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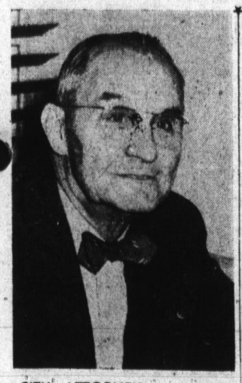
C. Douglas Smith Chosen For City Attorney's Post

The office of City Attorney of Torrance, vacant for more than a month, was taken over today by C. Douglas Smith, prominent attorney known throughout the west for many years.

A resident of Torrance for several months, Smith does not qualify as yet for permanent appointment but was given the temporary job after the City Council declined to appoint any of the resident attorneys to the post. Several of them had refused to be considered, however, it was pointed out.



CITY ATTORNEY . . . Appointed temporary City Attorney yesterday by the City Council was C. Douglas Smith, former District Attorney of Bannock County, Idaho, and practicing attorney in Long Beach for 25 years. He has been residing in Torrance for many months. (Torrance Herald Photo).

Smith will go into court as City Prosecutor today, as his first official action following temporary appointment.

The appointment was made necessary by the need for a prosecuting attorney in City Court today, and under the City Charter the City Attorney acts as prosecutor in City Court cases needing his work.

Former district attorney of Bannock, Idaho, Smith was a practicing attorney in Long Beach for 25 years.

He is well known in Torrance however, and is a close personal friend of J. M. Christensen, former restaurant operator here. In fact, Christensen revealed, Mrs. Smith was his secretary and bookkeeper in Pocatello, Idaho, where Christensen was in the candy and ice cream manufacturing business and Smith was prosecuting attorney.

The new City Attorney was a member of the law firm of Swaffield, Swaffield and Pray, Long Beach, in the early '20's, after coming to California from Idaho. He was admitted to the California bar in 1922, after having been a member of the Idaho bar for 18 years.

He was a close friend of the late Senator William Borah, of Idaho, and his father, the late C. S. Smith, master mechanic with the Union Pacific and first sheriff of Bannock County under Idaho's statehood, dating from 1890, long has been credited for the political success of Borah.

Smith resides at 911 Sartor avenue, having retired from active law practice in Long Beach some months ago.

The Smiths have two daughters, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

HERALD HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In order to give merchants a chance to offer last-minute bargains, and to give employees of the Torrance Herald a chance to enjoy a four-day holiday, next week's edition of the Herald will be published Tuesday.

Classified advertising for the Dec. 25 edition will close at noon Monday, Dec. 22.

Society and club news must reach the editorial room tomorrow (Friday) by 5 p.m. to assure publication.

The Torrance Herald office will be closed on Dec. 25, 26, 27 and 28.

A similar policy will be followed for the New Year's day edition, which likewise will be published Tuesday instead of on Thursday. Classified will close Dec. 29 at noon and society and club news Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

All advertisers and those wishing to make news announcements are asked to cooperate in carrying out the holiday program.

Weather Report

TEMPERATURE

Dec.	Maximum	Minimum
10	69	36
11	65	34
12	67	39
13	72	40
14	61	35
15	64	41
16	75	39

BUILDING IN TORRANCE TOPS $7,000,000 AS MORE HOMES ARE AUTHORIZED

Building in Torrance soared past the seven-million dollar mark during the past week as 102 permits valued at $514,075 were issued through the city building office to bring the year's total to $7,204,932.

Leading the list for the week was Kettler Knolls which took out $470,000 in permits for 94 homes to cost $5,000 each. These homes will complete the million-dollar project of 200 residences to be built on the tract.

The week's permits brought the construction for 1947 close to the all-time high of $7,607,764 recorded in Torrance in 1942. This record was established through the spur of wartime industrial building while the 1947 construction consists, for the greatest part, of homebuliding.

Others receiving permits during the week included:

H. C. and Agnes E. Morgan, 4236 W. 171st st., Lawndale residence at 1637 Iris st., $5,400.

Anton A. Jensch, 2333 239th st., garage, $400.

Fred S. Hilton, 1621 Hickory st., garage, $325.

Herbert Sohn, 1504 Fern ave., residence at 1620 Greenwood ave., $5,700.

P. B. Tuttle, 24241 Hawthorne blvd., residence at 24244 Hawthorne blvd., $2,750.

Metalclad Baking Equipment Co., 1759 Western ave., machine shop and garage, $7,500.

Edward H. Evans, 1635 Border ave., machine shop at 1611 Border ave., $7,000.

Domanco Company, 2309 Western ave., factory building, $15,000.

Unlocked Cars Invite Rifling, Warns Chief Stroh

Torrance Chief of Police John H. Stroh yesterday issued a warning to shoppers who park their cars and leave them unlocked while doing their Christmas buying.

The Chief's warning came after three persons reported to police that their autos had been ransacked while they were shopping. Mrs. S. A. Johnson, 1726½ Martina avenue, wife of a Torrance policeman, and Harry Abramson, 1603 Post avenue, both told police that miscellaneous articles had been stolen Tuesday afternoon while their cars were parked in the Safeway store parking lot on El Prado avenue.

Emanuel Schwartz, Los Angeles, had $4.81 in cash and a coat taken while his car was left in front of the new American Radiator-Standard Sanitary plant on Crenshaw boulevard, Tuesday morning.

Chief Stroh pointed out that in all three cases, the cars were left unlocked. "The few seconds it would have taken to turn the key would have saved these persons the loss and annoyance involved," said Stroh. "Leaving your car unlocked is inviting trouble."

Tri-City Job Jointly Hired By Nearby Councils

Initial arrangements by which Inglewood, Culver City and Gardena will employ a tri-city personnel officer have been completed by the city councils of the three cities, according to Chet Shelley, Inglewood administrative officer.

Mayor E. S. Dixon, Councilman Eugene Marzolf and Shelley will represent Inglewood in completing arrangements. In preliminary conferences Mayor W. Bolton and Councilman James L. Rush represented Gardena and Councilman Tom Carroll and George Stevens, administrative officer, represented Culver City.

A salary of $500 a month plus $50 for automobile expenses, will be paid to the personnel officer with each city contributing an amount pro-rated according to its number of employees.

Stevens takes over as administrator and engineer of Torrance on Jan. 1.

2000 YOUNGSTERS TO SEE 'SANTA' AT BIG YULE PARTY HERE MONDAY NITE

Two thousand kiddies of Torrance and vicinity are going to have a chance to see Santa Claus Monday night in the Civic auditorium and have the time of their lives in a gigantic Christmas party being staged by the Lions Club in cooperation with the Moose Lodge, Fire department and Police department.

The affair will start at 7 p.m. and will be the culmination of many weeks of effort on the part of a committee made up of representatives of the sponsoring groups.

Lindsay D. Ridgeway, of the Lions Club, chairman of the committee, said that every youngster in Torrance not only will have a chance to see good old Santa Claus, but each will get a bag of candy, fruit and nuts at the big party, the second one sponsored by the Lions Club.

In addition, there will be a program of sacred music, movies and fun, including the following:

Mrs. H. J. McConlogue's Catholic choir, led by Jack Hertert in carols from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; Bettie Thomas and her Accordionettes from 7:30 to 8 p.m.; movies, including "The Night Before Christmas" and shorts, from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. James Van Dyck and the Torrance Area Youth band will fill in and play while the gifts are being passed out by members of the Fire department and other organizations participating.

Ralph "Slim" Watson will be master of ceremonies, and Santa Claus' appearance has been arranged by Frank Dominguez of El Prado Furniture.

So that parents who accompany their children to the big party may hear the program, a public address system is being installed outside the Civic auditorium.

An added feature to the program is the transportation service being provided by the committee.

Youngsters may ride to the auditorium and home again in Torrance Municipal Bus Lines coaches, which will be chaperoned by Torrance city school teachers, leaving the following points at hours designated:

Perry school, 6:45 p.m.

Pueblo, 7:00 p.m.

203rd street and Western avenue, 6:45 p.m.

Lawrence and East road, 7 p.m.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR VACATION FRIDAY TO JAN. 5

Torrance City schools close tomorrow afternoon for Christmas vacation, not to reopen until Monday, Jan. 5.

Today and tomorrow many Yuletide programs and special parties will be given in the classrooms, with students, teachers and P.T.A. members participating. Christmas trees and gift exchanges will be on the schedule.

SANTA MONICA MAN HURT IN TORRANCE AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Paul A. Fink, 1640 18th st., Santa Monica, received minor injuries when his car struck one driven by Stanley J. Shackell, 412 Seaport ave., San Pedro, Monday evening on Pacific Coast highway one-half mile west of Hawthorne blvd.

Fink was treated for forehead lacerations at Harbor General hospital following the accident and released.

NEW EMPLOYEES AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION BOARD

Torrance City Board of Education authorized the employment of the following non-certificated personnel at its Tuesday night meeting:

Leroy E. Patterson as head custodian at Perry School at $190 a month effective Dec. 8, and Mrs. Alice C. Clayton as substitute teacher at the Child Care Center at $1.02 an hour effective Dec. 10.

EDUCATION BOARD GIVES PAINT BID TO NATIONAL LEAD

The Torrance City Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday night awarded a paint bid to the low bidder, National Lead Co. at $108.34.

The bid was opened Nov. 12, and the awarding was held up until a check could be made to determine quality of the paint.

Indignant Torrance Wants Housebreaking Law Killed

GENTLEMEN: THE BILL O RIGHTS

Preamble of the Constitution

We the People of the United States in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

AMENDMENT 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peacefully to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

AMENDMENT 2: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

AMENDMENT 3: No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

AMENDMENT 4: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

AMENDMENT 5: No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

AMENDMENT 6: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

AMENDMENT 7: In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

AMENDMENT 8: Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

AMENDMENT 9: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

AMENDMENT 10: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Will the City Council of the City of Torrance elect to surrender the rights of its citizens, guaranteed under the Constitution, to the Police department at the request of any person who claims that he or she is being annoyed by any other person accused of being intoxicated in a private dwelling?

This question posed by adoption by the City Council for the first reading of an ordinance allowing a police officer to enter a private dwelling without formal complaint signed by a magistrate was one of the most discussed measures ever called to the attention of the community following publication in the Torrance Herald last week of a news story telling of adoption of Ordinance No. 398 for the first reading.

The ordinance comes up for final reading at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7:45 p.m., and it is expected that the Council chambers will be crowded with these seeking to quash the proposed ordinance.

While the spirited opposition in Torrance to the proposed ordinance was spearheaded by indignant citizens who oppose the encroachment upon their Constitutional rights, the American Civil Liberties Union filed notice with the City Council that "the American Civil Liberties Union will be prepared to take action under laws making possible damages for false arrest, and to bring whatever other action we may deem proper to guard the civil rights of Torrance citizens" in event the arrests are made under the proposed ordinance.

The very Bill of Rights itself was quoted by those whose belief in Constitutional government caused them to oppose the ordinance.

Article IV reads as follows:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized."

The terms of the proposed Torrance ordinance violate not only the intent but the letter of the 4th amendment, opponents declare.

City Attorney C. Douglas Smith took oath of office at 12:10 p.m. yesterday, and upon swearing before City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to "uphold the Constitution of the United States, so help me God," he became responsible as the City Council's Constitutional advisor, thereby assuming the burden of enforcing the ordinance which provides that an officer may enter a private home on the complaint of "any person" claiming to be annoyed and remove and incarcerate the person accused of being "intoxicated." The pol-

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TORRANCE ENTRY IN ROSE PARADE NEW YEAR'S DAY ASSURED BY LOCAL GROUP

Torrance will have a float in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena on New Year's day, definite announcement of the 20-30 Club revealed yesterday.

Months of hard work, marked by periods of uncertainty, have resulted in a final program which will assure the representation of Torrance in the affair. This is due, it was said, to the cooperation and assistance of other clubs and individuals.

A meeting Tuesday night of the 20-30 Club revealed that the preparation of the float is in the hands of the following:

Designer, Russell Roberts, formerly of Russwood Manufacturing Co. Van Barnard will assist in working out the color scheme.

Construction plans, D. A. "Spud" Murphy of the American Legion assisted by A. L. Jackson, Rotary Club.

Material procurement, James Wayte, American Legion; Bert Smith, 20-30 Club, Al Hill, Moose Lodge and Tom Watson.

Construction, Angus McVicar, Kiwanis Club, assisted by Jackson and members of the 20-30 Club.

The vehicle for the float will be furnished by the City of Torrance and will be driven by Merlin R. Cook of the Lions Club.

Coordinating are Van Barnard, float chairman, and Dick Miller, president of the 20-30 Club.

Part of the material for the float is being donated by Sol Burns.

The float theme is "Friendship Train of the Golden West."

The floral offering of Torrance in the Rose parade will consist of a large relief map of the United States in the background with California shown in golden flowers. A horn of plenty will originate in California passing through the outstretched arms of a farmer who will represent the source of foodstuffs being carried by the Friendship Train. The horn of plenty will be shown depositing the wealth of foodstuffs from the Golden West in the needy nations of Europe by way of a floral "friendship train."

Assistance, suggestions and financial aid are welcome in carrying out the program, according to President Miller. Those interested have been asked to contact Chairman Van Barnard, telephone 178-R.

Principals To Be Offered $3800 to $5000

Superintendent of Torrance City Schools J. Henrich Hull was authorized by the Board of Education Tuesday night to offer $3,800 to $5,000 a year to prospective principals to take the place of A. R. Beardsley, who resigned Monday Dec. 1 as principal of Torrance Elementary School.

Hull also was authorized to sign a contract with A. N. Posner, Fern Avenue School principal, for remuneration for extra duties he assumed as acting principal of Torrance elementary.

Posner will receive $100 for the two weeks and two days period between Beardsley's resignation and the Board meeting this Tuesday, and $50 a week effective Tuesday.

TB Patients Given Motor

Patients in the tubercular ward, G4, at Harbor General Hospital, will receive a $35 motor for a jig saw Saturday from the women's committee of the Southern Counties Gas Co. of San Pedro.

Mrs. Tom Allender, 2106 242nd street, Lomita, suggested that the women contribute something to the TB ward after reading of the patients' endeavors to help themselves in an article published in the Torrance Herald and The Lomita News.

The saw will be used to make lapel pins, miniature furniture, lamp bases, and other articles over which the patients spend many hours of their confinement within the hospital grounds.

Mrs. Maureen Harris of San Pedro is in charge of delivering the gift to the hospital.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dec. 15, 1947

Editor, Torrance Herald

I have been a constant reader of your newspaper for the past 24 years. Many times I have been tempted to follow the example set by so many old folks with time on their hands, yes, and young folks with a grievance or a fish to fry. Namely, write you a letter.

I have seen many times desirable activities fanned into flaming success by the publicity the Herald has bestowed. Likewise I'm sure, to quote Miss Duffy, I've seen undesirable doings nipped in the bud, drowned in cold water, frowned upon with editorial majesty, and otherwise laid out stone cold in the market by a few telling remarks as remarked by the editor of the Herald.

As I said above, in these times I have been tempted to add my shilling's worth for what it was worth.

This time I shall carry on, relative to the subject, "Police Officers in Homes Without Warrants" duly sworn to and all legal and proper, I respect the law. That is why I take type-

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HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS IN YULE CONCERT TONIGHT

Bringing Christmas cheer to residents of Torrance and surrounding areas, the Torrance High School mixed choirs, assisted by the school orchestra and the drama department, will present a "Goodwill Concert" tonight at 8 in the high school auditorium.

A request that each person attending bring a donation of canned food wrapped in white paper for the needy, if possible, has been issued by high school students. The program will be repeated tomorrow morning at 10:15 for members of the student body.

"The Music of Bethlehem" will make up the first part of the program, followed by "Merrie Christmas," a representation of the holiday as it was observed in old England, and Yuletide favorites.

After an overture by the high school orchestra and a processional cantata by Fred B. Holton, the program will be as follows:

"Ring On O Song" by the choir with a duet by Patricia Cecil and Patricia Reed, "A King Shall Reign" by the men's chorus; "The First Christmas Carol" by the women's chorus, "The Song of the Morning" by the choir, "To Bethlehem Draw Near" by the women's chorus, "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" by the choir with a duet by Sue Russell and Audrey Wright, "The Lullaby Hymn" by the girls' ensemble with Anita Menni, Ann Miller, and Joyce Wold, "O Holy Night," vocal solo by Grace Lafferty, "The Music of the Bells," by the choir with a solo by Joan Mumford, "The March of the Magi" by the men's choir, and "The Music of Bethlehem," by the choir.

"Merrie Christmas" will include the songs "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," by Krone; "Deck the Halls," an old Welsh air; "Lullaby, Thou Little Tiny Child," by Robert Croo, 1534; "Come All Ye Shepherds," Moravian melody, 1750; "Away in a Manger," by Luther and Mueller, and "Carol of the Bells," Ukranian carol by Leontovich.

The third section of the program will be composed of "Winter Wonderland," "Bells of St. Mary's," and five favorites in which the audience will be asked to sing: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Away in a Man-

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIVES PROGRAM FRIDAY

A Christmas program will be presented by Torrance Junior High School at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the high school auditorium, opening with an overture by the Junior High orchestra under the direction of Abe Milstein. There will be no admission charge.

Assembly singing of Christmas carols by the audience will be led by George Zavislan. Follow will be a Christmas play, "The Change of Heart," presented by the Dramatics club and directed by Mrs. Anna D. Lasley.

The cast will include Ray Kelley as Mr. Gibson, the toymaker; Shannon Scott, Mrs. Smith; Darlyne Goldman, Sue; Joan Stephens, Peg; Roger Wright, Jack; Bob Fees, Jacko, Jack-in-Box; Julie Rhone, Sandy; Mitzi Brown, rag doll; Monte Darling, teddy bear; Patty Dunmyer, tumbler; Darlene Forrer, French doll; Josie Rosenberg, old time doll; Ann Olson, model doll; Annie More and Beatrice Castillo, Mexican dolls; James Miller and Bob Roberts, clowns; Nadine Vasquez, Norma Lynn Strauss, Norma Overturf and Esther Dandov, soldiers; Jane Aull, Christine Tapia, Dorothy Greene and Jeanette Harris, village children; Doris Smith, announcer.

Arrangements are under Marian McDonald and Jeannine Cobb, property mistress; Emily Van Vliet and Joan Sorkness, make-up and Kenneth Stevenson and Bill Disario, stage crew.

"The Wondrous Story," a Christmas cantata by Richard Kounts to be directed by Miss Merlyn Anderson, will be given by the Girls Glee club.

Orchestra members are David Barber, Rudolph Bowen, Manuel Vergara, Ralph Felix, Jimmy Farrar, John Green, Harold Holmes, Byron Johnson, Cynthia Jansses, Bill Leetz, Lois Lewis, Jeanette Lopez, Ann Olsen, Bennie Pendleton, Eddie Pendleton, Kenneth Roberts, Warren Stamps, Richard Tyndall, Mickey Van Deventer, Bill Gray and Ann Stevens, concert mistress. Directors are Abe Milstein and Miss Marlyn Anderson.

The Girls Glee club members, under Miss Anderson, are Nancy Timmons, president; Pat Bustillos, vice president; Alberta Mitchell, secretary; Dolores de la Cruz, treasurer; Diane

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