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Mrs. Torrance Turns on System; Throgs Acclaim New Epoch

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ent William A. Gascoigne, F. L. Parks, Fred Kern, The Torrance Herald for its special Festival of Light Edition and the public utilities. He also mentioned in praise the work of B. J. Scott of the Torrance Electric company who inspected the lighting job.

Mr. Dolley declared that the Chamber of Commerce in Torrance exists solely as a clearing house for public opinion. He pointed out that the installation of a citywide lighting system came as a result of co-operation by this clearing house with city officials. In this connection he alluded to the importance to the community of the Chamber of Commerce public affairs committee of which J. W. Post is chairman, and introduced Mr. Post as a "gentleman of sterling character, the first citizen of Torrance to render aid if needed, a pioneer, and one who always puts his shoulder to the wheel when assistance is required."

Mr. Post, loudly applauded, then delivered a brief but significant address in which he dedicated the ornamental lighting system to the people of Torrance in the hallowed names of three pioneers of the city—Jared S. Torrance, George W. Post and George A. Proctor.

Said Mr. Post: "I am surely appreciative of the privilege and honor of dedicating this magnificent street lighting system to the people of Torrance."

Jared S. Torrance founded this city in 1911 and friends I wish you could visualize this city in 1912 when I first became acquainted with him and the city. It was the dreariest area of sand that you can imagine with only one industry and about 25 houses where now are located 25 industries with a population of 6,500 people. To give you a clear idea of what we have accomplished since 1912 I will tell you that there are more than 5000 men on the payrolls of the different plants to whom are paid \$1,000,000 monthly. You can realize that this phenomenal growth and progress has been thrust upon us; it is the result of years of toil and sacrifice on the part of its citizens, by the combined and harmonious efforts of all the civic organization through our clearing house, the Chamber of Commerce.

"The plan by which Torrance has acquired this new lighting system is unique in the history of such installations, at least in Southern California. It was through the Chamber of Commerce, in fact, it was Past President Geo. A. Proctor who first conceived the idea of securing pre-bids or guaranteed maximum cost estimates by all of the various manufacturers of street lighting equipment. Following this suggestion, a joint meeting between the city council and the directors of the chamber of commerce ensued. Notwithstanding the protests and objections to such a course on the part of the lighting companies and skepticism on the part of numerous individuals this plan was adhered to and as a result this city has obtained one of the finest complete group lighting systems at a cost which is unquestionably the most nominal in the experience of the taxpayers and municipalities in the Southland.

"This is a day of gayety and celebration, as it should be. We are all proud of our city. I know that I feel prouder tonight than at any time during the sixteen years that I have lived in it. However my joy is tempered by the memory of those men who are with us no longer—men who labored unceasingly, men who gave unstintingly of their time and money, men who, when the prospect that the newborn city of Torrance would survive seemed hopeless, showed a spirit of courage and confidence that has never been paralleled in the history of any city. I refer to Jared S. Torrance; my father, Judge Post, and George Proctor.

"Friends, I could talk all night on the debt of gratitude that all of us here tonight owe to these men, but I must hurry. I am to dedicate the lights to the people of Torrance and before the mayor is called upon to receive them in the name of the city, I wish to congratulate every member of the Board of Trustees, the city engineer and the official family for the intelligent and capable manner in which they have solved our lighting problem and brought the matter to such a successful conclusion.

"In the name of those men, Jared S. Torrance, Judge Post and George Proctor and their dedication to the ideals of civic endeavor, Mr. Mayor, I dedicate the lights to the people of Torrance."

Mayor John Dennis responded with an address in which he stressed the economies which were exercised in securing the citywide lighting system for Torrance. Mayor Dennis declared that the pre-bidding plan saved thousands of dollars for Torrance taxpayers and said in addition:

"It appeals to me that the occasion this evening offers one of the most pronounced opportunities for the universal appreciation on behalf of the citizens of Torrance that has ever obtained in its history. The institution of light in a community in itself is the symbol of advancement. The manner in which this program has found its final development in added proof of the civic consciousness and appreciation on the part of the people of Torrance, who when the understanding of the need was manifested rallied wholeheartedly in the support of the necessary undertaking to serve this need.

great Torrance has secured the greatest measure of beauty, efficiency and utility combined under the most economical program and unit cost that has been the experience of any city concerned with ornamental street lighting in this fair Southland.

"There will be still greater public appreciation of these facts as they become more a matter of history.

"Personally, I am deeply moved by the occasion, and I feel consciously that I share the honor equally with my fellow councilmen, because they and Engineer Leonard in turn have shared equally with me the responsibilities and efforts which have been put forth in the primary, elementary and final proceedings to give to the people of Torrance this thing of beauty that is your possession on this happy occasion.

"The co-operation between your civic agency the Chamber of Commerce and your governmental body is one of those community qualities of which Torrance possesses a full happy measure.

"In the light of these simple statements, and with a feeling of consecrated appreciation that Torrance is happily pleased with this event I accept, on behalf of all of her good people, this element of illuminating beauty."

Mr. Dolley then introduced Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance, wife of the late Mr. Torrance who founded the city. With her husband she had seen the area which is now Torrance before it was fashioned out of a desert to suit his dream. The significance of her presence seemed to strike the crowd and a hush fell over the audience of thousands as Mr. Dolley eulogized her interest in the progress of the city and presented her with a bouquet.

In his introduction Mr. Dolley illustrated the interest of Mrs. Torrance in the city by her gifts of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and her unflagging and generous interest in that institution since its construction.

Mrs. Torrance graciously acknowledged the introduction, assured the throng that she was "no public speaker" and immediately turned on the golden switch which flooded ten miles of Torrance streets with light.

The fire siren blared forth its message and factory whistles all over the city blew loud blasts while the crowd cheered.

Following the program coffee and doughnuts were served to thousands of persons and dancing to the music by the Golden State Band was enjoyed.

Councilmen of Torrance yesterday issued a statement expressing appreciation for the work of individuals and committees and the response of the public in connection with the Festival of Light.

The statement follows: "The committee in charge of the Festival of Light is deserving of high praise for the success of the event Tuesday night. The work of the Legionnaires is also deserving of the highest commendation.

"The Festival indicated the true civic spirit of Torrance. The response of the public was eloquent testimony of the appreciation of the public for the fine work of so many citizens in arranging the event."

"The City Council."

Weeks World News

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dinvian countries rang with joy at the union and the royal bride and groom were acclaimed by thousands before entraining on their honeymoon.

On April 23 President Hoover will speak at the annual banquet of the Associated Press in New York. The address, first to be delivered by the executive after inauguration, will be nationally broadcast.

The house of representatives of Illinois by a vote of 84 to 50 passed a bill providing annual pensions of \$250 a year for persons over 70 years old. Persons who have lived in the state less than 20 years prior to reaching the age of 70; persons with private incomes in excess of \$250 a year, persons convicted of felonies within ten years of application for pension; professional tramps and beggars would be excluded.

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The last time Reverend Shuler spoke at one of the Brotherhood dinners over 100 people were turned away because they were unable to get tickets. The committee advise an early purchase of tickets for this reason. Tickets must absolutely be purchased in advance, for no tickets will be sold at the church.
Perry Selby, who has one of the sweetest tenor voices in the southland will sing, and also John Lewellyn Jones, bass soloist. Tickets may be purchased at Turner's Shoe Repair Shop, Hogue Stationery Store, and G. L. Morris, real estate.

If You Hear Mex Cussing, Be Calm
If you should happen past the J. F. Cook residence on Arlington avenue some evening and hear voluble ejaculations and epithets in Mexican being cast to the four winds, do not think that a Mexican revolution has started in Torrance for it is only a talkative parrot that has recently come to abide at the Cook home.
When R. T. Nickell of the U. S. submarine 24 returned from the recent cruise of the fleet to South America he brought Mrs. J. F. Cook a Spanish speaking parrot. The parrot seems to have a large vocabulary and knows how to make the best of it, according to Mrs. Cook.

RECORDER'S COURT
Hearing of Friday, March 22
John Kennon paid \$25 for driving 32 miles an hour in a 20 mile zone.
Mrs. L. Livingston was found guilty of reckless driving and fined \$50.
James McCoy paid \$15 for driving 55 miles an hour in a 40 mile zone.
M. R. Howard was charged with driving 35 miles an hour in a 20 mile zone and failed to appear. Warrant issued.
W. A. Wood paid \$15 for driving 35 miles an hour in a 20 mile zone.
M. C. Hall was fined \$25 for driving 38 miles an hour in a 20 mile zone.
F. M. Montonye paid \$15 for driving 32 in a 20.
J. E. Livermore paid \$10 for driving 35 in a 20.
Egbert Sease paid \$10 for driving 34 in a 20.
Girard Lockwood paid \$10 for driving 35 in a 20.
R. Waltmer paid \$5 for turning around in the middle of the street in the business section.
Jack O'Brien paid \$150 when he was found guilty on charges of drunk and reckless driving.



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