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CARSON STREET TO BE DIVIDING LINE

TOO MANY REGISTERED VOTERS FOR ONE DISTRICT, SAY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By unanimous consent, Trustee Fitzhugh was chosen president pro tem of the Board of Trustees for the meeting held Tuesday night at 8 p. m., with all members present except President Proctor, who is away on his vacation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with one change.

As there were no written or oral communications, the reports from the standing committees and city officers were heard.

Trustee Stone reported that his committee had gone into the matter of the night signal light, and were of the opinion that the best location for the light would be above the Auditorium, but as there were no funds available for its erection at present, suggested that the action of the Board at the last meeting be reconsidered. On motion of Trustee Gilbert, the motion to install the light was reconsidered and deferred until such a time as the city's finances were in better shape, which will probably be when the city receives its share of the road fund from the county.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that he had secured prices considerably lower than those submitted at the last meeting on garbage cans, and that while he could not give an exact figure, he thought the cans could be purchased for about fifty cents for a five gallon can. These prices were to hold good only if the cans were purchased in large quantities. The matter of garbage is a serious one in hot weather, with all the flies and other insects carrying disease, and Mr. Fitzhugh deserves credit for his work in securing the low price for which the people may secure the cans in order to comply with the ordinance which has been passed compelling every one to have a water-tight can with a cover.

The City Marshal reported that most of the tools which were stolen from the Auditorium Building some time ago were recovered in a vacant lot in the city recently.

The City Clerk reported that he had conferred with the county commissioners as he had been instructed to, and that they informed him that a new polling place would have to be selected in the city, as there were too many registered voters for one district. The county commissioners have the city divided into two districts, with Carson street as a dividing line. It will also be necessary to recommend a new election board for the approval of the commissioners. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee for a report at the next regular meeting.

City Attorney Briney reported that he had been in conference with M. R. Osburn and Eugene Overton of the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding the acquiring of the streets and parkways in Torrance by the city, and that as General Manager Osburn had not been with the company long enough to be acquainted with the legal status of the land in Torrance, he wished more time to go over the matter. Mr. Osburn stated, however, that the Dominguez Land Corporation would go as far as they could to help the city.

At this point of the meeting a recess of five minutes was taken to permit the trustees to go into conference with the county librarian, who came down from Los Angeles regarding a new location for the Torrance Library.

The license ordinance covering the fees to be charged various lines of business was given its final reading, and on motion of Trustee Smith was approved as read. The ordinance regulating the storing of merchandise, personal goods, oils, gasoline and explosives was given its final reading and was approved as read. The ordinance regulating the collection, removal and disposal of garbage was given its final reading.

PAIRED FOR SERVICE

The local Post of the American Legion are much elated over the receipt of a Citation for Distinguished Service. The citation is issued by the American Legion Department of California and for increase in membership over the year 1920.

The citation reads as follows: Torrance Post No. 170 is commended for meritorious service rendered to the American Legion in going over the top in their increase in membership over year 1920, thereby making it possible for the American Legion of the Department of California to become a great force for good in every community in the State and in the Nation, and to make it possible for the American Legion, acting as a representative organization of ex-service men, to accomplish greater good in behalf of the ex-service people, particularly our disabled comrades.

The local Post feels especially proud because of the fact that there were very few of these citations given out, and for Torrance, a comparatively young Post, to receive one of these is a credit mark which cannot be erased.

MRS. CARLSON TO SING

Lovers of good music will be given a rare treat next Sunday morning at Central Evangelical church when Mrs. Oscar Carlson will sing "I Will Extol Thee, O Lord," from the Oratorio "Eli," by M. Costa. Mrs. Carlson, who has a most beautiful coloratura soprano voice, has studied both in Chicago and New York, in the latter city with a protégé of Schuman-Heinke. She is at present very successfully directing the newly organized Torrance Choral Society in their preparations for the Torrance musical program. Mrs. J. Fitzhugh at the piano will verily support Mrs. Carlson as accompanist.

IN CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goudier motored to Los Angeles Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Turner, former Torrance residents, who have just returned from France. Mr. Turner recently underwent an operation at the California Hospital. Although he has lost in weight, he is improving very rapidly. They send kind regards to their many Torrance friends.

AT SPEEDWAY

The following were guests of Mr. E. Smith, one of the official managers of the air tournament at a very enjoyable box party Sunday at the Speedway: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Clark, Harry Todd, Miss Tompkins and Geo. Watson, Sr., and Geo. Watson, Jr.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Rev. Otto Spreig, Pastor, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. A class and welcome for you. Adults are especially urged to attend the Bible class taught by C. W. Northrop. Interesting and helpful discussions.

10:45 a. m., morning worship, with sermon by the pastor. Mrs. Oscar Carlson will sing "I Will Extol Thee, O Lord," from "Eli," by Costa, accompanied by Mrs. Fitzhugh at the piano.

7:30 p. m., evening service and sermon by the pastor.

7:30 p. m., Thursday, prayer service in the pastor's study. Mr. Robt. Spencer, class leader.

ing and was approved as read.

The City Clerk was instructed to procure the tags and license receipts for use with the new ordinances.

All bills for labor and materials which had been regularly audited by the finance committee were ordered paid.

Ordinance No. 8 regarding the establishment of grade on the various streets in Tract 4070 was read by the city engineer, who had prepared the same, and was approved on its first reading.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLD MEETING

WITH AID OF FLOWERS, FLAGS AND RUGS, LECTURE HALL IS COMFORTABLE

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the members of the Torrance Woman's Club Monday, July 18, at their meeting place in the Dominguez Corporation lecture room. A short business session was held. Vacant offices were filled by the following: Mrs. Mildred Lancaster, second vice-president; Mrs. Frank Sammons, auditor; Mrs. F. L. Parks, treasurer.

A short program was enjoyed, Master Walter Zuver playing several selections on the violin, which did him great credit.

Mrs. Ila Gilbert's pen-pictures of President Harding, Vice-President Coolidge, Secretary of State Hughes and Secretary of Commerce Hoover were greatly enjoyed by all.

With the aid of flags, flowers and rugs the lecture room was transformed into a cool and pleasant club room, and everyone soon forgot the afternoon heat and dust in such congenial surroundings.

QUEEN CONTEST

Only a little over four weeks remain in which to elect a Queen for the Fiesta to be held August 26-27, and so far little interest has been created. It will take four weeks of hustle and bustle to put this contest over the top, and next week will probably see several candidates actively working in the field. Two names have already been handed in and several others are being urged to make the race.

During the absence of Mr. Proctor, A. H. Bartlett has taken charge of the contest, and those desiring information regarding the queen contest rules should communicate with him at his office in the Steffen Building.

It is understood that a candidate from the Keystone Acres has been nominated and that her supporters from that district are one hundred per cent strong.

ALICE MOORE KILLED

Alice Moore, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Normandie avenue, Gardena, was instantly killed late Tuesday evening when struck by an automobile driven by Dick Shurkey, it was reported. The child's neck was broken.

PAXMAN RESIGNS

The resignation of C. A. Paxman as president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was regularly accepted at the meeting last Monday night. On account of the small attendance, the nomination and election of his successor was put over until the next regular meeting on August 1.

MR. AUTOIST

Aren't you tired of ruts and bumps, dust and mud, garage bills and grief? Pave Arlington street and eliminate trouble.

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BUSINESS MEN BLISTER HANDS

TURN OUT IN BODY AND HELP ON AMERICAN LEGION HALL

The American Legion Club House on Border avenue assumed very different proportions last Wednesday afternoon when a number of the more prominent business men of the city turned out and donated their services towards the erection of the building.

At five o'clock Wednesday evening many of the men who were on the job were seen to limp in the direction of their homes, and announced they didn't care whether they had any supper or not. In fact, when one of their number was called on the phone in the evening he was much "disturbed," and it is thought that he was in bed.

However, after all the joking, it was a mighty fine thing for the business men to do and appreciated by the members of the Legion more than any one, although it will be a benefit to the city as a whole.

The following is a list of the men who worked, and worked hard, from 1:30 to 4:30 in the sun on one of the hottest days Torrance has experienced in many a day: Messrs. Geo. W. Neill, Chas. A. Curtis, A. W. Malone, F. D. Murray, Sam Levy, F. L. Parks, J. H. Fess, Ralph Satchell, J. Isenstein, Fred Lessing, Doc White and last, but not least, the Superintendent of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Co., W. E. (Jake) Shellhart.

The work done by these men will save the Legion a considerable amount of money, as the labor is one of the largest items in the construction. There were a number of other business men who had agreed to show up, but who failed to put in an appearance.

Wallace Post, Commander of the local Post, was unable to attend the ceremony on account of a minor operation on his young daughter, but he wishes to extend hearty thanks in behalf of the Legion to all of the men who helped with the construction as well as those who have donated financially.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Royal Neighbors held their regular business meeting Wednesday evening, July 20, at Steffen Hall, with thirty-five members present. Mrs. Hamill of Los Angeles, State Supervisor, was present and addressed the meeting and gave instruction on the floor work.

A new candidate was voted on and it was decided and plans made to have a hot dog booth, etc., at the Fiesta, the 26th and 27th of Aug.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, August 3rd.

CALLED BEYOND

Death suddenly called Mrs. Elizabeth Headley of Fairview Heights, a sister of Mrs. P. J. Beall of South Gramercy. Deceased passed away at the White Memorial Hospital in Alhambra Wednesday, July 13, at the age of 36. She was a native of Pittsburg, Penn. She leaves a husband and two children, R. C. Headley, Chas. Clifford and Mary W. Headley. Funeral services at S. A. Utter undertaking parlors, July 16, at 2 p. m.

QUEEN CONTEST NOMINATION BLANK

Mr. A. H. Bartlett,

Chairman Queen Contest,

Torrance Fiesta, August 26-27.

I hereby make the following nomination as a candidate for the

Torrance Fiesta Queen:

Name

Address

Signed

WHAT WOULD HELP TORRANCE BOOM

The crying need of Torrance from the viewpoint of the outsider is paved streets, more paved streets and, after that, more paved streets.

Suburban towns and cities all around Los Angeles, as witness Glendale, are going ahead by leaps and bounds, reality values increasing, buildings going up on every hand, and all because those cities are offering the tourist and newcomer well-paved, well-lighted streets on which to buy or erect their homes.

Torrance has the location; its sea-breeze tempered climate is unequalled; it has a splendid body of citizens; its trees and flowers make it a veritable garden of beauty. All it now needs is the paving of its boulevards and streets to make it unrivaled as a place of homes and new and growing enterprises.

Pave Torrance streets and watch prosperity come your way.—Advertisement.

HOT DOG ROAST AT HERMOSA BEACH

The young people of the Baptist church had a fine time Tuesday night on the sand at Hermosa Beach, playing and roasting hot dogs. Those that did not go with us missed half of their life. Every one had a fine time. Some of the "bunch" got a little wet while wading, but that did not do any damage.

There were Mr. and Mrs. Bale, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Will Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Harestead and Mrs. Woodside.

Girls—Ethel Bale, Lily Gibson, two Staub sisters, Catherine Burmaster, Mary Roberts, Mary Jessup, Helen Tiffney, Virginia Watson, the two Davidson sisters, Sabina Williams, Vivian Pratt, Miss Sullivan and Josephine Le Voy.

Boys—Raymond Davis, Ralph Perkins, Mr. Summerville, Sullivan, Lester Theobald, H. King, J. King, Curtis Tolson, Chas. Gibson, Mr. Hunn, Mr. Andem, Ralph Baell, Kingsley Tuft, Homer Bale, D. Collins, Frank Etcher, Roy Long.

Any young people that is interested in such outings as this, come and get in with the Baraca Boys or the Girls' Bible Class at the Baptist church. There will be another one soon.

All young people are welcome.

REHEARSALS

There will be a rehearsal every Wednesday evening of the Fiesta Chorus in Central Church at 7:30 o'clock. Only sixty voices have enrolled to date and many more are wanted, especially those singing tenor and alto. Those who can assist in the chorus either from Lima or Torrance are requested to register at the Dolley Drug Co.

TORRANCE P. T. A.

Mrs. F. H. Clark of 1731 Andreo avenue and president of the Torrance P.T.A., desires those in charge of soliciting articles for their booth at the Fiesta, August 26-27, to have all their donations in by the second day of August. Articles will be sold and funds used for the benefit of the P.T.A. There will be a meeting of committees at the home of the president August 5, when the different articles will be marked and segregated for the sale.

QUEEN CHAIRMAN FISHING

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Proctor left Sunday on a fishing trip to Bishop. A. H. Bartlett will receive names of ladies wishing to enter the contest for Queen of the Fiesta.

Thieves entered the garage of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowers one night last week and took several valuable saws, a miter box and other tools, and went into the new house now under construction and carried away a dough board from the sink that had just been finished.

CHORAL REHEARSAL MADE INTERESTING

GATHERINGS DEVELOP INTO SONG RECITALS THAT PROVE VERY ENJOYABLE

The third rehearsal of the Torrance Choral Society on Monday evening at the Central Church turned into a song recital. During the intermission Mrs. Orchid Carlson thrilled us with "The Mad Scene" from "Lucia Di Lammermoor" (Donizetti), and responding to insistent encores gave Cadman's "At Dawning," with all its wistful and alluring beauty brought out by her voice, wonderful in its coloring and purity. Again responding to the delight of her audience, Mrs. Carlson then sang "The Wren" (Eliza Lehman) most charmingly, giving further evidence of her artistry. When Frances Ingram sang here for Chautauqua a would-be Allan Dale referred to her voice as one of "pervasive stillness," whatever that may be (we don't know); but however Mrs. Carlson's voice might be classified on paper by vocal critics, no one could accuse it of "pervasive stillness," nor, thanks be, of pervasive shrillness, either, since her high notes are of almost universal clarity.

Next Monday evening the Misses Vaughn of Houston, Texas, visiting Mrs. Pauline Harris at Vista Highlands, will entertain us during intermission with short vocal and piano numbers. Mr. Warren Webster will also sing on the same date or the following week.

This innovation, we hope, will prove to be of educational value to the members of the T. C. S. while they are resting between rehearsals. And other talent will be heard from week to week, no doubt.

Next Monday evening the absentees should tremble, as it is desired that the roll be called. Remember that all good excuses for absences are to be reported by the absentee or relatives to the secretary, Mrs. C. N. Curtiss. Phone 34-W.

All desiring to join the Choral Society should do so not later than next Monday evening if they desire to benefit by part-instruction, as the work is now progressing to the finer points of ensemble singing, and the rehearsals are half over. As the school house is in such a dusty condition from building operations it has been deemed safer for the health of the chorus to continue rehearsals at the Central Church until further notice.

The chairman of the Choral Society desires to call the attention of all members to the following facts:

First—That the Torrance Choral Society has not a single penny in its treasury.

Second—That it asks no membership fees wherewith to garnish said treasury.

Third—That had it not been for the public-spiritedness of one individual who vouches for our honesty your music-purchasing committee could not have bought this music.

Fourth—That there is a shortage in the music fund, some having not yet paid for all their copies.

Fifth—That each copy being but fifteen cents, surely no one is going to let others pay for their music. So please pay up at next rehearsal.

WRITES FROM NEW JERSEY

A letter was received from Mrs. E. X. Andem last week by her husband that her brother passed away shortly after her arrival at his home. However, Mrs. Andem visited for one week with her brother before he died, and it was his wish that she be notified to come East when it was realized that the end was inevitable. Deceased was for many years a prominent and wealthy business man in New Jersey and was a relative of Ogden Armour, but he himself was engaged in the mercantile business and was an active church member. After several weeks spent at her old home Mrs. Andem is traveling to nearby spots of interest, and the change in climate is proving very beneficial to her.

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