

Funeral Service for S. S. Worrell Attended by Hundreds Monday

In the presence of hundreds of friends and business associates, impressive funeral rites were conducted Monday at Stone and Myers' chapel for the late Samuel Story Worrell, who succumbed last Friday at his home 1542 El Prado. His death, although unexpected because he had been in poor health for many months, ended a successful career of more than half a century in the hardware business.

Mr. Worrell, who was a native of Iowa, came to Torrance in 1927 from Colorado. Last August he retired from active work when he sold his store at 1517 Cabrillo to George H. Moore of Glendale. He was 75 years old. His reputation for integrity, fair dealing and in the handling of dependable merchandise extended far beyond Torrance.

Trained in the old school of business standards, where a man's word was his bond, Mr. Worrell is still remembered in Greeley and Canon City, Colorado, as a hardware dealer whose judgment and opinion of his products could be relied upon without disappointment.

He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Rose M. Worrell; a daughter, Miss Doris Worrell of this city; a son, Stuart E. Worrell, and a grandson, Stuart E. Jr., both of Seattle, Washington.



THE LATE S. S. WORRELL

... 55 years in honest work. Following the funeral services, interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery.

Refunding Petition is Said Necessary for Alondra Park Relief

A petition signed by at least half of the owners of 19,400 parcels of property in the Alondra Park Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28 will be necessary, in the opinion of the county's Special Assessment Relief committee, to start refunding proceedings to lift the Mattoon Act burden from that area.

This information was conveyed to the board of supervisors this week in a letter from the committee. The communication followed a request of the city of Gardena that the supervisors take immediate action for refunding the Alondra Park debt.

This refunding would place a specific assessment on each parcel lot under existing state law or by other appropriate means.

Considerable Expense

The committee recommends that (the Gardena) resolution be filed, the letter states in part, and continues: "The committee does not believe that the board of supervisors would be justified in undertaking proceedings for refunding the outstanding indebtedness of A. and I. District No. 28 without a petition from the owners of at least 50 percent in area of the lands in the assessment district requesting the starting of such proceedings."

"The district is very large, having a total area of 9,376.37 acres and embracing in all 19,400 parcels of property. Therefore, the cost to the county for carrying out the refunding proceedings would be considerable. The other refunding proceedings being put through by the county have been requested by the property owners through the filing of majority petitions."

No Money Available

"Furthermore, it is unlikely that the property owners would be in favor of such refunding proceedings unless financial assistance could be given by the county to aid in such refunding. In the budget finally adopted by your honorable board on August 29, there are no moneys available for A. and I. District No. 28.

"The interest of the city of Gardena in this matter is due to the fact that a portion of the district—namely, 18 percent of the total area—lies within the limits of the city of Gardena."

The letter was signed by J. M. Lowery, vice-chairman of the Special Relief committee, and Alfred Jones, secretary.

Archer and Hunter Cause Damage at Two Homes Here

When H. H. Phanschmidt found one of his chickens had gone to the happy pecking ground late last week as result of an arrow thru its vital organs, he started looking around for Indians. Later when he discovered another fatality in his chicken yard at 1307 Cedar avenue and noted that the cause of it was another arrow tipped with a knife-tip, he asked police to investigate. Officers discovered the archer, put a stop to his bow-twanging in the direction of Phanschmidt's coop.

A young hunter in the Palos Verdes hills is believed to be the marksman who put a 22 calibre bullet thru A. Martinez' kitchen window at 24406 Los Codona in Welteria last Friday. Martinez notified police of the damage but the hunter could not be located.

Liquor Fees of \$1,738 Are Due Torrance

Distribution of \$1,998,155.51 to cities and counties as their share of liquor fees for licenses issued during the first six-month period of 1938, was announced this week.

The allocation represents 50 percent of the total fees earned during the first half of the year. Collections from this source amounted to \$3,996,311.02, the state's half of which goes into the general fund.

On the basis of actual licenses issued, Los Angeles county will receive a total of \$533,207, of which \$1,738.75 will be paid to Torrance.

72-Acre Oil Lease Signed

Announcement was made this week that California Securities has taken a 72-acre lease in the Torrance-Redondo area from the Clifton Oil company and has staked location about 900 feet west of Clifton's Hunter-Devlin No. 1 for the first well project. This was the outstanding development in the local oil area during the past week.

A. A. Douglas completed his Beaudette No. 1 on 234th west of Pennsylvania for an unestimated yield and Lancia Oil is about to finish its No. 1 on the southwest corner of 235th and Pennsylvania. Tom Balleis is preparing to complete No. 1 at 239th and Eshelman. Plymouth Oil is building a derrick to drill under contract for the Union Associated Mines company southwest of 236th and Eshelman.

Three Wells Completed

W. E. McCaslin is planning another well on 237th east of Eshelman. Southwest of 235th and Pennsylvania, Paso Oil is preparing to drill and they also plan to drill in the vicinity of the Bailes well. L. M. S. Oil has completed Elles No. 1, pumping 200 barrels of 25 gravity cutting eight percent from 5,130 feet.

In the Harbor City-Lomita field, Richfield Oil has staked location for Stone No. 1 near Figueroa boulevard. Flowing 510 barrels of 29.5 gravity cutting 0.1 percent, Ring Oil has finished Hawkins No. 3 near Lomita and Frampton streets. Depth is reported at 5,290 feet. California Star also completed its Anderson No. 1 at 21st and Petroleum, flowing 350 barrels of 29 gravity cutting two percent from 5,250 feet. On a test, Richfield Oil's Spring No. 1 recovered clean oil and a little fresh water from 5,280 feet this week.

Business Virtues Named

BOSTON (U.P.)—Boston University's Dean Everett W. Lord lists as the "five outstanding virtues in business: Truth, Honesty, Fairness, Courage and Persistence."

BUILDING TO DATE TOTALS \$44,258 HERE

Building permits issued so far this month have totaled \$44,258. They included six for new wood-frame oil derricks and a number of oil tanks in South Torrance. Permits were issued during the past week to:

Miller and Long, derrick at 2434 235th, \$5,000; Kola Oil company at 2473 237th, \$5,000; Maudum Petroleum corporation, derrick at 1939 237th, \$5,000, and West Basin Oil company, derrick at 1939 236th, \$5,000.

L. M. S. Oil company, two 1,000-barrel welded oil tanks at 1962 235th, \$1,700; Tom Bales, one 1,000-barrel welded oil tank at 2039 238th, \$850; Ryan G. Whisenant, steel and glass service station (Richfield) at 1924 Carson street, \$2,000, and two 1,000-gallon, one 550-gallon and one 120-gallon underground storage tanks for gasoline and waste oil, \$175.

Many Home Jobs

Robert Slaten, double frame garage at 8808 242nd, \$150; Oscar Walls, single garage at 1727 Martina, \$50; H. Adler, repairs to garage building at 1806 Cabrillo damaged by fire Sept. 27, \$5,000, and Theodore F. O'Hara, six-room frame stucco house at 236 Via Buena Ventura in Hollywood Riviera, \$4,500.

J. J. Dunlop of 1808 Gramercy, three-room frame house at 2511 Apple avenue below the municipal park, \$1,000; R. R. Smith, alterations to house at 2034 Carson, \$1,500; C. Phillips, two-room frame house, \$320; Emerald street, \$600; Harry H. Pegors, playroom over garage at 1723 Martina, \$308, and V. V. Vandevanter, single frame garage at 3730 Spencer, \$75.

Ruling Sought On Fund Grant

A ruling from the county counsel's office was being prepared this week as to whether the county board of supervisors may allocate funds from its exploration fund to a private individual to carry on experimentation that might lead to a new industry for the county and provide employment for several hundred persons.

Wayne Allen, the county's new chief administrative officer, advised Walter G. Clark, consulting engineer that the county could not advance \$10,000, which he requested recently for further experimental work at his plant on Normandie avenue in Los Angeles shoeing strip. His laboratory is near the plant of the Hughes-Mitchell company but has no connection with it.

Row Over Dog License Awaits Jury's Verdict

Because he has refused to pay the required city dog license fee over a period of several months, Joel Hagberg, Walteria city council candidate who received 34 votes in the April municipal election, was arrested on a warrant last Thursday.

Hagberg, a longshoreman who has been active in Walteria's Improvement association, continued to claim he was not guilty of harboring an unlicensed dog and demanded a jury trial. Before he was released by City Judge Robert Lessing on his own recognizance, Hagberg was accompanied.

The trial, with City Attorney John E. McCall as prosecution counsel, will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The warrant for Hagberg's arrest was signed by Doyle Davidson, poundmaster for the city under contract with the South Bay Humane society.

Illegal Liquor Causes Arrest

Evidence and information gathered during the raid Oct. 10 on the Pueblo section of Torrance by 10 local officers and 10 deputies from the State department of Equalization led to the arrest Monday morning of Efrén Garçon, 26-year-old Mexican ranch worker.

Garcion was charged with possession of liquor illegally manufactured and on being found guilty was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail. State deputies are continuing to investigate reports of "moonshining" in this area and other arrests may be expected shortly, according to Director John Stroh.

Brandeis



Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the Supreme Court, leaves the White House, where he broke precedent for himself to consult the President about the Jewish refugee problem in Palestine.

Sample Ballots Flooding Mails

Sample ballots were being placed in the mails this week for voters of this community in preparation for the Nov. 8 general election which will bring to some of the 44 cities the second longest ballot in the history of the state.

Registrar W. M. Kerr expects to have them all in the mail by the end of the week. Voters will receive at the same time a pamphlet containing arguments pro and con on more than a score of amendments proposed to the state Constitution.

The city of Pasadena will have the longest ballot on election day.

COUNTY'S ELECTION EXPENSE SOARS

Los Angeles county's all-time high mark in registration cost the taxpayers an additional \$83,900 for ballot paper, postage to mail out pamphlets explaining the state propositions and checking of registration statements. Full expense did not advance \$10,000, which he requested recently for further experimental work at his plant on Normandie avenue in Los Angeles shoeing strip. His laboratory is near the plant of the Hughes-Mitchell company but has no connection with it.

The voters there are being asked to pass upon seven city propositions in addition to the 25 state amendments and five amendments to the county charter, making a total of 37.

County Charter Changes

Voters will receive no argument, pro and con, on the five proposed county charter amendments with their sample ballots.

The first proposal would increase the salaries of members of the board of supervisors from \$5,000 to \$7,500 a year. The special charter revision committee recommended a raise to \$10,000 a year, pointing out that the duties and responsibilities of the office had more than doubled since the salaries were fixed at the present rate in 1913. The increase would not affect present members of the board.

The second proposal would reduce the salaries of the county's elective officers—district attorney, sheriff and assessor—from \$12,000 to \$10,000 a year. But as stated on the ballot, the proposition is "to fix the salaries."

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BIG FLYWHEEL EXPLODES AT LOCAL PLANT

A few minutes before midnight it is Loren Maddux's custom to make the rounds of the giant motors that are used at the Coline Gasoline company plant on Sepulveda near Madrona to see if they are operating efficiently. Then he goes to a nearby building to have his midnight lunch.

Last Thursday night he made his round, went to the end of the power building with the oiler, talked about a minute and was just going for his meal when—

With a roar and crash that aroused residents in the adjoining C.C.M.O. center one of the 12-foot flywheels blew up.

Flying pieces of metal spun thru the air like shrapnel, blowing down two sides of the building, soaring upward to shatter two sets of two-by-eight ceiling timbers like they were matchwood and thudding against the pedestal foundation of an adjoining water tower, caving in some of the heaviest timbers.

The motor itself and its concrete foundation were blasted to pieces by the exploding flywheel.

But no one was hurt. If the great wheel, spun by a 24-inch belt, had developed some defect a few minutes earlier, while Maddux and the oiler were nearby, they would undoubtedly have been seriously injured if not killed.

Machinery experts called to investigate the cause of the trouble believe that the flywheel must have crystallized. It was found in hundreds of pieces, several of them 200 yards from the motor itself.

The Coline Gasoline company makes gasoline by a condensation and reduction process out of crude oil. Its output is reported about 20,000 gallons daily, several new motors and other machinery having been recently installed to increase production.

Scrap Thefts End With Arrest of Four Boys

A series of thefts of scrap iron and finished iron products from box-cars on the Columbia Steel siding, extending over a period of several months, was brought to an end late last week with the arrest by sheriff's deputies of three local high school boys and a Narbonne high school student.

They readily confessed they had pilfered the box-cars and sold the material to a Long Beach junk dealer. One boy was 16, another was 17 and two were 18 years old. The Narbonne student was released but two of the local boys were certified to the juvenile court on burglary charges.

The third Torrance youth, haled before City Judge Robert Lessing Monday morning, was given a 60-day suspended jail sentence on condition that he keep away from his former associates and report twice a month to Harry Slover, local probation officer, for three months.

Seek Protection for No. Torrance School Children

At the request of the Perry school P.T.A., Mrs. Lela Gonner, "school mother" of that North Torrance institution, interviewed City Clerk A. H. Bartlett yesterday relative to obtaining a pedestrian crossing at 182nd street and Hawthorne avenue and W.P.A. crossing guards at the same location and in front of the Perry school.

Bartlett assured her that the city would use every means it could to obtain these safeguards for North Torrance children and would present the requests to the city council at its next meeting, Tuesday evening, Oct. 25.

Voter Totals Strongly Democratic

There are 105,760 Democrats and only 33,061 Republicans registered in the 17th Congressional district (which includes Torrance and vicinity) for the coming Nov. 8 election, according to Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr. Total vote in the district is 146,395.

Assembly district registration for the 68th district (covering this city and vicinity) totals 29,210 Democrats and only 9,237 Republicans.

In Torrance there are 4,859 voters, 442 more than were listed for the November 1936 election and 889 more than were qualified at the last gubernatorial election in November, 1934.

There are 3,265 Democrats, 1,328 Republicans, 10 Socialists, 11 Prohibitionists, 12 Progressives, one Communist, two Commonweathers, 64 Townsdenites and 175 declined to state party affiliations.

Throughout the county there are eligible to vote at the November election 920,034 Democrats and 501,577 Republicans, or a ratio of nearly two to one.

That women will play an important part in the coming Congressional election is shown by the fact that there are 48,061

Many New Features are Added to Factory Frolic

FROLIC PROGRAM GETS BIGGER AND BETTER

With only six more days of preparation to go before the first annual Torrance Factory Frolic gets under way Friday morning, Oct. 28, here is what has been definitely determined for the city-wide festivities:

TUESDAY, Oct. 25

Motorcade to tour surrounding cities to publicize the Frolic, leaving here 10 a. m. George Peckham, who is in charge, wants "several hundred" cars in this inter-city parade. Banners will be furnished. The start will be made from the Frolic headquarters at the old Chamber of Commerce building, 1327 Cabrillo.

FRIDAY, Oct. 28

All booths and exhibits to open on Sartori and Marcelina. Boy Scout Kangaroo Court opens across from theatre.

Hobby and Handicraft show (Fay L. Parks of the Torrance Plumbing company wants entries for this feature) at the buildings on the corner of Gramercy and Cabrillo.

Horseshoe tournament at city park begins at 9 a. m. Dale Riley is receiving entries for this prize event.

Football game between Torrance and Banning at the high school field at 3 p. m.

Fashion show by N.B.P.W. at Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.

Frolic Amateur Show at Torrance theatre.

SATURDAY, Oct. 29

All booths and exhibits open and operating.

Hobby and Handicraft Show continues at Gramercy and Cabrillo.

Boy Scout Kangaroo Court in session at park in front of the theatre.

Pet parade for youngsters—entries should be made at once at the Frolic headquarters at 1327 Cabrillo.

Bicycle parade, followed by a race at 11 a. m.—boys desiring to enter this event should fill out the entry blank published on Page 3 of this issue.

Scout parade for boys under 12; Dale Riley in charge and entries now being taken at Frolic headquarters.

Slow-motion auto race, in charge of the C.I.O. lodge. Entries should be made at the headquarters.

Comedy parade at 3 p. m. Entries now being taken at headquarters.

Mask parade for adults and children in the evening.

Bonfire to celebrate the Frolic.

Street dance and Halloween carnival for all.

Amateur show at the Torrance theatre—finals.

SUNDAY, Oct. 30

Union church service in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Special music by the high school glee club and orchestra.

Principal address on "Christian Citizenship in Action" by Dr. Louis E. Burger, director of the Bureau of Public Relations of Civic, Inc., of Los Angeles.

County attorneys who examined the petition decided that the law is clear in that it requires the signatures of at least 25 percent of the holders of title or evidence of title to the land within the limits of the proposed incorporation. Secondly, the petition must contain the signatures of at least 25 percent of the value of the land included in the limits.

On the petition submitted, the promoters maintained that the signature of the land-owning corporation should be counted for some 2,000 parcels of land which it owned. County attorneys decided otherwise. Neither is the county required to have a title search of the properties made by a title company, O'Connor's opinion stated.

The promoters told the supervisors recently that they feared they would not be able to obtain the signature of the land-owning corporation on another petition for incorporation.

Teachers Hear Special Broadcast

Local teachers assembled Tuesday afternoon in their schools to hear a special broadcast presented by the Affiliated Teachers' organization when four speakers addressed Los Angeles city instructors on reasons why they should vote against Proposition 20, the Single Tax proposition, and Proposition 25, the "30-Every-Thursday" pension plan.

The speakers were Ray Everhard, attorney for the A.T.O.; Laurel Kenzie, president of the Elementary Teachers' association; Fred Fredrickson, president of the High School Teachers' association, and Mary Fricke, chairman of the A.T.O. executive council.

Lomita Pupils Visit Postoffice

Two classes of 30 pupils each, accompanied by their teachers, from the Orange Street school in Lomita visited the Torrance postoffice this morning. They were brought here in a school bus and Postmaster Earl Connor and his staff showed them all details of how the mail is handled.

Rotary Governor Due Here Tonight

Sam Gates, governor of district 107, Rotary International, will make an official visit to the Torrance Rotary club this evening, according to Harry M. Abramson, president of the local club. Prior to his address at the dinner meeting, Governor Gates will meet with club officers and committee chairmen at the home of Secretary William H. Bratton, 1928 Gramercy. Gates is a former president of the Los Angeles Rotary club.

FESTIVITIES ATTRACTING ALL GROUPS

DON COSTUMES SATURDAY!

Men! Get your overalls, blue work shirt and work cap or "dinky" and be ready to don them Saturday morning to start the Factory Frolic week!

Women! Get your blue and white aprons and headbands now at local stores or the Frolic headquarters, Marcelina and Cabrillo, to wear them beginning Saturday morning. Let's all dress up, smile up and be ready for a good time!

With the passage of each day during the past week the first Annual Factory Frolic advanced in interest and in the number of attractions until today it appears that the event, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29, will have a fun feature for every man, woman and child in Torrance.

In addition to the Frolic events reported last week, these new features were added this week to the two-day community festivities:

Scenes of entries, including some exceptional attractions, for the various parades;

Chief Paul Mason of Los Angeles, state director for drivers' licenses, will install the latest type of examination machine to test drivers without charge during the Frolic;

Stands Built at Cost

Amateur shows planned by the Torrance theatre management, with semi-finals Oct. 25 and 28 and the finals (for prizes) on Saturday night, Oct. 29. Entries for this feature are now being taken at the theatre;

Announcement that the concession stands will be erected on Sartori avenue, between Post and Cabrillo, and on Marcelina from Cravens to Sartori, by the sponsoring Torrance Coordinating Council at cost for any group or individual desiring to operate them. The cost of the stands will be about \$8 each.

Underwrite Expenses

Financial support of the two-day festivities was guaranteed last night at a joint meeting of the Coordinating Council's officers, Chamber of Commerce directors and the Finance committee of the city council. It was decided that the city would underwrite any expense up to \$400 which may be incurred above the \$400 fund which the Coordinating Council has in its treasury.

Thus the cost of prizes, special features and advertising in addition to that already given without charge by The Herald is limited to \$800. The Coordinators will use their \$400 fund first and any extra expense above this sum will be paid out of the city's Promotion fund up to an additional \$400.

Entries are now being taken at the Coordinators' Factory Frolic headquarters in the old Chamber of Commerce building at Marcelina and Cabrillo for all parades and concession stands. Carl Marsteller is managing the headquarters for the Coordinators and he announced today that the following floats have already been entered for the Comedy Parade to be held Saturday afternoon, 3 o'clock, Oct. 29:

Special Parade Features

J. J. Newberry's store, Moose lodge, Walteria Civic Center, Fern Avenue P.T.A., St. Cecilia's Guild, National Business and Professional Women, Torrance Plumbing company, Schultz-Peckham Ford agency, Isen's store at the Pueblo, Grub's Meat market, Beacon Drug store, Moore's Hardware store, La Mode Furniture store, Townsend club, Ed Thompson's Chevrolet agency, Torrance Men's Bible class, National Home Appliance company, American Legion Auxiliary, Thrifty Bike Shop, Sons of Legion and the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce.

Also in the line of march with the parade will be a girls' band from Monrovia, furnished by the

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