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POSTPONE POLICE CASE UNTIL OCT. 7

Trustees Vote To Pave All Alleys In Business District

KEY PLAN FOR BIG WORK

Sewer Extensions Included In Improvement of Commercial Area

HOME LABOR TO BENEFIT

Trustee Brooks Suggests Contractor Give Preference to Local Men

Torrance will soon be able to boast a business district in which all the alleys are paved with asphalt.

This was assured last night when the board of trustees passed a resolution of intention to improve the alleys in the area zoned for business purposes.

The board adopted a comprehensive map prepared by Engineer J. J. Jessup. According to this map the improvement of the alleys includes the extension of all sewers running from the main to abutting lots, so that when the pavement is completed it will never be necessary to tear it up for sewer connections.

The cost of paving the alleys will be borne by the property owners immediately benefited.

Specifications as adopted call for a three-inch base of asphaltic concrete, with a one-inch Willite surface. The pavements will be 14 feet wide, leaving three feet on each side unpaved.

Trustee Brooks recommended that the contractor who builds the pavement be urged to give preference to local labor.

Hendrie Rubber Co. Holds First Annual Outing

Picnic at Brookside Park Is Greatly Enjoyed on Saturday

Brookside Park was the scene of a merry crowd Saturday, when the Hendrie Rubber Company held a picnic for their employees and families. This is the first picnic ever held by the Hendrie Rubber Company, and a fine time is reported by all who attended.

Trustees Will "Co-operate" In Land Co. Offer

Board Agrees Tentatively In Redondo Blvd. Extension Project

The board of trustees last night passed a resolution agreeing "to co-operate" with the Dominguez Land Company in the company's offer of a deed for the land necessary to extend Redondo boulevard from the present terminus of the street to Madrona avenue, and to start proceedings for the abandonment of the eight-foot strip along the western end of the present terminus as soon as the city is in possession of a deed for the land needed for the extension.

GUESTS AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks, Mrs. L. Clemma Watson, Mr. and Mrs. John Gayan and Mrs. J. H. Fess were guests at the Green Mill, Venice, Monday evening, when the "Trailers" entertained the matrons and patrons of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Women Fight Rule Forcing Sex to Use Husband's Name



Alice Paul (right), J. R. McCarl (left), and (inset) Burnita Shelton Mathers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—When J. R. McCarl, controller-general of the United States, ruled last month that married women in the government service must sign their husbands' names on the payroll, he probably didn't realize what a hornet's nest (pardon the phrase, ladies) he was stirring up.

The question came up when a nurse at St. Elizabeth's hospital, under the Interior department, refused, after marrying, to sign the payroll with her husband's name. Married women employed by the government were the first to prevent employment of husband and wife in the departments had caused many women to retain maiden names for payroll purposes.

Now Miss Alice Paul and the National Woman's party have risen to protest. "Closed! Ha, Ha!" A complaint signed by Miss Paul, with a brief prepared by Burnita Shelton Mathers, legal research secretary of the party, supporting the request to have the ruling reversed, was sent to the secretary of the Interior.

The assistant secretary replied the matter was closed and would not be reopened. To which the women replied: "Closed? We have only begun to fight," or words to that effect. The party contends that no statute or court decisions exist in any state supporting the principle that a woman must take her

husband's name; that contracts, decrees, deeds, made in the maiden name of a married woman are everywhere valid at law; that the law allows any one, man or woman, to assume any name he or she chooses. However, the state department has long acted on the same opinion as the Interior department, and it has been a sore point with many independent-minded women that they could not get passports to foreign countries in their maiden names. It is said that one noted woman writer recently refused to go abroad because she could not get a passport in her own name.

Something Else Again Mr. McCarl, czar of the government's expenditures, has laughed at the wrath of bureau chiefs and weathered the anger of the cabinet with power unshaken, but this is a different matter.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Representatives of various oil companies, it is authentically reported, are consulting residents of East Lomita regarding leases on acreage. One acre which was quit-claimed a few months ago is being sought for lease by another company.

The Standard Oil Company's Sentinel Joughin No. 13 is back on production, the crew having repaired a leak in the tubing. The well is making 500 barrels a day from 3850 feet.

Shifting sands have caused trouble at the Consolidated Mutual Oil Company's Campbell No. 1, which came in recently and extended the field half a mile south. A bridge of sand formed at the bottom of the hole. The trouble will be easily remedied, it is reported.

The Chanlor - Canfield Midway

Oil Company's Francis No. 1 on Western avenue, north of Torrance, is still standing cemented.

Del Amo No. 22 of the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company was swabbed into production Sunday for a yield of 150 barrels a day. The well, completed at 3640 feet, is one location east of Del Amo No. 12, which is the most southerly rig on the big Del Amo lease.

The C.-C. M. O. has spotted locations for more than 100 derricks on the Del Amo property and will run five or six strings of tools at a time until the lease is drilled up.

One of the largest rushers completed in California in more than a year roared in Sunday on Dominguez Hill for a yield of 5000 barrels a day. It was the Shell Company's Reyes No. 11, drilled to 4223 feet. The well is making 30 gravity oil.

Spurlin Will Put Up More Houses Here

Owner of 50 Dwellings in Torrance Starts New Building Program

D. Spurlin is again showing his confidence in Torrance by erecting a fine four-apartment building on Portola avenue near Maricopa. He has also made preparations for the building of several three-room, four-room and five-room houses here.

Mr. Spurlin has been a loyal booster for Torrance for many years, coming here in 1917 and building 24 houses. He has been building consistently every year since then, until now he has about 50 houses, which he rents furnished and unfurnished. After having had experience in the rental business in most cities of Southern California, he says he considers Torrance, being the most centrally located, the safest place for investment in the housing business.

Wishing to meet the great demand by prospective renters for smaller houses consisting of three and four rooms, he has again started an extensive building campaign.

Registration Books Closed Next Saturday

If You Have Moved Since January You Must Reregister

Registration books will close here Saturday night, Oct. 4, according to Mrs. Laura Anderson, deputy registrar. All who have moved since January should see that they are properly registered, advises Mrs. Anderson, whose headquarters are at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Dominguez Land Corporation building. Those not registered may do so before Saturday night.

Two Men Hurt As Locomotive Strikes Truck

Santa Fe Engine Crashes Into Car Near Madrona Avenue

John Rogers Jr., truck driver for the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon when a Santa Fe locomotive struck the truck which Rogers was driving over the railroad tracks on a crossing leading from Madrona avenue to the C.-C. M. O. camp. Rogers' assistant leaped from the truck before the crash and escaped with slight bruises.

Rogers sustained only superficial contusions. Both men were taken to the Santa Fe hospital in Los Angeles, but were back on the job this morning. The truck, hurled several feet, was badly damaged.

Vote to Reclassify District To Allow 4 New Buildings

The board of trustees has approved for first reading an ordinance providing for reclassification property near Engracia and El Dorado avenues to make it possible for construction of the Torrance Memorial hospital, the Episcopal and Christian church buildings, and the Woman's Club club-house.

The district to be reclassified was posted for a week with signs calling attention to the proposed rezoning, but no protests were received by the board.

Mr. and Mrs. Hushchids of Reno, Nev., who have been visiting Mrs. Hushchids' mother, Mrs. J. P. Pringle, of Redondo boulevard, leave for home Tuesday night.

22,000 Gallons Of Petrol Made Here Each Day

Seven Absorption Plants Make Gasoline From Oil Field Gas

Persons calculating on the income from an oil well frequently do not take into consideration the amount of gas produced. In the field here for every barrel of oil produced there is produced about 1200 cubic feet of gas. The gasoline content of the gas from local wells varies from 6-10 to 8-10 of a gallon per 1000 cubic feet. A 200-barrel well, therefore, makes about 240,000 cubic feet of gas a day. This gas makes from 104 to 216 gallons of gasoline a day. At the lowest figure this gasoline would be worth from \$10.50 to \$21.60 a day. This gas is sold after the gasoline has been reprocessed. Seven companies operate gasoline absorption plants in the local field and are now turning out about 22,000 gallons of gasoline a day. This is peak gasoline production in the field. Decreased oil production does not necessarily decrease gasoline production, for as gas pressure in wells declines, the gasoline content from the gas becomes greater.

Rev. Morris and Wife Are Feted By Church Folk

Pastor of M. E. Church and Mrs. Morris Presented With Gifts

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Morris of the Methodist church Monday night in the reception rooms of the church, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Anderson, whose headquarters are at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Dominguez Land Corporation building. Those not registered may do so before Saturday night.

W. G. Comings acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers—Rev. Francis A. Zeller of the Central Evangelical church, Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter of the Christian church, and Fred B. Hopkins, J. L. Hemmi presented Mr. Morris with a cash gift from the church, and Guy L. Mowry presented Mr. Morris with one from the Sunday school.

Mrs. Ernest Tomkins presented Mrs. Morris with a beautiful bead-ear ring on behalf of the ladies of the church. Delicious refreshments were served at tables tastefully decorated with flowers.

Rev. and Mrs. Morris are leaving Torrance and active church work to reside in Pasadena. Rev. and Mrs. Morris have made many friends outside of the church during their residence in Torrance, and the best wishes of these friends, as well as the members of their church, go with them wherever they may go.

Resident Priest Now in Torrance

Rev. Father Reardon has been appointed resident priest for Torrance, and will reside at 1330 Cota avenue, where the ladies of the Catholic Altar Society have furnished a home for him.

A resident priest has been a long-felt need by the Catholics of this district, as the Catholic church has been keeping pace with the growth of the city, and in cases of sickness and death it was not always possible to get the priest from Gardena when needed.

Better Babies Day Set for October 31

Don't forget that the next Better Babies Day will be held Friday, Oct. 31, instead of the first Friday in October, at the high school building.

Born—Sept. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt of Murray Court, a son.

Observations

The Importance of Our School Mental Tests—Britannia "Waves the Rules"—The Despair of a Word-Worker

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EVERY parent should welcome the intelligence tests being conducted in the California public schools. By these tests pupils are graded as to their ability to absorb knowledge. Those whose minds are most receptive are allowed to push forward in proportion to their mental capacities. The dullards, unfortunately though they be, are not, under the new system, allowed to hold their more mentally capable brothers and sister pupils back. This makes for fairness both to the bright and to the dull. Those child minds that are taught can be advanced more rapidly when placed in classes by themselves and not mixed with pupils who learn quickly. By the same token the brighter of the students are allowed to forge ahead in a manner commensurate with their mental capacities. The striking mental laws, affecting every phase of modern life, which are being proven daily by the army tests during the war, are being proven daily by similar tests of school children the country over. Scientists are learning more and more about the secrets of the wonderful brain machine of human beings. The more we learn about mind the more we will be able to improve the machinery which mankind has erected for the improvement of mind—the public school.

For too long has our school system attempted to cram knowledge into the minds of children with the ignorant assumption that all children are mentally equal—an assumption disproven by biology, laws of heredity and psychology. It seems evident that the intelligence tests usher us now to a new era in education, in which knowledge will be served to the young intelligently and in just such measure as their minds are able to assimilate it.

BRITANNIA once more waves the rules that she may rule the waves. At Geneva the statesmen insisted that the power of the world court under the League of Nations, should not extend to activities of the British fleet in case of war.

Immediately American "observers" put forth vehemently expressed but "private opinions" that such a quasi-acceptance of the world court by the British would be entirely unacceptable to the United States. The American "observers" probably recalled the unpleasantness of 1917 and the later difficulties of 1914-1917 arising from Britain's insistence that she could do what she wished with our neutral commerce bound for Holland and Scandinavian ports. The British insistence that the seas are her own to rule as she deems fit has governed Downing street foreign policy since the defeat of the Spanish Armada. Twice the United States has officially challenged this presumption, and the third time was diverted from actually severe objections by the German submarine policy in 1917. Now the old, old controversy bobs up again in the deliberations of the League, of which we are not a member, but which does not wish to displease the only nation that has become the equal of England in sea power since the battle of Trafalgar.

Had the League allowed Britain to accept the world court with the suggested reservations regarding freedom of action by the British fleet, a future war might have found our commerce at the mercy of British men-of-war and London prize courts—backed by the League of Nations.

So our "unofficial" observers objected. That the suggestion of Britain was overruled indicates the wholesome respect of other nations for Uncle Sam, the young giant of the continent, who has three times successfully won his continental wars and the grandeur of the world are the special property of no individual nation.

GOOD reading is at once the inspiration and the despair of the commonplace newspaper writer. To pore over the wondrous passages of the masters spurs even such a humble scribe as yours truly to aspirations quite above his ability. But they "inspire" strike terror to his heart when he contrasts the mighty artists of words with the majestic contributions of the modern barons of newsprint. So there is at once sadness and happiness that the great mass of the people read little—sadness because they miss so much and happiness because in passing up the best literature they are not able to look down from the heights to which the masters would transport them upon these pigmy offerings of ours.

Upon occasion it has been my conceit to imagine that I have actually framed an original thought, and the unsuspected illusion has always at that moment been shattered by the memory of some "original idea" set forth in letters framed years or centuries ago by some grand old knight of the pen. And instead of being complimented that he and I should have happened so often that I have now positively despaired of ever enjoying the distinction of framing an original thought. That is well. To be humble is to take at least one faltering step in the direction of wisdom.

But how satisfying it must be to all who earn their daily bread by whacking out letters for public consumption on a modern typewriter, when they see demonstrated again and again the fact that our most cherished modern philosophers and seers are but parrots mumbing and scribbling repetitions of thoughts, opinions and ideas long ago set forth by the pioneers of literary effort.

As the great works of all writers, past and present, must be the despair of the editorial scribblers and lesser toilers with words, so must the eternal prose and poetry of the greatest of letters, be the never-ending despair of all modern barons of newsprint. It may be cruel, but it is human for a vision of some modern literary celebrity attempting to serve up a novel after reading "Les Miserables" or to pen a love poem after perusing the Song of Solomon.

Knowing that it will always be impossible for me ever to ascend the peaks of fame, it is yet some consolation to know that I am not a self-sure dauber conceivably plastering his awful paint on a modern signboard and all the time oblivious to Michelangelo.

GIFT TO BRIDE

Mrs. Bert Meador, who was recently married, was presented with a case of Rogers' Monday by the staff and regular boarders of the Dannelly cafe, where she was employed.

LUNCH FRIDAY

The Erema Club will serve luncheon in the banquet room of the Masonic temple from 11:30 to 1 o'clock Friday.

LAWYERS ARGUE POINT

Absent, Witnesses Prompts Prosecutor I. H. Ham to Request Delay

JUDGE RULES FOR STATE

Counsel for Anderson and Morewood Lose the First Skirmish in Court

After a heated argument between attorneys the preliminary hearing in the case of former Police Chief B. M. Anderson and Attorney A. F. Morewood of Hermosa Beach on charges of extortion was postponed by Justice of the Peace Hunter yesterday morning until 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 7. Deputy District Attorney I. H. Ham requested that the case be postponed for two days on account of the failure of police officials to serve subpoenas on two material witnesses. The motion for postponement was contested by Attorney John Richardson, representing Anderson, and Attorney Kimball Fletcher, representing Morewood.

Deputy District Attorney Ham read an affidavit made by Acting Chief William Phillips of Torrance in which the officer stated that he had been unable to locate B. J. Frymier and one other witness in the case.

Attack Affidavit Counsel for Anderson and Morewood argued that the affidavit should be postponed because the testimony which the absent witnesses were expected to give.

Justice Hunter granted a two-day postponement, and then Ham and the attorneys for the defendants agreed to postponement until October 7.

In presenting his argument against postponement Attorney Richardson asserted that the "whole authority of the district attorney's office and a grand jury investigation" had failed to elicit sufficient evidence on which to base indictments and that the postponement on account of the absence of two witnesses was unnecessary.

"Anderson Ready" "Mr. Anderson," said the attorney, "is ready for the hearing now, and has been ready for almost a month. Any postponement naturally adds to the annoyance and detriment to the rights of the defendants. We most ably oppose postponement at this time. We object to the affidavit on the grounds that it does not show that the testimony of the absent witnesses is material."

Acting Chief Phillips declared the belief that he will be able to serve the subpoenas on Frymier and the other witness in time for the hearing scheduled a week from today. Former Motorcycle Officer Stanley Abbott was not present at the hearing and could not be located by officers bearing his subpoena.

Legion Post to Talk Clubhouse Plans Tonight

Formation of Football Team Will Also Be Discussed by Veterans

Prospects of forming a Legion football team this year and plans for the proposed new Legion clubhouse will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, at Legion hall.

A. W. Greiner, adjutant pro tem, has sent out a call to every Legionnaire to be present.

Saturday Is Last Day You May Register For Nov. Election