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CHAMBER COMMERCE HOLDS BIG MEETING

STONE COMPANY ARE GUESTS AND EXPLAIN THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Fifteen active and energetic members of the Torrance chamber of commerce faced the rain storm last Monday night and attended the first social gathering of the chamber of commerce, and all were glad they had come. Mr. E. X. Andem, president, called upon all present for short talks and during the evening, Thos. P. Mark, president; and Hugh H. Scott, vice president of the Hydro-Stone Company were called upon to explain their new building cement blocks Samples were displayed on the table in front of the guests and all were favorably impressed with the new building product. It was explained by these gentlemen that they were desirous of establishing a factory here for the manufacture of their product, and that they had called upon J. S. Torrance and were assured of a location, that of the old cannery site. The visitors proposed to formulate a corporation and sell stock to the amount of $20,000 and install three machines for manufacture of cement blocks and other ornamental material of the same quality. The demand for this class of material in building homes is enormous and if the company is organized they will control Los Angeles, San Bernarding, Orange and San Diego Counties.

Sontractors present at the meeting were of the opinion that this material would meet with approval from home builders and promised to build the first house from products of the factory once they began operating.

The manufacture of the new process is patented and protected from infringement; has received the endorsement of all leading architects who have become familiar with this particular block. One of the striking features is readily seen by the varied blending of colors, and color designs that may be worked out for bungalows and cottages. Besides, the wall is double, with a fifty per cent hollow space, making a cool house in summer and a warm inclosure for winter.

The matter was referred to a committee.

W. T. Klussman gave a report on the progress of the Flag Pole, which, he said, was coming along fine.

G. A. Proctor reported back to the chamber of commerce what had been accomplished so far on Incorporation proceedings of Torrance.

A. Gourdier, gave some facts regarding the growth of the local post office receipts that were enthusiastically received.

LEGION BANQUET BIG SUCCESS

Torrance Post. No. 170, American Legion members were banqueted last Friday night when they were seated in the Assembly hall in the Steffen building to a twelve-course banquet. Wallace Post, cammander of the organization acted as toast master and many thrilling and hair-raising experiences of the late World War were recited by the different members. The affair was such a success that it was voted to have a similar entertainment every month at the regular meetings, when a dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. This arrangement was decided upon in order to keep up interest among members and to get away from the regular dry and routine business meetings. Officers for 1921 were elected as follows:

Wallace Post, Post Commander; H. J. Deninger,, vice commander; L. V. Babcock, Adjutant and Financial Officer; An entertainment committee was also appointed, consisting of Nelson H. Reeve, C. H. Long, Kenneth Paige and R. J. Deninger. They promise to have something snappy henceforth at entertainments.

INQUIRY FROM ADS COME FROM ONTARIO, CANADA

M. L. May, general salesmanager for the Dominguez Land Corporaation, is in receipt of a letter of inquiry from Mrs. Jas. MsGrath of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The letter states that the writer had read with interest the large advertisement of the Dominguez Land Corporation, that had been published in the Torrance "Enterprise" and Lomita "News Letter," and that she was desirous of receiving further information regarding prices and location of lots in Torrance. Mrs. MsGrath was a visitor here last year when she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Laski of Lomita, and while there had made the acquaintance of Mrs. Chas M. Smith, who had been sending her the local papers. She stated she read every line each week and that she was still very much interested in this section, especially after going through a severe winter in Canada. Beats all how our local paper "percolates" around over the world.

BAND BOYS ARE VERY ACTIVE

The entertainment and supper given in Steffen's Hall last Thursday evening for the "Band Boys" was a pronounced success for which the committee deserves thanks It would seem to us a mere outsider, that there ought to be more such happenings and fore gatherings for "our boys" and also that it would be the right kind of a compliment if the various organizations now in our little city should invite the band to a banquet once in a while. Loosen up, brethren, this is your band as much as anybody's and some day you are going to be mighty proud of it,—unless you kill it with your indifference. The boys right now are passing their troublous times. Why? simply because they have'nt a welcome roof to shelter them, practice nights.

For a time they were allowed to practice in the high school building. Finally because the boys hadn't been brought up to leave their shoes outside, the janitor "raised a holler." Then for a short time they were allowed by a kind hearted gentleman to practice in another building. That now is no longer available, so they turned to the homes of the members; and that is cutting down the attendance; for many a man of 'em sympathizes with Jones and his sleep—deprived baby, or Mrs Jones and her mud-tracked rugs and tortured tympamums,—so they stay home. This, as we sized up the situation from Manager Hurum Reeves' speech, is the discord that the band is now playing and which may result in a "crack" that may split the harmony into diminished 'steenths and all ways for Torrance.

Following the supper, toast-master Paige called on the president, Dr. Neelands, and the leader, Howard Brandy, for speeches, both gentlemen touching upon the facts given above, the lack of a suitable place for practice, etc. It occurred to this writer that the Dominguez Lang Company could well afford to help out the boys in their hour of need, since the band is an institution that will well advertise the city and more than repay such assistance given it.

The interesting program follows:
Clarinet solos, "Love Tales of Hofman," ---------- Mr. Zorodnik
Oboe solos, "Old-Time Melodies," ---------- H. Brady
Song, "Fairies Lullaby," ---------- Roseland Paige
Dialog Impromptu, ---------- Lucille Howe and Helen Reeve
"A Column o' Jokes," ---------- Jack Reeve
Recitation -------- Dorothy Howe
Reading, "The Poor Investor's Wife" ---------- Lucille Howe
Vocal solo, Characteristique,—"The Biter Bitten" Mrs. Harry Paige

TORRANCE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McKenzie of Long Beach were guests of the Paiges at the band supper and entertainment.

RELATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO THE CITY TRUSTEES

By E. X. ANDEM
President of Torrance Chamber of Commerce

Last week I stated some reasons why we should incorporate as a city; one of them is that we should **MINIMIZE THE DANGER OF ANNEXATION TO LOS ANGELES.** Please remember that and vote "YES." Another reason is that we are large enough and capable of **SELF GOVERNMENT.**

I was the man who started the "ball rolling" to incorporate and am therefore interested in the outcome of election February first, and still more interested that we have a city economically and well goverened; a city for the best interests of its citizens; a city where the people will have much influence in the way the affairs are managed. In the first place I called the advisory committee of the chamber of commerce to a meeting at which we went over the subject carefully, and decided to bring the matter up in a regular meeting of the chamber, which we did. After discussion it was voted to call a mass meeting, to which the public was invited. At this mass meeting the incorporation committee was appointed which attended to all matters of detail and presented the petition to the board of supervisors who held several meetings after advertising, at which the public had opportunity to attend. This committee worked hard and faithfully for our interests and have done its work well.

I was not one of that committee nor am I a candidate as a trustee, therefore my relation to the trustees will be the same as any other citizen of Torrance; but I am president of the chamber of commerce and in that capacity will do all I can for the interests of the people.

If we vote to incorporate there will be five trustees and two officers at present, who will have the direct management of the affairs of the city, but the people can help them and guide them in their work, and this can be better done through the chamber of commerce. As a city, the Torrance chamber of commerce can be a much more important and powerful body than it is now. It can take up all matters that pertain to our welfare and put them up to the Trustees and keep after them about them. They will have to recognize us and much can be accomplished through this medium. In fact the trustees will undoubtedly desire this co-operation, and harmony should prevail between the two bodies. The trustees, whose services are without pay, and who have their regular business to attend to, will, no doubt, want us to bring to their attention, many things of importance and value to our welfare. We can help them in framing up the city ordinances.

Every public spirited man should belong to the Torrance chamber of commerce and have a part in the city's interests. The heads of all the industries here should also take an interest in the chamber of commerce and give it and the city, their moral and financial support. The people want this but feel that it has not been done in the past as much as it might have been done.

If you are not already a member of the Torrance chamber of commerce, please attend our meetings and become a member. You will find a cordial welcome awaiting you. You will find the meetings advertised in the "TORRANCE ENTERPRISE." We hold a regular business meeting the first Monday night of each month, and a social meeting every third Monday night of each month. Members will please endeavor to get their friends, who are not members, to come to our next meeting and join our chamber.

Do not forget to vote February first, "YES" on incorporation, and for the regular ticket of officers and trustees.

Kenneth Paige spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Los Angeles.

Among those from Torrance who will attend the January concert of the Ellis Club in Los Angeles, Wednesday evening, will be Mr. Chas. Curtiss, who is a member, and his mother; also Mr. and Mrs R. J. Denninger, of North Arlington street.

Judge and Mrs. G. T. Graves, parents of Frank Graves, have decided to locate in Redondo and have purchased a cosy home on Guadaloupe avenue. They have purchased in Torrance, also, a large lot on the corner of Carson and Lusanna and intend to build a bungalow court theron, which is welcome news.

Mrs. R. T. Lyons and little daughter Cassia who have been visiting a few weeks at the home of Frank Graves, Arlington street, started on Monday for their home in Oklahoma City. Another sister of Mr. Graves, Mrs. Orchid Conarro, who accompanied Mrs. Lyons on the trip to Torrance will remain here for the present.

DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT

The U. T. Co. Base Ball Club will give their second dance tomorrow night, January 22nd, at 8:00, in Campbell hall, Torrance. Busch's orchestra will furnish the music and a good time is assured everyone. Admission 50c each.

VERMONT AVENUE PLANS

G. B. Hawkins of Harbor City with the assistance of the Gardena chamber of commerce is spending much of his time of late in the interest of Vermont avenue, and is working for rights of way from Manchester avenue to San Pedro. Much of the new road has been deeded but several strips between Manchester and Gardena are yet to be cleared up, and a great part of the territory from Gardena to Harbor City has not yet been solicited. The new road will be dedicated in the new town. This will be done whether or not the road on either side is signed up at present, so that later on connections may easily be made.

THE FIRST GAME

The Torrance Merchant's Team will make their initial appearance in baseball next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. when they play the Glendale Elks. This team is backed by the merchants of Torrance, who furnish the boys with new uniforms and get behind them in every way. While the Union Tool Company has one of the best teams in the country, it is believed that the Merchants will have a better team and plenty of opportunities to prove their worth will follow as they will be matched with the best semi-pro teams in the Baseball Managers Association. By affiliating with this organization Torrance is assured of a game every Sunday.

Meet me for the evening dinner at the Roi Tan Cafe.PAdv.

JUDGE POST RESIGNS FROM DOMINGUEZ LAND CORP.

Thursday of this week at a meeting of the board of directors of the Dominguez Land Corporation held in the office of J. S. Torrance, 1210 Washington Building, Los Angeles, the resignation of Judge Post as vice president and general manager of the company was read and reluctantly accepted. Mr. Post has been actively engaged with this corporation for the past six years, but of late has found the added duties burdensome, and, in fact, more time is required for affairs of the First National Bank, especially since the construction of a new bank building will soon be under way. Mr. Post stated yesterday that he wanted to devote more time to the bank, travel and to his family. Geo. W. Neill, vice president of the First National Bank and a director for the Dominguez Land Corporation, was elected to succeed Judge Post.

SOME FAST GAME OF BASE BALL

Matched against one of the fastest semi-pro teams in the winter league, the Union Tool Base Ball Team were nosed out of another victory last Saturday in a ten-inning game when they went down to defeat, 2-1. Even when the final score was checked up against them, players on the U. T. team as well as fans were well pleased with the showing made by the local boys They played ball every second of the game and made a most creditable showing against the All-Stars. No glory is taken whatsoever from the visitors. In fact their class of playing was praised by all who witnessed the game, and it was due to the fact that it required ten innings to defeat the home boys that has made for them a host of friends.

The game was fast and furious, snappy and the old order of one, two, three was manifest from the time the game was called until the end. The visitors scored one in the second when Leake was brought safely in. Not until the ninth inning was the local lads able to tie the score, and which required more play. In the tenth Leakes scored again on two errors, which were the first "boners" pulled in the game. However, a close decision by the umpire probably had something to do with the final result.

Sanger pitched good ball in pinches and was given fine support from his fellow players. Riggs proved to be the star of the Union Tool team in this game and was able to solve the delivery of Manker. The fielding of the home boys was the one best commendable feature of the game and if they continue at the present clip, they will make the rest of the league teams step out a bit when they commence their hitting.

A new player was seen in right field when G. Gomes donned the U. T. uniform, and later on he will give a good account of himself in the pitcher's box, as an enviable reputation follows him from Tacoma, Wash., where he pitched good ball.

Next Saturday the Downey Playground team will come to Torrance for the regular Saturday game and the contest tomorrow promises to be of equal interest to the two previous games.

Every fan and booster of base ball in Torrance is urged to be out and root for the home team. It helps.

SUMMARY OF SATURDAY'S GAME

Leakes All-Stars—2 runs; 10 hits, no errors.

Union Tool—1 run; 4 hits; 2 errors.

Batteries—All-Stars: Manker and Leake.—Union Tool: Sanger and Widener.

BANK INCREASES STOCK

In order to meet the demands made on the First National Bank of Torrance, the capital stock has been increased from $25,000 to $50,000.

NEW HOSPITAL WILL BE OPEN TO ALL

WILL BE OPERATED ON A NON-PROFIT BASIS, AND OPEN TO ALL PATIENTS

Preparations are being made by the directors of the Torrance Hospital to finance their association and receive memberships, and soon residents of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena and surrounding territory will have an opportunity to become a part of one of the most worthy institutions yet promoted in this section.

Memberships are classified as follows: Life, $100; Annual, $5; Contributing, $2.

For many years it has been the desire of J. S. Torrance, founder of the City of Torrance, to build a hospital, and it is he who is responsible for the promotion of the new concern, which it is hoped will be built this year. Mr. Torrance desires to build a hospital where the poor as well as those who can well afford to pay for hospital accomodations may be cared for at home. An income of $700 per month was guaranteed the new organization by the promoter, and this will cover a period of 94 years.

It is the plan to provide for at least ten beds and this equipment will run into many thousands of dollars. In order to add strength to the company it is planned to solicit memberships on the above basis and thereby have as many local people interested in this worthy institution as possible.

The Torrance Hospital will be open to all reputable physicians, and provides that the poor shall be cared for—free if necessary.

LOMITA ELECTS QUEEN

The contest for voting the most popular young uady of Lomita as Queen to the Long Beach Industrial Exposition January 31st to February. 5th, closed at 8:00 o'clock last Saturday night, and Miss Lydia Smith was declared the winner when she led her nearest competitor by over 4000 votes. When the final votes were tabulated the amount of money raised during the contest for the three candidates amounted to $709.78. Fifty dollars of this amount will be expended for the "Queen's" gown, the balance going to the fire department fund.

SCHOOL GETS $33,000 MORE

The Los Angeles daily papers carried the annonucement yesterday that the school board had awarded $33,000 more for the Torrance high school building and class rooms. This is in addition to a previous allotment made the local srhool for immediate purposes.

FIRST EXCURSION BRINGS THIRTY

The Dominguez Land Corporation excursion from Los Angeles to Torrance last Saturday, personally conducted by M. L. May, general sales manager for that corporation brought down thirty prospective home-buyers, and the ten salesmen had a busy time during the afternoon. Luncheon was served at 12:00 o'clock noon, immediately upon arrival at the tract on Carson street just west of the school house. A good sized bungalow had been erected where refreshments were served and afterwards Mr. May delivered a very intresting and instructive lecture. Several lots were sold facing the boulevard and the prices of these lots are very reasonable, as the location and view is ideal, besides all improvements will be provided which will include all street work, sidewalks, curbs, water, gas, electricity and other utilities. The improvements, according to Mr. May will be commenced just as soon as is convenient for those purchasing lots and it is expected to have the tract fully developed within the next six or seven months.

Excursions will be run to Torrance from 605 South Figueroa street every Tuesday Thursday and Saturday except that Mr. May will deliver a different lecture each day.