

Mrs. Hastie Honored by Lodge on 90th Birthday

In 1849 when thousands were trekking west to the California gold fields—some to find fortune, more to perish or just manage to eke out a living—a baby girl was born to a farmer and his wife back in Niagara county, New York.

Sixty-two years later that child, then a widow with four children, followed the gold-seekers but she was not in quest of the yellow metal. And in 1916 she came to Torrance to make her home with a daughter.

She is Mrs. Zada Hastie, mother of Mrs. Carrie Parks of 1003 Portola avenue. Mrs. Hastie celebrated her 90th birthday last Wednesday and on the following night she was guest of honor and courtesy matron of the Eastern Star lodge.

Married War Veteran

Ninety years puts her in the ranks of noneagenarians—but she gives no signs of carrying that many years on her straight shoulders. She is still active about the house and can laugh and joke with the best of us. Except for her failing eyesight, she refuses to admit that she is facing the sunset of a good life.

Mrs. Hastie lived at her home in New York state until she was 25. Her father served three years with Union forces in the Civil War, dying shortly after that conflict's end. Then, with her mother, she moved to McPherson county, Kansas. There she met William W. Hastie and was married in Hutchinson, Kans. Hastie, who was also a veteran of the War Between the States, had three children by a previous marriage. Mrs. Hastie was to become the mother of a son and daughter.

One step-daughter is Mrs. Walter Amick of Ft. Worth, Texas, another is Mrs. Ina Scow of Anthony, Kansas, and her son



—Torrance Herald Photo.
MRS. ZADA HASTIE
... living the good life

is George Hastie, now a retired railroad engineer who lives in Enid, Okla. Mrs. Hastie lost her husband in 1909.

Family Chief Interest

Two years later she came to California and then moved to Torrance in 1916. She has been a member of the Eastern Star Parks, is a past matron (1933) of that order and a past-president (1925) of the Torrance Woman's club.

"My family was and still is my chief interest in life," she said this week. "My children and step-children have meant a great deal to me. My life has not been an eventful one and I never had to work very hard—but it has been a good life and I'm enjoying every day of it right now."

Spurned Suitor Shoots Two and Kills Self in Palos Verdes

A rejected elderly suitor shot a man and a woman, then killed himself with a bullet thru his brain on Palos Verdes Sunday morning, according to deputy sheriffs.

Treated at Torrance Memorial hospital were Daniel L. Seaton, 28, of Los Angeles,

wounded in the shoulder, and Mrs. Ruth W. Tracy, 35, of Palos Verdes Estates, shot thru the hand and the cheek. The dead man was identified by investigators as Charles M. Kisch, 40, part-owner of a restaurant in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Tracy was allowed to go to her home in Palos Verdes Sunday after treatment here. Seaton is still confined at the hospital and probably won't be released until Sunday. Mrs. Tracy lives with her wealthy father, Addison R. Warner, it is reported.

Fight On Running-Board
Kisch was acquainted with Mrs. Tracy and her husband, G. W. Tracy, now separated, back in Illinois, deputy sheriffs learned after questioning her in the hospital here. After coming to California Kisch and Mrs. Tracy went out together on several occasions before she told him she did not care to see him any more.

Several weeks ago she said she was threatened by Kisch, who early Sunday met her and Seaton at a Hermosa Beach restaurant after a Palos Verdes party. Kisch had a few words with the woman but didn't threaten her, it was learned. Later when she and Seaton were returning to the party they noticed a car following them.

The machine forced their car over to the curb, then Kisch leaped on their running-board brandishing a gun. He struck Seaton on the mouth with the pistol as Seaton speeded up the car in an attempt to throw Kisch to the street. As the car moved ahead Kisch fired several shots at the couple before falling from the running-board as the car plunged over a curb. Several seconds later both Mrs. Tracy and Seaton heard the shot that ended Kisch's life.

Smokes in Bed, Causes Hotel Fire
A lodger on the third floor of the Erwin hotel on El Prado fell asleep while smoking in bed. The result of the combination of sleep and smoking was \$40 damage to the mattress and rug, according to firemen who were called to put out the blaze.

OIL HEATER BURNS
An oil heating tank on Eshelman avenue, between 236th and 237th streets, became ignited Monday morning, causing a blaze which was extinguished by local firemen before much damage was done.

College Courses Continue Here

Unless and until the Los Angeles board of education decides to abandon the project, Torrance Community College will continue to offer courses to the 15 students enrolled at least thru the first semester, Principal Thomas Elson said Tuesday.

"We have not received instructions to abandon the junior college set-up launched with the beginning of the new school term Sept. 11," he said, "and are still keeping the extra teachers allowed us on our faculty staff."

A few more replies were received during the past week from young people who had indicated they would attend junior college here but failed to register. These indicated that the prospective students had either (1) found jobs, (2) enrolled at other schools, or (3) were unable for various reasons to resume their education.

Principal Elson is naturally disappointed over the meagre enrollment for the community college. He continued to maintain this week that the courses offered here were comparable to those of other older junior colleges and that the local institution could have become a vital factor in the educational life of the community.

INTER-CITY SESSION
The Torrance 20-30, Redondo Beach 20-30 and Redondo Rotary clubs held a joint session Tuesday night at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse. A speaker from the Auto Club of Southern California addressed the gathering.

BRILLIANT DISPLAYS
A decorating company has installed the attractive booths that house exhibits in the Civic Auditorium. They contain some novel

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Three-Day Fun Fete Opens

Delegate



Planners Change Part of Proposed Re-Zoning Map

Two revisions in the tentative zoning map now under study by the city planning commission were explained at an informal meeting of the commission Monday evening by Glenn Jain, assistant city engineer.

A half-block strip extending 202 feet north of Carson street, from the midway point between Hickory and Iris streets west to Flower street, was taken out of the residential zone and left unclassified.

Property bordering U. S. Highway 101 in Waveria extending back from the roadway 125 feet on each side, and running from Hawthorne avenue east about two blocks was left unclassified.

Another Hearing Planned

While the meeting was not announced as a public hearing, a number of those in the audience were permitted to enter verbal requests for re-classifications, most of them favoring lifting the residential restrictions, most of them favoring lifting the residential restriction in the Vista Highland tract to permit oil drilling.

Chairman Tom McGuire requested those who desired changes to put their requests in writing and promised that all such communications would be given careful consideration.

Another public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance will be held in about three weeks, it was announced, and ample notice of such public meeting will be published in The Herald, McGuire stated.

No Action Taken On Street Opening

Park street in Waveria will probably not be extended between 240th and 242nd streets until the acreage is subdivided into lots. The city council, acting on a request for the extension by the Waveria Civic association, took no action after hearing a report by City Engineer Leonard Young.

He said the city would have to purchase a right-of-way thru the intervening acreage if the extension was ordered now. Young advised waiting until the land is subdivided and then the owners will be required to dedicate land for the street.

Pencil Portraits of Prominent Personalities

Sketched by ELIZABETH LOSEY

"I hope Torrance's Factory Frolic will be bigger and better than last year's splendid celebration. I enjoyed the 1938 show and I'll certainly attend this year's. These community celebrations are fine things."

So declared Judge Frank Carrell, justice of the peace for Inglewood township (which includes Torrance) today as he arrived to hold his regular Thursday afternoon small claims court session. Carrell, a native son of Los Angeles county, has taken a neighborhood interest in this city because he was raised and schooled in Gardena and has made his home there for many years.

A graduate of U.S.C. where he received A.B. and J.D. degrees, he was appointed justice of the peace in 1929, was elected to that office the first time in 1930 and is the first and only township court. He has also sat on the Los Angeles Municipal court for four years and one year at the San Pedro branch court. Carrell was also a prominent Superior Court judge.

A veteran of the World War, he is a member of the Gardena American Legion post, Redondo Beach Elks and is a past master



JUDGE FRANK CARRELL
... J. p. for past decade

In Style



MAYOR IN BLUE ... Wearing the official Factory Frolic garb of overalls, blue work shirt and workman's cap, Mayor William H. Tolson is ready to join in the community celebration. He's particularly happy these days because—so far—he hasn't been asked to make a speech!

Widening of Figueroa Will Cost \$26,882

Widening of Figueroa street between Redondo boulevard and 135th street is scheduled to begin shortly at a cost of \$26,882 following receipt of bids last week.

C. O. Sparks and the Mundo Engineering company submitted the low bid among the dozen-odd bidders. Plans call for eight and six-inch concrete paving, construction of two-inch rock and oil roadway adjacent to the paving, and a concrete storm drain system.

Eleven trees and four stumps are to be removed in the process of widening the important north and south artery, which is being improved all along the route, preparatory to becoming the major boulevard between Los Angeles harbor and the metropolitan area, skirting Torrance.

Details of P. V. Housing Project Are Revealed

Bids for the Los Angeles county Housing Authority's third project, which will bring its total investment to more than \$5,000,000, are expected to be called for about Nov. 15, it was learned this week. It is to be located in East Los Angeles.

The Authority's first project, in the North Long Beach area, already is well under way at a cost of \$1,728,000. Bids on the second project, designated as Harbor Hills in the Palos Verdes hills, are to be opened next Thursday, Oct. 5.

Details of the Harbor Hills project, in the hills south of Long Beach, were announced this week. Layout of the project was made to conform to the contour of the site, which is on low-lying side hills sloping toward Western avenue.

Palos Verdes Drive North, a 120-foot highway, extends about midway through the project. The Authority will put in its own water, gas, electric light and sewer systems.

No garages will be provided at the Harbor Hills project, but seven large motor courts paved with asphalt concrete will be provided. All exposed concrete including the floor and roof slabs which will be the ceilings for first and second stories, will remain as stripped of the plywood or metal forms used.

The buildings are designed for resistance to seismic forces and walls will be tied together with a reinforced beam at the second floor and at the roof line. Roof slabs will be covered with asphalt roofing felt and finished with a mineral surface.

Fifty-two buildings containing 300 dwelling units, and a community house will be erected. There will be eight different types of multiple dwellings distinguished by interior planning and arrangement.

Fire Chief Urges Prevention Work

Beginning Monday, Oct. 8, Fire Prevention Week will be observed thruout the nation and Fire Chief J. E. McMaster is already at work on arrangements to observe the clean-up locally. He is obtaining speakers for service club meetings and school assemblies and has a supply of informative blank forms which will be distributed among school children.

These are to be filled out by parents and then the fire department will collect them to determine just how well local residents improve their homesites and guard against fire dangers.

"The fire department particularly urges Torrance people to clean out their garages and get rid of the accumulation of oily rags which cause spontaneous combustion," McMaster said. "The street department will cooperate with us by removing piles of rubbish from yards and gardens if the stuff is stacked up in the alleys. I hope every resident will observe Fire Prevention Week this year."

Rotarians Must be in Overalls Tonite

All members of the Torrance Rotary club were warned this week by President H. E. Appenzeller to come to the dinner-meeting tonight dressed in Factory Frolic garb or "feed the kitty handsomely." The speaker this evening will be R. O. Vernon, district freight manager of the American President Lines, Ltd., who will discuss "The American Merchant Marine."

Gay-Way Along El Prado Ready for Big Throngs

Blue jeans and wide grins ... colorful peasant aprons and winning smiles ... lights, pennants, music, color ... parades, vaudeville, band concerts, exhibits ...

Torrance is all steamed up for the second annual Factory Frolic and from now until midnight Saturday El

Prado, center of Frolic attractions, will be the heart of the community. With the weatherman cooperating much better than he did a week ago, the gala celebration promises to exceed in interest and attendance last year's successful event.

The complete Factory Frolic program, giving all available details about each of the many attractions, is published in a special supplement with this edition of The Herald. Save that edition for reference tomorrow and Saturday and attend all of the features which have been arranged by Chairman Fay Parks and his hard-working committees.

Attractions Are Open

El Prado presents a gala appearance today as crews of men and women are completing the transformation of that business thoroughfare into a carnival way extending from Sartori to Cravens. Displays in the Civic Auditorium and at 1222 El Prado opened this morning and hundreds have already visited these free attractions. The Arts, Crafts, Hobby and Needlework show at the 1222 El Prado location is worthy of many repeated visits.

"We believe everything is ready now to entertain every resident of Torrance and as many visitors who come here in a way that will do credit to Torrance and our hospitable people," Parks said this afternoon.

"A few of the concession stands will not be finished until tonight or tomorrow but every other detail is complete. All we want now is continued fair weather, a big attendance at every Frolic event and smiles on every face!"

Like a Country Fair

Many of the concessioners worked until a late hour last night getting their stands ready and the country fair atmosphere is gaining as finishing touches are being placed on the big open-air dance platform (3,600 square feet), in the auditorium where special free programs will be presented each evening and around the various children's ride attractions.

There's a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, merry mix-up, pony rides; there's literally hundreds of unusual exhibits in the Arts, Hobbies and Needlework show; there's going to be band concerts, free shows and dances every night and there will be two parades—the children's pet procession tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 and the Frolic fun march Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

EVENT SERVES TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY
Other Southland cities have their Centennial Days, Orange Shows, Grape Festivals, Tournaments of Roses, Wistaria Fetes, Covered Wagon Days, Harbor Host Days—

Why can't Torrance have some identifying celebration? That was the question pondered in the spring of 1938 by a number of civic-minded local residents and organizations. But none took more interest in trying to find a theme for a Torrance community event than the Coordinating Council.

Most Successful Event
It was agreed that such a city-wide festival should have a (Continued on Page 6-A)

Comments Improvement

Whatever plan is agreed upon by Young and Johnson, it must be acceptable to the P. E.'s directorate, President Smith stated and then the whole project must be reviewed by the state railroad commission and approved.

A letter concerning the proposed Cabrillo improvement was also received by the council from President Robert J. Deininger of the City-Wide Improvement association. He stated:

"We believe this is a step forward in the growth and development of our city and will pave the way for the program of this association, which is working for the further improvement of our major highways into Torrance. Until the improvement of Cabrillo avenue, Torrance boulevard and Crenshaw boulevard is completed, Torrance cannot expect to make a favorable impression on prospective home owners."