

VOTE "YES" NEXT THURSDAY

NEARBY CITIES PAY WATER BONDS WITHOUT ANY TAXES

Officials Are Interviewed in Six Neighboring Communities on Their Own Experiences in Public Ownership and All Cite Advantages and Profits from Plan

IT CAN BE DONE BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN DONE! That, in nine words, is the consensus of why the original city of Torrance can produce, purify, and distribute clean, wholesome water at a cost of less than one-half of the present rate exacted by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company!

At less than one-half of the present cost of the water the city can pay the interest and retire the \$400,000 bond issue without any additional assessments or increased taxes.

Why It Can Be Done

It can be done because it has been done—and six nearby cities operating their own water systems bear excellent testimony to that effect. Those cities voted bond issues, established their own water producing and distributing systems, lowered their water rates by doing so and take care of their bond interest and redemption obligations without difficulty.

City officials of El Segundo, Compton, Hawthorne, Inglewood, South Gate and Burbank were interviewed by the Herald this week in order that this newspaper might present their views on public ownership of a water utility. Every one of those officials declared—emphatically—that their city's best asset was its municipally-owned water system. But let them tell

COUNTY WILL PUT IN WORK ON WESTERN

Will Eliminate Bad Curve Make Grade Crossing at R. R. Tracks

Sounding the death knell of the dangerous curve on Western avenue north of the P. E. viaduct, the city council voted Tuesday night to grant consent to the County Board of Supervisors for the improvement of Western and establishment of a grade crossing at El Prado.

This is considered as one of the most welcome bits of news to Torrance residents in recent months as the work will eliminate the curve, will re-align the avenue from the top of the grade to the P. E. tracks and will bring the road gradually to grade with the crossing at the double barreled thoroughfare with El Prado.

According to those interested in the improvement, this will be a substitute improvement for the original proposed grade crossing which Torrance secured the authority to construct several months ago, but will be done without assessment on property owners here. It will be a cash job, to be paid from the general funds of the county and, it is estimated, will save Torrance property owners approximately \$2500 on the crossing alone and several thousand dollars on the proposed reconstructed approaches to the grade.

The county's plans are to go back to about 35th street on the north end of Western avenue and build a gradual approach to the crossing, eliminating the grade curve, and then to build the southerly approach from about 21st street. The new roadway will permit motorists to turn at Cabrillo corner from Western without going around curves at the viaduct and near the P. E. station.

Discover Use For Old Waste Glass

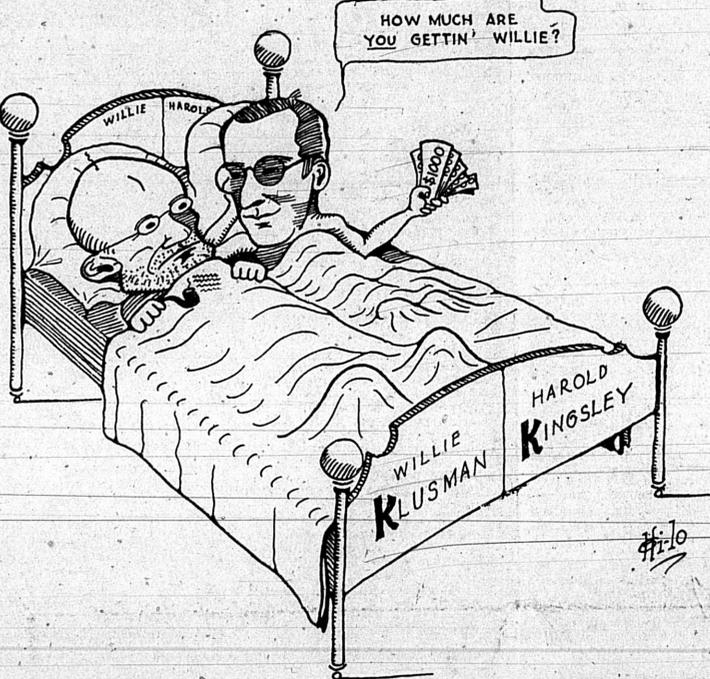
Any old glass today? Yes, plenty of it, but it's valuable to the Torrance Flat Glass Company in these days of minny golf courses.

The local company is experiencing quite a boom in the sale of melted glass to new golf courses that are installing these colorful glass rock fountains. It is reported that the company has sold several hundred tons of what was formerly considered waste product to miniature golf construction companies in Hollywood and Los Angeles. According to Mr. Charles L. Babay, an executive of the company, they still have several hundred more tons of the glass available.

Elementary P.-T. A. Will Meet Tuesday

Torrance Elementary P.-T.A. will hold the first session of the new year, Tuesday, September 24, at 2 o'clock in the school auditorium. The four rooms of the P.T.A.'s will give a demonstration of school work and games. Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, who has just returned from a trip abroad will give glimpses of her travels.

QUEER BEDFELLOWS



CITY SHOWS ACTIVITY IN LAND DEALS

Bulletin Credits Torrance with "Exceptional" Realty Business

Although August, the peak of the summer and the height of vacation time, is generally a "quiet" month with respect to real estate, Torrance was listed among the cities in the county who showed "exceptional" activity, according to the Building and Real Estate Bulletin published by the California Title Insurance Company.

"Despite a general decline in August, a number of cities showed exceptionally active markets, chief among these were Glendora, Torrance, Montebello and Signal Hill," the bulletin stated in reporting the comparison of last month's real estate activity with that of August, 1929.

Wood Would Have Food Protection

High School Principal Asks Law Against Vendors

Asking that the council pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale of foodstuffs within 300 feet of any school, Herbert S. Wood, principal of the Torrance High school, said that the Los Angeles city schools have a similar protective ordinance. The matter was referred to the ordinance committee.

Wood stated that an ice cream vendor was making sales to students at the high school off the school grounds and was subject to no regulation other than supervision of the health authorities. He said that such an ordinance eliminates undesirable people in the neighborhood of schools and that it would control expenditures by the students.

KLUSMANISM

Never Accomplished Anything!

An Editorial

By GROVER C. WHYTE

"Build the canal and talk about it afterwards," said the immortal Theodore Roosevelt during the bickering that preceded the construction of the Panama Canal. This was good advice and may well be applied to the present water situation in Torrance.

Build the new water works and you'll have much for which to be thankful, just as the entire United States has benefitted by the construction of the Panama Canal.

It seems a pity that no great good can be accomplished whether it be in the affairs of the national government or the improvements of the city, without sincere and loyal citizens being viciously attacked by small minded petty bickerers.

But if such is the case, we are sure the loyal public spirited citizens of Torrance will overlook the nagging and bragging of men such as Klusman, and will carry forward with clear visions and clean minds to accomplish worthwhile things for the community.

Not content to assail the characters of the living, Klusman goes back to disturb the peace of the dead,—the honored dead, such as: Judge Post, George Proctor, and Jim Fitzhugh, all of whom gave liberally of their time and talents, gratuitously, that Torrance may be a better place in which to live. These were noble spirits with brave hearts who carried the banner of civic loyalty and good citizenship high above self aggrandizement or private gain. Every good citizen of Torrance rises in righteous indignation when a despicable Klusman dips down into their graves and attacks their speechless spirits.

Such is this man Klusman, who by cunning insinuations and clever ruses would blacken the good characters of many of the men and women who strive to advance this community.

It was this same paradoxical Klusman who a few years ago attacked the present water plant as the "waterless water system with rotten pipes, etc." when it was offered to the City of Torrance for \$135,000, and who is now suggesting that the City of Torrance pay \$200,000 for it.

Torrance has been most fortunate in the high calibre of men who have served this city in public office ever since the city was incorporated. It is significant that no public official in Torrance has ever been recalled, nor has there ever been a petition circulated to recall any public official,—so clean and honest has been their records.

We had a sample of the able and economical administration of the present City Council when the city-

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Flower Show To Open Tomorrow Afternoon Here

Many Displays To Be Shown at Levy Building Next To Herald Office

A feature display at the third annual Community Betterment Flower Show of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, which opens at 2 p.m. tomorrow and closes at 10 p.m. Saturday, will be the water garden installed by the Johnson Water Gardens of Long Beach together with a shrubbery background loaned by the San Pedro Nursery and Roy Perry of Keystone.

Fine displays are also to be shown by the Keystone and Lynwood Chambers of Commerce, the Lynwood Woman's club and by Mr. Merrill and his horticultural class at the Torrance High school. The new Levy building at 1334 El Prado (next to the Herald building) will be the scene of the flower show. It will be open for work on displays tonight and at 6 a.m. tomorrow. Displays of all kinds will be on exhibition, with dahlias predominating—and with many fine groups of zinnias, asters and African marigolds. Several exceptional displays of dahlias have been promised by commercial growers. Some gladiolus will be shown but it is rather too late in the season to have many or of fine quality.

Growers Urged To Enter

The show will be open to the public from 2 to 10 p.m. tomorrow and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. The judging is to be handled by the chairman of Judges, Charles A. Brazee, bulb and flower grower of Keystone; H. M. Chandler, of Howard and Smith of Montebello; Robert Newcomb, florist of Long Beach, and Thomas McLoughlin, bulb grower of Encinitas. The flower show committee is composed of Carleton B. Bell, chairman, I. C. Toos, Sanford and Whiting, Vern L. Maxfield, H. Miller Bailey, post commander, and George B. Worcester, post adjutant.

Both committees urgently request anyone with flowers to enter them in the show. They state that this is the object of the whole display—to get people to enter their home-grown flowers—in order to advance interest in more and better flowers next year. Commercial displays are also wanted. Anyone desiring further information should call on Carleton B. Bell.

Urge "Ride" for Torrance Sign

Whatever may be said about tourists finding signs, marks and symbols on out-of-the-way corners of the earth, in all directions—even as far as the north and south poles, where, it is reported that there is a sign reading "City Limits of Los Angeles"—no one can say that the city fathers of Torrance are overzealous in that respect. The sign reading "Torrance City Limits" still holds forth by the Southern California Edison La Fresa plant at the corner of 190th street and Western avenue. That sign should be "taken for a ride" to wake up on Riverside-Redondo boulevard and Illinois street where it belongs, according to the Herald's McDonald Tract correspondent.

Students Planting On School Grounds

S. C. Merrill, instructor in agriculture at the Torrance High school, is busy with plans for beautifying the space at the west of the school and between the main building and the new science hall. This space corresponds to the area occupied by the post between the main building and the auditorium, and will balance the gardening scheme of the school.

Merrill plans to use sub-tropical plants for the area under consideration. The work is being done by the classes in gardening. Eight hundred dollars has been allotted in the school budget. It is reported for the purchasing of plants for the work.

Vote early and vote "YES," September 25. Everybody votes at the Fire Hall.

LIES!

NAILED TO THE MAST!

Malicious insinuations, whispered incriminations, and DOWN-RIGHT FALSEHOODS are being circulated against the Municipally Owned Water System, Public Officials, and Private Citizens who are lending their support to this much needed civic improvement. As fast as these LIES show their heads, the TORRANCE HERALD will expose them to the Sunlight of Truth. Following are some of the products of the "Whispering Campaign":

(Lies Numbers 1 and 2 were answered last week)

LIE NO. 3. Klusman says, "It was the Dominguez Land Corporation thru Judge Post, Gen. Man., who applied to the Railroad Commission to establish the present (water) rate."

The facts in the matter are that the application for an increase in water rates to the present high prices was made in January, 1922, and the rates were allowed in April of the same year. The late Judge Post resigned his position with the Torrance Water Company on January 19, 1921, and severed all his connections with the Dominguez Land Corporation a WHOLE YEAR BEFORE EVEN THE APPLICATION FOR A RATE INCREASE WAS MADE BEFORE THE STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

LIE NO. 4. "Frank Leonard is the only engineer that I know of who condemns his own installation of the water system," says Klusman.

Mr. Leonard had nothing to do with the installation of the present inadequate water system. It was installed two years before Mr. Leonard came to Torrance or had anything to do with the Dominguez Land Corporation or the City of Torrance.

LIE NO. 5. "How come, Mr. Whyte that you never kicked for all the years when the Dominguez Land Corporation owned the water system?"—asked Klusman.

The facts are that on May 23, 1924, the Torrance Herald addressed an open letter to the Dominguez Water Company deploring the "most disagreeable odor of Torrance water which makes it distasteful for drinking purposes." In the same letter, the Herald urged that the reservoir be covered in order to discourage the growth of vegetable matter. The bound files of the Torrance Herald are available to anyone who wishes to read this open letter on the front page of the issue of May 23, 1924, — which was long before the Dominguez Land Corporation sold the system to the present Eastern capitalists.

Answering Your Questions On The Water Election

Question: Who has the right to vote at the special water election, September 25?

Answer: Every registered voter in the district, whether a property owner or not, may vote. Renters as well as property owners will find it to their advantage to vote "Yes," as cheaper water means cheaper rents. If you rent and pay your own water bill, it will be cut in half, besides eliminating the necessity of buying bottled drinking water.

Question: Will taxes be increased if the bond issue carries?

Answer: No. At the \$1.10 rate the City Water Department will make sufficient profit from the sale of water to pay off the \$400,000 and interest, just like Los Angeles, South Gate, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and many other municipalities are doing. NO CHARGE FOR WATER BONDS WILL EVER APPEAR ON YOUR TAX BILLS!

Question: Where will the reservoir for the new plant be located?

Answer: On the high elevation, west of Cedar avenue and north of Redondo boulevard. Tentative arrangements have been made to purchase this land at the present low market prices.

Question: What district within the City of Torrance will be served by the new water works?

Answer: That portion of the city now being served by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, or the territory bounded on the east by the East City Limits (Western avenue), on the south by Camino Real (Long Beach-Redondo road), on the west by Madonna avenue, and on the north by the south line of the General Petroleum Corporation refinery property. Naturally only those persons living within this district may vote on the proposition, as the new water system will not affect the annexed portions of the city which are already served by other water companies.

Question: Is one of the present city officials to be given the position of superintendent?

Answer: No arrangements have been made for the personnel of the proposed City Water Department and none will be made until after the election. No promises have been made. Applications for positions in the City Water Department will not be considered at this time, but when the time comes to engage a superintendent and other members of the City Water Department, the City Council will make its appointments solely on the basis of efficiency and honesty.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES A KIBITZER