

(By Geo. A. Proctor)

TO THE VOTERS WHO THINK
In reference to the Sewer Bonds, which are to be voted on at our next election, April 10, I want you to realize the importance of why they should carry by a big majority.

I will try to explain in detail how our present sewer system operates. The sewer system of Torrance is laid so that the sewage will run to the Imhoff tank (or Septic tank as it is sometimes called,) by gravity, which necessitates the tank being placed on the lowest place in the city.

An Imhoff tank is so constructed that sewage runs into it from one side, taking enough time for the solids to settle (which is eaten up by a bacteria, this forming a sludge) the water running out of the tank from the opposite side. (It is all water and no solids.) The flow of water running through the tank today is estimated by Mr. Postle, city engineer, at 150,000 gallons per day.

This water must be disposed of and at present it is being taken care of on the Dominguez Land Corporation property, a tract of land in the south east corner of Torrance. This is not poor land or a hole, as you may have been led to believe. It is as good land as any in Torrance. I will agree with you that this land should have gone to the city when it was incorporated, and the trustees put up a fight for it. But all of you property owners did just what I did when we bought our property. We signed a contract with the Dominguez Land Corporation, and in that contract the terms of which refer to the Declaration of the Dominguez Land Corporation, makes it a legal document. I will refer you to Page 11, Article 12 (which says in one paragraph speaking of maintenance and operation of the sewer system and the disposal of the sewage effluent (meaning water) as annually arranged for. It being understood that the use of the Company's sewer farm is at the Company's will. The Trustees have been offered 43 acres of land at \$900 per acre. This is a compromise from the price first asked, which is much lower in price than land adjacent to it.

If the bonds do not carry we have no assurance that the Dominguez Land Corporation will permit us to have this land, for this price at another time. As it might prove valuable oil land and then what would the city do?

It is impossible for Torrance to have an out-fall sewer to the ocean—because: First, what would it cost? Second: Where would we dump it? Redondo Beach would not allow us to dump it on her beach, for they do not dump their own in the ocean; they have a sewer farm.

Palos Verdes people certainly would not let us dump it on their coast—when they are going to spend \$35,000,000 to improve those beautiful hills and Los Angeles would not allow it to be dumped in the harbor. It is our sewage and our problem is to take care of it. We all have an interest in the welfare of Torrance and have just organized a real Chamber of Commerce which is going out after business. We want to see this a manufacturing center and we want to see all the people who are employed here live here. We do not want to say to a manufacturing concern, "You cannot come here; we cannot take care of your sewage," or to the home builder that you cannot build any more houses because we cannot handle the sewage. The Trustees believe that the 43 acres asked for will take care of the water from the tank for all time to come. Mr. Orbenson, who is an expert on sewage disposal, says that he never saw better land for that purpose. As to health conditions, I wish to say that the land in reference has been used for water disposal for nine years now and has never been properly taken care of, therefore I believe that many residents of Torrance have not known where the water went. With 150,000 gallons of water per day running through our sewers today, what will it be twenty years from now when Torrance is a large manufacturing city. Remember that "Torrance Means Business."

The State Board of Health, County Board of Health and City Board of Health control the sanitary conditions of a sewer farm or a water disposal farm which ever you want to call it, and there are laws governing what can be raised on it, and one of the laws is that a milk cow cannot be pastured on it. I think the health of our city is very well taken care of.

Hoping every voter will give this question a careful consideration and on April 10th vote for the bonds, I remain, Respectfully,
GEO. A. PROCTOR.

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Los Angeles Must Find New Outlet For Sewage

The City of Los Angeles today must take steps to stop turning its sewage into Ballona creek, as the result of a decision handed down by Judge J. Perry Wood following a trial which lasted for two weeks.

Culver City, Venice and private land owners on the Playa Del Rey lagoon instituted the proceedings by filing injunctions against the city, and in his decision Judge Wood termed the turning of the waste into the creek as "an intolerable nuisance."

It was the contention of the defense forces that the city had no other place to turn the sewage, because the tremendous growth of Los Angeles has overtaken the main outfall. To relieve this situation the outfall feeder at Thirty-seventh street and Arlington avenue was cut and the waste turned into Ballona creek.

In his decision Judge Wood declared the city could operate activated sludge plants which would render the sewage odorless, harmless and fit for use upon land. He also recommended a storage reservoir capable of storing the amount of sewage turned into Ballona creek until evening, when it could be turned into the outfall sewer.

The injunction does not become effective until after sixty days.—Los Angeles Express.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The regular meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday at lunch hour and after routine business was dispensed the Chautauqua committee reported that the regular allotment of advertising matter had been distributed, and the ticket-selling campaign was in full blast. A systematic house-to-house canvass was started, and it is thought the affair will be put over the top before the opening night.

Arrangements have been completed to entertain the Board of Education at a luncheon to be given at McKinley Inn Friday, March 31, at 1:00 o'clock. It will be learned at this time just what Torrance may expect from the proposed bond issue.

The Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the sewer and street bond issues to be voted on April 10. Endorsement of the improvement of Carson street was adopted. Several committees were out and reports are pending on several vital issues that will come in at the next meeting.

DANCING EVERY SATURDAY EVENING

The Saturday evening dancing parties of the American Legion are becoming so popular that we can't miss an opportunity to give them a little boost. Their music of late has been exquisite, as is evidenced by the fact that the applause was as great from the spectators as from the dancers. The parties are well conducted and we wonder that they are not better patronized than they really are.

The American Legion is of the opinion that it is filling a real need in Torrance, and is really sincere in its desire to provide real clean and wholesome amusement to the people of Torrance. Walk down their way some Saturday evening, take a look in their building and judge for yourself whether or not the music is good and the crowd having a good time.

VON KLEINSMID TO DELIVER APRIL ADDRESS

President Refus Bernhard Von Kleinsmid of the University of Southern California will deliver the April address at the First M. E. church Monday evening, April 10, at 6:00 p. m. President Von Kleinsmid is president of the second largest university on the Pacific Coast, and one of the largest in America. He will deliver a great address, which will be appreciated by all who hear him. The Ladies' Aid Society will serve the dinner at the Dominguez Sales Co.

SPRING CAMPAIGN

Sunday, April 2, the First M. E. Sunday school will launch its spring campaign for new members. Enthusiasm is manifested by all, and that the campaign will net a great increase in the membership is expected by all who have had a part in the launching of it.

First National Bank Building and Postoffice



Hail! Hail! The Gang's All Here

Being one of the first residents and the first business man of Torrance I take the liberty of exposing the workings of some of our most cherished institutions, our invisible government, and the rest of the gang. If I use too many superlatives in these revelations it is only for the reason that I cannot describe what follows with super-superlatives.

To every right minded man and woman the "Chamber of Commerce" as recently reorganized, stands out as the greatest accomplishment in civic endeavor and we can all justly expect wonderful things for Torrance in the near future through its activities. This body, after due deliberation on the subject, has seen fit to endorse the bond issue. With street, sewer and other improvements which can only be undertaken if the bond issue carries, property values will increase at the rate of about \$5 for every \$1 spent for such improvements. The raising of this money is a vital matter and so self evident that if, for any reason, this issue should be defeated at the coming election, a special bond election will have to be set within a very few months regardless of who will be our next trustees. To save time and money it is the duty of every property owner to vote YES on this question. The Chamber of Commerce does not mix in politics and does not endorse or oppose any individual for office but—

What we need in this town is a real postmaster and what's more to the point we have and have had one for almost three years. Alfred Gourdier, I am proud of your efficiency, your tireless efforts are bearing fruit. You lifted our postoffice from third to second class. While there are thousands of offices all over the United States that haven't made this step since the civil war. The Gardena office is a third class one for over ten years.

From a room renting for \$10.00 a month to a building for which the government pays \$112.50; from nothing to two large rural routes, you increased the sale of stamps from \$5400 in 1919 to almost \$10,000 in 1921. To give us the best service you employed assistants and paid them out of your own pocket, and I know that you will not be satisfied with anything less than a first class postoffice in Torrance. Keep up the good work, Al, we are all with you. At the head of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Gourdier made as good a showing as he has in the postoffice. From a slow going concern with about 25 members and no income, mainly through his efforts, today the Chamber of Commerce has almost 400 members and \$10,000 yearly income.

Our city Trustees, George Proctor, Wallace Gilbert, Dick Smith, Jim Fitzhugh and Joe Stone, constitute a governing body peerless and unselfish in its labors, a body which is above petty politics and the ballyhooing of over-zealous office seekers. They work for you without pay and for the short time and considering the meager supply of funds at their disposal they have served you faithfully, conscientiously and well. It is your duty and my duty to re-elect the four who are nominated, namely, Proctor, Gilbert, Fitzhugh and Stone, and for the fifth place either E. H. Nash or J. R. Winters are worthy of our trust.

Our city attorney, P. G. Briney, besides seeing us through the red tape of incorporating, has obtained for us some \$10,000 from the county which in itself is no small job. P. G. is not running for any office, but he is one of the gang and I, for one, am glad to be counted among his friends. If his beautiful figure ever graces a bastille I'll be glad to keep him company, or at least bring him a fresh bouquet of pretty roses daily.

Sam Rappaport is busy selling dry goods and checking up on the Standard Oil company for bonuses and royalties, but he's strong for the bonds. He told me so himself, and you can always depend on what Sam says.

A. H. Bartlett has been associated with every civic enterprise in Torrance ever since the organization of the Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Athletic Club back in 1913 through all these years to the present time. We have never ran across a more willing, tireless and efficient worker than Mr. Bartlett. He is a booster for Torrance and has the welfare of this community at heart, and if time is money he has contributed more wealth to this city than the total amount of bonds you are asked to vote for on April 10. Mr. Bartlett is in the race for City Clerk and to elect him by an overwhelming majority is the best way we can show our appreciation.

Mr. George W. Neill is the finest type of citizen to be found anywhere. As local manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation, he never overlooks a single item tending towards the betterment of the city and its residents. It was principally through his efforts that the Auditorium is doing business today. He does things in a big way without shouting about 'em from housetops. Talking about the Auditorium, even though I can't see what possible relation it could have with present issues, yet it came in for its share of slanderous remarks. I consider the Auditorium as the greatest achievement since Torrance was a barley field. My name is on the corner stone and I am not ashamed of it; neither would any of my ancestors be ashamed of it should they take a sudden notion to rise from their graves. We have given freely of our time and our money in erecting the Auditorium and count our dividends in education and enjoyment afforded to all our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Isenstein.

March 30, 1922.

Services will be held by the Methodist Episcopal church every evening during the week preceding Easter excepting Saturday evening. All are welcome.

Here They Are! Look Them Over

The following have filed the necessary papers with the City Clerk and their names will appear on the official ballot for the election April 10, 1922.

Look them over, and with conscientious deliberation mark your ballot so that Torrance will have the most efficient board possible for 1922-1923:

For Trustees

James M. Fitzhugh.
William T. Klusman.
Edwin H. Nash.
George Alphy Proctor.
Joseph F. Stone.
John R. Winters.

For City Clerk

Albert H. Bartlett.
Harrison C. Gardner.
Frank B. Unks.

For City Treasurer

Harry H. Dolley.

MAE MURRAY SCORES WITH "PEACOCK ALLEY"

In "Peacock Alley," which begins a three-day run at the Torrance Theatre Sunday, Mae Murray does the most striking characterization of her career. It is a picture which to the natural interest of a powerful love story is added the attraction of gorgeous settings and wonderful costumes.

The story opens in a small American village, shifts to Paris, back to the village and then to New York. It pictures the adventures of a Parisian dancer who forsakes the plaudits and favors of the gay city of pleasure to become the wife of a small town American youth only to find that her husband's people are scandalized at her and will have nothing to do with her. Then the youthful lovers try to make their way in New York, but the big city proves full of trouble which the lovers finally solve, but not in the way that either expected.

As Cleo of Paris, the dancer, Miss Murray does the finest acting of any of her pictures. There is no artist on the screen can display gorgeous costumes to better advantage than the blonde star, and she has a wealth of them in "Peacock Alley." Monte Blue in the role of the small town husband played the part to perfection. Others in the cast were Edmund Lowe, W. J. Ferguson, Anders Randolph, William Tooker, Howard Lang, William Frederick, M. Durant and Jeffry Lewis. "Peacock Alley" presented by Robert Z. Leonard is by Edmond Goulding, from a story by Ouida Bergere, and is released by Metro Pictures for Tiffany Productions. Inc. It was directed by Robert Z. Leonard. Oliver T. Marsh was the photographer.

This is the only picture that Loew's State Theatre in Los Angeles has held for a special run, their policy being one week only on any feature picture. See it at the Torrance Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH SCHOOL

Pre-Campaign Sunday at the First M. E. church school began auspiciously with the largest attendance since the organization. The building could scarcely contain all those present. Classes met outside.

Union Tool Team Gets Sweet Revenge

Hurrah for our side! Last Saturday the Union Tool boys got their sweet revenge on the Pacific Sash and Door nine when they beat them out in a closely contested game by the score of 4 to 3. The visitors knew that they were lucky to win the week before, so they strengthened their team considerably, but to no avail. The local boys were handicapped by the absence of Lackey and Wykoff and the sickness of Newby, but their places were filled by able substitutes. Sweet was on the mound for the locals and he looked like a million dollars. He had everything on the ball, and then some. He had the visitors tying knots in the spinal column trying to connect with his twisters. He was also the starting point for two fast and clever double-plays. Atwood at short was the fielding star, playing a stellar game and cutting off several runners by his heady playing.

The U. T. boys started the fireworks in the first inning. Atwood started by popping out, but Anderson beat out an infield hit by a narrow margin. He was sacrificed to second and scored on Wolfe's double to deep center. The locals counted again in the third, only to let the visitors take the lead in the sixth by one run. The score remained like this until the first half of the ninth, when the U. T. boys came to the bat and scored two runs on Sweet's single. The visitors came right back in their half of the ninth and placed two on bases. One of them lifted a fly to center, and which apparently was an easy out, but hit a wire and flew sideways. A groan arose from the local supporters, but "Boob" Vonderahe was equal to the occasion and nabbed it with a circus catch which saved the game.

CAPTURES FIRST STILL

Chief of Police Anderson of Torrance is in possession of a complete distillery and has the same cashed in Recorder King's office as evidence against the alleged owner. Copper boilers, copper coils, charcoal, corn mash, etc., together with purifiers, are being held until the trial today. Officer Anderson made the arrest Wednesday when he raided the residence of Frank Bruyn del Amo. There were seven kegs of corn mash confiscated, and it is said Anderson procured other evidence sufficient to make a strong case. Bruyn faces two complaints—one for resisting an officer and for having possession of a "distillery." He is in the Redondo Beach City jail under \$600 bail.

THEATRE PROLOGUE

An atmospheric prologue preceding the showing of Jackie Coogan at the Torrance Theatre last night was one of the most artistic scenes attempted so far by the local management. Special scenery had been prepared by Manager McVey represented a church, with Master Ray-Flood as the soloist. The scene was opened by a quartette behind the scenes, singing "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" The wandering boy reappeared with the song, "Mother." Another selection was rendered by the quartette, the whole affair being greatly appreciated. This will be repeated tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bauman had as their dinner guests Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. Tulp and son and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miller.

HAMMERTON IS MARRIED

H. H. C. Hammerton, well known in Torrance and Lomita, was married March 15 to Miss Florence Harvey, 28, of Pittsburg. The wedding took place in Merced, the newly-weds having enjoyed their honeymoon in San Francisco and returned south by automobile to Los Angeles, where they now reside.