penny

"I could not earn or buy a dime for I was hungry. I tried to beg a cent at the oil station on the corner of Truck boulevard and Willow street, last Saturday p. m. Three able attendants. One asked what I could do with a cent, and said many things in a low voice. I could not get it, nor did I get the much needed penny. I was never drunk or in jail, but as a Sunday school teacher I had no bread home here. At Torrance, I asked for bread, fish, rolled oats, eggs, sugar, and a 10c writing pad, and a half little rooster for Thanksgiving (raw or roasted). None of these came. I had meant to have also asked for a half pound of cranberries for the holiday feast. Yesterday, I was driven bad and pushed the point with my B. C. neighbor here and she bought 25c of my other stuff, so I really did get a penny and a loaf and 25c to celebrate the Canadian gathering at Long Beach. I wanted a dime for a yellow badge (Canada) but could not get it although I walked every foot of the way. All day for even an extra cent. Now I have three letters, no pad, no envelope. No stamp, but I have six left from my 30c for my sold foods. Yet, I am free, clear, clean old man and my Torrance Herald does come. But I need good foods, not pills or kidney pads.

A Dollar a Week

"I expect a dollar a week from a sister in Toronto and this week I had hoped it might have come early, but it came me at all. My sister is old and I was guilty of letting her have fade away and leave me not a doubtant. You see I am 70 years a Methodist under liberty and activity. You see I am 70 years a Methodist under John Wesley and 4 years under Mrs. Eddy and a 40 year class student. So I am largely an extraordinary old man with never a wife, never a lover, never a concubine. Never a Ford, never a radio, never up with Lindy. I hope yet for the latter. Good Henry Ford. So I eat all the Torrance Herald and the Jews also. I am a Jewish Messenger regularly. Good for the Jews and Jerusalem. "I do not any more attempt to wander from home (my shelter here) and Mr. Frank Steinhilber brought me five cans of oil for light and heat and I have a good lot of clean warm rags and a soft bed for night time. They turned off my light and may turn off my water again. (This is water day). Seldom a human shadow falls on my happy home and the sun sure is warm and kind. No cat or dog or other callers, yet to have life, liberty and freedom for happiness at 75 is just wonderful. For only a good man will stop to take in an old man and many do so. So I get an extra fine stop to take in an old man and many do so. So I get an extra fine old age life and only 25 years more and I will be 100 plumb. And no wife to bother my life or lover to prove untrue. (I had a mother).

Reads Herald

"I am often afraid you will stop the Torrance Herald as the Edison light did and the water company. So this is just to say thank you. You did not say regarding the veaving of my (our) old neighbor Mrs. Sinclair, 90 years, a while back and now two new little boys are there at Mrs. Harry Raynes. No word about them. What will they know in 75 years?

"Again I am saying all this, but the interest of other old, left and forgotten men and women who are not so talkative or so well off as I. I hope would die and the dogs run off with my dry bones, only I sure can talk and go on others' gas. Yet this is not fair to me or such as me. Still I may call attention to my kind. Last week you told us regarding blind men. Shame on us. Doubtless they have the common food and needs of life but oh, my joys of liberty and sight. I guess after all I am all right. A penny or not and my Canada dollar may come today and be like a knob of butter and my Torrance Herald advise any old person to wander extra on hot cakes. Please don't advise any old person to wander from their warm rags and shelter except they can get home again while the sun is warm. Leaving out the half little rooster and cranberries, did I ask too much for a faultless life at 75? You see Jesus died young but Peter got up against it. My dollar won't go far if it comes. You see to only have a dollar a week income which won't get me by, if it falls to come, it will and does hit hard. It is unlawful to beg or to suicide. I cannot dig. I must not beg.

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STEEL ORDERS HEAVIEST IN OVER 6 WEEKS

In reporting on the condition of the Pacific Coast Iron and Steel markets this week, Iron Trade Review will say: "Movement continues well sustained and awards, in most lines, were the heaviest in over six weeks. Featuring the market this week was the award of the Seattle-Pacifi company aggregating 20,000 tons, the largest for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. secured 60,000 tons and the Bethlehem Steel Co. and the U. S. Steel Products Co., 39,000 tons each. Another outstanding order involved 63,000 tons of plates for a gas pipe line for the Standard Oil Co. and the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. placed with the A. O. Smith Co., Milwaukee.

"Concrete bar awards aggregated 955 tons, compared with the weekly average for the year of 1612 tons. This brings the total to date to 79,020 tons as compared with 82,849 tons for the corresponding period in 1928. The Pacific Coast Steel Co. and the U. S. Steel Products Co. secured 650 tons of mild steel bars for 400 refrigerator cars for the Pacific Fruit Express Co. at Portland. Gunn, Cole & Co. booked 100 tons for a plant for the Link-Belt, Meese & Gottfried Co., San Francisco.

"Plate awards were the heaviest of the year and totaled 475 tons. To date 245,439 tons have been booked, compared with 43,322 tons for the same period last year. The Steel Tank & Pipe Co. took 1000 tons of eight tanks for the Sunset Pacific Oil Co. in Washington and Oregon. A ball mill and tanks in British Columbia required 50 tons. Pending business includes 6000 tons and 2500 respectively for pipe lines at San Diego and Vancouver. B. C. Prices are weak at 2.35c, c. i. f.

"Structural shape bookings were the heaviest of any week since last February and aggregated 11,021 tons, compared with the weekly average of 3709 tons. This brought the year's total to 181,739 tons as compared with 140,085 tons for the corresponding period in 1928. The Dominion Bridge Co. took 7000 tons for a hotel and 2200 tons and 1800 tons for two office buildings in Vancouver. Steel, Inc. took 400 tons of sheet steel piling for the city of Long Beach. McClintock-McIntosh & Co. booked 210 tons for a telephone building at Anaheim. Pending business now involves more than 11,000 tons and includes two office buildings in Los Angeles calling for 1800 tons and 1400 tons respectively. Plain material is firm at 2.35c, c. i. f.

"Awards of cast iron pipe totaled 2651 tons, bringing the aggregate for the year to 81,245 tons, compared with 74,421 tons for the same period last year."

IMPROVEMENT OF TRACTS 4070 AND 2761 TO BE DEMANDED NOW

Halt in Development of Torrance If Additional Residential Area Is Not Provided At Once

MOVE WILL BENEFIT PROPERTY OWNERS TOO

Plan for Subdividing Large Lots Will Enable Owners to Make Good Profits After Paying for Improvements

Torrance is facing a crisis that threatens to halt its residential development, at least, and may possibly stifle its entire business and community development.

If a house were to be built on every available residential lot in Torrance today, there would not be sufficient dwellings to house a third of the known non-resident employees in Torrance at present. And the question naturally arises, "Where are we going to house the added thousands of new employees that will come to work in Torrance when the expansion programs of the United States Steel Corporation and other major industries get under way?"

There is a crying need for cheaper residence lots in Torrance. But happily there is a solution, which was convincingly presented by City Engineer Frank Leonard at the fortnightly forum luncheon of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week.

The solution, according to the City engineer, lies in the subdividing of the large lots in Tracts 4070 and 2761, and the improvement of these tracts with pavements, sewers, curbs, gas, lights, and sidewalks. This can be accomplished to the joint benefit of both the property owners and the city at large. The original price of the lots plus the improvements will not bring the total cost of a 40-foot inside lot to over \$600, fully improved.

The total assessed valuation of the two tracts proposed for improvement is \$93,560, and the cost of the improvements will not run over \$130,605, which provides for an asphaltic concrete pavement with a 25-year guarantee, sewers, curbs, and sidewalks. Should the City decide to install a new water system, this would be furnished without additional cost.

At present the tracts under consideration are made up of large lots of about half acres. It is the City Engineer's suggestion that these large 150-foot by 150-foot lots be divided into four or five smaller lots. On the corners, one lot could be taken of the rear and three or four lots made out of the frontage. Should this subdivision be made, it was the City Engineer's opinion that bonding companies would offer much lower rates than if the tracts were left in the present large parcels.

Prices for paving and other improvements were never so low as at present, according to the City Engineer. They are about 20 per cent lower than before Mayor Porter took office in Los Angeles, the City Engineer stated.

If Torrance is to get the benefit of its increased industrial employment, housing facilities must be built close to the present built-up section of the city. Little trade can be expected from such developments as Hollywood Riviera, for instance.

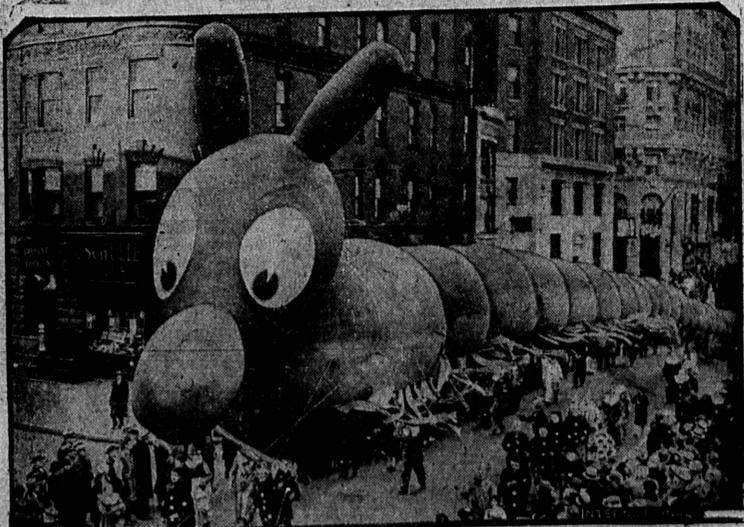
The high cost of the patent paving and other improvements installed in the East Torrance or Los Angeles Shoe-string Strip puts this section of the Torrance trading area out of the question for furnishing cheap lots. Industrial acreage shuts the residential development off on the north, and it seems that the only available land suitable for moderate priced residential development is in the area to the southwest in tracts 4070 and 2761.

In addition to the lots in tracts 4070 and 2761, the City Engineer stated that in his opinion it would be advisable to include two blocks west to Hickory between Sonoma and Carson. These blocks are now free of oil development and are in line for improving for residential use.

Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he had noticed a favorable change in sentiment of property owners in these tracts toward improvement, and he expressed a confidence that now that the exact figures were available on the cost of the improvements, that property owners in the proposed improvement areas would see it to their advantage to hasten the work. It can clearly be seen, under the proposed plan, that the owner of a 150x150 foot lot can pay for the improvements, and subdivide and sell or build on his property at a good profit.

A motion was unanimously carried that the Chamber of Commerce be requested to initiate petitions with the help of the City Engineer, and that they be circulated among the property owners of tracts 4070 and 2761, asking for the subdivision of large lots and the improvements.

Terrible Flying Dragon Invading Broadway



The monster shown above, full of helium gas and 160 feet long from tip to tip, was one of the balloons which marched down Broadway, New York, in a Christmas shopping parade delighting thousands of children who viewed the spectacle.

ONLY 10 DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS