WATER FOR ALL THIRSTY BEASTS

ENSIGN FOUNTAIN GIVEN BY S. P. C. A.

GRANITE IS MONUMENT TO GENEROUS DONOR

With Formal Ceremonies Present Is Dedicated for Service to All Living Things—Mayor Recipient

The second Hermon Lee Ensign memorial fountain west of the Rocky Mountains was given formerly to the city of Los Angeles yesterday by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The fountain, like all the others given by the Ensign memorial fund through the NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE, is of granite. It is ten feet high and consists of three pieces, pedestal, bowl and capstone. Its massiveness is attractive and its design simple. Te same general design has been used with all the fountains given to other cities.

The presentation was made at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the junction of Benton boulevard and Hoover avenue, where the fountain is to stand as a servant to man and animal "as long as granite shall last." During the presentation ceremonies dozens of animals were driven to its capacious bowl and refreshed.

Standing at the junction of two arteries of vehicle traffic its usefulness and need were evident.

Before the formal presentation Dr. E. L. Conger of Pasadena, through whom that city got the first fountain and who next gained the one for Los Angeles in advance of its turn, spoke of the giver and the gift. He told how Mr. Enrign, a rich New Yorker, gave his entire fortune to the work of providing relief and refreshment for the dumb animals that could not speak for themselves. He also explained that Francis F. Browne, editor of the Chicago Dial, a winter visitor at Pasadent, had aided in getting the monument.

Formal Presentation

The formal presentation was made by W. H. Chamberlain, president of the Los Angeles S. P. C. A. In presenting it he thanked Dr. Conger for his important work. The acceptance was by Mayor Harper, who, incidentally, said Los Angeles needed a man of Dr. Conger's enterprise and tenacity to organize the giving that would enable Los Angeles to utilize Central park as a public library site.

The monument cost about $1000 before erection. It has two bronze plates identifying the gift and the giver, thus:

"1907. Presented by the National Humane Alliance. Hermon Lee Ensign, founder."

"Secured through efforts of Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

Above the capstone is an electric light in a round iridescent globe. In the future this will be a beacon light to thousands of tired and thirsty animals as they journey toward home.

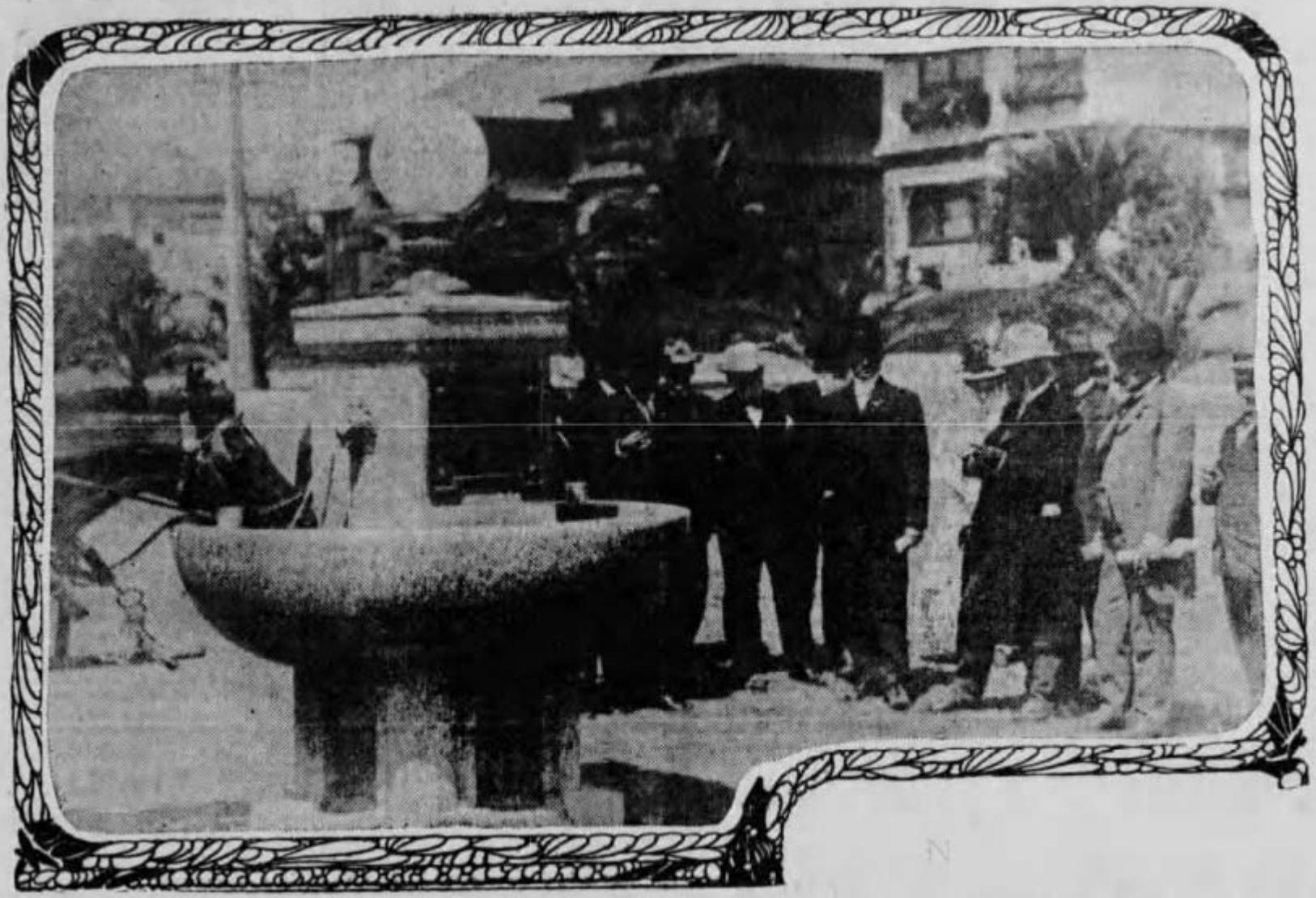
Even the least animals will learn to know the light, for the basins at the foot are situated so that even the smallest may slake their thirst.

And there are tin cups for the use of man.

From the Newberry Library

ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR FOUNTAIN ERECTED AT BENTON BOULEVARD AND HOOVER STREET

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN PRESENTED TO CITY OF LOS ANGELES



THE FOUNTAIN AT BENTON BOULEVARD AND HOOVER STREET. IN THE FOREGROUND, NEARTHE RIGHT OF THE GROUP, IS DR. E. L. CONGER. IN THE CENTER IS SUPERINTENDENT ZIMMER OF THE S. P. C. A., AND NEAREST THE FOUNTAIN IS MAYOR HARPER