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THE LOWER BEACH WEEKLY THAT REACHES THE HOMES

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## CITY LEADS IN POPULATION GAIN

Unique Honor of Showing Greatest Increase During Ten Years Shown by Census.

The preliminary announcement of the population of all points in Atlantic County, which is subject to correction, that has just been issued by the Bureau of the Census from Washington, shows that when the census of Ventnor City was taken in 1910 we had just 491 people residing in our municipality, and now we have 2203, or a gain of 1712 in that time.

The census figures were taken in January of this year, at a time when the streets were in a condition that it was hardly fit for anyone to be on the streets, and those who did travel around endangered their life from the slippery pavements caused by the sleet, and rain storms combined with the extreme cold weather.

Many of our regular residents were away at that time, and it is possible that a few of them may have been missed, although there has never been any complaint that the work was not well done.

The remarkable gain of 348.7 per cent during that period, which is the greatest gain shown by any municipality in the United States as far as the census figures are available, is flattering, but many of the solid residents who realized the crowded conditions of the city and the great building boom that was on at that time, thought the figures would show many more people residing in the city.

Mayor Godfrey Delighted. "Ventnor has every reason in the world to feel gratified," was Mayor Godfrey's reply when asked concerning his opinion of the report. "It is a great showing, which only goes to show that the public generally feels the same about Ventnor that we do—that it is the greatest place in the world in which to live. Down here we have always maintained that the real home section of Absecon Beach is within the boundaries of Ventnor. Other people have recognized this and gradually new homes are established and the fame of Ventnor grows apace. Our fine schools and excellent water, as well as well-kept properties naturally have a tendency to make home-seekers give Ventnor the preference. And what is more, Ventnor will continue to grow!"

**LOCAL WOMAN DIES AT COUNTRY CLUB.** Mrs. James R. Davy, wife of James R. Davy, wealthy contractor residing at 4529 Pine St., Philadelphia, was stricken with a heart attack while playing golf at the Northfield Country Club Thursday afternoon and died a few minutes later.

Mrs. Davy had completed one round and was about to begin a second when she reeled and would have fallen but for other players. It was seen that she was seriously ill, and Dr. Worth Clark, of Atlantic City, who was on the links, hurried to the scene but Mrs. Davy lived only a few minutes.

Mr. Davy told County Physician L. R. Souder that his wife had been afflicted with valvular disease of the heart for sometime. Dr. Souder said that death was due to over-exertion in playing golf, the woman's weak heart being unable to withstand the strain. The Davys have been residing at 17 Vassar Square, south, for the summer.

**TAX SALE SOON.** The office of the tax collector is making all plans and preparations for the Annual Tax Sale. A definite announcement could not be procured as to just when the sale would be advertised, but it may be next week, or the week after.

**TENTH SERIES MATURED.** When the Ventnor Building and Loan Association met Wednesday evening it matured the tenth series. This has been a very successful series, maturing in 132 months, or exactly eleven years.

**WIFE OF PIONEER BOAT HOUSE BUILDER DIES IN WASHINGTON.** The wife of Mr. Lewis Salmon, who with Thomas G. Sheen, built the first boat house in Ventnor City, died in Washington on Wednesday. Mr. Salmon is the brother of Mrs. Frank Hepler, of this city, who left immediately for their home.

Deliveries at any time desired daily and this insures Ventnor householders the best service for all kinds of sea foods, if orders are given to the CHELSEA FISH MARKET, 2707 Atlantic Avenue. Phone—Bell 2180 and 3181.

## SOLONS TO HAVE BUSY EVENING

Public Hearing Will Be Given To Five New Ordinances—Some May Object.

The members of council will hold a very important session Monday evening at City Hall, when five new ordinances will come up for final passage. Two of these ordinances change the rate of interest on bond issues that have not as yet been sold from five per cent to six per cent, so that the same can be placed on the market at once.

The other three ordinances pertain to changes on the beach front, one being the acquisition of the title of the lands outside of the Boardwalk by gift purchase or condemnation for public park purposes.

A lively argument will ensue over the passage of ordinance number eight, which provides for the change of the lower bathing beach from Fredericksburg and Washington avenues to Lafayette and Melbourne avenues. Some of the residents and property owners of the extreme end of the city have been active in the circulation of a petition opposed to this and will be present at the session to argue their cause, and it is understood that one of their main arguments will be the additional cost to the city which may be caused by the removal of the old bulkhead that was washed away some years ago.

Residents who reside below the New Haven avenue beach are very favorable to the change and they are all prepared to show that the change will benefit a larger number of people, making the beach easily accessible to a larger number of residents, and that if there is any additional cost it will be well justified.

The presence of both factions is bound to cause a lively session, and cause the councilmen to put on their thinking caps before they take any final action on the bill.

Other matters of routine business such as the awarding of the contract for electric lights on the Boardwalk and other matters will also require the attention of the solons.

**Personal Chat**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brixey, of New York City, who are summering at 107 Amherst avenue, south, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a baby girl, born Thursday morning, August 19.

Rev. T. J. and Mrs. Preston, of the American Presbyterian Mission, from China, are occupying the Mission Cottage, "Sunny Haven," No. 22 Portland avenue, north.

Miss Dorothy Hodge, of West Chester, Pa., is visiting Miss Kathleen Neale, 6506 Ventnor avenue. Miss Hodge and Miss Neale are room-mates at Wilson College.

Mrs. Sarita Coffin and children, of the Juanita apartments, are sojourning at Delaware Water Gap.

Mrs. Nathan Spering has returned to her home in Cynwyd, Pa., after spending some time at her cottage, 12 Derby avenue, south.

Mr. M. C. Hagan is now occupying his cottage at 101 Derby avenue, north, having removed from Atlantic City.

Mrs. E. A. Gilliland is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Wm. Robb, of Philadelphia, at her home, 5003 Ventnor avenue.

## MUNICIPAL PIER SUNDAY CONCERTS

Afternoon and Evening Programs By Lombardi's Orchestra.—Miss Sessions Soprano Soloist.

- Afternoon Program—3.30 to 5 o'clock.
1. Overture, "Poet and Peasant"—Suppe.
  2. Serenade from "Les Millions d'Arlequin"—Drigo.
  3. Grand Selection from the Opera "Traviata"—Verdi.
  4. Minuet a l'Antique—Paderewski.
  5. La Guapa—Marche Andalouse—Buisson.
- Evening Program—8.30 to 10.15 o'clock Soloist—Miss Almyra Sessions, Soprano.
1. "William Tell" Overture—Rossini
  2. Soprano—"Vissi d'Arte" (Aria from "Tosca")—Puccini.
  3. Ballet Sylvia—Suite in 3 parts—Delibes. 1. Valse Lento; 2. Pizzicato Polka; 3. March and Procession of Bacchus.
  4. Dreams of Love—Nocture—Liszt.
  5. Grand Opera "Cavalleria"—Mascagni.
  6. Soprano—(a) The Land of the Sky Blue Water—Cadman; (b) Mighty Like a Rose—Nevin.
  7. Blue Danube Waltz—Strauss.

**OTHER AMUSEMENTS.**

For the Convenience of Our Readers Complete Calendar of Attractions Are Given Below.

### THEATRES.

**APOLLO** (Plays—Boardwalk & New York Ave.) This afternoon (2.30) and tonight (8.30), Popular Comedy Hit, "Genius and the Crowd." Sunday Night Concert. All next week, a distinguished cast in "Call the Doctor." Popular matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30.

**GLOBE** (Plays—Delaware and Boardwalk) This afternoon (2.30) and tonight (8.30), "Mystery." All next week a revival of the famous Musical Comedy, "Florodora." Matinees Thursday and Saturday at 2.30.

**KEITH'S** (Vaudeville—Garden Pier, New Jersey Avenue) Evenings, 8.30, Matinees Daily at Ten of America's best song writers in "A Trip to Hitland", also the Ford Sisters in "Frolics of 1920." Six other good acts.

**WOODS** (Plays—Boardwalk at Ocean Ave.) This afternoon (2.30) and tonight (8.30), "Happy Go Lucky." Big Sunday Concert. All next week, "The Girl in the Limousine." Matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30.

### MOTION PICTURES

**BIJOU** (Pictures—Boardwalk near S. Carolina) Continuous Performance week-days, 11 to 11; Sunday, 1 to 11. Today—and tomorrow, "The Hope", all star cast; Monday and Tuesday, Mildred Harriet Chapman in "Polly of the Storm Country"; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Norma Talmadge in "Yes or No."

**CITY SQUARE** (Pictures—Atlantic near Tennessee.) Continuous Performance Daily, 2 to 11. Today, Owen Moore in "The Desperate Hero"; Sunday and Monday, Dorothy Gish in "Remodeling Her Husband"; Tuesday and Wednesday, Edmund Breese and Claire Whitney in "The Common Level"; Thursday, Alice Brady in "The Hungry Heart"; Friday and Saturday, Ethel Clayton in "The Ladder of Lies."

**COLONIAL** (Pictures—Atlantic, between Kentucky and New York.) Continuous Performance, Week Days, 11 to 11; Sunday, 1 to 11. Today, Hobart Bosworth in "Below the Surface"; all next week, starting Sunday, Wm. S. Hart in "The Cradle of Courage"; added attraction, a Chester comedy, "An Overall Hero." Colonial Concert Orchestra.

**CRITERION** (Pictures—Boardwalk near Penna.) Continuous performance daily, 11 to 11, except Sunday, 1 to 11. Today, Billie Burke in "Away Goes Prudence"; Sunday and Monday, "Why Change Your Wife?" with Thomas Meighan, Gloria Swanson, Bebe Daniels; Tuesday, Anita Stewart in "The Fighting Shepherdess"; Wednesday, "The Hushed Hour", with a remarkable cast; Thursday, All Comedy Day—Charlie Chaplin, Fatty Arbuckle, Har-

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## DEMENTED LAWYER COMMITS SUICIDE

Was Spending Summer in Atlantic City—Discovered on Beach by Promenader.

Franz Ehrlich, Jr., a well-known Philadelphia lawyer, killed himself early Sunday morning on the beach at Suffolk and Somerset avenues, by shooting himself through the heart. His health is ascribed as the motive for the act. Ehrlich was 42 years old, and lived at 6623 McCallum street, Germantown. He was prominently identified with a number of German-American societies.

Ehrlich was senior member of the law firm of Ehrlich & Archbald, with offices in the Stephen Girard Building. Friends of Ehrlich say that he regarded his recovery to health as hopeless and think that this belief prompted him to take his life.

Two shots were fired by Ehrlich from a .38 calibre revolver. The first while entering the left side, failed to penetrate any vital spot. The second entered the heart. Death is believed to have been instantaneous.

The body was not found until about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Michael Keough, of 1 Marion avenue, south, was walking down the boardwalk at that time. Looking over the railing he saw the body lying on the sand near the tide's high-water mark. A cursory examination convinced Keough that the body was lifeless. He notified the police department.

Ehrlich was summering with his family at 4101 Ventnor avenue, Atlantic City. Early Sunday members of the Ehrlich household notified the police that he was missing and asked their assistance in locating him. A description of the lawyer was furnished to the authorities. Great concern was expressed at that time as to his whereabouts.

Investigation by the police showed that Ehrlich had committed suicide about 12.30. The time was fixed by a chauffeur, who said that he heard two shots but thought that the explosions were due to an automobile blowout.

Rev. W. C. Sanderson, pastor of Ebenezer M. E. Church, Philadelphia, a warm personal friend of Rev. Frank S. Ritter, was a caller at the Congregational Parsonage on Wednesday. Master Dick Fisher is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Roorbach, at their summer home, 7 Wyoming avenue, south.

Mrs. James McClay has returned to her home, after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Buckland, who had the misfortune to fall down a flight of stairs, breaking her hip and is now seriously ill in the Cooper Hospital, Camden.

Mrs. M. Robinson, Miss Alice McDermott, Miss Carmelite Beatty and Miss Marian Barrett, of South Philadelphia, were the guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. James McClay at their home, Wyoming and Ventnor avenues. Mr. and Mrs. McClay have as their guests now, their nieces, Misses Grace and Ruth Buckland, of Haddonfield, N. J.

Masters Harry Haines and Ray Esslinger, of Philadelphia, are the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Esslinger, 22 Wyoming avenue, south.

Public Service Commissioner James S. Benn and children, James, Jr., and Miss Dorothy, will return to their home tomorrow, 26 Oakland avenue, south, after enjoying a three weeks' auto tour of the New England States.

Freeholder and Mrs. C. Claude Scull and son Mulford have returned to their home on Avenue A, after a two weeks' auto trip to Niagara and other points of interest.

Miss Marion Postles, of the Victoria Apartments, left this week for East Liverpool, Ohio, where she will be the guest of Miss Sara Smith. Miss Smith's engagement to Mr. Edmund Davenport, of Philadelphia, was announced at a party Wednesday. Miss Postles will be extensively entertained during her sojourn.

Miss Margaret Leeds entertained over the week-end at her home, 21 Weymouth avenue, north, Mrs. Preston Rebeck, of Germantown, who are on their honeymoon, and Miss Irene Goodfellow and Mr. C. Rebeck, also of Germantown.

John Kendrick Bangs, the noted writer, will reside in Ventnor during the coming winter. He has leased the cottage of J. C. Huber at 5407 Atlantic avenue and will take possession on October 1. Mr. Bangs is at present sojourning in Maine.

## OFFICE SEEKERS GETTING ACTIVE

More Contests Assured As Time Draws Near For Annual Primary Election.

Three months previous to the annual local election, it is safe to predict that a number of lively battles for supremacy will be fought out at the polls for various offices.

The main fight this year will be for the Mayoralty nomination, and the principals will be Amor H. Brehman, well known retired business man, and Mulford T. Rose, who has quite a following from his straight forward business dealings as a real estate man. There are no other avowed candidates, but this does not say that there will be no others, as every day announcement of some other person aspiring to political honors are heard.

One councilman is to be elected from each ward this year as usual, and heretofore there have always been a number of candidates and one of the main battles was fought at the primaries, but this year seems to be exceptional as only one candidate has been announced from each ward, W. Shaffer Smith from the first ward, and A. H. Millman from the second ward.

Enoch Turner, the only participant of the world war who is a candidate, does not have any announced opposition for the office of City Treasurer. C. Claude Scull is opposed for the nomination of Chosen Freeholder from the first ward by Joseph Naylor, while Taylor L. Haines will be the opponent of Freeman Parker for the same office in the second ward.

County Committeemen from each ward seems to be the most desired office, as battles royal will be waged for this office in both wards. Charles A. Luzenberg, assistant manager of the Apollo Theatre, will have for his opponent Richard H. Robertson in the first ward, while President of City Council George A. Gumphert will endeavor to join the dual office holders by being the opponent of the present incumbent, Paul Royal.

Other candidates may be in the field now and others may get in the fray later, but up to the present time these are the only announced candidates to our knowledge.

The usual political dope is somewhat upset owing to the uncertainty as to whether the ladies of the city will have the privilege of casting their ballots at this election, whether they may take concerted action and name candidates of their own sex to oppose some of those already in the field. It is not thought by some of the candidates that they will show very much interest even if given the opportunity.

## SEEN AND HEARD

**MANY FRIENDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF LATE HARRY WOOTTON.** Services of an unostentatious nature marked the last rites over the remains of Harry Wootton, counsellor at law and former City Solicitor of Atlantic City, at his summer home in Longport at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Hugh L. Clark, reader in the First Church, Christian Science, read two Psalms and a portion of scripture, which constituted the service at the house.

Banked around the casket floral tributes from friends and organizations gave evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased had been held.

Mayor Ralph Harcourt, of Longport, who was associated with Mr. Wootton in the practice of law, and Capt. Hiram Steelman, also a member of the law firm until recently, stood beside the bier of their late associate.

The active pall bearers included past masters of the Masonic lodges of Atlantic City. They were Newton Spence, Oscar D. Fainter, John A. Clement, Edwin Spence and John C. Anderson.

**WATER SPORTS.** The water sports meet held by the Ventnor Outing Club a week or so ago proved so popular and successful that a second and larger meet was conducted on Friday of this week, at the City Dock on Little Rock avenue and the thoroughfare.

Three teams, representing the Inlet, Chelsea and Ventnor sections competed for the water sports supremacy of the island in the following events: Cross Country Style Swim, Plunge for distance, Fifty-yard dash, Junior and Senior events; Dive for Form, Three-legged race, Whale tug-of-war, Old Clothes Relay Race, Back Race and Team Relay Race.

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