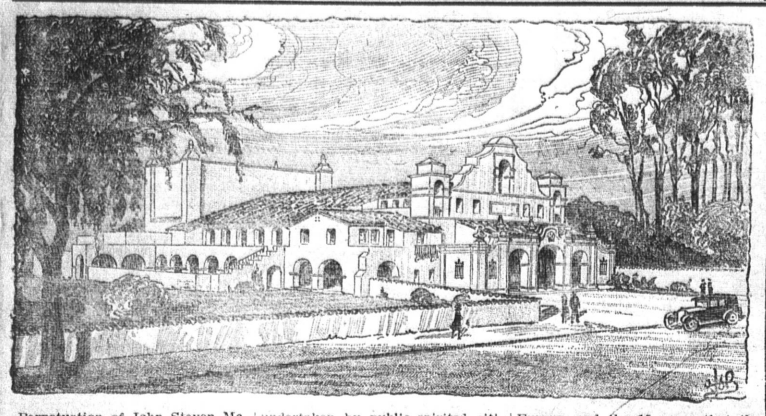
Famous Mission Play Will Be Perpetuated



Perpetuation of John Steven McGroarty's Mission Play—the romantic historical portrayal of the early days of California, the housing of the pageant-drama in its own permanent home, and the application of its net earnings in the near future to the preservation of ancient California landmarks, is assured by the recent organization of the Mission Play Corporation.

The building of the new playhouse is now under way, the plans first drawn by Arthur Benton having been adopted and amplified by Dodd & Richards, the present architects of the project, the contract for which has been awarded the William Simpson Construction Company.

When the Mission Playhouse is completed it will be indeed one of the show places of California and will reflect the desire of its builders to create a harmonious setting for the play. The executive committee of the corporation consists of D. W. Pontius (chairman), Geo. I. Cochran, W. I. Hollingsworth, and Samuel K. Rindge, who have complete supervision of the construction.

The building, together with the landscape gardening, equipment and costuming, will represent an expenditure in excess of half a million dollars, and completion is expected in time for the opening performance to be given on Jan. 29, 1927.

The financing of this project was undertaken by public-spirited citizens of Los Angeles without hope of profit, and because of their civic pride and a desire to preserve the romance of our early days.

No common stock has been or will be offered for sale, and as the stock and mortgage is retired a non-profit corporation will be formed to perpetuate the play, safeguard the property, and the profit accruing from the Mission Play project used for rehabilitating and permanently establishing old Southern California landmarks. Thus good business lends its hand to historical romance for love of country, the executive committee directorate giving their time in the accomplishment of this work without any compensation.

The official personnel of the corporation are: W. I. Hollingsworth, president; George I. Cochran, vice-president and treasurer; D. W. Pontius, executive vice-president; A. Pardee, secretary and auditor. Other vice-presidents are Harry Chandler, Samuel K. Rindge, E. L. Doheny, Joseph Scott, and Benjamin F. Bledsoe. The directorate is composed of H. O. Davis, Henry M. Robinson, John W. Kemp, Milton Kauffman, Harold Janss, John G. Mott, Arthur S. Bent, Wm. J. Dodd, Frank A. Miller, L. E. Behymer, Ernest G. Carter, and A. C. Balch.

The Mission Play means to California what the Passion Play produced at Oberammergau means to Europe, and the 15 years that the Mission Play has been shown in California establishes the fact that it can be operated forever. While it abounds with religious sentiment, it portrays truly the very foundation and early history of California.

There is scarcely a tourist that visits California that does not attend the Mission Play if they are here during the season it is operating, and there are hundreds of thousands of the residents of Southern California who have not yet witnessed **the play.**

It is especially valuable to school children, who could not gather from months of reading and study as much education in the history of early California as can be secured from once witnessing this play.

Executive Vice-President Pontius said: "The dream of John Steven McGroarty for a magnificent permanent home for his play would never have materialized if it had not been for the untiring work of President Hollingsworth and his coworkers in raising the necessary funds. The contractors, architects and those supplying the material and furnishings for a home have in nearly every instance done so without profit. Mr. McGroarty has given the full rights of the play to the people of California, and not until the playhouse opens late in January will we fully realize the magnificent monument that has been established through a labor of love for our state."

Pasadena Tournament of Roses Will Be Most Colorful in 38 Years of Great Annual Event

PASADENA, Dec. 22.—California's famous mid-winter fete, the Tournament of Roses, will be held Jan. 1 for the thirty-eighth time as many consecutive New Year's days.

As in the past, the day's program will comprise a gorgeous parade of flower-decked floats in the morning, an intersectional football game at the Rose Bowl in the afternoon, and a ball at one of the Pasadena hotels in the evening.

Preparations are being made for handling a crowd of almost one million persons. Last year's attendance was estimated as approximately 800,000.

Many of those who attend the forthcoming tournament will journey two-thirds of the way across the United States on special Tournament of Roses trains operated by three transcontinental railroads. More than 100,000 others will travel from their Southern California homes on four-car electric interurban trains run into Pasadena at three-minute intervals over two lines. The remainder—numbering hundreds of thousands—will surge into Pasadena between midnight and 10 o'clock New Year's morning in automobiles that will run four and five abreast over half a dozen main highways. On these highways 700 regular and special traffic officers will keep the long lines of cars from entangling themselves into hopeless snarls.

Features Tournament

In the morning parade, which always features the tournament, will be 70 or more huge floral creations fashioned from millions of fresh natural flowers. These floats will represent about forty Pacific coast cities and at least one foreign nation, Czecho-Slovakia, in addition to schools, clubs, churches, and other organizations. On the night of Dec. 31 approximately 6000 persons will work all through the night wiring flowers to the frameworks that have been designed and built in the weeks preceding New Year's Day.

Besides the floats, the pageant will contain about 125 gaily caparisoned horsemen and horsewomen, 30 blossom-covered automobiles, and 25 bands. The line of march will be five miles long, and the length of the column will be about five miles. A total of 55 silver trophies will be awarded to prize-winners in the various divisions of the parade.

The rules which govern the tournament are the ones adopted when the fete was founded in 1889 by the Valley Hunt Club of Pasadena. Only fresh natural flowers may appear in the pageant. These flowers must be picked not more than 12 hours before the scheduled starting time of the parade. Nothing of an advertising nature is permitted.

During the 37 years since the Tournament of Roses was started rain has fallen on only four New Year's Days, and on none of these was the fall sufficient to cause more than a couple of hours' postponement of the pageant. The last rain was in 1924, when a total of .32 of an inch was recorded, and the heaviest New Year's Day rain was in 1910, when 1.69 inches fell.

The 1927 parade will start from South Orange Grove avenue and the opposite direction." Colorado street promptly at 10:30 a.m. The line of march will be east on Colorado to Hill, north to East Orange Grove avenue, and west to Los Robles, where the columns [illegible] All parade entries [illegible] for judging at 9 o'clock.

Seasons Rule Sales of Autos, Records Reveal

Figures Show Odd Demands for Cars in Various Months

"In making a study of the flow of cars for the consuming public throughout the world, the Oakland Motor Car Company and other manufacturers, have found that there is scarcely any zone of distribution which does not have a more or less distinct seasonal variation in the retail demand."

Such was the assertion of H. N. Griffin, Oakland-Pontiac dealer in this territory, following the receipt of certain statistics from the factory.

"As a rule, "he declared," figures are uninteresting things but in this case there is a difference which I believe the general public is interested in.

"While reading them one should bear in mind that they are the result of a survey that includes all parts of the nation. In addition they have only been issued after several years of study.

"As a result of these percentages it is necessary to have a greater number of cars available for delivery to retail purchasers at certain times of the year than at others. Analysis of retail deliveries for cars throughout the United States indicates a standard trend or normal average by months about as follows:

"January 4.2 per cent; February 5 per cent; March 10.2 per cent; April 16 per cent; May 11.3 per cent; June 9.5 per cent; July 8.3 per cent; August 8 per cent; September 8.1 per cent; October 8 per cent; November 5.9 per cent; December 5.5 per cent.

"This would indicate that April is the best month while January is the worst. On the other hand February and March are the best wholesale months because it is during this 60-day period that dealers are stocking up in order to be in a position to fill orders as fast as they are taken.

"On examining the percentages one will find that the monthly percentage of the year's deliveries to consumers is 8 per cent of the total yearly production. Of course here in California the situation is a bit different because motoring is ideal here the year around.

"It is rather surprising to note the number of months where the deliveries are about even, fluctuating but slightly, while at other periods there is a sharp decrease immediately followed by a rise in the opposite direction."

TORRANCE NOTES

Mrs. Annabel Webb of Cota avenue was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Padgett of Los Angeles.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lessing of Arlington avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shirtle and Mrs. Abbott of Hollywood.

A late supper followed Christmas eve festivities at the W. W. Woodington home when they entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clark, and Robert and Milton Clark Jr., of Long Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woodington.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harder Christmas morning were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dolley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dolley and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagar of Reno, Nev., are house guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Roy McFarland, of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kelsey and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mackenzie were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bonnell of Hollywood.

Mrs. Emma Buck of Los Angeles was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hyde.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Tavan and sons, of Andreo avenue, were holiday and weekend visitors in San Diego.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnett of Andreo avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Don Baxter, and Mrs. S. C. Collins and son Douglas.

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and that it is proposed by the Board of Trustees to offer for sale and grant to the highest bidder said franchise upon the terms and conditions herein mentioned. The said franchise is described as follows, to-wit:

A franchise granting the right to lay, and for a period of forty (40) years from and after the date of the granting of such franchise, to maintain and operate a pipe line system to be composed of not more than two (2) separate lines of pipe, for the transportation and distribution of oil, petroleum, natural gas, water or other substances, in, along, under and across any and all public highways, streets and alleys within the said City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as hereinabove described.

That said franchise shall be granted and shall be held and enjoyed only upon the terms and conditions herein contained, and the said grantee within thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance granting said franchise, shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of said City, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions therein expressed.

The term "Grantee" whenever used herein shall be held to include the grantee or grantees, his, her, its or their successors and assigns.

That the grantee of said franchise shall in good faith commence the work of constructing said pipe line system within not more than four months (4) from the date of granting this franchise, and said work shall be prosecuted diligently thereafter and in good faith.

That the grantee shall have the right to construct and maintain such traps, manholes, appliances and attachments as may be necessary to properly maintain the pipes, pipe lines, or conduits laid or constructed under said franchise, and said traps, manholes, appliances and attachments shall at all times be kept flush with the surface of the highway, and so located as to conform to any order of the Board of Trustees in regard thereto, and not to interfere with the use of the highway for travel. The grantee shall have the right, subject to such regulations as are now or may hereafter be in force, to make all necessary excavations in said highways for the construction and repair of said pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, appliances and attachments.

That if the said pipes or conduits shall be laid along any macadam highway in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, they shall be placed at the edge of the highway so as not to disturb the macadam surface, and in no event shall any pipe or conduit be laid across the macadam highway without a special permit from the Board of Trustees so to do, which permit shall specify the manner in which the pipe or conduit shall be laid across the highways; and may provide for the repair of the highways after the pipes or conduits have been laid by the officers of the City, at the expense of the grantee, and upon the presentation of a bill, therefor, the grantee shall pay the same at once; in the event of its failure so to do, said franchise shall thereupon be forfeited.

That all pipes, pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, attachments and appliances constructed, erected or maintained under the provisions of said franchise shall be constructed, erected and maintained in accordance to and to conform with all of the ordinances, rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted or prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California; provided, that all pipes and pipe lines laid under said franchise shall be of first class material, and subject to the approval of said Board of Trustees; provided that no pipe laid hereunder shall exceed fifteen (15) inches in diameter.

That the work of laying or repairing all pipes, pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, attachments and appliances, shall be conducted with the least possible hindrance to the use of the highways for the purpose of travel, and as soon as the laying, constructing, erecting or repairing of any pipe, pipe line, conduit, trap, manhole, attachment or appliance is completed, all portions of the highway which have been excavated or otherwise injured thereby shall be placed in as good condition as the same was before the laying, constructing, erecting or repairing of any pipe, pipe line, conduit, traps, manhole, attachment or appliance, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of said City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, and that any damage or injury suffered by any person by reason of any excavation, or obstruction being improperly guarded during the said work, shall be borne by the grantee of said franchise.

That the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, reserves the right to change the grade of any highway over which said franchise is granted, and the grantee shall within thirty (30) days change the location of all pipes, conduits, traps, manholes, appliances and attachments laid, constructed or erected hereunder, so as to conform to such change of grade.

That if any portion of any highway shall be damaged by reason of breaks or leaks in any pipe or conduits laid or constructed under said franchise, the grantee shall at its own expense, repair any such damage and put such highway in as good condition as it was in before such break or leak, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, county of Los Angeles, State of California.

That if the said grantee shall fail to comply with any instructions of said Board of Trustees with respect to the location of any of said pipes, pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, appliances or attachments, or the repair of any damage to highways within ten (10) days after the service of written notice upon said grantee, requiring compliance therewith, then said Board of Trustees may immediately do whatever work is necessary to carry out said instructions at the cost and expense of said grantee, which cost, by the acceptance of said franchise, said grantee agrees to pay upon demand.

The holder of the franchise is to pay one dollar ($1.00) per rod for all pipe lines laid hereunder.

Said franchise so proposed to be granted and sold is not and shall not be exclusive.

That said pipe line is to be laid and maintained one (1) foot below street and alley grades and follow a line in said street and alley to be designated by the Engineer of said City of Torrance.

Said grantee of said franchise shall hold said City of Torrance harmless from all damage resulting from the construction, use or operation of said pipe line system, and shall, at all times, conform to the instructions and directions concerning the maintenance of the same of the said Board of Trustees of said City of Torrance.

The grantee or grantees of said franchise and privilege, his, its, or their successors or assigns, must, during the life of said franchise, and privilege, pay to the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per cent of the gross annual receipts of said grantee or grantees, his, its, or their successors or assigns, arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise and privilege. No percentage shall be paid for the first three (3) years succeeding the date of said franchise and privilege; but thereafter such percentage shall be payable annually, and in the event said payment is not made, said franchise and privilege shall be forfeited, and it shall be the duty of the grantee or grantees of said franchise and privilege, his, its or their successors and assigns, to file with the Clerk of said Board of Trustees, at the expiration of four (4) years from the date of granting said franchise and privilege, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, a statement verified by the oath of said grantee or grantees, his, its, or their successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager or presiding officer thereof, showing the total gross annual receipts of the owner of said franchise and privilege arising from the use, operation and possession by said owner of said franchise during the preceding twelve months and within fifteen days after the time of filing the aforesaid statement, it shall be the duty of the owner of said franchise to pay to the City Treasurer of said City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, the aggregate sum of said percentage upon the amount of said gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, as aforesaid, determined and computed in the manner hereinbefore provided, and if the amount paid in is incorrect, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, they may order the payment of such additional sums as they may find due hereunder, and if not paid, the same may be collected by suit.

Any neglect, failure, or refusal to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise shall thereupon immediately, ipso facto effect a forfeiture hereof and the said City, by its Board of Trustees, may thereupon declare said franchise forfeited, and may exclude this grantee from further use of the highways of said City under said franchise, and said grantee shall thereupon and immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and this franchise shall be deemed and shall remain null, void and of no effect.

Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, up to eight o'clock P. M. of that day, has been fixed as the hour and day up to which tenders will be received for said franchise, at the reom of said Board of Trustees, in the City Hall, in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, at which time and place said franchise will be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided only that at said time of the opening of said bids, any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten (10) per cent above the highest sealed bid therefor, and said bid so made may be raised not less than ten (10) per cent by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded by said Board of Trustees to the highest bidder therefor, in gold coin of the United States. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied with cash or a certified check payable to the City Treasurer of the City of Torrance, for the full amount of said bid, and no sealed bid shall be considered unless said cash or check is enclosed therewith, and the successful bidder shall deposit at least ten (10) per cent of the amount of his bid with the City Clerk of said City of Torrance before the franchise shall be struck off to him, and if he shall fail to make such deposit immediately, then and in that event his bid shall not be received and shall be considered as void, and the said franchise shall then and there be again offered for sale to the bidder who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure shall be had until said franchise is struck off, sold, and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten (10) per cent of the amount of his bid therefor, as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the City Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours after the acceptance of his bid, the remaining ninety (90) per cent of the amount thereof, and in case he, they or it shall fail to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made shall be forfeited, and the said award of said franchise shall be void, and the said franchise shall then and there, by the Board of Trustees, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided, and in case said bidder shall fail to deposit with the City Clerk of said City of Torrance the remaining ninety (90) per cent of his bid within twenty-four (24) hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise shall be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him shall be forfeited and no further proceedings for a sale of said franchise shall be had unless the same be re-advertised and again offered for sale, in the manner provided by law.

The successful bidder for said franchise shall file a bond running to the said City of Torrance, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Board of Trustees, in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00), conditioned that such bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages, and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. Said bond shall be filed with the said Board of Trustees within five (5) days after such franchise is awarded, and upon the filing and approval of said bond, said franchise shall be granted by ordinance to the person, firm or corporation to whom it has been struck off, sold, or awarded, and in case said bond shall not be so filed, the award of said franchise shall be set aside, and any money paid therefor shall be forfeited and said franchise shall, in the discretion of said Board of Trustees, be re-advertised and again offered for sale.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, dated this 23rd day of December, 1926.

Attest:

A. H. BARTLETT,
Clerk of Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.

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That said franchise shall be granted and shall be held and enjoyed only upon the terms and conditions herein contained, and the said grantee within thirty (30) days after the passage of the ordinance granting said franchise, shall file with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of said City, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions therein expressed.

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That the grantee of said franchise shall in good faith commence the work of constructing said pipe line system within not more than four months (4) from the date of granting this franchise, and said work shall be prosecuted diligently thereafter and in good faith.

That the grantee shall have the right to construct and maintain such traps, manholes, appliances and attachments as may be necessary to properly maintain the pipes, pipe lines, or conduits laid or constructed under said franchise, and said traps, manholes, appliances and attachments shall at all times be kept flush with the surface of the highway, and so located as to conform to any order of the Board of Trustees in regard thereto, and not to interfere with the use of the highway for travel. The grantee shall have the right, subject to such regulations as are now or may hereafter be in force, to make all necessary excavations in said highways for the construction and repair of said pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, appliances and attachments.

That if the said pipes or conduits shall be laid along any macadam highway in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, they shall be placed at the edge of the highway so as not to disturb the macadam surface, and in no event shall any pipe or conduit be laid across the macadam highway without a special permit from the Board of Trustees so to do, which permit shall specify the manner in which the pipe or conduit shall be laid across the highways; and may provide for the repair of the highways after the pipes or conduits have been laid by the officers of the City, at the expense of the grantee, and upon the presentation of a bill, therefor, the grantee shall pay the same at once; in the event of its failure so to do, said franchise shall thereupon be forfeited.

That all pipes, pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, attachments and appliances constructed, erected or maintained under the provisions of said franchise shall be constructed, erected and maintained in accordance to and to conform with all of the ordinances, rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted or prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California; provided, that all pipes and pipe lines laid under said franchise shall be of first class material, and subject to the approval of said Board of Trustees; provided that no pipe laid hereunder shall exceed fifteen (15) inches in diameter.

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That the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, reserves the right to change the grade of any highway over which said franchise is granted, and the grantee shall within thirty (30) days change the location of all pipes, conduits, traps, manholes, appliances and attachments laid, constructed or erected hereunder, so as to conform to such change of grade.

That if any portion of any highway shall be damaged by reason of breaks or leaks in any pipe or conduits laid or constructed under said franchise, the grantee shall at its own expense, repair any such damage and put such highway in as good condition as it was in before such break or leak, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

That if the said grantee shall fail to comply with any instructions of said Board of Trustees with respect to the location of any of said pipes, pipe lines, conduits, traps, manholes, appliances or attachments, or the repair of any damage to highways within ten (10) days after the service of written notice upon said grantee, requiring compliance therewith, then said Board of Trustees may immediately do whatever work is necessary to carry out said instructions at the cost and expense of said grantee, which cost, by the acceptance of said franchise, said grantee agrees to pay upon demand.

The holder of the franchise is to pay one dollar ($1.00) per rod for all pipe lines laid hereunder.

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Said grantee of said franchise shall hold said City of Torrance harmless from all damage resulting from the construction, use or operation of said pipe line system, and shall, at all times, conform to the instructions and directions concerning the maintenance of the same of the said Board of Trustees of said City of Torrance.

The grantee or grantees of said franchise and privilege, his, its, or their successors or assigns, must, during the life of said franchise, and privilege, pay to the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, in lawful money of the United States, two (2) per cent of the gross annual receipts of said grantee or grantees, his, its or their successors or assigns, arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise and privilege. No percentage shall be paid for the first three (3) years succeeding the date of said franchise and privilege; but thereafter such percentage shall be payable annually, and in the event said payment is not made, said franchise and privilege shall be forfeited, and it shall be the duty of the grantee or grantees of said franchise and privilege, his, its, or their successors and assigns, to file with the Clerk of said Board of Trustees, at the expiration of four (4) years from the date of granting said franchise and privilege, and at the expiration of each and every year thereafter, a statement verified by the oath of said grantee or grantees, his, its, or their successors or assigns, or by the oath of the manager or presiding officer thereof, showing the total gross annual receipts of the owner of said franchise and privilege arising from the use, operation and possession by said owner of said franchise during the preceding twelve months and within fifteen days after the time of filing the aforesaid statement, it shall be the duty of the owner of said franchise to pay to the City Treasurer of said City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, the aggregate sum of said percentage upon the amount of said gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise, as aforesaid, determined and computed in the manner hereinbefore provided, and if the amount paid in is incorrect, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, they may order the payment of such additional sums as they may find due hereunder, and if not paid, the same may be collected by suit.

Any neglect, failure, or refusal to comply with any of the conditions of said franchise shall thereupon immediately, ipso facto effect a forfeiture hereof and the said City, by its Board of Trustees, may thereupon declare said franchise forfeited, and may exclude this grantee from further use of the highways of said City under said franchise, and said grantee shall thereupon and immediately surrender all rights in and to the same, and this franchise shall be deemed and shall remain null, void and of no effect.

Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, up to eight o'clock P. M. of that day, has been fixed as the hour and day up to which tenders will be received for said franchise, at the room of said Board of Trustees, in the City Hall, in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California; at which time and place said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided only that at said time of the opening of said bids any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten (10) per cent above the highest sealed bid therefor, and said bid so made may be raised not less than ten (10) per cent by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, provided only that at said time of the opening of said bids any responsible person, firm or corporation present or represented may bid for said franchise a sum not less than ten (10) per cent above the highest sealed bid therefor, and said bid so made may be raised not less than ten (10) per cent by any other responsible bidder, and said bidding may so continue until finally said franchise shall be struck off, sold and awarded to the person, firm or corporation who shall make the highest cash bid therefor, subject to the same conditions as to deposit as above mentioned. Said procedure shall be had until said franchise is struck off, sold, and awarded to a bidder who shall make the necessary deposit of at least ten (10) per cent of the amount of his bid therefor, as herein provided. Said successful bidder shall deposit with the City Clerk within twenty-four (24) hours after the acceptance of his bid, the remaining ninety (90) per cent of the amount thereof, and in case he, they or it shall fail to do so, then the said deposit theretofore made shall be forfeited, and the said award of said franchise shall be void, and the said franchise shall then and there, by the Board of Trustees, be again offered for sale to the highest bidder therefor, in the same manner and under the same restrictions as hereinbefore provided, and in case said bidder shall fail to deposit with the City Clerk of said City of Torrance the remaining ninety (90) per cent of his bid within twenty-four (24) hours after its acceptance, the award to him of said franchise shall be set aside, and the deposit theretofore made by him shall be forfeited and no further proceedings for a sale of said franchise shall be had unless the same be re-advertised and again offered for sale, in the manner provided by law.

The successful bidder for said franchise shall file a bond running to the said City of Torrance, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Board of Trustees, in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00), conditioned that such bidder shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of said franchise, and that in case of any breach of condition of said bond, the whole amount of the penal sum therein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages, and shall be recoverable from the principal and sureties upon said bond. Said bond shall be filed with said Board of Trustees within five (5) days after such franchise is awarded, and upon the filing and approval of said bond, said franchise shall by said Board of Trustees be granted by ordinance to the person, firm or corporation to whom it has been struck off, sold, or awarded, and in case said bond shall not be so filed, the award of said franchise shall be set aside, and any money paid therefor shall be forfeited and said franchise shall, in the discretion of said Board of Trustees, be re-advertised and again offered for sale.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, dated this 23rd day of December, 1926.

Attest:

A. H. BARTLETT,
Clerk of Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance