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MERCHANTS ARRANGE BIG HOLIDAY DISPLAY

SCHOOL BOARD TO RE-HEAR ELSON'S CASE

Local High School Head Wants Transfer; Dyck Named

A successor to the late Arthur G. Waidelich, former principal of Torrance high school and later, until his death Oct. 6, of Alexander Hamilton high school, was chosen by the Los Angeles city board of education Monday night amid an argument centering around political activities about the appointment.

H. O. Dyck, principal of Metropolitan high school, will become head of the Hamilton institution. The argument Monday night revolved around a request by Thomas H. Elson, who was removed as principal of Hamilton about a year ago and sent to Torrance high, for a "re-opening" of his case and a transfer back to Hamilton.

The political angle to the debate concerned admissions by several members of the board of education that they had been asked by a politician to appoint another candidate for the post, according to reports received here Tuesday.

Three members of the board declared that the Hamilton principalship should not be filled until Elson was given his rehearing. However, the motion to appoint Dyck passed by a vote of 4 to 3, and then the board voted unanimously to give the Torrance high principal a re-hearing provided that the session be open to the public.

At the time of Elson's appointment to the local high school, it was widely reported he was sent here in his role of "top political trouble-shooter" for the board of education inasmuch as the proposed city charter contemplates the creation of a Torrance school district, separate and distinct from the Los Angeles district.

Beware of L. A. Credit Store Solicitors

Local residents are warned to be wary of the so-called "liberal Christmas credit terms" now being offered by solicitors for Los Angeles credit stores. You may pay dearly for such easy credit, it has been learned upon investigation.

Salesmen for prominent manufacturers report that stores in the metropolitan area are marking up their merchandise from 25 to 40 percent higher than prevailing prices for the identical goods in Torrance stores.

In a recent check-up of advertising in the Los Angeles newspapers it was disclosed that the same standard brand goods can be purchased in Torrance at substantially lower prices and in many instances at just as attractive credit terms as are advertised by Los Angeles stores.

Firemen Plan 14th Yule Party

Annual Fete for Children In Auditorium on December 22

This coming Yuletide as in the past 13, the Torrance fire department will be host to all youngsters of the city at a gala Christmas party and gift-distribution which will be held at the civic auditorium, Dec. 22.

This year, the firemen are being assisted by the Torrance Retail Merchants Association and the city recreation department in addition to the anticipated annual financial help given by the Chamber of Commerce.

The party, to which every boy and girl in the community will be invited, will consist of an hour's vaudeville entertainment, staged by the recreation workers and then the time-honored appearance of Santa Claus in person and his distribution of candy, nuts and gifts.

The merchants' association is printing the numbered tickets which will be used for the presentation of the major gifts, a Fire Chief auto pushmobile for some fortunate boy and a Shirley Temple doll for some little girl. The tickets will also enable the firemen to keep a check on the attendance.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are expected to act Nov. 30 on the firemen's request for funds to buy the holiday candy, nuts and other gifts which have been a major inducement for children to attend the previous 13 Christmas parties sponsored by the firemen.

Working with Fire Chief Ollie Stevenson on plans for the event are J. R. Winters, chairman of the funds committee, assisted by Captain J. E. McMasters and R. M. McMasters, and Captain McMasters, Walter Silence and R. M. McMasters on the gift distribution committee.

Last year the festivities attracted a capacity attendance at the Torrance theatre. The larger space in the auditorium is expected to be jammed for the 1936 party around a huge decorated Christmas tree.

Papers For New Civic Building Said Delayed

No further progress was made toward the construction of the proposed civic administration building adjoining the civic auditorium on El Prado by the city council this week because the architects, Walker and Eisen, have not completed the necessary papers, according to City Engineer Frank R. Leonard's report to the municipal board Tuesday.

The city must advertise for bids on erecting the structure, estimated to cost approximately \$10,000 of which the PWA is advancing 45 percent.

Federal Age Pension Blanks Go Out To 4,000 Workers Here on Nov. 24

Employers Get Forms Monday; Cards Later

Postmasters Conner and Birba Paddock of Torrance and Lomita today urged all employers receiving Forms SS-4 to return them to the postoffices as soon as possible and not later than Saturday because the information asked is needed to facilitate distribution of the employees' Forms SS-5.

Distribution of approximately 4,000 employees' registration blanks for the old-age pension benefits of the Social Security Act will begin with the morning delivery of mail here next Tuesday morning.

Some 26,000,000 employees throughout the nation will receive these forms, known as SS-5, on that day and must return them, completely filled out, within two weeks or by Dec. 5. A reproduction of the blank is published in the adjoining columns.

Bright and early last Monday morning, Postmaster Earl Conner sent out his postman with the registration forms (SS-4) for delivery to some 300 local employers. These are returnable on or before Saturday.

Numbers Explained
 Employers' blanks call chiefly for name, address, business and approximate number of employees. Employees' blanks do not call, as Republican propaganda suggested in the closing days of the late campaign, for statements of employees' religion, income or other intimate data.

Chief information asked is the employee's name and address, the name and address of his employer, his date and place of birth, his parents' names, his sex and color. Also registration forms are labeled "Application," they bear, like income tax blanks, the imprint of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

After the registrations are received each employee will be issued a numbered identification card. Not tags (they have no strings) nor discs (they are not round), these cards will bear a triple hyphenated number, the first digits designating an area, the next an industrial group, the third an individual. Lest workers feel they are being numbered like convicts, each number is called an "Account Number" and the published regulations say, "You may have

Lomita Sewer Job 10 Percent Completed

With an average of 100 needy men being given employment, the new Lomita sanitary sewer unit was 10 percent completed this week, according to Alfred Jones, county surveyor, whose department is charged with supervising the work.

Estimated cost of the improvement is \$31,000, of which the county is contributing \$4,200 as the cost of making the surveys, preparing plans and specifications and supervision. March 1 is the scheduled completion date of the project.

The first unit of the system was installed under a special assessment district proceeding, completed in March, 1931, and covered the central portion of the townsite. The second unit, which was constructed at a cost of more than \$500,000, was started by CWA forces and completed under an SERA project.

DATA ASKED OF WORKERS

Form SS-5
 Treasury Department
 Internal Revenue Service

U. S. SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
 APPLICATION FOR ACCOUNT NUMBER

PRINT NAME

1. (Employee's First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)
 (Married Women: Give Maiden first name, Maiden last name, and Husband's last name)

2. (Street and Number) 3. (Post office) 4. (State)

5. (Business Name of Present Employer) 6. (Business Address of Present Employer)

7. (Age last birthday) 8. (Date of Birth: Month, Day, Year) 9. (Place of Birth)
 (Subject to Later Verification)

10. (Father's Full Name) 11. (Mother's Full Name)

12. SEX: Male... Female... 13. COLOR: White... Negro... Other...
 (Check ✓ which) (Check ✓ which)

14. If Registered with U. S. Employment Service give Number of Registration Card

15. (Date signed) 16. (Employee's Signature, as usually written)

Special Service for Workers Planned at Torrance Postoffice

To handle employee's applications for Social Security old age pension benefits, Postmaster Earl Conner announced today that the postoffice was setting up a special bureau for this purpose, opening it next Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Employees are cautioned to fill out but one application regardless of the number of places of employment. Conner also pointed out that managers or operators of branch stores, offices or other businesses should fill out and send in the SS-4 forms that were distributed Monday.

These employers' blanks should be returned as soon as possible and not later than Saturday in order that the postal staff may prepare the employee's forms for distribution next Tuesday.

CHAIR FIRE HITS HOME

A fire in a home at 1606 Amalpa avenue occupied by William H. Artrup, believed caused by a cigarette or cigar stub or pipe ashes accidentally dropped in a crevice of an overstuffed chair, caused a general alarm Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock.

No one was at home, the fire having been discovered by a neighbor who was walking by the place. A hole was burned in the living room floor thru to the basement and a rug and several articles of furniture in addition to the chair, were a complete loss.

Firemen reported that Artrup carried insurance on the house itself.

Jury Split; New Trial is Ordered

Split eight to four for acquittal, a jury of nine women and three men were unable to agree Tuesday afternoon at the trial of O. M. McAuley, Redondo Beach, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor following an accident here Nov. 2.

City Judge Robert Lessing discharged the jury when it reported after an hour and 10 minutes' deliberation and, at the request of Judge C. T. Rippey, representing the state, decided McAuley must stand another trial.

The defendant was released on his own recognizance pending the second hearing, the date for which is to be determined at a conference of Judge Lessing, Rippey and defense counsel, Judge Joseph G. Moodie, of Redondo Beach.

STEEL WORKERS FORM CREDIT UNION GROUP

Articles of incorporation for the Columbia Employees' Credit Union, listing residents of Torrance, Gardena and Hawthorne as directors, were filed this week at the office of the county clerk in Los Angeles.

The directors are given as Neil McConlogue and Leon Cooper, both of Torrance; W. H. Kidd and Robert C. Olds, of Gardena; and James Copland, of Hawthorne.

This action followed a recent meeting and election of a board of directors from the men attending the first session. The local leaders in the credit union are C. Eugene Johnson, Stanley Lewand, W. E. Parker, William A. Dean, John K. McClements, Walter P. Wallace, McConlogue, Cooper, Kidd, Olds and Copland.

Purposes Outlined
 President of the group is Stanley Lewand with Copland being named vice president; McClements, secretary, and McConlogue, treasurer. It was explained that there are 230 of these credit unions throughout the state, organized and operated by employees of factories, post-offices, fire departments and other groups.

The purposes of a credit union are: To afford the members an opportunity to save and invest money and to borrow money at a reasonable rate of interest. To participate in this organization, a man must be a member and have paid his fee of 50 cents, the only charge to belong.

After a man becomes a member, he buys one "A" share at \$1. This entitles him to one vote in the organization. Each member may buy only one "A" share and have but one vote no matter how much he may have deposited in the credit union.

VOCATION AID FOR STUDENTS

To launch a program of vocational guidance that will be given by Torrance leaders in business, professional and industrial life, Charles V. Jones, president of the Rotary Club, has asked H. O. Dyck to appear on an "aud call" program in the near future.

Dyck was appointed principal of Alexander Hamilton high school earlier this week by the Los Angeles city board of education to succeed the late A. G. Waidelich.

Dyck's address will follow the "youth service" idea promulgated by Principal Thomas H. Elson and introduce a series of vocational meetings to be held at the high school at regular periods with members of the Rotary Club appearing as "guest speakers." James Howe is chairman of the service organization's committee on this work and this includes Dr. N. A. Leake and William Rojo.

These meetings will be held two or three weeks apart and will take up many lines of work, business, professional and industrial, with Rotarians in those careers serving as counselors. The Rotarians recently presented a five-foot shelf of books on various trades, professions and business to the school, each book being donated by some club member in that line of work. The books are finding rapid circulation among the students, according to Chairman Howe, who sponsored the idea.

FIND STRIPPED CAR

A stripped Ford coupe, registered to Mildred G. Thrillits, 10449 Sarah street, North Hollywood, was found on Torrance beach early Tuesday morning. Police had it towed to Mullin's garage to await arrival of the owner.

'Silver Star Lane' Will Blaze With Light, Color

Thousand-Dollar Display Planned By Business Men Assisted by City; Starts With Unveiling Nov. 27

Awakened to the opportunity of making the Torrance shopping district the throbbing pre-holiday sales center that improved economic conditions indicate, this city's alert business men under the banner of the Torrance Retail Merchants' Association, completed arrangements this week for the greatest Christmas season in the city's history.

OFFICIALS BURN \$75,000 WORTH OF PAPER BONDS

Some \$75,000 (paper value) worth of Torrance city water bonds were thrown into a fire in the presence of the city treasurer and city clerk this week.

Destruction of the paper was proposed Tuesday afternoon in city council meeting by City Attorney C. T. Rippey because the bonds, signed and negotiable if they were in circulation, were not used and were lying in a safe deposit vault.

If, by any accident, they were released the city might stand serious loss, Rippey said. The paper was not needed for the water bond issue, an extra supply having been signed and prepared.

New Lights for Library Proposed

A library-lighting demonstration is to be given at a city council meeting in the near future with a view toward installation of better illumination over the book stacks at the public library.

Mayor Stanger reported to the council Tuesday that the present library drop lights over the stacks was judged "very poor" by the county librarian and that he has seen a new type of illumination demonstrated by a Southern California Edison engineer which was a vast improvement.

"These lights are long affairs, placed at the top of each stack and give a more even illumination," he said. "They cost about \$3.75 each and one would have to be placed over each of the 12 stacks in the library. It would cost about \$100 to make the change."

Who Left Those Prints?

Huge white footprints of a size worn by no common, garden variety mortal marched from curbs to many store doorways in the business district this morning but all attempts to discover why proved fruitless.

They weren't in evidence last night and the merchants, whose doorways appear to be the entrance for some formidable person, asserted they did not know who their visitor was, that he left nothing but his footprints and that they did not know if he entered their places of business.

Police, called to probe the mystery, confessed they were baffled, one officer hazarding the opinion that "whoever he was I don't think I'd like to meet him alone." Investigation of the strange bootmarks is continuing and the Herald will not be satisfied until it has learned the identity of the maker, what he wanted in Torrance stores and if he is coming back.

Two Issues Next Week

Two issues of the Torrance Herald & Lomita News will be published during Thanksgiving week... the first issue to be distributed early Tuesday morning, November 24, and the second issue at noon Friday.

Food stores and other merchants are planning attractive pre-Thanksgiving values to be advertised in the Tuesday morning issue. The Friday noon editions will contain week-end offerings. The usual complete distribution will be given both the Tuesday and Friday editions. Watch for them before breakfast Tuesday morning, and shortly after lunch Friday.

Carrier boys are requested to report at 6 a. m. Tuesday and at 1 p. m. Friday. The Herald office will be closed all day Thursday.