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POLICE IN WEEK-END BOOZE CLEANUP

COOLIDGE AID FOR HEMMI?

Torrance Attorney, Fearing Death, Appeals to the President

IS SERVING 7 MONTHS But Dreads Death Will Strike Unless Sentence Is Commuted

SANTA ANA, March 24.—Fearing that death will strike before the end of his seven-months term in the Orange county jail, J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney recently convicted of having received money stolen from the Anaheim postoffice, has requested President Coolidge to commute his sentence.

Suffering from chronic disease which was aggravated by the ordeal of the trial in United States District Court, Hemmi went to jail an extremely sick man. His condition has gradually become worse, and his appeal to the president is the appeal of a man who believes that he will die before his sentence is served.

His application to President Coolidge for commutation of sentence, just received by United States District Attorney S. W. McNabb, has been referred by McNabb to Russell Graham, assistant federal prosecutor who conducted the Anaheim postoffice cases, for recommendation.

The application repeats Hemmi's contention at the time of his arrest, namely, that when he received \$12,380 from his old friend and neighbor, Abernathy, who was formerly superintendent of schools at Anaheim, he believed Abernathy's explanation that the money represented profits in a business deal which Abernathy was anxious to keep from the public for some time. Hemmi at that time had moved from Anaheim to Torrance and had entered the real estate business. He buried the money in the back yard at his home. His first knowledge of what the money really represented, he says, came after the arrest of Abernathy, with Charles Wheeler, registry clerk, and Lloyd Findlay, choir singer and mail messenger, and their indictment by the federal grand jury on a charge of robbing the mails.

Hemmi, upon realizing the situation, immediately went to United States District Attorney Joseph Burke, since resigned, and told his story at the same time turning over \$5570 which remained of the \$12,380 he had originally received and hidden for Abernathy.

The Anaheim mail robbery occurred December 27, 1923. It was said by Findlay, who confessed following his arrest, that Abernathy engineered the plot and received the registered mail pouch containing the loot after Findlay had removed it from a mail sack consigned to his care. The confession implicated Wheeler, but the latter, at his trial, was acquitted of the theft charge. He remains accused of receiving stolen property and must stand trial on that charge in federal court April 7.

Findlay, like Hemmi, received a comparatively light sentence, his term being seven months, which he has completed, having been placed in jail some months before Hemmi was sentenced.

Abernathy was sentenced to five years in Leavenworth prison and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.

Mrs. Edith Young Announces Wedding Of January 24th

Mrs. Edith Young, for several years in charge of the stenographic department of the Union Tool Company, yesterday announced for the first time that she was married in San Diego on Jan. 24 to Dr. Harry F. Grantwedt, a dentist of Long Beach.

Mrs. Grantwedt left the employ of the Union Tool Company on Saturday, and will be at home to her many Torrance friends after April 1 at her Long Beach home.

Tripoli Discoveries Disclose Lost Chapter



Another chapter of history's closed book is being revealed as a result of discoveries made in excavations in Italian Tripoli. Finds of the first importance have been taken out of the ruins of the long-lost city of Sabrata. Inset is a magnificent Roman bust taken from the remains of the Temple of Jove, shown here.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

The only new producer completed last week was the Kleinmeyer B-17, brought in by the Petroleum Securities Company from 3600 feet for a daily yield of 150 barrels. Larger production is anticipated when the hole cleans itself out. The Superior recently completed two holes in the immediate vicinity for a yield of 300 barrels each.

The Shell company is drilling Frenger No. 3.

The best well in the whole field to date is Torrance No. 4 of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company. The well is located just south of Carson street near the corner of Madrona avenue. Completed in May of 1923, it is still flowing at a rate of 225 barrels a day. Since its completion No. 4 has produced 373,515 barrels of oil.

The Standard Oil Company claims a new world's record for the life of pumping rods. The rods in Torrance No. 1 of the company have not been taken out of the hole in two years and the well today is pumping at a rate of 135 barrels a day.

The old discovery well—Del Amo No. 1—is still going strong. Completed almost three years ago, No. 1 is pumping about 200 barrels a day now. Altogether this well has yielded 242,000 barrels of petroleum.

Scores of wells in the field will be pumping for many years, operators contend. Long life for producers is anticipated especially on the big leases in the eastern and western extremities.

Church Women Make Napkins For Hospital

Will Meet Each Week to Prepare Institution Linen

Mrs. Willis Brooks invited two members of each church to sew on linen for the hospital last Wednesday. Mrs. J. B. Hines and Mrs. Mowrey, from the Methodist church; Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Ammen, from the Baptist; Mrs. Teal and Mrs. Stevenson, from the Christian; Mrs. Louis Smith and Mrs. Murray, from the Catholic; and Mrs. Collins, Mrs. George Welch and Mrs. Brooks Sr., from the Episcopal, responded.

Mrs. Norman Leake, Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, Mrs. George Neill, Mrs. George P. Shidder and Mrs. Jameson were also present.

Several of the women were unable to attend, but sent representatives. A full attendance has been promised for tomorrow, when the work will be continued.

Eight dozen napkins and 20 dresser scarfs were hemmed.

In the near future, when space is available in the hospital building and a large table is secured for the work, volunteers will be called on.

New P. O. Rates Go Into Effect Here April 15

Here Is Outline of U. S. Mail Prices Under New Bill

New postal rates will go into effect here on April 15. It was announced today. An outline of the new rates follows:

Letter postage and government postal cards, same as heretofore. Private mailing cards, written or printed, 2c. Double or reply cards, on each portion, 2c (postage on return half need not be affixed until detached for mailing). Registration fees, indemnity to \$50, 15c; indemnity to \$100, 20c. Insurance fees on parcel post matter, applicable to all domestic destinations and Canada—indemnity to \$5, 5c; indemnity to \$25, 8c; indemnity to \$50, 10c; indemnity to \$100, 25c. For sender's return receipt on registered or insured mail addressed to points within the United States, its inland possessions, and Canal Zone, 3c. Printed matter up to 8 ounces in weight, for each 2 ounces or fraction, 1 1/2c. Newspapers and periodicals mailed by the public, up to 8 ounces, for each 2 ounces or fraction, 2c; over 8 ounces, parcel post zone rates as heretofore plus service charge per parcel, 2c. Unsolicited circular matter, printed or produced on mimeograph or similar machine, when mailed in quantities of 20 identical copies or more and presented for mailing at the window, for each 2 ounces or fraction 1 1/2c. News-papers and periodicals mailed by the public, up to 8 ounces, for each 2 ounces or fraction, 2c; over 8 ounces, parcel post rates according to zone, plus service charge of 2c per pound.

Merchandise, up to 8 ounces in weight, for each 2 ounces or fraction, 1 1/2c; except books, catalogues, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions, plants, for each 2 ounces 1c. Merchandise exceeding 8 ounces in weight, parcel post zone rates as heretofore plus service charge per parcel of 2c. For special handling of parcel post matter, insuring expedition and treatment equal to first class matter, per parcel 25c. C. O. D. matter—fees in addition to parcel post rates and service charge: collections not exceeding \$10, 12c; not exceeding \$50, 15c; not exceeding \$100, 25c.

Special delivery fees—letters and parcels not exceeding 2 lbs., 10c; 2 lbs. 15c; over 2 lbs. and under 10 lbs., 15c; over 10 lbs. and under mailing limit, 20c. Mailing order fees—1c to \$250, 5c; \$251 to \$5, 5c; \$5.01 to \$10, 10c; \$10.01 to \$20, 12c; \$20.01 to \$40, 15c; \$40.01 to \$60, 18c; \$60.01 to \$80, 20c; \$80.01 to \$100, 22c.

Torrance Float To Be Entered In Big Parade

Schools Will Take Part in Shriners' Pageant in June

Mr. Kersey, assistant supervisor of schools in charge of the harbor district, is one of a committee of three in charge of the civic floral parade to be given in Los Angeles for the Shriners, who will hold their annual convention in the Southland next June.

At a banquet in honor of Mr. Kersey on Thursday evening, attended by the Torrance school principals, it was decided to enter an immense float exemplifying the growth of the harbor district, in which students from all harbor district schools would take part.

William Bell, principal of the Torrance elementary school, decided rather than participate he would enter an individual float from Torrance.

Just what kind of float will be entered has not been decided, but Mr. Bell and Carl Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will work out the details.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbard of Centralia, Wash., were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. George P. Shidder, following a visit with other relatives in Glendale.

PARADE TO BE HELD MAR. 28

Western Ave. Pageant Date Announced by C. F. Johnson

ALLEGORICAL WEDDING

Miss Hollywood to Be Married to King Neptune

The pageant celebrating the opening of Western avenue from Hollywood to the sea will take place next Saturday morning. The date was announced today by Charles Freeman Johnson, who has been acting as secretary for the various civic bodies interested in the event.

A caravan of automobiles will form at Mulholland drive and Western avenue and proceed down Western avenue to San Pedro, thence to Point Fermin, where Miss Hollywood will be wedded to King Neptune. Rev. Thomas Grice will speak.

In the caravan, according to Mr. Johnson, will be 200 editors and representatives of scores of women's clubs of the Southland. Numerous communities and cities in the harbor district will take part in the parade.

The board of harbor commissioners will provide two boats with a capacity of 200 each, and men and women who take part in the parade will be taken on a trip to points of interest at the harbor. It is estimated that the caravan will reach here about noon. The Los Angeles police department is co-operating and will direct traffic along the route.

Girl Scout Head Revamps Councils



Miss Alice Conway, known to 100,000 Girl Scouts as national field director-at-large, is to start on a tour of southern cities reorganizing the scout councils. Miss Conway was an instructor in chemistry and nutrition at Columbia University before becoming a scout executive.

Registration Books Open Until April 4

Are you registered? If not, you may get your name on the registration lists now. The books will be open until April 4. The next election is on May 5, when candidates for the board of education will be nominated.

If you were registered for the last election and have not moved since, you need not register. If you have moved since last registering, it will be necessary to re-register if you wish to vote on May 5.

Mrs. Laura Anderson, deputy registrar, is at the city hall, Post and Sartori avenues, to take registrations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Torrance of the El Prado entertained yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Mont Broadworth of Los Angeles, former Saginaw (Mich.) friends, and William Felts of Santa Barbara.

Observations

Regents Select Worst Possible University Site in North America—An Ignorant Act That Increases Realty Values at Expense of an Ideal

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IF what follows appears uncharitable, attribute it to an overwhelming repugnance that rises in the breast of the writer when an ideal is shattered against the cold gray walls of modern commercialism—when representatives of the people, otherwise normally intelligent, make the worst possible decision in a field of several choices.

You have probably guessed it. I refer to the action of the board of regents of the University of California in choosing the Beverly Hills-Westwood site for the Southern Branch.

Setting aside selfish motives that prompted us of this district to hope for the selection of the Palos Verdes site, and viewing the decision of the regents from an entirely impartial standpoint, we must even then conclude that the board could have made no worse decision if they had deliberately set out to establish a world's record for sheer ignorance.

The decision completely ignores the advice of the university presidents of the United States who urged the regents not to select a site of less than 1000 acres.

The Westwood site comprises a little more than 400 acres.

BUT even the inadequacy of the tract might be passed over if it were not for the other conditions which make the selection of the property a shining example of ignorance.

If the site were large enough, if the terrain were the most adaptable in the United States to university purposes, if there were adequate space for the teaching of aeronautics (which there is not), still the site would probably be the worst in North America for the location of an institution of learning.

The great problem of all educational institutions today is to hold the interest of students in competition with the lodestones of modern entertainment, and to bind the interest of young men and women in the fundamentals of morality, ethics and worthwhile knowledge. To solve these problems the location of a university is of paramount importance, as far as possible from large centers of population, and especially distant from the bright-lit Temples of Jazz, is essential.

Yet with these facts obvious to anyone who knows anything at all about education and its competition with the jazzmania that has seized young men and women of university age, the regents decided to set down the Southern Branch of the University of California in the very center of false wealth standards and moving picture morality.

WHATEVER other elements entered into the choice of the regents, it is certain that sensible consideration of the future of the Southland could have had little weight.

Young men and women between the ages of 18 and 22 are extremely impressionable. Their activities are in a great measure motivated by their environment. Their judgment of standards of living are largely affected by the standards of the people about them.

And the Southern Branch will be situated in the heart of a district where motion picture stars with faces painted like Choctaw warriors flit hither and yon with their successions of husbands, where material wealth is set up on a throne and exhibited to the world, where millionaires play polo and men wear long hair, where the loose habits of the nouveau riche are constantly on vulgar display, where baby stars with their equally baby faces and undeveloped intelligences wear garb of sensuous lines, where it is a step to the Santa Monica lady shows, where the strains of jazz sweep over the foothills from road houses, in most of which these present have "a little something on the hip," where the inhabitants possessed of independent wealth spend their lives at play and only the unfortunate work.

Mind you, the site is not just an hour or so from this district—it is in the very heart of it.

IT will be called an institution of learning—and such will it be—but an institution of learning? That luxurious motor cars and great estates, Parisian clothes, ability to shimmy, skill in golf and polo, a pretty face and a show of wealth are among the most desirable things on earth.

Is that going too far? I think not. The foothills district west of Hollywood is the center of North American extravagance. It is the modern showhouse of money standards. It is the heart of European morality transplanted in American soil. It is easily the worst and most disadvantageous place in the western hemisphere for a university.

In questioning the advisability of choosing the site a regent asked if it were not too near the moving picture studios. Gov. Richardson is quoted as having answered that the proximity of the studios was of little moment, as there are only five studios near by.

In publishing their inspired alibi (that's just what they read like) for the choosing of this site the Los Angeles Times and Examiner pointed out that the site was in the center of the most exclusive residence district in the Southland. To anyone who thinks or tries to think this should constitute one of the greatest arguments against its choice.

THERE is in the decision of the board considerable that is enlightening.

The whole affair proves that the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is an institution dedicated, as its leaders so often point out, "to the welfare and development of the entire Southland"—but, as they do not point out, providing the district to be benefited is in the city of Los Angeles.

How often have we listened to the emissaries of the L. A. chamber preaching the sublime unselfishness of their city? Yet when it comes to selecting a university site that would be most beneficial to the students for whom it is intended, the whole weight of the Los Angeles chamber is brought to bear on a campaign that puts, probably inadvertently, dollars, real estate and civic selfishness ahead of ethics, an ideal, and Southern California's general welfare.

I had almost become convinced of the Los Angeles chamber's generosity. I have been disillusioned—perhaps just in time.

Again—the regents selected the worst site of all those offered. The site at Pasadena would have been better. So would the one at Fullerton. So would the one at Palos Verdes.

In studying the choice from all angles I can see only one reasonable thought that may have moved the regents to set the university down at Westwood.

Perhaps they believe it will elevate the intelligence of movie-dom's morons.

IF what has gone before seems uncharitable and bitter, it is so because I had cherished an idea that good judgment would govern the regents, that of all the sites offered that which is in the heart of the movie colony and roadhouse belt would be the last to be considered. I believed that the regents could not be persuaded by any power of argument or pressure to name the worst of all the locations tendered. I believed that at least in the choice of a location for a university the ideal would govern.

I was wrong. And I am convinced that a rank injustice has been perpetrated on the youth of the state and the people of the Southland. Being so convinced, I would be lacking in candor and

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NAB FOUR IN RUM DRIVE

Torrance Police and Lomita Officers in Weekend Campaign

TWO DEMAND HEARINGS

One, Charged With Sale of Liquor, Pleads Not Guilty

Four men were arrested in Torrance and Lomita over the weekend for alleged violations of the Wright act.

Morgan Sweeton was taken into custody Saturday night by Officer H. G. Brandetto for alleged possession. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$50. An additional assessment of \$50 imposed by City Recorder Rippy was suspended for six months.

C. W. Kelley, arrested Friday night by Constable Taber and Deputy Morris of Lomita, pleaded guilty to possession and, unable to pay a fine of \$150 imposed by Justice of the Peace Hunter, is in the county jail.

A. W. Springer is out on \$2500 bail under charges of possessing and selling liquor. Arrested by Chief Patterson, Springer was originally let out on \$500 bail by Justice Hunter. Appearing before Recorder Rippy, he pleaded not guilty and demanded trial. Bail was fixed at \$2500. Hearing on the charge of possession will be held on April 3.

James Austin, arrested by Chief Patterson and Officers Young and Phillips and charged with possession, pleaded not guilty and is out on \$250 bail.

Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
6 p. m.—Dinner, Chamber of Commerce directors, State Exchange Bank building.
7:30 p. m.—Triple City Lodge, L. O. O. F. Odd Fellows hall, Lomita.
7:30 p. m.—American Legion meeting, First National Bank building.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
2 p. m.—P. T. A. meeting, Elementary school.
7:30 p. m.—Trio Rebekah Lodge, Odd Fellows hall, Lomita.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
2 p. m.—Women's Club of Torrance, High school auditorium.
8 p. m.—Elsie Teal-Emerson Stewart recital, High school auditorium. Benefit Legion building fund.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
8 p. m.—Women's Club dance, Moose hall.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
8 p. m.—Women's Club dance, Moose hall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
Women's Club dance, Moose hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 13
Knights of Columbus dinner dance, Catholic hall.

Legion to Discuss Clubhouse Plans

The Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, will meet tonight at 7:30 at the First National Bank to discuss important plans for the post's clubhouse.

Chamber Directors To Dine Tonight

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at dinner, which will be served in the State Exchange Bank building. Plans of activity for the ensuing year will be discussed and a definite program outlined.

FIRE! PHONE 23

In case of fire call 23.

That is the new number of the Torrance fire department. It is easy to remember.

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