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District Hospital Move Blocked Temporarily

Executives of more than 20 leading industries in the Torrance area have indicated that their companies will give financial support to the \$776,000 Little Company of Mary hospital campaign in order to assure adequate tax-free hospital facilities here.

Action of representatives of these firms who promised immediate consideration of gifts for the new 125-bed Catholic hospital, to be located on Torrance blvd., near the intersection of Hawthorne ave., was taken at a meeting Thursday of the combined campaign executive and industry committees.

The factor of urgency was injected by industry men who had attended on Wednesday a meeting of the Los Angeles County Boundary commission which temporarily rejected proposed boundaries for a Torrance hospital district.

Technicality

The commission action was based on the technicality that the El Nido area, which recently has voted annexation to the city of Torrance, was not included in the proposed district, and because of this the commission could not recommend approval of the proposed district area.

The county body, in voting to reject the proposed boundaries, stated that proponents of the district would be advised that the commission will reconsider the proposal upon submission of a new application including the El Nido area.

Highlight of the Thursday meeting was a statement by Robert I. Plomert, Jr., manager of the Property Tax department of General Petroleum corp., urging all industries within the area to commit their financial support for the voluntary hospital at the earliest possible date.

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All Must Help

"Our company endorses this project and will definitely do its fair share," Plomert told the group, "but one company alone cannot accomplish the objective. All industries must participate in this campaign if we are to defeat permanently the tax threat of a district hospital. I urge that all locally-owned industries make their gift decisions at once, and I suggest that representatives of Torrance industries having home offices elsewhere make immediate recommendation to home offices to support this voluntary hospital."

In a request for reports from individual companies from industry committee chairman Gerald L. Revell, there was not one negative response.

All executives present said their companies will give in accordance with the adopted industry formula of 23 per cent of the initial project cost, or will make recommendations to home offices that gifts in accordance with this formula be given immediate and favorable consideration.

Companies Represented

Included among companies represented at the meeting were Pacific Electric Railway, Chicago Bridge and Iron, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Dow Chemical, American Standard and Radiator, Greene's Ready-Mix Concrete, Standard Oil of California, Chanslor-Western Oil, Mayfair Columbia-Geneva Steel, Longren Aircraft, California Bank, Torrance Herald, Orange County Land Development co., Ernest W. Hahn Inc., and Cal Metal corp.



Services Today for F. Mullen

Frank L. Mullen, 1550 Marcelina ave., passed away early Monday morning, January 21.

Mr. Mullen was 85 years old, having been born in Madelia, Minnesota, December 18, 1871.

For 55 years he was a merchant in Madelia before retiring at 80 to join his son, Charles, in California.

Mr. Mullen joined the Masonic Lodge 66 in Madelia February 19, 1896 and was a life-long member of this lodge. Next month he would have been a member for 61 years.

Two brothers, William and Walter, preceded him in death.

Mr. Mullen is survived by his widow, Bertis H. Mullen, 1550 Marcelina ave., to whom he was married August 23, 1899.

He is also survived by his son Charles F. Mullen and grandsons Michael L., Robert D. and David B. Mullen, all residing at 1519 Post ave.

Masonic services will be held at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 24 to be followed by interment in Green Hills Memorial park, San Pedro.

Simpson Given Commission Post

John W. Simpson was appointed recently to the Torrance Airport commission, filling the post vacated by George Schneider, who resigned.

Simpson is an attorney for Western Airlines and flew during World War II and the Korean War. He lives in Hollywood Riviera. Mayor Albert Isen made the appointment, which was approved unanimously by the council.

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