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Tax Reform Bills To Be Presented To Legislature

Tax Reduction League Considers Problem of Tax Limitation

LOMITA.—Delegates from the Tax Reduction League of Los Angeles county attended a meeting of the Los Angeles central council held in Los Angeles, Monday, December 5, where matters of interest to the groups were discussed. N. H. Kline, Mr. Slinker, Mrs. Anna Barnett, G. Lewis of Lomita and B. B. Smith of Torrance attended.

J. Francis Potter, chairman of the taxation committee of the Los Angeles county board, presided. Two bills, which will be laid before the state assembly in January for consideration were introduced and the salient points in each discussed.

The first relates to a limitation of taxes, making it unlawful to levy taxes on real estate in excess of \$1.50 per each \$100 of its actual value, and to empower the state board of equalization to ascertain and determine the ratio of assessed valuation to the real value which the assessor is using in each county to provide for uniform assessments. The county assessor, with the approval of the board of equalization, shall have the right to assess property and all tax-making bodies will be compelled to use the assessed valuation as determined by the assessor.

The second bill is intended to modify the present tax delinquency laws in California, and to provide a new method for redemption. Present tax penalties discourage redemption of property sold to the state for delinquencies.

The bills will be presented unofficially to all state assemblymen who have been invited to attend a dinner to be given by the league at the Clark hotel in Los Angeles on December 15.

TO EXHIBIT SPEED



Frank Kurtz, holder of the world junior speed flying championship and the national high tower diving title, sailed for Australia in response to a request that he spend two months there demonstrating his diving prowess.

TORRANCE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Getsinger enjoyed a theatre party at Los Angeles Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brightman Sunday evening included Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Newman of Pasadena.

Miss De De Barnard entertained as her house guest last week Mrs. Frank Rodeker and daughter, Sharri of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Minnie Buffington is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Buffington at their home on Encarnia avenue.

Lon W. Ralston arrived at his home on Gramercy avenue Saturday from Pittsburg, California.

Mrs. Harmer Davis (Kathlyn Wheaton) returned to her home at Berkeley last Wednesday. She had spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wheaton, of 1228 Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Anker-Holth of New York City were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Manley at their home at Cravens apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harder will leave Torrance this week to take up residence at Long Beach where Mr. Harder is distributor for Cord piston rings.

Mrs. Jesse A. Dules entertained as her luncheon guest Wednesday, her niece, Miss Mildred Knous, of Long Beach.

Friends of Mrs. May McKinley will be glad to know that she is recovering from an attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McConlogue were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Conroy at Los Angeles.

Lieut. and Mrs. I. L. Farnum of March Field, Riverside, are Torrance visitors this week.

LIGHTS

Answering the Councilmen's Letter, and Throwing Some Light On City Finances.
An Editorial
By GROVER C. WHYTE

In a mimeographed letter mailed this week, presumably as city expense, Mayor Klusman and Councilmen Ludlow and Conner attempt to defend their position in keeping the city in semi-darkness by refusing to turn on all the street lights. While denying the charge made by the Torrance Herald that none of the money saved by turning off the lights is now being given to the unemployed, the three councilmen offer no proof of their denials. And for the obvious reason, that there is NO PROOF of this statement, as a study of the city's books will verify.

In the words of Al Smith, "Let's look at the record." Let's go back to when the lights were first turned off by the "old council." At that time there was no provision in the city budget for furnishing work to the unemployed, and in order to provide funds for men in need of work, a curtailment in the street lighting was decided upon. This saving coupled with salary reductions and other economies enabled the old council to pay men on the unemployment crews the sum of \$7957 last year. Only \$2000 of this amount was taken from the lighting fund; \$5000 was realized from a 20% cut in salaries of city employees, and \$957 came out of the general fund. As long as men out of work were getting the benefit, no word of protest was raised by the Torrance Herald or others. We all recognize the necessity of providing work for men in need, but as will be shown below, provision has been made for taking care of the unemployed, at least to the extent of \$10,000 which is more than was required last year.

However, the case is entirely different today. When Finance Chairman Ludlow made up his new budget, he made no provision for carrying on relief work, until the omission was called to his attention by Councilman Wright and the late Dr. Steiner. Ludlow admitted that he had "forgotten" about the unemployed and suggested adding another five cents to the tax rate, which was done by the new council in order to provide a \$6000 unemployment fund. Another \$4000 was "set aside" in the unallocated reserve of \$21,256.12 to be used for unemployment relief if necessary, making a total of \$10,000 for unemployment,—all of which has nothing to do with street lights.

And now, let's look at the city's lighting account. When Finance Chairman Ludlow made up his budget for this year, he set up ONLY SUFFICIENT FUNDS to pay for the few lights that were burning on the REDUCED schedule. With only enough money in the lighting fund to pay for the few lights being burned, how then can the three councilmen who signed the mimeographed letter claim that "the present saving effected through curtailment of light is being spent by the city for unemployed labor."—WHEN THEY ARE SPENDING ALL THE FUND FOR LIGHTS!

A surprising feature of the city's lighting bill is that ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE TOTAL MONTHLY BILL GOES FOR CURRENT CONSUMED BY THE SO-CALLED ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTS, or in other words, the light posts that were installed throughout the "old city" under the lighting bonds. Out of a total monthly bill of \$1066 in October, ONLY \$274 went for current used by the ornamental post lighting in the "old town." Some \$700 went for overhead "arc" lights in the outlying districts and the balance to miscellaneous items. It looks like the councilmen were whittling on the wrong end of the stick, if they are really serious in their attempt to keep down expenses. However, the Herald does NOT advocate lighting curtailment ANYWHERE within the city. Good light in the outlying districts is as essential for protection of life and property and the safety of the highways as it is within the more closely settled districts.

To turn on all the street lights would not add over \$2000 to the city's yearly electric bill, and surely this can be appropriated out of the unallocated reserve of \$21,000.00. And even if it does cost a little more, when spread upon the entire city, the increased cost would be only about one cent per month to the owner of an average house and lot.

Now let's get some other facts straight. Whether the light near your home burns or not, you pay just as much as the fellow who has a light burning in front of his house.

And whether they turn all the lights off or turn them all on, your assessments to pay off the lighting system bonds goes on just the same. For years progressive citizens in Torrance fought to get an adequate lighting system installed and finally they succeeded. But all our efforts are lost if the council won't provide the small monthly fund to pay for the current.

Last week, additional lights were provided in the business district and much favorable comment has been heard. Now it's time the home owner received attention. Payrolls are picking up, business is picking up. Let's turn on all the lights and brighten up! Other cities are seeing the folly of darkened streets and are returning to full illumination. Why not Torrance? Come up to the council meeting Tuesday night at 7:45 and tell the city dads you want ALL THE LIGHTS TURNED ON!

Arrested Man Leaves Sign
IONIA, Mich.—(U.P.)—Sentenced to eight months in the Detroit house of correction for violating the liquor laws, Robert Patterson, owner of a restaurant here, posted a sign on the front door of his establishment. It read: "Gone to winter quarters."

FOXES ESCAPE BEFORE HUNT
GREENCASTLE, Ind.—(U.P.)—Two foxes chewed holes in their crates during the night and fled, a few hours before they were to have been the objects of some 400 hunters gathered here for a fox hunt sponsored by the State Fox Hunters' Association.

Miss May Brothers of 1729
Gramercy avenue is recovering from a recent illness.

Weather Forecasts Accurate
PHILADELPHIA.—(U.P.)—The accuracy with which weather forecasts are made for the guidance of air line pilots is revealed in the monthly averages compiled by the Transcontinental and Western Air, showing an average of 97.5 per cent.

Anti-Kissing Doctor Loses
SEATTLE.—(U.P.)—Even though Dr. David C. Hall, University of Washington health officer, insists "kissing is unhygienic" he admitted that rules against it at college are futile, adding that "the physical urge for emotional expression transcends all man-made rules to modify."

By reading the ads you know
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New Haven Head Not Worried By Charges — Mason

Former Solicitor Alleges Mismanagement in Unemployed Colony

T. J. Moore of the social service bureau is investigating charges preferred against Fred Mason, "mayor" of the New Haven colony located at 220th and Figueroa streets, by Peter Belineo, a former resident of the colony.

Mason is charged with refusing to be voted out of office; refusing to allow the election or appointment of a treasurer; appropriating funds from weekly dances; charging men who worked away from the camp \$1.50 a week; allowing transients who did not work to remain in camp and receive supplies on the payment to him of \$1.50; refusing to allow residents who moved away from the colony to take with them their furniture and personal effects; appropriating checks for building materials and failure to pay telephone, milk and water bills when due. Belineo asks that solicitor cards which have been granted to Mason and other heads of the colony be revoked.

Mr. Mason, when interviewed yesterday in regard to the charges, denied the allegations, and said that his records would show that all financial transactions had been regularly carried on. Receipts are on file for all money paid out and book accounts are kept of the receipts. As to the collection of \$1.50 per week from men who work outside of the camp, Mr. Mason said "it is a rule of the colony, which has been in effect from the beginning, that all who come to New Haven must work at least 28 hours a week on the property. Should anyone get a paying job outside, he is required to donate \$1.50 per week in lieu of his services, the money thus received going to the financial aid of the colony. As to the charge that I have not permitted residents to take away furniture or personal belongings, the facts are that all who leave are permitted to take away whatever they brought with them at the time they entered New Haven. Anything that was issued to them out of the commissary during their stay must be returned to the commissary for the use of others."

"I welcome this investigation," continued Mr. Mason. "It will bring to a head the 'whispering campaign' that has been going on for some time, and clear up the situation. We are getting along here in good shape, the tract is being improved daily. At present we are working on a sewer system for which we have on hand plenty of sewer pipe to connect each house to the septic tank and cesspool. The cesspool has been dug to a depth of 40 feet, and we have plenty of brick on hand to line it. A good roadway is being built through the property, dwellings have been improved and we are getting plenty to eat and have shelter for the winter. As far as these charges against me are concerned, I am not a bit worried."

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Interests would be more expeditiously served. This met with the approval of the chamber board if such service could be established without additional expense to the administration of the commission.

Harbor District Meet
The chamber group also discussed plans for the annual monthly meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce to be held in Torrance the early part of January, at which time President Lanz will present his plan for industrial and commercial development of the entire harbor area. Steps will be taken to urge a generous representation of Torrance citizenry at this meeting.

Every one of the newly elected directors attended the Monday evening meeting, which lasted from 8 to 11:30 p. m. Besides President Lanz, those in attendance included Vice Presidents DuKali, Spurlin and Fred Isaacs, Directors Sherwood McIntyre, R. R. Smith, J. W. McQuaid, Donald Findley, B. C. Buxton, Frank Buffington and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister.

Optimistic
"It was a pleasure to note the enthusiasm of the directors over the coming year's program as outlined by President Lanz. He is certain to receive 100% cooperative support. The keynote of the entire meeting was 'work for the entire community and keep out of politics.' There is an extremely bright future ahead for Southern California and Torrance in particular," said Secretary Gilmeister.

QUAIL WITH TWO HEARTS
HOLLISTER, Calif. (U.P.)—A quail with two hearts was bagged at Bird Creek, near here, by Guy Clow, who discovered the phenomenon while dressing the bird.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott Sunday were Ennis and Mrs. John Spear of Long Beach.

Homemakers' Bureau

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS
We all like to play "Santa Claus" and as Christmas Day approaches (and it's amazing how fast it can travel this time of year), the wise planners start their holiday preparations early enough that they will not be a burden. For months I have been on the lookout for suggestions that will help the thrifty homemaker make this Christmas memorable for attractive, useful and, above all, inexpensive gifts.

An outing for the whole family (call it a midwinter picnic, if you wish) is included in these plans, and will they object? Not much! Pack some sandwiches, cookies, hot soup, chocolate or coffee and the whole family into the car and set out for the woods. What you'll find depends upon where you live. The whole coast abounds with Christmas presents waiting, not the purchaser, but the picker (just don't pick on government territory). Even the desert yields cactus for candy-making as well as the lovely desert holly. In the mountains can be found those cones which are such a joy to the owner of a fireplace. If you live in Oregon or Northern California, where the much-coveted mistletoe abounds in every oak tree, don't fail to send your friends a bunch to show them what real mistletoe looks like.

If you send boxes of greens, be sure to mark on the outside of the box "to be opened at once" so that the contents will not dry out, but can be used for decorations before Christmas. Christmas gifts need not be all trimmings. The woman who spends much time in her own kitchen has any number of delicious gifts right at hand. In fact, many homemakers keep a "gift shelf" especially for small jars of attractive shape, filled with some special delicacy, to be used as gifts. Appropriate pictures or any fancy paper can be pasted on the covers and then shellacked, or the jars wrapped in colorful cellophane and tied with cellophane strips, letting all the corners stick up in a "perky" bunch. Fruit cakes, pud-

Wertz Receives News of Mother's Death
The news of the death of Mrs. Theresa Wertz of Shawnee, Kansas, was received at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wertz this week. Mrs. Wertz was a resident of Shawnee for the past 60 years. She is survived by five children: T. L. Wertz of Torrance, Joseph Wertz, Henry Wertz and Mrs. Thomas Shea, all of Kansas City, Kansas, and Sebastian Wertz of Shawnee.

DOLLAR GIFTS SHOWN BY REDONDO JEWELERS

Christmas gifts can be attractive as well as low in price, the Protosh Optical Company, at 122 South Pacific, Redondo Beach, believes. They are displaying dollar gifts, including souvenir spoons, gold, silver, pearl and crystal necklaces, fountain pens, bill folders, bracelets, cigarette cases, salt and pepper shakers, rings, ash trays and other gift novelties; these items having formerly sold as high as \$2.75.

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The Big Sale Continues Thru This Saturday!

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Mission Bell Soap . . 2 for 9c

FREE . . . CAKE PAN WITH 1/2-LB. CAKE OF BAKER'S PREMIUM

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