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LINGENFELTERS NOW ON "GOLDEN HONEYMOON"

ADVANCED . . . Appointment of Earle E. McCarty, heretofore assistant to vice president, operating department, with headquarters in Chicago, as general manager of the Santa Fe's Coast Lines was announced today by W. K. Etter, vice president. The appointment is effective July 1. He succeeds John R. Hitchcock, who after a half century of efficient and loyal service retired of his own volition. Hitchcock is a brother of City Councilman James Hitchcock of this city.

Youngest 'Hoss' Thieves Caught Riding Home

To three Lomita boys, the youngest seven and the other two 15 years old, went the dubious honor this week of being the county's youngest "hoss thieves." The horse, aged 10, furnished their conveyance on a vacation tour that took the youngsters from Lomita to San Pedro and part way home.

They would have made the round trip if a private watchman in the Miraleste district of Palos Verdes Estates had not rudely interrupted the excursion Tuesday afternoon. He stopped the venturesome trio and after learning they did not own the animal, having merely "borowed" it from a dairy at 26014 Pennsylvania avenue, turned the boys over to the Sheriff's juvenile bureau for further questioning.

When taken into custody the lads told the watchman that they had ridden from Lomita to San Pedro to visit a relative of one of the boys and were returning home. And, having neither driver's license nor certificate of ownership for their 10-year-old steed, the end of the long trail over the hills was the Sheriff's office.

Their "capture" posed a pretty problem for Sheriff Biscailuzz, too. He likes horses and he likes boys, has one of the best mounted troops in the state and sponsors a boys' band of more than 100 members. But horse-stealing is a pretty serious offense in these parts even today and the boys are still tingling with the stern lecture they received.

Store Clerk Given County Jail Term For Petty Theft

Originally charged with burglary, a count that was reduced to petty theft, Piercy Bell, 18-year-old butcher-clerk at the Civic Center Market, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail Monday for thefts at the market. Shortly after City Judge Robert Lessing passed sentence on him, Bell was served with a traffic warrant by a State Highway Patrol officer.

The youth was arrested June 16 in company with a younger boy, who was later absolved of all blame in the case. Bell gave an Inglewood address.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

50th WEDDING DATE FETED ON WEEKEND

Bound for Seattle and a visit with their son and daughter and their families, Rev. and Mrs. Ben H. Lingenfelter left Monday by car on the first stage of their "Golden Honeymoon." The trip north was a golden wedding gift to the well-known Torrance residents who celebrated their 50th anniversary on two occasions last weekend.

First they were honored last Saturday night at a banquet in Daniels cafe by the Men's Bible class. Members of the class and their wives numbering 46 paid high tribute to their teacher and his wife for their devotion to each other and their loyalty to their home town.

Next, the Lingenfelters were honor guests at the home of their daughter Mary, Mrs. H. M. Thompson of 1465 Linden avenue, Long Beach where a family dinner-party was held last Sunday.

Have Great-Granddaughter

In addition to these happy gatherings, "Reverend Ben" as he is affectionately known by hundreds here and his wife received scores of congratulatory letters and telegrams from friends in many localities. They left Monday noon to drive to San Francisco. From that city they will take a train to Seattle for a three-weeks visit with their son, Dr. John S. Lingenfelter, his wife and five-year-old son and daughter Ruth, and their daughter Ruth, Mrs. J. R. Kremen. The "honeymooners" expect to return to their home at 1311 218th street in about a month.

Among the guests at the family dinner gathering in the Long Beach home of their daughter, Mrs. Thompson, were two other daughters, Mrs. John O. (Lois) Engel of Los Angeles, her husband and two children, Jane and Jackie; daughter Mrs. Ivan L. (Martha) Farman of March Field, her husband and son Dickie; their granddaughter (daughter of Mrs. Thompson) and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilbert of Los Angeles, and their 10-months-old baby, Dianne, who is the Lingenfelters' great-grandchild; another granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Andrews of Long Beach and their son Victor, and several cousins of Rev. Lingenfelter.

Graduates of Drake U.

Great-Grandfather Lingenfelter was born in Allendale, Mo., Dec. 18, 1865, the son of a harness maker and saddler. After graduating from high school he engaged in teaching and met his future wife when he lived with her parents. He taught school in one district while Henrietta Kennedy, who was born in Maryville, Mo., Jan. 24, 1870, was making young Missourians learn their three R's in the adjoining district. Her father was a farmer and district judge.

They were married June 26, 1889—when Ben was 24 and Henrietta was 19—in the Kennedy home. One of their attendants was Ben's brother, J. V. Lingenfelter who is now 75 years old and in very poor health at his home in Long Beach.

Both started in Drake University in the following September. Rev. Lingenfelter received his diploma in 1894 but his wife did not get hers until 1896—"I had to take 'time-out' to have a daughter — Mary, now Mrs. Thompson," Mrs. Lingenfelter smiled.

University careers behind, the Lingenfelters and their first of four daughters, began the living practice of ministry—a practice that Reverend Ben follows today altho he says "My religious acts are now confined to weddings, funerals and teaching the Men's Bible Class." But those who know him and his good works are ready to assert that he is still the vigorous, keen-minded crusader for better things that he was when he first came to Torrance in 1924 and built the First Christian church here.

For one thing, they point out his present interest in bettering the housing conditions at the Pueblo. Several months ago he began urging a clean-up of that district and he is still in direct contact with the Federal Re-Settlement Administration and other officials, seeking to improve the Pueblo.

Served In Northwest

His friends also remember his many charities and the phrase: "See Ben Lingenfelter, he knows the conditions" has paved the way to the relief of many a distressed family or individual.

Leaving their native Missouri and the halls of Drake University, the Lingenfelters moved to Tacoma and were there four years while Reverend Ben worked hard in the pulpit of the Central Christian church and in Tacoma civic life. Then they went to Seattle where they stayed for 12 years while he was connected with the First Christian and Fremont Christian churches. Eastern Washington called them and they were in Yakima valley for seven years more.

To California in 1923

For the next five years, the Lingenfelters were in Butte, Montana, where Reverend Ben filled the Shortridge Memorial Christian church pulpit. They came to California and settled in Harbor City, Dec 18, 1923. In June of the following year, they made their last move—to Torrance.

Rev. Lingenfelter was a charter member of the local Rotary club. Mrs. Lingenfelter is an active member and Bible chairman of both the Torrance and the Keystone Woman's clubs.

BIBLE CLASS GIVES LINGENFELTERS "GOLD"

Fifty 50-cent pieces, wrapped in gold paper, were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Ben H. Lingenfelter by the Torrance Men's Bible class at a dinner in honor of the golden wedding celebrants at Daniels cafe last Saturday night.

A program of entertainment was given with Mrs. Robert Pearson singing, accompanied by Mrs. Boche; dances and songs by Virginia and Bobby Crandall, accompanied by Mrs. Evans. The decorations were made by Mesdames Ed Morang, Sam Nourse and A. J. Ferguson. Many of the Class members were accompanied by their wives to the enjoyable dinner-party.

—Torrance Herald Photo.

THEN (1870) AND NOW (1939) . . . That moustached gentleman with a good right-hand grip on his derby and the wasp-waisted young lady looking for a rainy day—she's got her umbrella ready—are Rev. and Mrs. Ben H. Lingenfelter whose present-day picture at the right was taken by a Herald photographer just before they left on their 'Golden Honeymoon" to Seattle, Monday. The old photo was taken on their wedding day, June 26, 1889.

Recipe for Successful Marriage Offered by Pastor and Wife

"I don't see why any two good people can't live together in happiness . . . it's just a matter of give and take and common sense."

So declared Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, speaking from a knowledge of marriage not all gained from his own 50 years of comradeship with his wife, Henrietta. He has studied marriage as a minister and charitarian and he has come in contact with probably more different kinds of marriages—good, bad and indifferent—than any man in Torrance.

"A husband and wife must use the brains God gave them and exercise the will-power they themselves can develop. Religion can be a great factor in happy marriages because, fundamentally marriage is a sacrament, a gift of God, to be used wisely and with due regard to your mate, your community and your conscience," he said.

—And what does Mrs. Lingenfelter have to say about marriage? Just this, as she told a Herald reporter last Friday in her attractive home while she was attending to some sewing:

"If married folks would just 'plug along' day by day, being fair and considerate of each other, they'll get along all right. We have found our greatest happiness in our children, in our grandchildren and, for the past 10 months, in our great-granddaughter. Children help make a home. They need love and kindliness and by their presence contribute much toward a successful, happy marriage."

Conners Attend Postal Parley

Postmaster and Mrs. Earl Conner attended the California State Postmasters' Association convention in Santa Monica last weekend. Conner is a director in the Los Angeles County Postmasters' association and of the California chapter of the National Association of Postmasters.

3 Men Lead in Race for Lomita P. M.

Concluding from information sent Ed Means, field secretary for Rep. Lee E. Geyer by the Congressman in Washington, D.C., Lomita's next postmaster will be one of three men—A. L. Owens, Earl Fisher or Martin Peterson.

Those three Lomitans, according to Means, finished in that order in the recently conducted examinations for postmaster. Fishel, a World War veteran, is believed to have the inside track and is expected to receive Geyer's support for the position.

Miss Birda Paddock, present postmaster, was nominated for the office by the late Congressman Charles J. Colden and has filled the post for six years.

Lomitan Off On Eighth Journey Across U. S.

As eager to be off on her eighth trans-continental crossing as she was for her first trip, Mrs. Alwine Uhlman of 25835 Oak street, Lomita, left today to visit all the states she has missed on previous journeys. She will return in September. Her trans-continental bus ticket is the longest A. L. Owens, bus line official, has made out in more than 20 years of issuing the travel certificates.

With both World's Fairs on her itinerary, Mrs. Uhlman's destination is her family home at Malden, near Boston, Mass. Her route there includes El Paso, Carlsbad Caverns, San Antonio, New Orleans, Florida, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York. The return trip will take her through Wheeling, W. Va., Louisville, Memphis, Arkansas, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque and San Francisco.

On previous trips, some by train, some by bus, the local music teacher said, she has visited northern states and Canada, but this will be her first time through much of the southern United States.

Bob Sleeth Elected Fraternity President

Robert Sleeth, Jr., was elected president of the Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity of Compton Junior College at a meeting held in Lynwood Monday evening.

Sleeth is the third Torrance man to serve as president of this fraternity, Pete Zamperini and Carl Paxman being the other two. Bill Keefer and Weston Leech are now pledges.

Realty Board Renews FHA Aid to Lomita

With oil drilling in and near Lomita definitely on the wane, Torrance-Lomita Realty Board members have renewed attempts to lift FHA restrictions in the district. President Tom B. Hill said this week he will head a committee to meet soon with Los Angeles FHA officials to again request that the Lomita area be allowed housing loans.

Previous excuses for refusing loans, he said, were based on possible oil drilling in and near Lomita. The next session of the local board will be held July 11 at the office of Tom Waters here. The housing committee hopes to have a report at that time.

Free Summer School Classes Begin July 3

Free summer school classes will be held at Frank Wiggins Trade School and at Metropolitan School of Business beginning Monday, July 3. Both schools are located at Olive street and Venice boulevard.

Courses usually offered during the year will be available for six weeks to all students who meet the standards of the regular courses offered by these schools. Frank Wiggins Trade School will offer classes in automotive, aircraft, art and drafting, building, building operation, cosmetology, clothing, electricity, foods and printing.

Metropolitan high school will offer shorthand, stenotypy, typing, bookkeeping, machine bookkeeping, comptometry, machine calculation, office machine practice, office practice and related subjects. Enrollment will begin at 8 a. m., Monday morning, July 3.

Norway's greatest disaster occured in 1219 A. D. when a flood took 36,000 lives.

Oil Exploration On Two Fronts

Resumption of exploration of deep zone oil possibilities in Walteria and northwest Wilmington was reported this week. Rolling Hills Petroleum corporation is ready to continue drilling at the Weston No. 1 wildcat near Crenshaw and Highway 101. This well is already at the 5,500-foot level.

Howard E. Miller's Bren Oil company has placed foundations for a derrick in the northwestern end of Wilmington on Main street midway between Lomita and Sepulveda boulevards.

The new location is more than a mile from the nearest good producer in the Harbor City field, closer to old producers of the General Petroleum Poggi lease.

McQuaids Leaving Monday for East

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McQuaid of 1511 Post avenue and son Jackie will leave Monday for the New York World's Fair and then on to Nova Scotia. They intend to travel in the east all summer, returning in time for the opening of the school term. They may equal or exceed the 12,000-mile motor tour they made last summer.

PAYROLL CHANGES

There were 1,018 persons separated from the county government payroll during May, while 947 appointments were made, a reduction of 71 persons during the month, according to a report from the county civil service commission.

Wooldridge Writes

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A gentleman is a person who is never unintentionally rude.