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Mayor Dennis, in Open Council, Brands Klusman Liar

PLATFORM DETAILS ISSUES

Observations

The Navy and Naval Men—Introducing "Cootie" Hull, Ex-Tramp, Inhabited Soldier, Expert Gambler and Big Hearted Philosopher

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THE more I see of men of the United States Navy the more proud I am of our sea forces. A friend tells me how men of the fleet treat his son who visits the ships with a petty officer often.

That is a pretty good recommendation for the lads who wear the blue of the Navy. People who live near port cities are apt to look upon sailors with disrespect. But oh, what a difference when there is war or danger of war.

I ENJOYED a recent contact with two naval officers. In a golf club locker room two gentlemen in civilian clothes were discussing the never-falling subject of shots and drives.

I ASKED the younger of the two how I could get aboard the Saratoga on a week-day. He said it was difficult, whereupon the elder took out one of his cards and wrote upon it. I thanked him and they left.

I MENTION this incident to illustrate the fact that the Navy is anxious that the public be interested in the fleet and the activities and equipment of our sea forces.

WARM philosophy often blossoms where we least expect to find it. This talk about men of the fleet has called to mind an experience I once had with a soldier in France.

"THE only job I ever had," said Cootie, "was the best job any man could wish for. I was baby-tender in a tenement house.

COOTIE'S ideas regarding acceptable occupation will give you some insight into the type of lazy hound he was. Nevertheless he had a heart as big as a washtub.

BUT to Cootie's philosophy. The outfit had rolled into Nancy after two months in Belleau Woods. We were a tired crew and broke almost flat.

One sunny afternoon Cootie and I were sauntering down the main avenue of Nancy looking in the windows and bemoaning our lack of funds.

"SHERMAN was correct," said Cootie. "How much money have you got?" The question was addressed to me and I answered, "I've got just two francs. Why?"

SLIM grabbed me enthusiastically and said, "Boy howdy! I'm glad I run into you. Last night I made a big killing in a crap game and I'm AWOL. But I've got plenty of francs and I always pay my debts when I'm flush.

AS we proceeded down the avenue Cootie puffed out his chest and squinted up one eye. "What's I tell you Doc. Didn't I say we'd get it back? I never seen it fall. Five hundred francs. Hot dog, Soldier! Where do we go from here?"

CANDIDATES PLEDGE SELVES IN PLATFORM



JOHN DENNIS



CHAS. RAYMOND



G. A. MAXWELL

Mayor John Dennis, G. A. Maxwell and Councilman Charles Raymond are running on the People's League ticket for the City Council. Their platform, which appears in another column on this page, discusses the major problems in Torrance and pledges them to definite policies regarding lights, the police department, industrial co-operation, low taxation and community progress.

REGISTER!—REGISTER!—REGISTER!

Friday is the last day on which citizens of Torrance who wish to vote at the city election on Monday, April 9 may register. All persons must register this year. If you have not re-registered since Jan. 1, 1928 do so between now and Friday night or you cannot vote on April 9.

City Engineer Leonard Tuesday night explained the status of proceedings for a lighting system in Torrance. He said that the map of the proposed system is just about completed.

Tim Hogan Takes Hand in Riddle Which Stalks Thru Women's Club; Who Threwed Them Jools Around?

Great mystery surrounds the Women's Club these days and nights. Footlights mysteriously blink on. Doors open without the aid of human hands and tales of loss of gleaming pearls are nightly heard.

Who did it? Why? The mystery is more of a mystery than ever. Chief Calder, with all his wit, training and native shrewdness is all at sea.

Mrs. Willis Brooks, the president of the Women's Club of Torrance, when approached about the mystery, when questioned about the strange lights, revolver shots, screams and cries so often heard in the neighborhood of the clubhouse, replied:

"I do not know myself what the mystery is. I do know that we have one. It must be solved, and with the aid of Chief Calder, Watson, his aide, and Sergeant Timothy Hogan, who has been detailed on the mystery it will soon be history. I call upon the residents of this city to help in this matter. If you cannot solve the mystery, you might help on the night of March 16 to learn WHO STOLE THE CARSTON PEARLS?"

Another strange note was mailed Chief Calder this week. It reads:

Boy Scouts Object to Garbage Cans Without Covers

Boys of Torrance have keen eyes. And they have noted the fact that many garbage cans in the city are left uncovered.

Principal Herbert Wood of the High School, president of the Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts wrote the Council that the boys had reported this to him repeatedly. The Council referred the matter to the police department.

War Vets Auxiliary Is Given Flags

Several gifts were presented to the Women's Auxiliary of Leonard O. Wood camp, Spanish American war veterans Monday night. The Women's Relief Corps of Redondo Beach gave an American flag; the Daughters of Veterans presented two color bearer flags; and two more color bearer flags were given by the Theodore Roosevelt auxiliary of Los Angeles.

Standard Awarded City Gas Contract

The council Tuesday night instructed City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to enter into a contract with the Standard Oil Company of California for the purchase of gasoline for the current year. Standard's bid was 17 1/2 cents a gallon including tax.

Will Photograph Babies at Center

At the next meeting of the Mothers' Educational Center, held April 6, from 10 to 12 at the Women's clubhouse photographs will be made of babies registered, for display at the Chamber of Commerce Los Angeles during Better Babies Week in May.

BEG YOUR PARDON

By error the date of the Women's Club card party was given in the Herald last week as March 18. The correct date is March 9.

Officials Nail Statements on Lights, Sewers

City Engineer Leonard Tuesday night explained the status of proceedings for a lighting system in Torrance. He said that the map of the proposed system is just about completed.

These statements were made because some taxpayers have been informed that the proposed lighting system would cost about \$3 a foot and that taxes would go up when the sewer system is connected.

Hawthorne Ave. Extension Deed Given to City

Proceedings for the paving of Hawthorne avenue from Redondo Torrance boulevard to Camino Real, across the De Amo ranch are progressing. The Council received a grant deed for part of the right of way Tuesday night and accepted it for record.

Delay Action in Used Car Dispute

In the absence of Councilman Imman and Wolfe the Council Tuesday night again postponed decision on the application of J. C. Smith for a business license for the sale of used cars on Cabrillo avenue opposite the Torrance Investment Company.

HURLS HOT SHOT AT CRITIC

Dennis, Facing Klusman Says "You Lied and You Know You Lied"

SLAMS MIS-STATEMENTS Mayor Declares Independent Charges False; Lambasts "Dirty, Yellow Sheet"

"You lied and you knew you were lying!" That was the hot shot fired again and again by Mayor John Dennis Tuesday night in open Council meeting into the teeth of William T. Klusman.

Standing face to face with Klusman, the mayor waved the most recent copy of Klusman's Independent, political handbill, and charged repeatedly that statements contained therein were not only false but that Klusman knew they were false when he wrote them and circulated them broadcast over the city.

It was the most outspoken speech ever made in a meeting of the Torrance council.

When the moment came for oral communications Mayor Dennis left his chair and walked to the other end of the Council table where he put on his glasses, unfolded a copy of the Independent and faced Klusman who was seated immediately behind the railing.

Holding the handbill in the air the mayor asked, "Mr. Klusman, is this your paper?"

Receiving an affirmative reply the mayor launched forth into a series of electric sentences charging Klusman with knowingly writing and circulating falsehoods for the purpose of winning votes.

"I told you once," shouted the mayor, "that if you ever printed anything about me you had better be right. Now I am going to show you that you are not only wrong, but that you lied knowingly."

Reads from Paper The mayor then read the following paragraphs from the Klusman handbill:

"I have the best and finest recommendation to present to the voters of this city, why they should elect me. This is from Mayor John Dennis, who stated at a Trustee meeting lately that a lot of people had come to him and told him with all sincerity and that very forceful, I will quote him ad verbatim just as he said it:

"(Still reading from Independent as it quoted the Mayor), 'It is a good thing that there is a fearless man like Bill Klusman in Torrance. If it was not for Bill nobody would know what was going on.'

Waving the handbill the mayor then shouted, "That is a lie and what is more you know it is a lie. What I said in open council meeting was that in a conversation before witnesses a man named Leatherman declared it was a good thing Torrance had Bill Klusman so he could watch the crooks."

"You lied and you knew you were lying," shouted the Mayor again.

Hits Madrid Statement The mayor then read the following paragraph from the Independent written by Klusman:

"They (the Council) took over \$20,000 of our Tax Money and paved Madrid street on both sides of the R. R. track."

"I say here to your face," declared the mayor, shaking his finger at Klusman, "that when you wrote that you knew that the cost of the Madrid paving job was less than \$10,000. You asked me what the cost was and I told you it was less than \$10,000. Then you wrote and published the statement that it was over \$20,000. You lied and you know you lied. The cost was \$8,961.12."

Charges Votes Wish You Had to Set Votes You did it to besmirch the names and reputation of the council. Ever since I have been in Torrance you have been doing the same thing. But not once have you ever come forward with any evidence.

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The Harris-Box bill, which would have applied an immigration restriction quota to Mexico and Canada was killed in committee. Growers and industries of the Southwest objected strenuously to the measure. The Secretary of State Kellogg behind closed doors told the committee that the passage of the law would seriously impair the friendly relations between the United States and Mexico.

Another important event relating to immigration was the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in New York declaring that Canadians working or seeking employment in the United States may cross the border daily without restrictions. The Court based its decision on the Jay treaty of 1794 which was interpreted as granting residents of each side of the border the right to come and go on business purposes. While the major portion of the country was little interested in this case sections near the American-Canadian border were intensely interested. The decision ends a serious diplomatic controversy between the Ottawa and Washington governments.

David Starr Jordan, "grand old man of California" and known all over the world as a great thinker has endorsed the candidacy of Herbert Hoover for President of the United States. The famous educator declared that Hoover has never made a serious mistake in his whole life. "To the world," said Dr. Jordan, "it is most important to have at the head of its greatest nation a man without illusions, who cultivates no shams."

The threat of a "holy war" waged by Moslems against the Christian British Empire flared up again when Ibn Sa'ud, King of the Hedjaz and Sultan of Nedj made formal declaration of hostilities against the three British dominions that border on his desert realm from the Red Sea to the Persian gulf. A dispatch from Jerusalem says that thousands of Wahabi tribesmen are under arms.

The Council of the League of Nations is in session at Geneva. European statesmen are seriously discussing the American proposal for treaties universally outlawing war. Intimations from Geneva were to the effect that Europe, through Aristide Briand, French foreign minister, would ask the United States to endorse its proposal in specific terms.

Daily man improves his victory over the air. The latest contribution of aeronautics is the flight in England of the largest airplane ever built. Weighing fifteen tons, the inflexible, made a successful trial flight. The wing span of this significant monoplane is 160 feet. The landing wheels alone are 7 feet six inches in diameter.

A few photographers, a handful of newspaper men were present. Down from the sky swooped the plane. Out stepped Mr. Charles Levine at Havana, Cuba. He looked at the group, expressed disappointment that so few had come to greet him. With him was Isabel Broot. They flew from Florida in the Columbia.

Guild Ladies Have Unique Plan for Increasing Funds

The Ladies Guild of the Central Evangelical church is employing a unique scheme to add to the funds of the organization.

The parish is divided into four districts, in each of which there will be circulated a market basket. Each home to which the basket comes will make a donation, marking the selling price, and then will purchase some article in the basket before passing it on.

The district supervisors who will keep the baskets moving are Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Winkler and Mrs. Gilbert.

Asks Zone Change to Build Church on El Prado Lot

The Fourstars Lighthouse Association, Inc., through John Salm, applied to the Council Tuesday night in writing for a change of zone on the lot at El Prado and Arlington, so that a church building may be erected there. The request was referred to the city engineer and the city attorney for report on the action necessary for the proposed re-zoning.

BILL BARBER SAYS

I'm glad Paul Revere did not say I do not choose to run.

Dennis - Maxwell - Raymond Policies in Campaign Are Frankly Set Forth

ECONOMY-PROGRESS AIM People's League Document Attacks Lighting Companies' Interests Here

Continuation of the policies of the present city administration, continued economy and progress were the outstanding planks in a platform adopted by the People's League which is supporting the candidacies of Mayor John Dennis, Councilman Charles Raymond and G. A. Maxwell for city councilmen.

The platform stresses the fact that although Torrance has one of the lowest city tax rates in the state this city led all of California in building permits increase for 1927 over 1926.

The platform discusses a number of municipal problems at length, including a lighting system. It attacks light post agencies and deals with the police department and industrial co-operation.

The platform to which Mayor Dennis, Councilman Raymond and Mr. Maxwell have pledged themselves, follows:

"It is the function of a City government to operate for the good of the greatest number of people, to provide a clean, unbiased administration of the municipality's affairs, to provide modern conveniences and facilities for law enforcement, order and civic comfort and to promote sound progress without placing a burden on progressive taxes on the people.

"Two years ago a municipal ticket was elected to office in Torrance on a platform of lower taxes. That promise has been kept. Nor has it been kept at the expense of any backward movement in the development of this city. Under the present administration taxes have been cut twice until now they are the second lowest in the southland. Yet in 1927 Torrance led the whole state of California in building permits increase over 1926.

These facts are eloquent testimony to the fact that Torrance has been well governed under the present administration.

Praises Administration "In city after city progress is purchased only at the price of overlapping assessments, and the oppressive burden of ever-increasing taxes. In Torrance under the present administration exactly the contrary has been true.

"Low taxes had much to do with the decision of the Columbia Steel to double its capacity in Torrance and lay plans for even greater enlargement.

"Low taxes helped induce the Santa Fe to choose Torrance as the location of its Southern California industrial development.

"Low taxes were largely responsible for the location of the big Doherty-Stone Drill Company plant in Torrance.

"Low taxes attracted the General Petroleum Corporation to purchase 900 acres for a huge refinery in Torrance.

"Low taxes accounted in a large measure for the big building permit record here last year.

"Low taxes mean more jobs, more homes, more people in Torrance.

"Two members of the present City Council which labored hard cutting budgets in order to make tax cuts possible are running for re-election. They are Mayor John Dennis and Councilman Charles Raymond. With them, standing for the same policies, G. A. Maxwell, an employee of the C. C. M. O. and a clean, honest, able young man is running for election.

"The People's League, believing in progress and economy, commends to the citizens of Torrance the candidacies of these three men, who stand for a continuation of the type of administration Torrance has had during the past two years.

"A number of problems confront Torrance. They require the expert

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