William Porter Succumbs June 2 in Far-Off India

Word was received this week by Mrs. Caroline Williams of 1012 Cedar street, that her son, William Porter, succumbed to a sun stroke in Jamshedpur, India, last Friday, June 2. Mr. Porter, who was 54, had been in India with his wife, Millie, for the past three years and had recently signed another three-year contract with the Tata Iron and Steel company, a British firm.

Funeral service was held in Jamshedpur which is 450 miles from Calcutta, and Mrs. Porter and their son, William, are now enroute to the United States with the ashes. Mr. Porter is also survived by a stepson Roger McGinnis, and a half-brother, Lou R. Williams of this city. Mr. Porter was formerly associated with James Thompson at the Buckeye cafe here.

Recent letters received from the Porters reported that the heat was becoming intense in Jamshedpur, temperatures ranging from 118 to 120 degrees necessitating the hanging of wet cloths about living places to lend some humidity to the weather. Mr. Porter was a member of the Moose lodge of this city and was formerly a roller at the Columbia Steel mill.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED: Auto transportation to U.C.L.A. summer session. Address Box W. B., Herald office.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 8 p.m.—Regular meeting of City-Wide Improvement Association at C. of C.

7:30 p.m.—Community chorus practice at H. S. assembly hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 7:45 p.m.—Regular meeting of city council in city hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14—Flag Day observance: 1:45 p.m. in H. S. assembly hall; 7:30 at Methodist church; 8:15 at Civic Auditorium.

6:30 p.m.—St. Andrew's Men's club dinner-meeting in Guild hall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30 p.m.—Baccalaureate service in H. S. assembly hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 7:30 p.m.—High school graduation in assembly hall.

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SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

PAINTER'S PROGRESS

All set for a grand opening tomorrow is Henry Bays, prop. of a new and most complete paint emporium at 1605 Cabrillo, known as the B & B Paint and Decorating Store. Henry Bays will feature famous Glidden paints and painter's supplies, has available a master painter & decorator Charles Birney who can do a Rembrant on anything from a tool shed to a cathedral. Henry himself has had years of experience with a brush, was once a painting contractor on a large scale in Pittsburgh, Pa. For past three annums he has lived in Torrance, decorated more houses in Palos Verdes than any dozen other painters combined.

The new B & B will offer many free services to its customers, will sell a 30c can of paint and a 25c brush on opening days for the infinitesimal sum of 15 centimes. Visit Henry's new place and be sure to get in on this special bargain.

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ROGERS VERTEBRAE

Johnny Rogers made several trips lately to a chiropractor to have his back put in proper alignment. 'Tis said Johnny got that way from heaving those monster glasses around . . . the which he sells plumb full of cold beer for only a dime.

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GRAND'S GRAND

Right smack next door to the newly opened Grand Theatre on Cravens is a snug little room in which hair stylist Margerita Chaky will open a swank and completely new beauty shop tomorrow . . . the Grand Beauty Salon. No ordinary beauty operator is Miss Chaky. For years she managed a high class shop in Hollywood, knows all the wrinkles . . . and what to do about them. Every machine, chair, fixture, & hair pin in the place is brand new; every customer on opening days (Friday & Saturday) will be given a free souvenir. And, if they wish, they can take advantage of Miss Chaky's opening special . . . a regular $1.50 shampoo, finger wave and cocktail facial . . . all for only 75c.

Shop Talk wishes good luck to Miss Chaky and plenty of customers.

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SAN QUENTIN SIGHTS

Last week Shop Talk took a vacation, went to San Francisco, saw some sights, rode on cable cars, visited the Fair, had sore feet, gaped at Sally Rand (wham!), had a fever. Notwithstanding, one of the most interesting things seen & heard was a trip thru the state's famed bastile . . . San Quentin. Among them were:

The gallows . . . four men still remain to be hung—convicted before the new lethal gas chamber became popular. We (an attorney friend who arranged this private showing) looked down thru the two traps, saw the small enclosure atop the gallows where the three guards cut the three strings that drop the trap. Contrary to popular belief the guards know which string controls the trap, would just as soon have one string and they'd all cut it. Tough guys. They get the rest of the day off after snipping the cord. From the time the convicted man enters the gallows room until he's swinging no more than 30 seconds elapse. Everything operates with clock-like precision.

The jute mill . . . hundreds of machines which make a helluva noise . . . raw jute in every process up to the finished sacks sold to farmers for grain, etc. . . . convicts work eight hours daily, must produce so much every day, hate the jute mill worse than any other department.

Cell blocks . . . San Quentin has the largest in world, four stories high, each cell with double locks, double guard walks entire length, almost a city block . . . all prisoners are locked up at night, two in a cell.

Mess halls . . . enormous things . . . each inmate given a battered aluminum dish and coffee cup . . . was informed that recent press releases that prisoners get bad food have a lot of truth in them . . . convicts consume 800 loaves of bread daily . . . on a cart piled high with bread and standing in doorway leading to mess hall was a sign reading "Don't Lean On The Bread! No Exceptions!"

Print shop . . . San Quentinites print their own newspaper—the Sport News . . . they take raps at themselves and at the administration . . . an issue published January 1 of this year read, "This newspaper wishes all the inmates a VERY short New Year." . . . editor of this sheet, due out in thirty days, and a brilliant chap, already has a job with a San Francisco daily, whose editor got the convict's remaining sentence cut from ninety days . . . a box on the front carries figures on population figures (over 5400), paroles granted, etc. . . . the box headed "Stir-Tistics" . . .

Parting memory . . . as we left prison band (outside the walls but INSIDE the gates) in natty uniforms was giving concert to fifteen or twenty guards wives & children (it was Decoration Day) . . . a nice looking young chap was singing . . . as we walked away from the band stand the strains of his song floated down to us . . . and of all tunes . . . he was singing "Let's Grow Old Together" . . .

8-Year-Old Boy Gets Honor Medal

First local member to receive the award, David Babcock, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Babcock, was presented with the covcted Five-Star medal of the Sons of Legion Tuesday night by Commander Lyle Doan. Young Babcock was quizzed by Doan on the five subjects of patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and history of the American Legion and Auxiliary before being given the medal.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beale, 1402 Acacia avenue, have as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Seward Coy, parents of Mrs. Beale from Leechburg, Pennsylvania. The Coys expect to remain during the month of June.

Peace Officers to Honor Sheriff at Dinner-Meet

Local members of the California Civil Service Peace Officers' Association are looking forward to the gala dinner-dance-program scheduled for Monday at Topsy's cafe in South Gate when Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz will be guest of honor.

The regular floor show and dance will be available to all attending, according to Police Chief John Stroh, former president of the association. Police Chief Charles J. Miller of Lynwood is the present leader.

Six Patients Enter Hospital

Six new patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were Truman Coggins, Hermosa Beach, for surgery, on Sunday; Mrs. Effie Leggate, 1724 Arlington, for surgery, on Friday; Barbara Jean McCarrell, three years old, of Redondo Beach, for pneumonia treatment, on Tuesday.

Miss Etta Mowry, 2112 Carson, sister of Guy L. Mowry, for surgery last Thursday; Miss Dorothy Miller, of Inglewood, for surgery, last Friday; and Mrs. Virginia Wood, 2130-B Sepulveda boulevard, for surgery, on Tuesday.

NEW ARRIVAL

An eight-pound two-ounce son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Thornbury of this city Saturday in Long Beach. Thornbury is a National Supply worker.

CHAMBERS MEET

A number of local residents are expected to attend the dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at Huntington Park high school when Vierling Kersey, superintendent of Los Angeles city schools, will be the principal speaker.

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