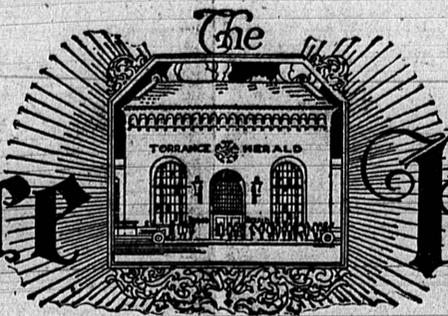


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## PARK-FREEHOLDERS ELECTION TUES.

### KLUSMAN'S LIES

Nailed to the Mast!

By GROVER C. WHYTE

No intelligent person would waste his time arguing with a maniac, and so I shall not be bothered with the meaningless mutterings of this deluded individual. However, I believe the citizens of Torrance are entitled to know the FACTS in connection with the gross untruths that have been printed in the pamphlet distributed last evening by Wm. T. Klusman. Let us take them one by one:

Klusman says, "The City of Torrance and all annexed territory is encumbered by a bonded indebtedness of nearly \$3,000,000.00 for the Metropolitan Sewer System, and the interest thereon."

County records show that the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the 5th district of the Metropolitan Sewer System, of which Torrance is a part, was only \$1,155,000, as of December 31, 1930. As Torrance with all its annexations comprise only ONE-THIRD of this district, the present bonded indebtedness for the Metropolitan Sewer System is \$385,000,—and not \$3,000,000.00 as Klusman says.

Klusman says, "Ten per cent of your Municipal Taxes are paid by the Dennis City Administration over to the Chamber of Commerce."

Klusman knows this is a down-right falsehood, as I have told him repeatedly that the Chamber of Commerce parks and promotion fund is a 10 CENT tax on each \$100 assessed valuation, or ONE PER CENT instead of ten.

Klusman says, "Mayor Dennis and City Engineer Leonard have schemed out a perfect scheme whereby Cabrillo street and part of Redondo boulevard are going to be paved out of the general city tax fund."

Mayor Dennis has repeatedly stated that no part of the Cabrillo avenue widening and paving expense would be paid out of the general fund; and furthermore, that no assessments of any kind would be made against any property EXCEPT THAT FRONTING ON CABRILLO AVENUE. What Klusman should have said is that Mayor Dennis and City Engineer Leonard are endeavoring to secure County aid from the State gasoline tax money to bear a portion of the Cabrillo paving expense. As for Redondo boulevard, it is to be planted with flowers and shrubs for the enjoyment of all citizens in Torrance. This cost will be very small and will be paid out of the general fund.

Klusman says, "The Board of Directors of the Combine Chamber have voted \$500 of the People's Tax Money to Grover White and his Committee to educate the people how to vote yes on the Park Bonds."

It is true the chamber appropriated \$500 for the promotion of the Park Bond issue as was reported in the Torrance Herald, but NOT ONE CENT has been paid to me or the Torrance Herald. Over half the money has already been spent for drawings, cuts, windshield stickers, street banners, and other miscellaneous expenses. No charge of any sort has been made for the more than \$1000 worth of space that has been given in the Torrance Herald to explain and promote the park and playground issue.

### HERALD TO GIVE ELECTION RETURNS TUESDAY NIGHT

AS USUAL, the Herald will give the complete election returns Tuesday evening, June 9, as soon as the information is compiled from the five polling places.

The polls will close at 7 p. m., and the count of the ballots started immediately thereafter. It is expected that the returns will not be available until about 8:15 p. m. Just call the Herald, Torrance 444, for election returns. Bulletins will be issued and placed at the Dolley Drug store, First National Bank and Bank of America, Torrance Pharmacy and the Alcorn Drug store.

### NEW \$84,000 CITY SCHOOL



HERE IS ARCHITECT H. L. GOGERTY'S CONCEPTION of the new \$84,000 school building which will be constructed on the site of the present bungalow buildings which now comprise the Fern Avenue school here. It is expected that construction work will begin on this fine school about August 15 and that it will be ready for service about January 1.

All plans for the Spanish type, brick and stucco school which is to replace the present inadequate bungalow structures now being used as the Fern Street school have been approved and work started this week on the working drawings.

Nine class rooms, administration and kindergarten units are included in the \$84,000 structure, which is the only entirely new school building being erected this year in the Los Angeles city district. Other schools announced by the Board of Education following the passage of the recent school bond issue are replacements and expansions to existing schools, according to school executives.

To Face Fern Avenue  
It was learned this week from W. E. Record, business manager of the Board of Education, that the new building will face Fern avenue, although the board has acquired, either by options or deeds, all property but two lots on Torrance (Redondo) boulevard, making the school site almost two entire blocks. Extensive plans for the future development of the site, which includes the erection of additional class rooms facing Fern avenue and extending toward the boulevard and an auditorium at the corner of Torrance boulevard were also announced.

The reason given by the architect for fronting the new building on Fern avenue instead of Torrance boulevard was that the east and west light was better for the class rooms. If the building faced the other way, north and south, the rooms would receive all sun or all shade, he said. Then, too, the building will take advantage of a high spot located near Fern avenue which is advantageous for drainage.

"We plan to let the contract by August 1," the architect declared. "It will take three or four months to complete the building, but it ought to be ready for occupancy by January 1."

To Use Local Labor  
"The contractor who gets the work will be instructed to use local labor," the architect said.

### PLAN VARIED PARKWAYS

Torrance Boulevard May Receive Unique Landscaping If City Engineer's Plan Is Adopted

Each parkway between streets intersecting Torrance (Redondo) boulevard will follow a different scheme of landscaping if the plan proposed by City Engineer Frank R. Leonard is carried out.

The engineer described his conception of how to make the boulevard one of the most impressive entrances to a city in the Southland this week. He had drawn the details of the landscaping project a few days after an agreement was reached between the City Council and D. W. Pontius, general manager of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, which permits the immediate beautification of Torrance boulevard and the improvement of Cabrillo avenue.

Each Plot Different  
"I would like to see the planting and landscaping of the Torrance boulevard parkway carried out in the manner that has been followed to some extent by a number of progressive cities interested in making the entrances to their communities as decorative as possible," Leonard said. "To that end he has proposed that each parkway be made a separate and distinct garden-spot. One will be devoted to flowers, another to shrubbery, some will be laid out to follow a formal garden effect, while others will be hedged and planted with lawns. "Each block when given this distinctive treatment provides a variety of color and planting that makes a better impression on motorists and pedestrians as they enter or leave Torrance via this western gateway. The intersecting streets will all be paved to provide good crossings," the engineer stated. "This scheme of landscaping proposed by the engineer is being considered by the board of supervisors." (Continued on Page 3-A)

### Local Legion Mobilizes In Short Order

Ability of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and Boy Scouts to mobilize on short notice for any disaster was effectively demonstrated here and in Lomita last Thursday evening when more than 45 per cent of the Post's membership rallied at stated points for a test emergency siren.

According to Col. N. F. Jamieson, who had charge of the demonstration, the following emergency data was obtained here in conjunction with the state-wide call: 32 Legion members responded; 41 Auxiliary members reported ready for any kind of duty; 38 Boy Scouts checked in; 26 trucks rolled up at the Legion headquarters for service; five airplanes were ready to take off; five emergency stations were located in various parts of the city and Lomita, and ambulance and hospital facilities were at command.

Almost 50,000 members of the Legion throughout the state mobilized at given points when the "alarm" was broadcast at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. The state Auxiliary department reported to Gov. James Rolph, Jr., that it had 15,300 members ready; 3719 Boy Scouts reported and 26 hospital units were organized. The emergency mobilization will be repeated when another call is planned to be sent out in a few months without previous warning being given to the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members.

### Students Show Keen Interest In Park Essay Contest This Week

Bert Merrill and Vivian Young Write Two Best Articles on "Why An Industrial City Needs Parks and Playgrounds"; Other Winners Named

Interest in the Park bond election next Tuesday is not all confined to the qualified electors of the city. The younger generation exhibited a well-founded knowledge of park and playground advantages in more than 200 essays written in a prize contest at the High school this week. The awards were presented Wednesday afternoon to the winning authors of some very fine expositions on the subject: "Why An Industrial City Needs Parks and Playgrounds."

An essay written by Bert Merrill, a senior, who will graduate this month, was judged by the faculty as the best essay. He received a \$3 cash award. The second prize of \$2 went to Vivian Young, a student in the B-10 class. Other Prize Winners  
The two best papers are presented by the Herald in connection with this story. Five students were presented with one dollar checks for their next best essays. They were: Jean Wheaton, Hazel Briney, Bertha Hinman, Clara Neville and Verna Mae Long.

The following 30 students received prizes of 50 cents each for the exceptional interest their essays exhibited: Blanche Lukes, Paul Patovsky, Edna Sopchinsky, Wilbur Howard, Jacquelyn Rogers, Bruno Adamoli, Rachel Walker, Virginia Brown, Elmer Munson, Eleanor Helen Smith, Vivian Carroll, Eva Hamman, Margaret Dove, Ted Morrison. (Continued on Page 6-A)

### Abandon Move For Lomita City

Incorporationists Withdraw Filed Petitions Monday

The Board of Supervisors Monday abandoned all proposed incorporation proceedings for Lomita and denied the petitions that had been circulated to create a municipality out of the adjacent community.

This action of the Supervisors followed the request of the leaders in the move for incorporation who appeared before the board in person to request the cancellation of the proceedings. The change of attitude of the incorporationists is believed to be caused by the recent annexation of the northern part of Lomita to Torrance.

### FOUR FIRE CALLS BUT ONLY HALF-MILE TRIP

Although four alarms were received by the fire department and approximately \$816 loss was sustained by fire during the month of May, the department's apparatus traveled only one-half mile on calls, according to a report given the council Tuesday night by Councilman R. T. Smith. The report stated that \$750 insurance had been paid on the fire losses here and that 16 men answered the alarms.

### Water Case In Hands of City

Because the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company has failed to date to institute their contemplated injunction proceedings against the city in connection with the issuance of \$400,000 water bonds voted here September 25, the city's attorneys received an authorization from the City Council Tuesday night to either file an appearance in an injunction suit or to file a mandamus proceeding in the Superior Court to force the issue.

It had been expected by the city's councilors that the water company or one of its stockholders would carry on the case, but that no action on any locations would be taken until after the bond issue is approved on June 9.

COMPTON JOINS  
By a vote of better than two to one, Compton joined the Metropolitan Water District, of which Torrance is a member-city, this week.

### FLOWER SHOW OPENS FRIDAY

Judges Will Decide Prize Winners Tomorrow Morning; Many Trophies to Be Awarded Growers

Tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 2 o'clock the Fourth Annual American Legion Flower Show will be opened to the public for a two days' exhibition of prize products of local and surrounding amateur gardeners. The judges will study the exhibits and make their decisions on prize winning displays from 10 a. m. until the time the show opens tomorrow. The first day's public display will close at 10 p. m., to reopen Saturday, June 6, at 10 a. m. A small admission fee of 10 cents is charged.

Of especial interest to gladiolus growers and those interested in these beautiful stocks is the announcement from Carleton B. Bell, chairman of the show, that because of the unusually warm spring a number of noted gladiolus growers who planted for exhibition at the California Gladiolus Society's show at the Biltmore two weeks hence, will display their early blooms here.

### No Display Fee

This is made possible because in two weeks the best blooms will be over and the Society's show will be deprived of many fine exhibits. Bell also stated that the Lynwood Women's club was also planning on displaying an attractive

### VOTERS WILL DECIDE TWO IMPORTANT CITY PROBLEMS

Two-Thirds Majority Necessary to Carry Park Bonds; 20 Candidates for Freeholders' Board of 15 to Draft Charter; Election Information

Twenty-six hundred registered Torrance voters are qualified to go to the five polling places here next Tuesday, June 9, to stamp their decisions on two of the most important ballots ever to be voted on in this city.

A two-thirds majority is necessary to carry the \$150,000 park-playgrounds bond issue, which is the half of the consolidated election that is now receiving the most attention of citizens. Approval of this bond issue assures the employment of several hundred men, at part-time, for a number of months in order that the proposed large city park and several children's playground areas may be created this summer.

### Five Possible Park Sites To Date Offered

Other Owners of Acreage Reported Preparing to Offer Sites

With five possible park sites presented by the owners to the City Council for consideration after next Tuesday as locations for Torrance's first municipal recreation center, the park field was considerably broadened this week. Other property owners of large holdings are reported preparing to submit their acreages to the council as park sites within the next few weeks.

The latest addition to the location list was the offer of Edgar S. Frenger, to sell the city a 25-acre tract located on the northeast corner of Hawthorne and Torrance (Redondo) boulevards. Other sites previously offered the city are a 12-acre holding on Arlington avenue in Plaza del Amo, with an adjoining 19-acre tract owned by another party, making a total of 31 acres fronting on Arlington avenue; Hawthorne boulevard close to Torrance boulevard; an 18-acre piece fronting on Torrance boulevard, west of Hickory; and an adjoining 19-acre tract owned by the Santa Fe Land & Improvement Company; and a 36-acre tract at the corner of Carson street and Madrona avenue, offered by the Torrance Holding Company.

In urging property owners to submit their holdings for consideration as park sites, the City Council also stated at a recent meeting that no action on any locations would be taken until after the bond issue is approved on June 9.

Where to Vote  
Consolidated Precinct "A", which includes regular city precincts 2, 6 and 7, will have as polling place, 2275 Torrance (Redondo) boulevard.

Consolidated Precinct "B", including precincts 3, 4, 5 and 8—polling place city fire hall, 1515 Craven avenue.

Consolidated Precinct "C", including precincts 9, 10 and 11—polling place, American Legion club house, 2253 Carson street.

Consolidated Precinct "D", including precincts 12, 13, 14 and 15—polling place, store building, 3512 Walnut street, Welteria.

Consolidated Precinct "E", comprising the McDonald Tract, Montecito precincts 2 and 4 and Lawrence precinct 5 as far as they lie in the city limits of Torrance—polling place, 12905 Prairie avenue, in McDonald Tract.

Park's Low Cost Cited  
Endorsement of the park bonds will provide Torrance with its first municipal park and attendant facilities such as large out-door swimming pool; illuminated baseball diamond for hard and soft (night) play and bleachers; band stand; picnic grounds with benches, tables, brick and stone fireplaces; gardens; tennis courts; lawn bowling greens; paths and driveways; the whole to be laid in a setting of rare woodland beauty. The issue also provides for the purchase and equipment of three children's playgrounds, smaller in size, to be located in various parts of the city where they can be easily accessible to all residents.

City Engineer Frank Leonard has made a careful study of the cost of the park-playground project to individual taxpayers. He has reported that the expense of the contemplated recreational advantages will be less than 90 cents a year to the average home-owner whose property is valued at approximately \$1500 and which is assessed at \$1800. The cost of the park-playgrounds to the average vacant lot owner, whose property is valued at about \$2000 and which is assessed at \$2400, will be less than 45 cents a year. This is possible because the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to maintain the

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