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11 POLLING PLACES SET FOR MET. WATER BOND ELECTION HERE ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

Eleven precincts have been established for the Metropolitan Water District special bond election which is to be held in Torrance and 12 other cities of Southern California next Tuesday, September 29. There are 2604 polling places in the entire district, which includes Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Compton, Fullerton, Glendale, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Marino, Santa Ana, Santa Monica, Torrance and Los Angeles.

Citizens Point Out Necessity of Water Vote

Many Endorsements Given
Project Which Will Be
Up For Decision of the
Voters Tuesday.

Representative Torrance citizens from all walks of life voluntarily spoke their whole-hearted endorsement of the Metropolitan Water District bond issue which comes up for a vote by the people of this community and 13 other cities next Tuesday, September 29. It would be impossible for the Herald to publish all of the statements received from local residents who urge the passage of the bonds. The following are presented as a cross-section of the community's mind on the matter:

Literature at Chamber
Provision is made for four officials at each election precinct, an inspector, judge and two clerks. Thus the services of 44 people will be required in Torrance on election day. Polls will be open at the usual hours, from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. With the number of polling places and officials used, a ballot count should require only a very short time Tuesday night.

Every one of the 3204 qualified voters in Torrance has received a sample ballot. 719,475 of these ballots were mailed from the Los Angeles headquarters of the Metropolitan Water District to voters in the area covered by the District. Returns from the election will be delivered to the city hall here where they will be collected and dispatched to the Los Angeles city hall for tabulation. Five days later the directors of the district will canvass the returns and announce the official result.

Much literature has been sent to Torrance concerning the aims and reasons for the issuance of the bonds and the reason why they should be given an overwhelming majority. This literature may be obtained at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Any amount of detail of information regarding the project and the plans are available to voters who desire to learn facts concerning the Metropolitan Aqueduct.

Precinct Polling Places
The following are the local voting precincts:
Precinct No. 1, 261 registered voters; 3612 Walnut street, stores; Inspector, Charles H. Quandt; Judge, Margaret Falcker; clerks, Nora E. Venable, Edith Buckingham.

Precinct No. 2, 264 regular voters and 327 from the McDonald Tract—total: 591 voters; 2275 Torrance (Redondo) boulevard, residence; Inspector, Alice O. Thomas; judge, Helen L. Smith; clerks, Olga M. Terry, M. L. Darling.

Precinct No. 3, 210 voters; 716 Border avenue, residence; Inspector, Frank X. Weiss; judge, Edgar W. Kidder; clerks, Amelia Edwards, Eydith Weiss.

Precinct No. 4, 211 voters; 1031 Arlington avenue, residence; Inspector, Elizabeth T. Packer; judge, Rosalind E. Johnson; clerks, Leona Lincoln, Bertha Mayfield.

Precinct No. 5, 207 voters; 1533 Marcella avenue, residence; Inspector, Milton L. May; judge, Alma Merritt; clerks, Roy F. Slye, Jessie L. Reeve.

Precinct No. 6, 280 voters; 1328 Annapola avenue, residence; Inspector, W. Ellsworth Bowen; judge, Jay M. Allen; clerks, Jimmie Roelofs, Edna Mullen.

Precinct No. 7, 324 voters; 1510 Engracia avenue, residence; Inspector, Ila M. Gilbert; judge, Cleora S. Stanger; clerks, Winifred E. Barnard, Irene Ashley.

Precinct No. 8, 242 voters; 1738 Mantel avenue, residence; Inspector, Bertha K. Fess; judge, Cora M. Schwartz; clerks, Maude S. Deininger, Lucy M. Peterson.

Precinct No. 9, 246 voters; 1915 Andro avenue, residence; Inspector, Clemmie Watson; judge, Alda Hudson; clerks, Francis Clark, Jean Chyan.

Court Sustains Convictions of Lord's Slayers

Murder Case Appeal Lost By
Moe As Plot Is
Cited

An opinion handed down Tuesday by the District Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction of Charles Moe on a first-degree murder charge for the slaying of Carlisle Lord in the home of Paul G. Lassen in Alhambra on the night of January 20. Joe Ward, partner with Moe, was killed by Lord in the affray and Ray R. Brown, third intruder into Lassen's home, was wounded. Brown was also convicted of first-degree murder but did not appeal.

"We think no one can read the record of the evidence without reaching the conclusion that Ward, Brown and Moe conspired together in cold blood to take the life of Carlisle Lord," the court's statement read. Moe is expected to start his life sentence at Folsom immediately.

The court's last word on the case recalls the circumstances of the shooting. Lassen and Lord were playing cards when Brown and Ward entered the Walteria residence, Brown carrying a revolver, according to testimony presented at the trial. Moe assertedly remained in an automobile and, according to the state, carried the wounded Brown from the scene after Lassen had shot and fatally wounded Lord, who in turn killed his assailant outright and wounded Brown.

School Porkers Awarded Honors

Live-Stock Students Win
County Fair Prizes

Pigs are not always just pigs—because Melvin Howard, local Torrance High school student, had the best porker exhibited by Los Angeles County agricultural students at the County Fair now in progress at Pomona. Howard's pig, named "Torrance," won fourth place out of the 17 entering teams in the contest at Pomona last week. The local school was first among the teams in the competition from the Los Angeles school system. Melvin Howard, Bob Carson, Ted Merrill and Bob Whitley, alternate, composed the Torrance team in this event.

The pigs are owned by the students and are raised in the school garden area, Merrill said. The Torrance High school livestock judging team won fourth place out of the 17 entering teams in the contest at Pomona last week. The local school was first among the teams in the competition from the Los Angeles school system. Melvin Howard, Bob Carson, Ted Merrill and Bob Whitley, alternate, composed the Torrance team in this event.

Long Standing Bus Dispute Is Ended By Rule

Writing "finis" to a long-standing controversy, the State Railroad Commission rendered a decision Tuesday on the several questions of existing auto operating services between Los Angeles and San Pedro, via Torrance. In the decision, which followed many hearings on the various phases and issues entering into the matter, the Harbor Stage Company application to operate a bus service between Los Angeles and San Pedro was denied. The Commission granted to the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, which is jointly operated by the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Railway, authority to establish a bus service in the same territory.

The Los Angeles Motor Coach Company can acquire the operating rights of the West Side Transit Company between Long Beach, Torrance, Manchester and Western avenues, the commission ruled, and thus extend its service to the territory proposed to be served by the other applicants.

Trips to and from Long Beach will operate locally from Hollywood south on Western avenue from Santa Barbara avenue, to El Prado, westerly to Cabrillo avenue, south to Carson street and east to Alameda street. The service authorized is restricted as follows in Torrance: The Los Angeles Motor Coach and West Side Company shall not transport any passengers locally between points east of Long Beach city limits to or from points in the city of Torrance between the intersection of Western avenue and Carson streets and intersection of 20th street and Western avenue.

"Without water Torrance cannot offer present and potential industries any assurance of safety. That is why I favor the aqueduct bonds. If the people in Los Angeles in 1907 could vote to carry a per capita cost of \$125 for the Owens Valley aqueduct, surely we of 1931 can assume a per capita cost of only \$38 for an aqueduct that forever solves our water problem."

Carl Gramling, past grand knight of the Legion, said he was glad to see the bonds passed.

WHY TORRANCE SHOULD VOTE FOR METROPOLITAN WATER BONDS NEXT TUESDAY

By Mayor John Dennis
(City's Representative on Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors)

In a statement to the Herald today, Mayor John Dennis, member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District, asked a favorable vote on the bond issue, next Tuesday, September 29, from the people of Torrance. His reasons why this community should endorse the Metropolitan Aqueduct bonds follow:

"Torrance is buying prosperity insurance when it votes for the Metropolitan Water bond issue. If Torrance were to add another individual to its population, or another industry, and if some assurance could be had that the present underground water supply would continue unflinching despite the heavy draft now being made upon it, this city might perhaps afford to turn down this bond issue.

MUST SETTLE WATER QUESTION NOW
"There is nobody in Torrance who wants to see the community's future impaired. Nor is there anybody who can foretell with certainty whether the water now being raised from depths as low as 400 feet, will not gradually fall lower with increasing consumption and finally be replaced by salt water seeping in from the ocean to take its place.

"While we have a supply of water at present that meets all our needs, we know that it will not last for long. We know that, without water Torrance cannot exist. If there is any question about our future water supply, we must face the issue before the crisis is here and it is too late to act.

SOLVES LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM
"It will probably be 10 years before the first drop of water from the Colorado River reaches Torrance, even though the bond issue is given a favorable vote, September 29. If we should need more water by that time than our present resources can furnish, we will be utterly lost without the Colorado River supply.

"Approval of the bond issue next week practically assures the city that most of our unemployment problem—if not all of it, will be eliminated. This will be made possible because the directors of the District have voted to apportion the labor, to be used in building the great water route, among the municipalities of the district, according to their assessed valuation. According to this pro-rata of employment, Torrance residents are assured that at least 100 local men will be given work for a period of at least six years. All workers on the Metropolitan Aqueduct must be residents of the District and must be registered voters.

WOULD INCREASE FACTORY PRODUCTION
"Another benefit that Torrance will gain by the adoption of the bonds is based on the fact that all materials for the project are to be purchased or manufactured locally. Outside of Los Angeles and possibly Long Beach, Torrance stands at the head of the list of industrial cities in the District. Thus our manufacturing plants will undoubtedly receive a major portion of material orders for the aqueduct and consequently will be in a position to expand production programs and increase payrolls.

"The lasting benefits of ample water for all time to come may be secured at a cost of less than one cent a day, according to an estimate made by W. P. Whitsett, chairman of the board of directors of the District. To a family owning property assessed at \$2500 a year, the cost of this aqueduct, during the six-year period of construction, will be \$350 a year, Whitsett has declared and this estimate has been confirmed in by leading engineers acquainted with the project.

"When we cast our votes at the special election next Tuesday, we must look into the future and consider these foregoing facts. A vote for the Metropolitan Aqueduct is a vote for the continued development and prosperity of Torrance."

Wage Cut For Columbia Steel Workers Is Effective Oct. 1

Nearly 800 Torrance men will feel the 10 per cent wage cut ordered yesterday by the United States Steel Corporation. Approximately 3500 California wage earners are affected by the reduction which goes into effect October 1 at the two Columbia Steel Company (a subsidiary of the United States Steel) plants, the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the American Steel and Wire Company.

The largest burden of the cut in this state will fall on the Pittsburgh (Calif.) plant of the Columbia Steel Company where 1800 men are employed, it is reported.

Affects 200,000 Workers
Both the United States Steel and Bethlehem Steel corporations, who are responsible for more than half of America's steel production, cut wages at the same time in New York main offices. The United States Steel employs more than 200,000 workers. It was also reported that General Motors Corporation, makers of more than 30 per cent of the nation's automobiles, reduced wages on a varying scale from 10 to 20 per cent. Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company also announced a 10 per cent cut.

The decision of the United States Steel to slash workers' pay was contained in a statement by the finance committee which read: "For the purpose of better meeting prevailing unsatisfactory conditions in the industry, rates of wages of the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corporation will be effective October 1, next, be reduced approximately 10 per cent, varying somewhat with the character of the work performed."

Hopeful Note Seen
It will be remembered that in the early stages of the depression the highest officials of the three organizations were among the most outspoken foes of wage and salary cuts. However, as the slump dragged on, they and other business leaders, indicated that wages and

Legion Honors Retiring Chief For Fine Work

Earl Connor Paid Tribute At
Installation of New
Post Officers

American Legion installations of new officers, which occasions are always followed with that hearty fellowship which made Legion members the "halo-tellow-well-me" soldier of 1918—but Tuesday night there was added to the Bert S. Crossland post's installation a deeper note of true appreciation.

This was evidenced in the speeches formal and informal, which paid tribute to the retiring commander, Earl Connor. To Earl, the members of the unit, tendered their respect for his untiring efforts as leader of the post during one of its most trying years. There was the usual presentation of the gold post-commander's badge to the retiring chief—but the talks went deeper with Earl and "the boys" than a mere piece of ornamentation.

Ray Hoskins, commander of the 19th District, was the installing officer and the Redondo post was the installing team who inducted James H. Deininger as commander of the local post and the following new officers: Clinton E. Thaxter, first vice commander; Harry Cull, second vice commander; Robert Deininger, finance officer; W. A. Wilkes, chaplain; Fred Tiffany, historian; Harvey Darlings, sergeant-at-arms; and James Forrest, service officer. The executive committee is composed of Col. N. F. Jamieson, Charles Myers and Earl Connor.

A large number of visiting Legionnaires were present Tuesday night, among them was a unit of Canadian veterans from Long Beach, and members of the Hawthorne, Gardena and Redondo posts.

The merchants interviewed were: Sam Levy, S. S. Worrell, Sam Rappaport and C. A. Paxman, all pioneer business men in the city who have by their efforts contributed a great deal of their time and money toward building the city of Torrance.

New Boy Scout Troop Started

Latter Day Saints Church
Sponsors Unit

Steps were taken by the Mutual Development Association of the Latter Day Saints church of Torrance to organize another Boy Scout troop in the city early this week, and yesterday, A. C. Graham, prominent citizen, told the Herald today his opinions on this subject in no uncertain terms.

"After reading Superintendent Bouelle's statement that the schools are not the places to indulge in competition with retail stores, I say that the Torrance High school is in such competition with local merchants against the emphatic statement of the superintendent of schools.

School Taxes Bear Overhead
"Recently on my trip to the High school, I found that their system of selling merchandise is a very poor training for students of (Continued on Page 8-A)

Drum Corps To Give Two Drills At Fair

Two performances by the Torrance Drum and Bugle corps will be given at the County Fair, Panama next Sunday. The organization will leave here Sunday morning at 8 o'clock and present the first of their drills at 10 o'clock in front of the main grandstand. The second appearance of the unit will be during the course of the afternoon's program, it is announced.

L. A. Well Reaches Water At 700 Feet

The new water well, sunk by the city of Los Angeles, south of 221st street between Halldale and Normandie avenues late last week, was being cleaned of sand today and will shortly be added to the Los Angeles water system in the Shoestring strip.

A depth of over 700 feet was reached before water in quantity, to justify exhaustive pumping was touched, according to information obtained at the well site yesterday. The flow is said to be about 1500 gallons per minute but this schedule will not be maintained for long.

HOOKS BIG SWORDFISH
Jim Hitchcock, of the C. C. M. O., went to sea Sunday in a friend's yacht and landed an 88-pound swordfish after a battle that lasted nearly two hours.

WOOD DENIES OVER-EMPHASIS PAID TO EXTRA SCHOOL WORK

Superintendent's Statement Limiting Non-Scholastic Activities Is Said Not Applicable to Local School

"I do not believe there is any over-emphasis of extra-curricular or non-scholastic activities in the Torrance High school," declared Principal Herbert S. Wood this week in commenting on a statement sent to all principals in the Los Angeles school system by Superintendent Frank A. Bouelle.

School Store Is Said Unfair to Local Firms

Prominent Merchants Say
Principal Wood Errs In
Claim That High School
Store Isn't Competitive.

Four prominent Torrance merchants, their businesses vitally affected by the operation of the student store at the Torrance High school, rose in emphatic objection to Principal Herbert S. Wood's contention that the High school store is not competing with local firms. Their statements, as given to the Herald this week, reflect on the practice of the school authorities in maintaining a business within the High school building and point out the folly of mixing business with education.

The merchants interviewed were: Sam Levy, S. S. Worrell, Sam Rappaport and C. A. Paxman, all pioneer business men in the city who have by their efforts contributed a great deal of their time and money toward building the city of Torrance.

Sam Levy Said:
"Declaring that the student store operated at the Torrance High school is in direct competition with the local retail merchants, contrary to Principal Herbert S. Wood's assertion that it only competes with Torrance dealers in stationery, Sam Levy, pioneer business man and prominent citizen, told the Herald today his opinions on this subject in no uncertain terms.

"After reading Superintendent Bouelle's statement that the schools are not the places to indulge in competition with retail stores, I say that the Torrance High school is in such competition with local merchants against the emphatic statement of the superintendent of schools.

Should Be Profit-less
Bouelle pointed out in his statement to principals that they must always keep in mind that the public schools are neither money-making nor money-raising institutions. There should be no idea of making profits from these student enterprises, particularly in the case of cafeterias. The general practice governing all such activities should be to raise only sufficient funds to permit the activity to be self-sustaining.

To this, Principal Wood, pointed out that the Torrance High school cafeteria is run on a strictly cost-basis, the enterprise losing money last year because of a drop in business that was not taken care of by increased prices.

Student Store's Stock Is Valued At \$900 to \$1000

What is probably the largest supply of stationery in the city is kept in stock at the Torrance High school student store. Accompanied by Principal Wood, a representative of the Herald today inspected the stock kept at the student enterprise and learned that a profit of \$121 was made there during the 1930-31 term. Sales during the same period totalled \$781, according to the auditor's report exhibited by Wood.

With a sales total of \$1086 during 1929-30, the net profit for that year was \$208, the report showed. The large stationery stock was purchased last year in order to get the school insignia in the covers of the various sized notebooks, tablets and pads. Wood estimates that the supply will last more than three years at the present rate of sales.

Other items noted in the school store's stock were: boys' and girls' gym suits, middie, belts, athletic supporters, scissors, needles, thread and usual miscellany of school insignia, arm bands, leather-bound scrap books and rosters' supplies. The present stock is valued at between \$900 and \$1000, according to Wood.

Clothing, shoes, athletic supplies and other student equipment may be purchased at the store on order, according to local merchants.