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CITY OF TORRANCE TRUSTEES NAMED

TICKET IS NAMED BY CITIZENS, CANDIDATES THOUGHT TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL SECTIONS

Following the announcement that the Board of Supervisors had definitely decided the boundaries of the proposed incorporated City of Torrance, and the election date set for February 1, 1921, a citizens committee met and nominated the following candidates to represent the new city as trustees for the first term of the council:

TRUSTEES

A. H. Bartlett.
J. M. Fitzhugh.
G. A. Proctor.
W. H. Gilbert.
J. L. Luck.

OFFICERS

R. J. Deninger, Clerk.
Harry Dolley, Treasurer.

In selecting the above candidates, whose names will appear on the ballots February 1, the citizens committee feel that it is one of the strongest tickets that could be put in the field at this time as they represent the varied interests and have been identified with the progressive work of this city.

A. H. Bartlett is secretary of the chamber of commerce; J. M. Fitzhugh, Llewellyn Iron Works; G. A. Proctor, Union Tool Company; W. H. Gilbert, Pacific Electric housing commissioner; J. L. Luck, Lomita. R. J. Deninger, Dominguez Land Corporation; Harry Dolley, merchant.

IRONTON HOTEL REOPENED

The advent of the new year will see the Ironton Hotel and Cafe again under the management of A. W. Meinzer, who, since his departure has been employed a great part of the time as traveling chef for the Harve House. During the war period it was his duty while with this company to organize crews and see that the famous Harve eating houses were put on a standard paying basis and to be equipped to handle troop trains. One instance, in particular, was cited yesterday, when 28,000 soldiers were fed in Barstow alone within the week, or over 4,000 per day. The duties of Mr. Meinzer kept him traveling back and forth from Albuquerque, N. M. westward, his one purpose being to see that cleanliness was observed in all the kitchens and dining rooms. This one feature is the pre-requisite demanded by the management of the Harve Company, and it is a known fact that once a Harve Chef—that's endorsement enough for a guarantee in this particular.

The new manager's one desire is to make his cafe and hotel the most popular in this section, where not only the home people and shop men, but the tourist and visitor as well, may receive the courteous attention and service enjoyed in larger cities. It will be his ultimate object to serve as a minimum, 200 guests in his cafe in forty minutes at noon time, and the famous 40-cent dinner will be featured.

"WATCH" MEETING

The Young People's Alliance Society will have a Watch Night meeting this evening in the Central church. A musical program will be given and installation of the new officers of the Y. P. A. for the next year will take place. Refreshments will be served at 10:15 after which devotional services will follow. You are cordially invited to attend.

CLEAN UP

The Pacific Electric station and waiting room is to receive a new coat of paint and trimmings which will make this attractive edifice look like new. The side walls will be painted green up to the molding, when white will be used, with additional colors for trimmings.

B. M. Anderson of Gramecy street has been quite ill for the past week with pneumonia, but is gradually recovering.

TORRANCE PEOPLE SHOCKED

The mysterious four page and a half advertisement which appears in this issue has already caused much speculation by those who have seen it before mailing, and no one yet has got the right dope on it. Some speculate that a dozen or more factories are coming to Torrance, while others say Torrance and Lomita are soon to be one city with one government. Those more pessimistic claim the foreshadowing of the world coming to an end will be heralded in a four-page advertisement next week. The scare has even reached Lomita, where the assertion was made that the gas mains were being laid and that city was to have gas, or that lighting district was to be formed. Mothers are scared equally with their husbands, who have warned their children to keep out of the streets. Our advice is to hold your breath until next week when one of the most sensational announcements ever made in this section will be contained within these four pages.

Watch and be ready for next week's issue of the Torrance Enterprise and Lomita News Letter. You're going to receive the "jolt" of your life-time.

TORRANCE CHURCH NOTES

Central Evangelical Church

Two splendid services were enjoyed last Sunday. Rev. Spreng occupying the pulpit at one of the services, and used for his text, "The Wonderful Christ." A large attendance was present. The chorus sang, and a solo was sung by Miss Pearl Laven. Sunday evening the Cantata, "The Prince of Peace," was given by the big chorus and was very effectively rendered which proved a rare musical treat. The primary program of recitations and songs followed by the trained Junior Chorus who rendered the Cantata, "The Manger Babe."

ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Rev. Leo Streit, Superintendent.
Morning service, 10:45, sermon by the Rev. Weatherwax.
Evening service by Rev. Spreng. Young People's meeting, 6:45. This will be a joint meeting of Juniors and Seniors.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30.
Choir rehearsal Friday evening, 7:30. The choir will furnish sections for both morning and evening services.

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Maddy and daughter of Andree street, moved to Long Beach this week.

Helen Reeve, who broke her collar bone two weeks ago, while riding a bicycle is improving very rapidly. On Thursday two friends from Moneta, Nina and Mina Harshaw, visited her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay and family with Mrs. A. L. Crosssett, and daughter Gladys spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Underwood, in Los Angeles.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Ladies' Guild met Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. J. A. Campbell's, Number 2 Park Terrace. The year's work for the Guild was planned.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Anderson were visitors on the Battleship New Mexico, Sunday at San Pedro. They were fortunate to have a sailor show them over the ship. The machinery of this ship is all operated with electricity.

Now they're going to shut off immigration for one year. That's something like locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

When you run across a man who is always quarreling about something, you run across a man who's growing old.

Patronize the Rio Tan Soda Fountain. Torrance.—Adv.

MAKING THIS THE BANNER YEAR

Before you read any further, or before starting upon something else, take just a moment or two and ask yourself if there is any reason why we shouldn't make 1921 the banner year in the history of this city.

Think of the improvements we talked of in 1920, and which ended in talk. Ask yourself what held them up, and why we are still without them. Then make a resolve to do more this time than you did before to put them through. We'll venture that every man in the community can suggest at least one improvement badly needed the moment you ask him. But of course it is impossible to make them all. Then why wouldn't it be a good idea to take a few of them—or make the start with a single one—and put it through? Maybe you'll have to give way to the other fellow's opinion of just what the town needs most, but that's the only way we'll ever get started. And, too, how can you hope to get your favorite improvement through if he doesn't come over to your way of thinking. After all, failure to give way a little to the other fellow is really back of every municipal failure.

Why not make this the banner year for the community by showing the other fellow that you're for the best interests of the whole people by boosting the improvements most needed until we get them through. You got through 1920, of course. But can't you see wherein lies even more comfort and happiness if you had a few of the improvements you went through the year without. No town that stands still is a satisfactory town in which to live. You make improvements on your home to make it a better place in which to live—then why not make improvements on streets and sidewalks and public buildings and all that for the same reason? Think it over, reader, and then show by your work and your talk that your want this to be the town's banner year.

TORRANCE BAPTIST CHURCH

"Satan's Instruments for 1921," will be the New Year's message at the hour of 7:30 p. m. This sermon will be illustrated. Come and see the tools Satan will be working with this coming year.

"Seven Looks Toward the Sea" will be the subject for the morning sermon, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock. The right hand of fellowship will be given to new members during the morning service.

The Bible class recently formed will commence studying the Book of Genesis January 5th, at the hour of 7:30 to be followed by the praise service. Bring your bibles.

The week of prayer begins Monday evening, January 3, at the hour of 7:30, and the service will be in charge of Rev. C. M. Kilgour. From the First Baptist church, Inglewood. There will be a meeting every night in the week with the exception of Saturday, and arrangements have been made with pastors from Baptist churches in the vicinity to cooperate in this great week.

Coming—Next month, Carl Bassett, the "whirlwind" evangelist. "Where Did He Get His Wife?" Special subject for Sunday evening, January 9.

"Looking for that blessed hope and that glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

* MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEET

The Women's Missionary Society of the Torrance Baptist church sent a barrel of Christmas clothing to the Indian Mission in Clovis, Cal. The value amounted to \$50. They also observed a week of prayer thanksgiving, and self-denial. At the close an open meeting was held and their mite boxes were opened and contents counted. The amount totaled \$25. Several told how they obtained their collections and a very pleasant meeting was enjoyed. After the ladies meeting a very fine address was made by Rev. Joshua Gravett and a short talk was given by his wife. Altogether the society felt that they had made some advance in the Master's work for missions.

RUSH IN POSTOFFICE

Experiencing the greatest rush in the history of the Lomita Postoffice during the holiday season just passed, C. M. Smith postmaster, reports a wonderful business. On several days, as many as nine full mail sacks arrived and extra help was put on to dispense with the work. Notwithstanding the big arrivals of incoming mail, good service was given, and while everyone knows that Lomita is growing, it will be news to many to know that it has expanded to such proportions as this.

BIRTHS

Born—To the wife of J. M. Hanselman of Eshleman and Beacon streets, Wednesday morning, an eight and one-half pound son. Mrs. Hanselman and baby are doing nicely. Mr. Hanselman was called from the installation services in the Masonic Hall, just prior to his being installed as Noble Grand of the newly organized Odd Fellows Lodge and shortly after his arrival at home the baby was born. His absence in the hall delayed the ceremonies, but he was readily excused.

FAMILY REUNION

Following out an old-time custom of entertaining with a family reunion Christmas tree and dinner Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips of Miller street acted as host and hostess last Saturday for their children, grandchildren and a few friends. A bounteous Christmas dinner was served and on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus appeared around the beautiful tree, and made merry while presents were bestowed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Phillips and sons of San Pedro; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips, Jr., and son Harry; Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and daughter; Mrs. Wm. Hoog of Santa Monica; Mrs. Shields of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and family of San Pedro; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thorsen, Mr. Finlayson of Heintz, and John Garry; This was the twenty-third year that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of San Pedro have been with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips at Christmas time.

THE PRINCE OF PRACTICAL GIVERS

Listen to this little true story—all ye vexed and bored askers of the annual recurring question: "What Shall I give for Christmas?" A little fellow went gift-hunting in Torrance one fine day not long ago. This gift was to be for Daddy. And the little fellow had just ten cents, ten hard earned cents, mind you, to lavish upon this loving gift, talk about putting thought and love and personality into your gifts, you people who spend five dollars upon a present to a dear one, don't know anything about effort when it comes to making a choice confined to the buying abilities of a single solitary dime.

Well, the little fellow pondered it a long time and thoughtfully. Finally with his mind made up, he turned to the general salesman and said: "I'll take a pound of nails, sir, if you please, 'cause I heard my daddy say the other day he needed some." If any one has a better yarn to spin on the above topic, we wait to hear it.

MACABEES INITIATION

The initiation of a class of 6 new members of the Torrance Review of the Macabees, Number 37, took place last Tuesday evening, December 21st, at the lodge room in the Steffen block. The Pacific Review of Los Angeles put on the work, Mrs. Kate A. Russell, district deputy being present. Twenty-five members with officers and team, about 60 in all were present from Pacific Review. After the business a social hour was spent and refreshments were served. Do you know that the Woman's benefit association of the Macabees is purely a woman's order. It is the largest woman's order in the world, with headquarters at Port Huron, Michigan. The supreme commander is Miss Bina West, originator of the order, which has existed for 8 years. It has over 200,000 members and a reserve fund of \$12,000,000, and the rates have never been raised. During war times and the influenza epidemic they met all their obligations without touching their reserve fund and every member is safely protected in this association. The order is represented in all states of the Union and Canada and also Hawaiian Islands. The convention for 1923 is to be held in Los Angeles, a large Auditorium is promised. Over 15,000 are all ready booked for this convention in 1923 to be held in Southern California.

BAPTIST LADIES' AID

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist church held a very enthusiastic meeting in which it was suggested that they place a chair in the new church. The president, Mrs. Tomkins made a nice little talk which acted like a torch to a bonfire. Almost every lady present wanted a share in the donation and immediately the amount for securing two chairs was tendered. It may be worth while to say the Baptist church chairs are now all paid for by individual donations, and the primary room is newly seated for the little tots. The Sunday School met this demand. The Baptist people are working like bees in a hive.

ARRIVES FROM ENGLAND

Thos. Willson, who for several months has been at his old home in England, returned Tuesday, much to the surprise of his family, who were expecting him, however, but not at this time. Mr. Willson left here about a year ago and was booked with freight-carrying ships plying between the Pacific Coast and European ports. Several trips were made across, between Atlantic coast points and Europe, when he finally decided to remain in England. Unsettled conditions and bad weather was the cause of his early return to Lomita, where he expects to remain. When he arrived in Lomita the first place sought was his former home, but upon arrival there found strange faces and many improvements on his former acre. It was a complete surprise to him when told that Harry Phillips was now the owner of the old home.

We satisfy that tingling thirst at the Rio Tan Soda Fountain.—Adv.

CHRISTMAS RUSH BIG IN TORRANCE

OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR POINTS TOWARD IMMENSE GROWTH IN THE MODERN INDUSTRIAL CITY

Winding up the biggest Christmas rush in the history of Torrance, as well as closing the year's accounts which represent the biggest daily sales ever experienced by business houses generally, the Modern Industrial City can look back on the holiday trade of 1920 with pride, and confidence for the future.

Last Monday there were 40 mail bags checked into the postoffice, crammed to the lock with letters, packages and second-class mail matter. For several days this record breaking day had been preceded by arrivals of from twenty to twenty-five bags of mail, and the work in the local postoffice was burdensome, but well done. Additional help was secured and extra windows used to dispense with Christmas packages, and patrons were well served.

C. H. Mueller, Pacific Electric agent, reports that his office did considerable more business than in previous years and that the express and freight shipments were still coming in as before. Every store in Torrance reports that they enjoyed the biggest sales previous to the 25th since locating in this city. Some of the real estate firms also report many sales showing that foolish buying was not the one thing in the minds of the people.

Several business changes have been made recently which are worthy of note. The Hotel Ironton and Cafe will tomorrow pass into the management of A. W. Meinzer, an experienced hotel and restaurant chef. The White House Cafe was re-opened Wednesday morning by Mrs. O. M. Davis who has previously been in charge of the home cooking in the Cafe Ironton. Mrs. Davis is well known here and is enjoying a good patronage. The Torrance Garage was recently purchased by J. Forbes Anderson who promises some sensational workmanship for the year 1921 in repairing cars of all makes. Building operations will be resumed on a large scale within the next few weeks, some of which will be under way before ten days. On the whole the outlook for 1921 is bright, indeed, for Torrance.

GIFTS FOR MRS. GARTON

As a token of their esteem and friendship, with deep regrets caused by the departure of Mrs. Roe Garton, for two years manager of the Ironton Hotel, guests presented their host with a beautiful fifteen jewel gold Swiss wrist watch, the presentation being made at a gathering in the hotel this week. A beautiful card with the inscription of their departing wishes, together with the signatures of the donors, was presented Mrs. Garton, and it is this that is prized most of all by the recipient. In addition to these P. F. Hallahan and son presented their former host with a beautiful abalone shell eleven-piece manicure set, which is also prized very highly as Mrs. Garton will take great pleasure in showing this unique set to her eastern friends, whom she expects to visit shortly in Ohio, her former home.

DIES FROM BURNS

Mrs. John Sandstrom of Olive street, San Pedro, passed away Tuesday from burns received when her home caught fire from a leak in the gas pipes. Mrs. Sandstrom was ironing in the living room down stairs when all at once a terrific explosion occurred above and the side of the house was blown out. She rushed to the door and upon striking the air, her clothing immediately was a mass of flames. Neighbors rushed to her side and covered her with blankets, but the unfortunate woman died a few hours later. A husband and eight-year-old daughter survives the deceased. Mrs. Sandstrom and Mrs. Harry Phillips were friends.