

**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 work, and his voice was visibly affected, and stopped very suddenly just as a rock crusher stops when a big boulder falls into it. The clerk made a few motions to City Attorney Davis and as lawyers are accustomed to helping people out of trouble, Mr. Davis was quick to grasp the situation, and took over the big ordinance and continued the reading.

"Billy" Stayed With Them.

As such reading is dry picking for the average citizen most of the spectators left the room. However there was one man present who didn't go home, and that was "Billy" O'Connor of the firm of T. B. Talbert & Co., who was present for the purpose of having the board take favorable action on preparing a temporary good road from this city to connect with the county boulevard. "Billy" knew what he was up against so he went down to Canada's and bought an alarm clock and set the alarm at 11 o'clock and set the clock on the engineer's table in the room and sat down on one of the benches and leaned up against the west wall of the room and went to sleep. City Marshal John Tinsley dozed against the wall on the opposite side of the room, and Constable Linden laid down on one of the benches and forgot all about it.

Ex-President Seely leaned up against the desk inside the railing and made a brave stand, but capitulated before the reading was finished. Assistant City Engineer A. M. Bennett stayed awake and listened just as though he enjoyed it. Mr. Davis was game and did not ask for help, but Mr. Spencer offered to run for him after he had reached third base, and the offer was accepted, and although Mr. Spencer has only been out of the hospital a few days, he finished the reading without difficulty.

And when the alarm struck, Constable Linden and Marshal Tinsley jumped up and ran out doors. Mr. Linden said he thought the Mexicans were taking Huntington Beach, and Mr. Tinsley thought it was a fire alarm.

Mr. O'Connor got up and told the board that something had to be done about fixing up a temporary

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. Tinsley, 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 Helms 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 the direction of Huntington Beach.

**SUNDAY BAND CONCERT  
WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED.**

**DIRECTOR NEILSON AND HIS  
BOYS DONATE THEIR  
SERVICES.**

Just to show the citizens of Huntington Beach what they can do in the way of open air concert work the Huntington Beach band, under the direction of Ernest A. Neilson, gave a free concert in the pavilion Sunday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Old timers agree on the matter of attendance Sunday afternoon being larger than any day in the history of the city when there was no special entertainment. And to give some idea as to how the band music was appreciated it might be stated that following the rendition of the Overture "Poet and Peasant", the attention had been so marked that the audience was almost silent enough to have allowed one to hear a pin drop on the floor of the pavilion. There were musicians present from Anaheim and Long Beach, who praised the work of the band, and the band boys are certainly to be commended for their good work, as there is nothing that the general public is more interested in than band music; and the impression left on the visitors here Sunday afternoon is worth more than many may suppose it is.

**March for Pier Day.**

Richard Menzel, the bass player, will compose a march which the band will play Pier Celebration Day. Mr. Menzel has been a member of bands at San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Long Beach.

**Only Three More Required.**

Director Neilson states that, but three more players, a clarinet, cornet and baritone are required for the band to be able to put on any kind of concert work.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

C. D. Heartwell reports the sale of lots 26 and 27 in block 111, being the corner of Twelfth and Orange, for the Huntington Beach-Tourist City Company to Mrs. Harriette J. Grove and Miss Minnie A. Steel.

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 territory bounded by the County Highway from the Smeltzer road to the Westminster road, thence west to the Rancho Las Boins 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 unfavorable opposition changed into a compromising conclusion which seemed to suit all concerned.

**WILLIAM T. NEWLAND  
HAS BEEN APPOINTED**

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER BY  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**

Huntington Beach has scored again in big red letters, as the Board of Supervisors of which our fellow townsman T. B. Talbert of this city has the honor of being chairman, has appointed William T. Newland of this city, to fill a vacancy on the Orange County Highway Commission.

This appointment is a popular one, as Mr. Newland is one of the best and most favorably known citizens in Orange County, where he has resided for almost a quarter of a century—to be a little more specific, twenty-four years.

**Original Coast Boulevard.**

Mr. Newland was the first man to suggest the Coast Boulevard for this section of the South Coast. The first man he mentioned the matter to said it was visionary at this time, but might happen during some future generation. But Mr. Newland is not a quitter and he went to Capistrano, Laguna and Newport and up to Sunset and Seal beaches, talked it early and late, and as a result the Coast Boulevard will be a reality in the very near future.

And it is certainly a well merited honor for Mr. Newland to be a member of the commission that will have charge of the construction of this great highway, that will be of far greater value to Huntington Beach than any road ever constructed in the past, and perhaps of more value than any one that ever will be constructed in the future.

Mr. Newland has been a resident of California for more than 33 years, going to San Mateo county in 1881, and later resided at Compton for eight years before coming to Orange county.

Twenty-four years ago Mr. New-

land moved to the Irvine ranch and with John Stevens began farming about 700 acres of that place, raising wheat, barley and beans; and when Mr. Newland left there nine years later he was farming more than 7000 acres of that great ranch. Fifteen years ago the Newland family moved to the big ranch of 530 acres where they still reside.

Mr. Newland was born sixty-three years ago at Camp Point, Ill., and has been married for thirty-seven years, and he and Mrs. Newland have ten children, seven girls and three boys, five of whom are now at home—Clinton, John, Frances, Helen and Bernice.

**Are Active in Civic Affairs.**

Mr. and Mrs. Newland each are active in all civic affairs. Mr. Newland being a member of the High school and Mrs. Newland a member of the Grammar school board. Mr. Newland is president of the First National Bank and Savings Bank of Huntington Beach, vice-president of the Pacific Oilcloth and Linoleum company. The position to which Mr. Newland has been appointed pays a salary of \$6 per day and expenses.

**A LINO TYPE EXPERT.**

Charles Claytor, an expert linotype operator, who has charge of the machines in the mechanical department of the Santa Ana Register, called at the News office Tuesday and inspected the new machine recently installed, and while here was kind enough to make some needed adjustments on the machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Claytor are spending a week's vacation at Newport Beach.

**MRS. GIBBS IS IMPROVING.**

Mrs. H. F. Gibbs, who was operated on in a Santa Ana hospital recently, returned to her home last Friday and is improving rapidly. Mrs. Henry Gibbs, mother of Mr. Gibbs, stayed with the family and took care of the children during their mother's illness.

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