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## MEYERS AND STEVENS WIN AUTOS

### HAND-PICKED JURY PANELS DRAW ATTACK

Statement of Attorney Says Justice More Vital Than Geographical Lines and Stresses Justice Court Importance to People

#### ATTORNEY BERATES POLITICS IN TRIBUNALS

Says He Has No Personal Issue With Anyone and Would Not Accept Office If Hatreds Accompanied Him to Judge's Chair

Attacking "hand-picked" jury panels, "special advisers" to courts, politics in courts, and "decisions before trial" and taking a stand for right law enforcement, Attorney J. R. Jensen yesterday answered the demand of Lomita township exercise men that he run for justice of the peace with the statement that he will be a candidate.

#### HERE IS STATEMENT

Mr. Jensen's statement follows: "In response to the demands of my fellow-ex-soldiers and many other friends in Lomita and Torrance, I have agreed to become a candidate for the office of justice of the peace of Lomita township. "In making this decision I wish to state that I consider the office of justice of the peace a township and not a mere community office. A link in the great chain of the American Judiciary, a Justice Court should be above purely local considerations and guarantee to all citizens, no matter where they live or vote, a full measure of justice. "It happens every year in some of our communities that a man is elected to a township office, but as a candidate in Lomita township, a fact that I will not lose sight of even after the election. "I am not concerned so much with geography as I am with the proper functioning of the American courts. Communities have boundary lines. Justice knows no bounds. "I have no pre-election promises to make except that, if elected, I will judge all cases on their merits and do my utmost to see that impartial justice rules the court. "I have no personal issue with anyone and would not myself seek office if I thought that after election I should have to carry with me into that office any hatreds generated during the campaign. "COURT IS IMPORTANT "A Justice Court is limited as to jurisdiction. Cases involving large values are tried in higher courts. Justice Courts hear mostly litigants who generally are not count-

ed among the rich and wealthy of the land. The men and women who appear before a Justice Court in civil cases are usually persons of average or meagre means. But to them the small amount at issue is more important than ten times that value might be to those whose cases are tried before higher tribunals. "For that very reason, then, even justice is vital in the lower courts—for the backbone, the very life of this great nation is to be found not in a few but in those wonderful hard-working, plain-living, law-abiding millions who make up the bulk of our growing population. "I stress these points at length it is because I wish to impress on the people of Lomita township the fact that though a Justice Court is the lowest in point of jurisdiction, yet it is one of the most important in point of the effect of its decisions. "LAW ENFORCEMENT "Law represents the will of the people of the nation. A certain amount of self-sacrifice on the part of every individual in a nation is necessary to the life of that nation. I therefore believe in the rigid enforcement of the law affecting all classes alike. "I am for the entire elimination of political influence in the courts. (Continued on Page 2)

OWES NO OBLIGATIONS "The Justice Courts deal, then, with men and women who are the most important to the continued peace and prosperity of America. And I say without fear of successful contradiction that for this reason, unprejudiced decisions in a Justice Court are of the very utmost importance. "Unfortunately I can take office, if elected, without obligation to any individual or group. "I regard too highly the importance of impartiality in all American courts to accept an office even as a justice of the peace if my hands as justice should be tied by political obligation or debt. "If I stress these points at length it is because I wish to impress on the people of Lomita township the fact that though a Justice Court is the lowest in point of jurisdiction, yet it is one of the most important in point of the effect of its decisions. "LAW ENFORCEMENT "Law represents the will of the people of the nation. A certain amount of self-sacrifice on the part of every individual in a nation is necessary to the life of that nation. I therefore believe in the rigid enforcement of the law affecting all classes alike. "I am for the entire elimination of political influence in the courts. (Continued on Page 2)

### Winners Receive Their Prizes



Winners in The Herald-News prize competition are pictured above with the awards they earned in the contest. Reading from left to right they are: Mrs. J. T. Aspittle of Harbor City, winner of a gold watch; F. J. Meyers, Gardena grocer, winner of the Hudson coach; John H. Getz of Keystone, winner of a diamond ring; Mrs. Tansey, holding her daughter's 20 percent commission check; D. W. Zacheisz, marine veteran, of Torrance, winner of a 5-tube radio set; W. J. Balmer, of Moneta, winner of the Brunswick Console; Mrs. Lewis Doll, of Redondo, winner of a 5-tube radio set; Officer Lester E. Stanley, Torrance policeman, winner of a gold watch; Little Esther Stevens, (daughter of Joseph Stevens); Joseph Stevens, winner of the Chevrolet roadster; Mrs. Josephine Haworth, winner of a diamond ring.

### HERALD-NEWS RACE CLOSES; PRIZES GIVEN

Gardena Grocer Awarded Hudson and Torrance Pop-Corn Man Secures Chevrolet in Great Newspaper Free Prize Contest

#### CONSOLE, RADIO SETS, JEWELRY ARE PRESENTED

Non-Winners Get 20 Percent of Cash Collected and Herald-News Circulation Gets Big Boost, Particularly in Adjacent Territory

The greatest free gift campaign in the history of this district—the Torrance Herald-Lomita News automobile and prize contest—closed with a rush Monday night at 9 o'clock, and when the judges Tuesday morning counted the final ballots and rechecked the votes of all candidates, they officially pronounced F. J. Meyers, Gardena grocer, winner of the Hudson coach, and Joseph Stevens, Torrance "pop-corn" man, winner of the Chevrolet roadster. Other winners were as follows: \$310 Brunswick console to W. J. Balmer of Moneta; \$136 Atwater Kent five-tube radio sets, one to D. W. Zacheisz, an ex-marine of Torrance, and one to Mrs. Lewis Doll of Redondo, in District No. 2; \$100 diamond rings, one to Mrs. Josephine Haworth, Lomita, and one to John H. Getz, Keystone; \$50 gold watches, one to Lester E. Stanley, Torrance policeman, and one to Mrs. J. T. Aspittle of Harbor City.

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"I wish you would express my thanks in the paper to everyone who helped me win this car," said Mr. Stevens. "I am happy two ways for winning it. I am happy for my family and myself and happy for the many friends who helped me."

Every other winner asked The Herald and The News to thank the people who worked for them and gave them subscriptions. Add 781 Subscribers As a result of the contest 781 new subscribers were added to The Herald and The News. Most of them came from territory outside the limits of Torrance and Lomita. The winner of the contest—Mr. Meyers—secured all of his new subscribers in the Moneta district—as did Mr. Balmer, who won the third prize. In announcing the prize winners Herald and News executives expressed appreciation for the earnestness of the candidates and thanks to the people who supported them.

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### HERE'S JUDGES' STATEMENT

We, the undersigned, acting as Official Judges in The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News Automobile and Prize Campaign, after carefully checking and counting the votes cast for various contestants, do hereby, to the best of our knowledge and belief, declare the following contestants to be winners. (The right to correct any errors that may appear in the following figures is specifically reserved.)

- WINNER OF THE \$1379.00 HUDSON COACH F. J. Meyers, District No. 2, with 28,184,170
- WINNER OF THE \$743.00 CHEVROLET SPORT ROADSTER Joseph Stevens, District No. 1, with 17,835,212
- WINNER OF THE \$310.00 BRUNSWICK CONSOLE W. J. Balmer, District No. 2, with 8,690,003
- WINNERS OF THE TWO \$136.00 ATWATER KENT 5-TUBE RADIO SETS District No. ONE—D. W. Zacheisz, with 5,756,781 District No. TWO—Mrs. Lewis Doll, with 7,573,684
- WINNERS OF THE TWO \$100.00 DIAMOND RINGS District No. ONE—Mrs. Josephine Haworth, with 4,690,588 District No. TWO—John H. Getz, with 5,186,678
- WINNERS OF THE TWO \$50.00 GOLD WATCHES District No. ONE—Lester E. Stanley, with \$3,477,834 District No. TWO—Mrs. J. T. Aspittle, with 3,118,999
- WINNER OF THE SPECIAL \$10.00 GOLD PRIZE (From May 14th to May 22nd) Mrs. Lewis Doll \$10.00
- WINNER OF THE SPECIAL \$200.00 GOLD PRIZE (From May 27th to June 9th) F. J. Meyers \$200.00
- WINNER OF THE SPECIAL PRIZE OF \$40.00 TAILORED SUIT THROUGH THE COURTESY DUNDEE TAILORS F. J. Meyers \$40.00 Suit

TORRANCE, CALIF., June 22, 1926. OFFICIAL JUDGES: Signed: CHAS. T. RIPPY, F. A. ZELLER, JAMES W. POST.

### Mattoon Act Is Held Valid By Supreme Court

Hollywood - Palos Verdes Parkway Plan Aided by Decision

Of vast importance to this district was the decision of the California Supreme Court yesterday in declaring the Mattoon act constitutional. The Mattoon act is a statute simplifying improvement proceedings. It is under this act that it is proposed to construct the great 225-foot Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway through Torrance.

### City Gives Sewer For Scout House

On motion of Trustee Tom Foley, seconded by Trustee Willis Brooks and unanimously carried, the Board of Trustees Monday voted to construct a sewer to serve the Boy Scouts' clubhouse at no cost to the Scouts. The clubhouse is located near the Legion building at Carson street and Cota avenue. The sewer will cost about \$50.

### Bank President Will Make Talk To Kiwanis Club

Ora E. Monette, president of the Bank of America, will be the speaker at the luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Torrance Friday noon at the Women's Clubhouse. Dick Malone will give a craft talk.

### Prices of Fords Slashed; Month Sales in Record

Average Cut on All Models Is \$45, Local Dealers Announce

The prices on all Ford models took a drop, effective June 19, according to an announcement by Schultz, Peckham & Schultz, local Ford dealers. The reductions average about \$45 a car. The list of new prices is given in an advertisement on another page of this issue. Schultz, Peckham & Schultz report a brisk sale of new cars so far this month. Thirty-one Ford cars were sold by the local dealers from June 1 to June 20, according to these cars are as follows: S. Failla, Howard L. Woodward, Urtes Garraghy, Robert Lessing, R. C. Woodson, Paul Valensuela, W. C. Rollman, Joe Aguilar, P. P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gibson, H. D. Webb, D. Hale, J. B. McComiskey, Bert A. Booker, Mike Marine, John Bedelmaster, Lloyd Ellis, Geo. R. Tompkins, Herald Cox, R. E. Hersey, Thomas Bowker, Jas. Francini, Export Refining Corporation, Royce Lantz, J. R. Bledsoe, J. J. Benner, H. L. Bodley, Chas. LaBoeuf, G. Watanabe, A. J. Swisher, Philip Des Jardins.

WELCOME TO TORRANCE Officer H. G. Brundett and Mrs. Brundett are hosts to five relatives from Tampson, Tex. And all five guests are hoping to make Torrance their permanent home. They are Mrs. Dot O'Dell and her three sons and mother. Mrs. O'Dell is Mrs. Brundett's sister.

### Surprise Deed From Railroad Puzzles Board

P. E. Presents City With Post Avenue-Redondo Blvd. Crossing Grant

The Board of Trustees received a surprise Monday night when a deed was received from the Pacific Electric Railroad Company granting the city a street crossing over the company's tracks on Redondo boulevard from the intersection of Post avenue to Border avenue. No consideration was stipulated in the deed and the board, believing that the deed was executed in accordance with some sort of previous understanding between the company and the old Board of Trustees, refused to accept the gift until the reasons for its donation were definitely understood. Negotiations for such a crossing have been under way between the city and the company for two years, and the trustees do not wish to accept the deed until they know what understanding, if any, prompted its execution.

### Sewer For 4070 Tract Discussed; No Action Taken

Dennis Asks for Petition Before Acting on Improvements

Considerable discussion regarding the extension of the city sewer system to serve residents in the 4070 tract took place at the Board of Trustees meeting Monday night. Wallace Gilbert brought to the attention of the board the fact that the health department had ordered residents of the district to construct cesspools or sewers, and said he believed the residents should put in sewers. Mayor John Dennis declared he would favor sewers only if the property owners petitioned for them. City Engineer Frank Leonard said sewers would cost between \$1.25 and \$1.40 a front foot. Trustee Willis M. Brooks agreed with Mayor Dennis that the board should take no action until a petition for sewers was received.

### Observations

Our Circulation Contest—Increase in Circulation in Tributary Territory and Its Significance to This City—New Features for Our 'Reader Interest' By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WE wish to take this opportunity to express to the people of the Torrance-Lomita-Moneta-Gardena district our appreciation of the support they gave to candidates in the Herald-News subscription competition which has closed this week—and to explain to our readers the reasons why we put on this competition.

CIRCULATION is the foundation of all newspaper success. On it depends the very life of any newspaper. Circulation problems in California differ from those in eastern communities where the population is more constant. Here on the coast every community grows rapidly and population is shifting all the time. It is necessary for a newspaper to keep constantly at the business of getting its copies into the homes of all new residents. This may be done in several ways. One way is to attract new readers through the medium of such a contest as that which just closed in this territory. The circulation of The Herald and The News in Torrance and Lomita is what is known in the trade as "blanket circulation"—circulation which practically guarantees complete coverage among the English-speaking residents of the district.

WE maintain this circulation abreast of growth in population and shifting residents by constant attention to the business at hand. Not long ago we sought a method of widening our field—by increasing our circulation in territory tributary to Torrance and Lomita. With such a desire in mind we planned the contest, with two automobiles and many other valuable prizes as incentives to candidates who might enter the competition. Our aim—to increase circulation in tributary territory—was well directed. As a result of the contest the circulation of The Herald and The News in territory adjacent to Torrance and Lomita has increased beyond our fondest hopes.

THIS increase, we believe, is important, not only to us, but to this whole district. As a result of our increased circulation in territory adjacent to Torrance and Lomita business houses in these two cities are enabled to avail themselves of a wider scope for their merchandising plans. To increase the field covered by the newspaper is a distinct advantage to advertisers. But it is something more than that. It is an advantage to the people of Torrance and Lomita—for as these two communities better themselves commercially, benefit in concrete form accrues to every person in those communities.

TORRANCE AND LOMITA are the center of a great market. It is our desire and the desire, naturally, of every business house to encourage the centralization of this district's commerce here. Our increased circulation outside Torrance and Lomita does this very thing. The added subscribers from new residents of Torrance and Lomita also place us in a position as regards home-town circulation that few if any weekly papers in Southern California enjoy. As publishers and sponsors of the contest just closed, we are sorry that every candidate could not win a major prize. The contest was arranged with full appreciation that somebody would not win, and those who received no prizes were given commissions of 20 percent of the money they collected. That, we believe, is eminently fair. (Continued on Last Page)

### Salm, Chamber Oppose Chance In Tract Zone

Letters Protest Move to Allow Houses in Industrial Acreage

Two letters were received by the Board of Trustees Monday night urging that the board refuse to rezoning for residence purposes the territory bounded by Carson and 220th streets and Artesano and Western avenues. A request for change in the zone to permit the construction of residences was twice turned down by the old board and is up again for consideration by the new board.

The letters protesting against a change in the zone were from the Chamber of Commerce and the Salm Manufacturing Company. Mr. Salm pointed out that the owners of the property bought the land in question as industrial property on a speculation. He also stated that his industry would be embarrassed by the construction of residences on the property. In this connection the letter from Carl Hyde, written at the direction of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, declared that whenever residents bring legal action against an industry in the neighborhood the courts usually order the industry to move. The trustees ordered the letters placed on file. No action on the request for rezoning was taken.

### Receive Four Bids On City Garbage

Bids for the collection of garbage, received by the Board of Trustees Monday night, were referred to the street committee for investigation. The bids were as follows: H. E. Shrainer of Glendale, \$350 a month; G. M. King, Torrance, \$300 a month; S. J. Ensminger, Torrance, \$300 a month; R. Jancian, Huntington Beach, \$250 a month. The contract will call for collection of garbage and refuse in the entire city of Torrance.

### ART CLASS ENTERTAINED

Members of the art class of the Torrance High School were guests of Mrs. Isabel Henderson Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Henderson delighted the students with objects of art which she secured in various parts of the world during her recent trip around the globe.