



Pioneer Resident Of Torrance Dies Suddenly Friday

Frank S. Austin, for 31 years a resident of Torrance, passed away suddenly at his home, 967 East Road, Friday morning, Aug. 20. He had been at work on Thursday and passed the evening pleasantly with his family. Some time after he retired he became ill and passed away within a short time.

Austin was born Feb. 5, 1885, at Binghamton, N.Y., and came to California in 1906. He entered the employ of the Union Tool Co., first industry to locate in Torrance, in 1912 and the family moved here that year. He followed the trade of a machinist, and remained with the Tool Co. for 11 years until 1923 when he went to the Emco Derrick Co. in Los Angeles, and became their head machinist.

About a year ago Austin suffered an attack of undulant fever, but had apparently recovered, as he returned to his work after a lay-off of about three months. He was a member of the Emco tournament bowling team and had taken part in a match at a Los Angeles alley on Wednesday night prior to his death.

Funeral services were held at Stone & Myers chapel Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment at Inglewood Park cemetery.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Henrietta Austin; three daughters, Mrs. Alma Reynolds and Mrs. Mildred Muldoon of South Gate, Mrs. Eleanor Lee of Torrance; two sons, Frank Truman Austin and Robert Norman Austin of Los Angeles, and 11 grandchildren. His mother, Mrs. Anna E. Austin of Los Angeles, and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Wagner of Hermosa Beach, and Mrs. Grace Fritchard of San Bernardino, also survive him.

Longren Aircraft Seeks Street Work

A communication from the Longren Aircraft Co. requesting improvement of Elm st. and a roadway "turn-around" to the rear of its plant was read at the city council meeting Tuesday. The company is engaged on 100 per cent in war work on playing over 80 workers, according to company officials. The matter was referred for further study by the council. City Engineer Jain reported that he had not estimated the cost of the road work requested.

Plea for 9-Cent Tax Cut Goes Unheeded

(Continued from Page 1-A) mentioned. "We're interested in taxes the same as you are," said Powell, "only in a little different way. How would you like to have us set up a budget for your industry? We're interested in making Torrance an attractive place in which to live," said Powell.

Hisson replied that he was not an industrialist, but that \$34,000 was "quite a little leeway" and that the council should keep tax rate from going higher because federal taxes and other expenses of the taxpayer are going up.

Councilman Cucci, who had been pressing for adoption of the tax ordinance, said that if he meant "the alphas would remain the same, I will be willing to pay the extra."

Cucci Comments Stating that no provision had been made for post-war needs, Cucci said he was of the opinion that the city "is not going to have an excess, but that if anything, we're going to need a lot. The war might be over within the next two months," said Cucci.

"I'm afraid industry has the same problem to face," comment

ed the industries committee spokesman. Councilman Hitchcock asked if final adoption of the tax ordinance could not be held over a day or two for further study, but was informed that the official tax rate must be reported to the county auditor, by Friday, Aug. 27. Councilman Cucci then moved adoption of the \$118 rate, seconded by Councilman Powell. The vote was unanimous.

Cooperation Sought During the discussion, Plomert repeatedly expressed the hope that before the next tax period, the industries committee would be given an opportunity to review the budget and through cooperation with city officials ways could be found

Maddock Broadcasts From Tokyo

(Continued from Page 1-A) form the same message as to his health and welfare.

Maddock had been in Army service for about three years and since his incarceration in to keep municipal expenses down. "Taxes affect both large and small property owners and we are all interested in the welfare of Torrance," the industrialist commented. "In my opinion, Torrance does not have an economy budget," he added, pointing out that the county had reduced its rate 16 cents and the city of Long Beach, 12 cents.

HQ Military Prison of P.I. No. 3, at Yokohama has been promoted to the rank of corporal. The Maddocks received numerous letters, cards and telephone calls from short-wave listeners all over California following the broadcast, notifying them of the message.

The complete message as given by Corp. Maddock was taken by the American Women's Voluntary Services, War Prisoners Listening Post, located at 10 Green st., Pasadena, and mailed to the Maddocks here. This is a free public service authorized by the U.S. government, by which broadcasts from prisoners abroad are relayed to the families. The A.W.V.S. reminds parents and friends, however, that such

broadcast messages are to taken with a conservative attitude, since all communications are controlled by the Japanese government.

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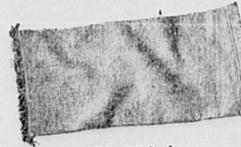
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