

Freedoms Not Granted by Constitution, Masons Told

The freedoms which Americans enjoy today are not freedoms granted by the U. S. Constitution, members and guests of the Rolling Hills Lodge 781, F & AM were told Thursday evening during traditional Constitution Week observances.

The freedoms Americans have are the inalienable rights of man and are recognized as such by the Constitution, Dr. G. Henry Green, senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro, told a near capacity audience at the Lornita Masonic Temple.

Speaking at the first public meeting of the recently chartered Rolling Hills Masonic Lodge, Dr. Green traced the background of the U. S. Constitution, explaining that it was drawn up not to protect the people by a government, but to protect the people from the government.

"THE PEOPLE of early America who formed the Constitution were escaping from tyrannical government," Dr. Green said. "The constitution they signed was meant to be a democratic constitution

which let the people govern themselves," he explained.

Referring to specific freedoms outlined in the constitution and the Declaration of Independence which preceded it, Dr. Green said the liberties enjoyed by Americans end at the point where they encroach upon the liberty of another.

THE GOVERNMENT has been put in the hands of the people, and the trust is in the person who casts an intelligent ballot, he said.

The voter in turn puts the trust of governing in those elected to office.

"Sometimes that trust is betrayed," he said. "But in the final analysis, the voter has the decision and the responsibility."

Secret as it is, the ballot is very effective in assuring that good government will prevail, Dr. Green said.

Master Frank Schmidt of the Rolling Hills Lodge introduced Dr. Green. Refreshments were served by wives of lodge officers and members following the meeting.

Ribbon-Cutting Wednesday For New Freeway Section

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies to open the Harbor freeway between Century Blvd. and 124th St. will be held Wednesday morning, 9:30 a.m., Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported this week after G. T. McCoy, State Highway Engineer advised him that the project would be complete as of that date.

Carl J. Hoffman is chairman of the ribbon-cutting ceremony, while Ellery G. McClung is co-chairman of the event.

Opening of the two-mile segment will carry southbound traffic to the vicinity of El Segundo Blvd., where major improvements are nearing completion between Avalon and Normandie to handle the increased traffic load.

Northbound traffic will be able to get on the Harbor freeway a short distance north of El Segundo Blvd.

"Opening of this section of the freeway will assist in reducing the congestion in the southwest area which has existed for many years, Hahn declared, "and with the newly widened sections of El Segundo Blvd. it will provide a faster, direct route to the southwest portions of the County."

Gov. Godwin J. Knight is being invited to cut the ribbon opening the new freeway section, assisted by Robert McClure, State Highway Commissioner for the Los Angeles area, according to Hoffman.

Your Park Department

Continuation of alphabetical listing of trees in our city and on our parkways.

Eucalyptus trees (scarlet bell-falls and sideroxylon roses) were mentioned in the last article. To continue with eucalyptus would take up considerable space as there are twenty-one different kinds that will grow in this country or in Southern California.

Eugenia (Paniculata) or bush cherry. This is a small tree from ten to twenty-five

feet in height; has a spread of from five to fifteen feet. This is a good specimen tree, of which there are many in our Torrance parks—not to be used as a parkway tree. It is shallow rooted and makes good wind breaks. Its growth is rapid; it blooms from June to August and its fruit is edible.

IT WILL NOT stand too much heat or cold. It is free of disease but has drips at times. It is native to Australia and will grow in sun or partial shade. This tree likes heavy soil but well drained with plenty of moisture; does not like manure, so a small quantity of commercial fertilizer should be used. It can be pruned to any shape. Two other trees of this type are Eugenia Paniculata Australia, which has the same culture as the above but has smaller leaves; and reaches a height of thirty feet. It is a very beautiful tree, has the same culture as the above but has smaller leaves; and (Acacia) Spotted Lilly Pill tree. This tree is a slow grower and reaches a height of thirty feet. Its spread is from ten to fifteen feet. It is a very beautiful tree has bronze tinted foliage and white flowers and lavender pink berries. It grows best in partial shade.

We will continue a listing of the trees in our city and parks in our next article.

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Youth Bands To Appear at County Fair

Torrance musical talent will be doubly represented at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona Sunday, Sept. 28, when two area youth bands perform. Selections will be rendered by the cadet band and concert band, two of the groups which practice each week in the Torrance civic auditorium under the joint auspices of the Torrance Area Youth Bands and Torrance Dept. of Recreation. Both bands are comprised of youngsters in the high school and college age groups.

Also under sponsorship of the recreation department is a group for students in the elementary school age bracket, junior band. An estimated 50 youngsters comprise the junior band, which meets each Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

CADET BAND, composed primarily of students of high school age, practices Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. An estimated 45 students have joined this group. Both the junior and cadet bands are under the joint direction of James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, and J. W. Davidson, youth instructor of the Torrance schools and director of the "Fun Through Music" program of the department of recreation.

Concert band, composed of 42 select high school and college students, rehearses Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. Auditions for this group may be arranged.

Rev. R. A. Wells Selects Sermon

Rev. Robert A. Wells, pastor of the Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church, Lornita, will discuss "God's Covenant With Abraham," fourth in the series "How God Deals With People in the Bible," at worship services to be conducted at the church, 24730 Narbonne Ave., at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Sunday School enlargement week will get underway Sunday, Sept. 21 with an afternoon "procession hunt" held jointly with members of the First Baptist Church of Lornita.

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