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Everybody Boost For the New Huntington Beach Concert Band

TRUSTÉE FRENCH IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BOARD

Big Delegation of Citizens Present to Witness Organization of New Board; Resolution For Better Fire Protection Is Passed; Contractor Oswald's Bond Returned.

If all the white winged doves of peace that ever winged their way through the free air had been roosting in the city council chamber Monday evening, and all the branches from the many thousands of olive trees in the Southland had been hanging about the bank building, greater peace and harmony could not have prevailed. It was one of those good old fashioned harmonious town meetings where everybody respected his neighbor and the motives of no one were questioned. We say town meeting because there was a large number of citizens present to see the new members inducted into office.

If the same harmonious spirit continues—and there appears to be no reason why it will not—it means much for the future of the city, as the only thought in the minds of those present was for a greater Huntington Beach.

Trustee Howard Is First.

Trustee C. H. Howard, one of the retiring members, opened up the era of good feeling when he arose and said that before the old board had crossed the Great Divide he desired to thank the members of the board for the many courtesies extended, as his association with them had been a source of pleasure, and he felt something like the Irishman who had nothing but a pig and a cow, but when he was about to pass away, called a lawyer to make his last will and testament; Pat said he wanted to will to his sister \$2000 and to his brother \$2000, and when asked how about his mother, replied: "Oh, yes my mother; God

each of them returned an affirmative answer, signed their names and took their places at the table.

Board Retires.

City Attorney S. M. Davis, who had his big oil can out and was busy keeping the municipal machinery lubricated so that no gears would be broken or hot boxes interfere with the proper organization of the new administration, advised the members that the next thing in order was for them to elect one of their number as chairman. A short silence followed; no one suggested anyone for the honor. Then Trustee Rosenberger suggested the members retire for a private conference upon the matter, and at 8:40 the trustees left the room and met in executive session in the directors' room of the bank. This was a keen disappointment to many citizens who were present for the specific purpose of witnessing the organization.

Trustee French Wins.

At 9 o'clock the trustees returned and Mr. Tarbox was made temporary chairman, and on motion of Trustee Huston supported by Trustee Helme, Trustee French was unanimously elected president of the new board.

After President French assumed the chair, he said he was deeply grateful for the honor conferred upon him, and he would probably be like most other men, make some mistakes, but he was certain none would ever be made intentionally; and that no act of his would ever cast any reflection on the city of Huntington Beach. He thought the present board would be able to in-

service in Huntington Beach, was accepted and appears in this issue of the News.

More Stairway at Pier.

President French called the board's attention to the need of more stairway at the new pier. Trustee Tarbox said there should by all means be a stairway on the west side of the pier, 8 or 10 feet in width; and there should also be some light in the men's portion of the comfort station under the pier.

City Engineer Spencer was instructed to arrange with the Mercereau Bridge & Construction Company to put a window in that portion of the station referred to, and to make an estimate of the cost of a stairway.

Will Buy Gavel.

President French said the city had been incorporated more than five years and had never owned a gavel, and he would entertain a motion to instruct the clerk to buy one, and on motion of Trustee Rosenberger and Huston the clerk was so instructed. This spoils the plans of Ex-president Seely, as he had intended to present President French with an old croquet mallet.

An adjournment was taken until next Monday evening.

CLERK NUTT, ATTORNEY DAVIS AND ENGINEER SPENCER

ALL TAKE PART IN READING BIG SPECIFICATIONS.

"Billy" O'Connor Sets his Alarm Clock and Stays With Them.

City Clerk Charles R. Nutt has a splendid voice for reading, and his articulation is such that every word can be distinctly heard about the Trustees' room, and it is a pleasure to listen to his reading. But Monday evening he ran into an uncharted snag and had to make signs for relief.

Some new specifications for street work were up for first reading, and were about as long as the new pier. Mr. Nutt read for an hour or so, and one could notice that he was not used to so much sand and gravel as was contained in Engineer Spencer's

road to connect with the county boulevard, as at present the roads in this city were the worst in the county, and that machines coming this way on the boulevard, after traveling a short distance over the rough roads turned and passed this city up, and they would continue to do so unless some relief was afforded.

There was some objection to the cost, but Mr. O'Connor said while he was not a road builder, he was sure the expense would be nominal, and asked Engineer Spencer to figure the cost of oiling a 20-foot roadway for 1 1/2 miles. The cost was estimated at about \$200.

It was said there was not sufficient equipment, but they couldn't shake "Billy" and he said he would borrow anything needed from the county.

Mr. O'Connor said that while he was not certain he felt quite sure the Huntington Beach Company would donate the use of two teams for the work and with the one team owned by the city would be all the stock required, according to advice from Superintendent of Streets, John Tinsley.

While the Board agreed with Mr. O'Connor that something should be done toward improving the roads mentioned, there was some division as to just what should be done; but it was evident that there was no show of getting away from Mr. O'Connor, so some more had to be made in order to secure an adjournment, and the matter was disposed of by Mr. Tarbox, who moved the question be referred to the committee on streets. And still they were not out of the woods, as Mr. O'Connor said he would take the committee over the proposed streets in his machine, and wanted to know what day and hour would be convenient for Trustees Helme and Rosenberger, and "Billy", did not leave the room until the hour had been decided upon.

FIVE HUNDRED SIGNS FOR COUNTRY ROADS.

Trustee Rosenberger announced Monday evening that 500 signs had been ordered to be placed along country roads marking the way to Huntington Beach. The signs will be white with a blue arrow pointing in

MORE IMPROVED HIGHWAYS FOR ORANGE COUNTY.

Meeting of Citizens At Wintersburg Monday Evening Decide By Unanimous Vote To Ask For Improvement In the Wintersburg-Westminster-Smeltzer District.

(By Chas. E. Dixon.)

An adjourned meeting of the Springdale Improvement Association was held at Wintersburg Monday night to perfect plans for the organization of a road improvement district and later to the effect of persons owning property within the tentative boundary lines as outlined in last Friday's issue of the News. A large number of citizens were present, nearly all of whom took part in the friendly discussion that ensued. Those objecting to the tentative plans, who spoke, were: R. E. Larter, W. Kesemann, J. Barthole and H. S. Hazeltine. Those speaking for the plans were: Chas. E. Dixon, W. T. Vandruaf, L. E. VanWinkle, Geo. W. Moore, W. E. Gerhart, and J. J. Graham. W. E. Chilson favored taxing the land for one half mile on each side of the roads to be improved but that plan was thought to be too expensive. D. F. Sharratt spoke in favor of the good roads and asked several questions that showed he had given the matter much thought. His questions were answered by the Secretary, who had gathered considerable valuable information on the subject of good roads. T. B. Talbert said that it was up to the Association to ascertain what it desired and then he would aid all he could in obtaining its wants. Bloomer Crane spoke in favor of graveling all of the roads. Others speaking on the subject were Frank Ulrich, Earl Farrar, John Kettler, Sherman Buck and Geo. B. Crane. J. J. Graham proposed the enlargement of the district and improving the

road to be extended further west. Mr. Hazeltine then made a motion to take a vote as an expression of opinion of an enlarged district and the improvement of additional roads as follows:

Additional roads to be improved were one-half mile further west on the Smeltzer road and the Shaffer road from Mallett's corner to the County Highway at Westminster and the district was enlarged to take in the territory bounded by the County Highway from the Smeltzer road to the Westminster road, thence west to the Rancho Las Boles Chicas, thence along the grant line to the Pacific ocean. A standing vote was taken which showed 24 in favor and none against the plan. Chas. E. Dixon then made a motion that the Association request the Board of Supervisors to declare a Road Improvement District as outlined above for the purpose of improving the aforesaid roads. The motion carried unanimously and the president appointed a special committee consisting of Earl Farrar, John Kettler and Chas. E. Dixon to prepare the necessary papers and present them to the Board of Supervisors.

Much joking and laughter were indulged in and what seemed to be unalterable opposition changed into a compromise conclusion which seemed to suit all concerned.

The president appointed his standing committees as follows: Electricity—A. Ruoff, Frank Ulrich and C. H. Maddux. Drainage—Sherman Buck, A. D. Cleaver and A. H. Moore. Coast Road—Chas. E. Dixon, Chas. J. Andrews and John Kettler. Good

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