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Artesia Painter Killed as P. E. Car Hits Truck

One Artesia man was instantly killed but his companion escaped with only two broken ribs when their small truck was struck and ground under the front wheels of the Pacific Electric car at 16th and Arlington early Friday morning. The victim was Edward Hanneburg, 24-year-old painter. His friend, Merle Kallmeyer, 27, of Bellflower, was extricated from the wrecked age only after hack saws were used to release him.

At the coroner's inquest Monday morning the jury decided the fatality was accidental and exonerated Motorman I. C. Colt of 4928 Hickman Road, North Torrance, of blame. Kallmeyer, a painter, testified that he heard the P. E. car's whistle as it approached the crossing but he did not know if Hanneburg (who was driving) heard the warning as their truck continued right into the path of the car. He said they were not going faster than 15 miles an hour but Motorman Colt declared he estimated the truck's speed at about 30 miles an hour.

This picture, snapped in the California capitol at Sacramento, is one you never saw during the bitterly-fought gubernatorial campaign. Betting Gov. Merriam, left, greets the state's first Democratic chief executive in 40 years, Culbert L. Olson.

Masons Elect 5-Year Member as Master

Five years after becoming a member of Torrance Masonic lodge, No. 447, F. & A. M., Jess M. Reddington was elected worshipful master last Friday night. Together with the other new officers he will be installed on Dec. 30. Lee George Nelson was chosen senior warden, Clifford Ruppel, junior warden; John H. Fess, treasurer, and Jesse H. Sprout, secretary.

Appointive officers named by Reddington were Edmund A. Day, senior deacon, William H. Brenner, junior deacon, and Dr. C. L. Ingold, the retiring master of the lodge, marshal. Reddington lives with his wife and two sons, Dennis, 11, and Ronald, three, at 709 Sartori. He is employed in the Columbia Steel accounting department here. During the past year he served as senior warden of the lodge.

Harbor Dist. Boosters Meet Tonite . . .

At the monthly dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce tonight at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant, Los Angeles, Dr. Clayton D. Carus, U.S.C. professor, will discuss "Relationship of the Pacific Coast to Foreign Countries." The nominating committee will report and there will be election of officers for 1939, according to President Irving P. Austin of Civitan. The January installation meeting will be held in the Civic Auditorium here.

Vocational Meeting Tonite at H. S. . .

First public gathering in the new high school assembly hall will be held tonight when Edward DeGroot, Los Angeles Boy Scout executive, will address a vocational guidance conference—open to the public—on "The Personality Factor in Employment." The meeting, which will start at 8 o'clock, is sponsored by the Vocational Guidance committee of the Torrance Kiwanis club, Dr. W. T. Laughon, chairman, and Principal Thomas Elson. All high school students and their parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Coordinators to Plan '39 Frolic . . .

"We've only got about 10 months to plan the second annual Torrance Factory Frolic—so we've got to get busy!" President John E. Miller of the Coordinating Council said today as he announced that a meeting would be held by the Council Monday night, Dec. 12, 7:30 o'clock at the city hall courtroom. Representatives from all organizations in the city have been asked to be present when the ground-work for the 1939 festivities will be laid. Next year's Frolic should be "bigger and better than the celebration held here Oct. 28 and 29," Miller declared.

Free Positives in T. B. Tests . . .

More than 800 of the 800 children attending Torrance Elementary school were given the Mantoux tuberculin test last week. According to Principal Merle Holbach, said today as he announced positive reactions. These pupils were given X-rays yesterday and when the pictures of their lungs are studied, parents will be consulted about the best program to follow for curing the disease. The tuberculin tests were sponsored by the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis association which has charge of the current Christmas seal sale campaign.

CCMO Chimes Readied for Yuletide . . .

Christmas would not be Christmas at the C.C.M.O. without the ringing of the home-made chimes that have saved the Yuletide in that attractive suburb of Torrance for the past five or six years. Workers there went over the mechanism of the electrically-operated music this week and readied it for the first concert Christmas Eve. The chimes are perfectly-toned pump barrels, rung by hammers that work from "opening and closing" power circuits according to a tape made on a home-made music box drum. A 15-minute rendition of Christmas carols will be played every evening at the C.C.M.O. community thru Jan. 2, according to Freddie McIntyre, superintendent.

Free Course Offered Adults Here . . .

Would you like to study interior decorating and flower arrangements without expense? Such a course will be open to all adult residents of this city at the Fern Avenue school starting Monday, Jan. 9. Mrs. Oda Vans, principal, announced this week. She has secured Richard Allen of the Metropolitan Evening High school faculty, to present the lectures and demonstrations here every Monday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 o'clock. There will be no tuition charged or other expense to the course. The studies will be free to all under the adult education program of the Los Angeles city school system.

City Gain Double That of State . . .

The city of Torrance is growing just about twice as fast as the entire state of California. This was revealed this week when the California Taxpayers' association announced that a check-up on the population of the state showed an increase of about 22 percent since the 1930 census or a population of 6,690,000 for the year 1938. "Using the same media for population estimates—school enrollment, voter registration, gas light and water connections and birth rate—a similar check on the Torrance population a few months ago showed better than 10,500 population or a gain of nearly 44 percent since 1930. The Taxpayers' study showed that Los Angeles county now has an estimated population of 2,785,000.

Desperate Chinese Refugees Loot Store



Starved and desperate, these Chinese refugees were photographed in the act of carrying rice from a shop in Hankow which they had just broken open.

FEDERAL HOUSING PROJECT IN P. V. OKAYED TODAY

Federal approval was given today to the first of several county Housing Authority projects at Palos Verdes Estates and North Long Beach, according to Washington dispatches. President Roosevelt approved allocation of \$2,331,000 for the two units; this sum amounting to 90 percent of the total cost of \$2,600,000, according to word received by Melville Dozier, Jr., executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Housing Authority, from Nathan Straus of the National Housing Authority.

Draftsmen will start work at once on the Palos Verdes and North Long Beach units. It is estimated that the planning will require two months and another month will be necessary to get final approval at Washington. Construction is expected to start by May 1.

The Palos Verdes project will be located south of Lomita at Western avenue and Palos Verdes drive and will contain 250 units, located on 30 or 35 acres to be donated by Palos Verdes land owners. The project will cost \$1,250,000. The North Long Beach housing project will be located on a boulevard and the Union Pacific on 60 acres for which the authority is negotiating purchase from the Bixby Land company. Only 30 acres will be used now for the 250 units proposed.

Each housing unit will cost about \$5,000 and will contain three, four or five rooms and each unit will be built in groups of from one to 10-family dwellings. People with incomes of from \$50 to \$100 per month. While the amount of rent has not been decided, it is expected the units will be leased for \$15 to \$25 a month.

Advocates of slum clearance in Torrance pointed out today that this method of developing low-cost homes may be the solution of the Pueblo situation here. Following final approval of the first two projects, Dozier announced that the county Housing Authority would file application for 750 more units for the county; 250 of these would be added to the North Long Beach project to occupy the remaining 30 acres and 500 in the Belvedere district.

Fire Guts Milk Shed on 174th

Fire of undetermined origin swept the large frame and concrete milk house at the dairy operated by a Mrs. Walker of Hollywood by L. Kelso at 2001 West 174th street yesterday afternoon. While most of the machinery was saved, the blaze caused considerable damage.

Announcement of the field investigators for the respective new supervisors is expected to be made Monday when they take up their new duties. C. R. Jordan of Long Beach has been the field investigator for Supervisor H. C. Legg of the First district, and Hal Moore of Long Beach has been the Fourth district appointee. These jobs pay \$350 a month with a county car while the supervisors receive \$416 a month and county limousine with a driver.

Major problem confronting Supervisor Hauge is fire prevention

Moose Honor City Official

Members of the Torrance Loyal Order of Moose, No. 785, installed City Clerk A. H. Bartlett as dictator of their lodge at a meeting held in the Moose hall at 1528 Cravens avenue last Friday night.

Other officers seated at the meeting were: Harry M. Abramson, president of the Rotary club, as vice dictator; William Wylam, florist, as prelate; J. A. Evans, secretary; Jake Lepkin, treasurer; George Bailey, sergeant-at-arms; Ralph Howe, inner guard; and Frank Smith, outer guard.

Judge Shippey, deputy vice dictator of the Supreme lodge, was installing officer. He was assisted by Women of Moose No. 44 ritualistic team with Zoe Delthers as captain. A committee of citizens from the hall on Cravens avenue, Monday evenings at 8 o'clock. There will be initiation of new members Dec. 19.

Fire Damages Lomita Home

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the roof and parts of the walls of a house at 28941 Pennsylvania avenue, owned by T. W. Brown of 1746 West 261st street, Lomita, early Monday morning. The house was unoccupied, according to Capt. Frank Laski of the county fire unit stationed in Lomita.

Flood Dams Need Watch

Silt and other debris left in flood control district reservoirs by the heavy run-off of last March 2 will necessitate a careful watch of all flood control dams and weather forecasts this winter, according to engineers.

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Benner Reinstated as Fireman After Civil Service Trial

Altho found guilty as charged in the complaint by his superior, Director John Stroh of the Public Safety department, Engineer J. J. Benner of the Fire department was restored to duty as of Dec. 1 by a verdict this morning of the three-man Civil Service trial board which heard his case last night.

No Yule Spirit Yet?—Then Read Letters to Santa

Revealing a faith in the patron figure of Christmas that is somehow most refreshing in these hurried days of war, country-grubbing, motor vehicle fatalities, Yule shopping worries and international intrigues, Torrance youngsters are writing Santa Claus their heart's desires for presents.

Their letters, tho brief and very much to the point, show that Santa Claus remains supreme in their concepts of the Yuletide. All of the letters are being carefully collected by the postoffice staff, dispatched to Santa's workshop at the North Pole. After careful perusal by the whiskered, red-suited old gentleman they are returned here for publication in The Herald.

The second "batch" of such interesting missives is published on another page of today's issue. Be sure to read every one because they'll give you the "Christmas spirit" if anything will!

DeMolay Order Founded Here

With impressive rites, the first 35 members of the new Torrance chapter of the Order of DeMolay were initiated by the San Pedro chapter of that young men's Masonic-sponsored organization last night in the Torrance Masonic temple.

In attendance at the ritualistic ceremonies, in addition to the DeMolay delegation, were officers and members of the Masonic club, sponsor of the local DeMolay, and lodge, led by Dr. C. L. Ingold, retiring master, and Jess M. Reddington, master-elect.

The DeMolay members are to elect officers in the near future. The group is composed of boys living in Torrance, Lomita, Gardena and vicinity.

20-30 Elects New Officers

George Figueredo was elected president of the Torrance 20-30 club at a dinner-meeting in Altheby's Ranch House last night. Elmer Blyer became vice-president, Joe McNeil was chosen secretary, Roy McKey, treasurer, and Neil Whitney was named recreation chairman.

The 20-30 club has accomplished much here in the past six months and owes a great deal to the retiring president, Roy McKey, for his leadership. President Figueredo has plans for several new projects during his coming term.

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Fire, Flood Control Project Major Problems Confronting Dr. Hauge, New County Supervisor

The Los Angeles county had a full five-member board of supervisors this week with the induction into office of Dr. Oscar Hauge (pronounced How-ge) of Long Beach as the new supervisor from the Fourth district, appointed Wednesday Nov. 30, by Governor Merriam at Sacramento.

The new supervisor-elect from the First District, William A. Smith of Whittier, took his oath

The board's written decision, announced by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, pointed out that Benner, who was accused with Capt. A. D. Stevenson with being absent from duty without leave and fighting, already has been penalized by a 30-day suspension without pay. In addition, the examiners declared that he has never before been charged with violation of fire department regulations.

Because Stevenson is charged with the same accusations as were filed against Benner, he too is expected to be re-instated after the Civil Service trial board hears his case. The date for this examination has not been set as yet. Benner returned to duty immediately after the trial board's verdict was announced, according to Director Stroh.

With three members of the City Civil Service Board—Chairman J. O. Bishop, Bernard Bunje and Robert W. Roberts—sitting as a trial board, the matter of J. J. Benner's suspension and possible dismissal as a fireman engineer was given thorough airing in the city council chamber last night. Most of the forms of court procedure were followed, with Fred Cross serving as special attorney for the city and conducting the prosecution and C. T. Rippey as counsel for Benner.

The trial board, after hearing statements from the witnesses, Director Stroh of the Public Safety (fire and police) department and Fireman W. C. Silence for the defense, recommended that Benner and Capt. G. M. Calder for the defense, took the case under submission. Chairman Bishop, after a brief deliberation, "would probably be given clerk LeRoy Stevens sometime tomorrow."

Charges against Benner and Stevenson were preferred by Director Stroh after a fight between the engineer and Capt. A. D. Stevenson. The accident occurred when Benner and Stevenson were absent from duty Oct. 30—the day of the fleetcuffs—without permission and for participation in the battle in the central fire station. Stroh and charges were presented to the city council Nov. 1 and on the following day the council approved the recommendations of Benner and Stevenson be suspended from duty for 30 days. The suspension was due to end Dec. 1, but neither fireman has been called back to duty as yet.

Fight Cause Not Told Chairman Bishop, asked when Stevenson will be given his hearing, said that neither fireman had been called back to duty as yet. Stevenson, former fire chief, was in the audience with his attorney, John Shidler. Mayor W. H. Tolson and Councilmen Tom McGuire and James Hitchcock were interested observers of the proceedings last night.

Altho the fight between the defendants in the case was thoroughly gone into, the cause of the battle was not revealed by any statement because of the necessities, Benner testified that he and Stevenson had a conversation in the station office about a fire in the morning. "Afterwards he contacted Director Stroh by phone and told him I wanted to get it while it was hot and he said to go ahead," Benner said, in testifying that he asked permission for Stevenson and himself to leave the station and go to his (Benner's) home.

"I told Stevenson that I had permission for us to leave for my house and that I wanted him to come along because I had something I wanted to talk about with him," Benner continued. "He said the only way for me to get satisfaction was to go to court and then try and keep him from it." The witness did not elaborate on what he was talking about but said: "I went and then lost my temper and struck him the first blow. He got up and tried to defend himself. Later, after we stopped talking, something about getting the glass and then

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