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Our Ballot

Next Tuesday, June 27, voters in California will pass judgment on the repeal of the 18th amendment and express their views on ten important propositions. The Herald believes that most voters are sufficiently conversant with the prohibition issue to form their own opinions. However, many will not have time to sift the merits and demerits of the other ten measures on the ballot. For their guidance, the Herald is expressing its convictions on the ten propositions, some of which are highly important to Torrance.

No. 1—TAXATION. Vote YES.

This is a well thought-out revision of California's revenue system. It will reduce taxation on real estate by transferring the cost of schools from the county to the state. It will also return nearly two billion dollars worth of public utility property to the tax rolls for the support of local government. While admittedly a revolutionary departure from the present tax system, we believe it will more equitably spread the cost of government and save California homes and farms from almost confiscatory taxation.

No. 2—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF BONDS. Vote YES.

The passage of this measure is vital in order that the federal government may continue to assist the unemployed in California, as the R. F. C. cannot continue to advance funds for the unemployed unless California does its share by matching federal appropriations. If this proposition fails, federal aid will be discontinued, and costly special elections to vote ordinary bond issues payable out of taxes will be the result.

No. 3—HORSE RACING. Vote NO.

In our opinion the doubtful revenues which would accrue to the state by licensing horse racing are more than outweighed by the immoral influences associated with race track gambling and harmful diversion of money from honorable and legitimate trade.

No. 4—EXEMPTING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM TAXATION. Vote YES.

Non-profit private schools, performing functions which otherwise would have to be paid for by the taxpayers, should be relieved of taxation. These schools are saving the state approximately ten million dollars yearly, and, in addition, paying something like \$500,000 for the privilege. The issue is neither secular nor sectarian—it is an economic one. Protestant schools suffer alike with Catholic schools. The Methodist Episcopal school at Gardena has been compelled to send its elementary grade pupils to the public schools due to the combination of taxation and depression.

No. 5—ASSESSING PROPERTY DAMAGED BY EARTHQUAKE IN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES. Vote YES.

It seems unfair that property owners in the stricken earthquake area should be compelled to pay taxes on property that four days after the assessment was levied was totally or partially destroyed. This proposition would permit the assessment of property in the quake area at its value after the temblor.

No. 6—STATE BONDS FOR REFINANCING IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICTS. Vote NO.

While we appreciate the plight of many agricultural districts, we do not believe it wise or fair to ask the state to pledge our property and our earnings to refinance a specific industry. The state has no right to take over individual debts.

No. 7—DECLARING EFFECTIVE DATES OF ACTS OF LEGISLATURE. Vote YES.

This is a measure necessary to overcome a technicality of the state constitution and will permit much of the relief legislation passed at the special session of the state legislature to become effective at the earliest possible moment.

No. 8—COUNTY GOVERNMENT. Vote YES.

This is a county home rule measure, and tends to place the responsibility of pure local affairs in the hands of local officials, where it rightfully belongs.

Nos. 9 and 10—DIVERTING GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR BIENNIALS ENDING JUNE 30, 1933, AND JUNE 30, 1935. Vote NO on Both.

California's gasoline taxes, backbone of the state's highway system, must not be used for any purpose other than road construction and maintenance. Our own supervisor, John R. Quinn, is leading the fight against Propositions 9 and 10. The two propositions would transfer \$17,250,000 from the state gas tax to the California general fund and would mean abandonment of from 80 to 75 per cent of the state's projected highway construction and repair program in Southern California, Quinn says. The Herald believes that if the gas tax is providing more revenue than is needed, the present 3-cent tax should be reduced instead of diverted to the general fund.

Torrance has a particular interest in defeating Propositions 9 and 10, as much of the products of the Soule Steel and Columbia Steel go into road construction, and if these industries are not deflated, it is feared that many of the men now employed in these two local industries will be thrown out of work. Vote NO on Nos. 9 and on No. 10.

CAUGHT IN RIP TIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder of Torrance were rescued by life-guards from threatened drowning in a rip tide at Redondo Beach Sunday. Life guards brought the exhausted couple to shore. Several other persons were in difficulties on account of the rough water and had to be aided by guards.

TORRANCE MILITARY ACADEMY LEAVES CITY

The Torrance Military Academy under the direction of Col. Robert Ingersoll, which has been maintained in the buildings of the former Carbon factory for the past two years, has been removed to an out-of-town location.

WHERE TO VOTE JUNE 27

POLLING PLACE	PRECINCT
Residence—2035 240th St.	LOMITA 1
Residence—1935 Moon St.	LOMITA 2
Residence—2071 W. 250th St.	LOMITA 3
Residence—1277 Cypress St.	LOMITA 4
Residence—2122 W. 255th St.	LOMITA 5
Residence—25707 Walnut St.	LOMITA 6
Residence—26111 Oak St.	LOMITA 7
Office—Casa Primera (Gardner Bldg.)	LOMITA 8
Residence—18211 Prairie Ave.	TORRANCE CITY 1
Residence—1403 Acacia St.	TORRANCE 2 & VICTOR
Residence—716 Border Ave.	TORRANCE 3
Residence—1533 Marcellina Ave.	TORRANCE 4
Residence—1350 Engracia Ave.	TORRANCE 5
Residence—1023 Amapola Ave.	TORRANCE 6
Residence—1417 Cota Ave.	TORRANCE 7
Residence—1734 Arlington Ave.	TORRANCE 8
Residence—1904 Andree Ave.	TORRANCE 9
Residence—719 Narbonne St.	TORRANCE 10
Residence—2009 Arlington Ave.	TORRANCE 11
Residence—24566 Hawthorne Blvd.	TORRANCE 12

Election Boards For State Poll June 27 Named

Personnel For Handling Ballots Reduced to Three Members

Just who will serve on the election boards at the special state election to be held June 27, when local residents will go to the polls to vote on ten special state propositions vitally affecting every taxpayer, was told today in the complete list of election officials published by the board of supervisors.

These officials consist of an inspector, a judge and one clerk, in the order given below. It is explained that the state legislature ordered the three-member board instead of the usual five-member board due to the small ballot. While precincts have been consolidated in some instances throughout the county every registered voter has been notified of his polling place on the card enclosed with the sample ballots recently sent out. Here is the complete list for this community:

TORRANCE PRECINCTS

Number 1, 15211 Prairie avenue—Michael O. Sullivan, Alice E. Elliott, Lena Gahwolt.

Number 2, with which is consolidated Victor precinct, 1403 Acacia avenue—Ila M. Gilbert, Mary E. Prenger, Irene Ashley.

Number 3, 716 Border avenue—Rosalind A. Paige, Mattie Lou Lee, Henry F. Junior.

Number 4, 1533 Marcellina avenue—Frances B. Clark, Edith M. Kasper, Marguerite T. Wright.

Number 5, 1350 Engracia avenue—Harley M. Haynes, S. Robert Billini, Alice M. Spehger.

Number 6, 1023 Amapola avenue—Alice O. Thomas, Monte L. Darling, Kasper Clemmer.

Number 7, 1417 Cota avenue—Clara S. Stanger, Bessie A. Paour, James A. Obote.

Number 8, 1734 Arlington avenue—Persia K. Fess, Frederick A. Tiffany, Jennie Moore.

Number 9, 1904 Andree avenue—Helen Leslie, Mary J. Balcock, Jerry McLean.

Number 10, 719 Narbonne street—Catherine B. Fink, Martha B. McCaffrey, Cora V. Frownfelter.

Number 11, 2009 Arlington avenue—Chas. E. Aekley, Grace F. Bartlett, Gus L. King.

Number 12, 24566 Hawthorne boulevard—Charles H. Q. and T. Nora E. Venable, Ann M. Light.

MONETA PRECINCTS

Number 1, William street school corner Strawberry and Williams streets—Fred M. Lane, Nine E. Maxwell, Ruth L. Beck.

Number 2, 14405 South Western avenue—Carrie A. Featherston, Austin Jay Jones, Inez M. Clarkson.

Police Chiefs Ask Teletypes Be Installed

Every effort will be made to find the \$26,500 necessary for the installation of a teletype network to serve Torrance and other cities of Los Angeles county, as requested by their chiefs of police on Monday, according to the board of supervisors.

This was the answer given today to the request, made through Chief Charles H. Kelley of Pasadena. Others in the delegation were Chief Clarence E. Webb of Santa Monica, the chiefs of police from San Fernando, Gardena, Compton, Huntington Park, Glendale, Monrovia and other cities.

The supervisors were told that teletypes could be placed at police stations throughout the county, tied in with the nearest sheriff's sub-station, and in turn with the Los Angeles sheriff's office and the Los Angeles department. San Fernando is a key city between the ridge route and Los Angeles, it was pointed out, just as Huntington Park is a gateway between Los Angeles and Long Beach. Fleeing criminals could be more easily apprehended if there were a faster means of communication, it was stated.

"This installation would give us the co-operation of at least 500 additional men working in close touch with the sheriff's office," Chief Kelley said. The cost was estimated at \$26,500, and the cost of maintenance and operation, \$6000 annually. Particularly would the system benefit citrus ranchers whose orchards are constantly being looted, it was stated.

NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT IS STUDIED BY INDUSTRIALISTS

Torrance Executives Hear Features of New Deal in Industry Explained by Los Angeles Chamber Man

Keen interest in the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, signed last week by President Roosevelt, was shown by executives of Torrance industries when they met last Friday at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to hear the titanic measure explained by Harry C. Yates, of the domestic trade department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Briefly, the National Industrial Recovery Act contains the following features:

The 7000 industries of the nation are brought under government control by investing them with a public interest. Control takes the form of executive approval of voluntary trade codes reducing working hours, fixing wages, rationing production, regulating competition.

To bring stubborn industries into line the President can provide a licensing system. By canceling a license he may put one concern or an entire industry out of business until it is ready to subscribe to a fair trade code. The licensing period is one year instead of two as originally planned.

In case cheap goods from abroad defeats the U. S. market and undercuts domestic recovery, the President can embargo any and all imports.

The President is to set aside at will the anti-trust laws to permit industrial work and wage codes to operate legally. Price fixing is planned to form a part of most trade agreements.

No employer may require his men to join a company union to get a job, nor can he keep a man out of a regular union to hold his job.

Alert to the situation confronting industry, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce this week issued the following suggestions and comments regarding the National Industrial Recovery Act:

"General Hugh J. Johnson will be the President's representative for the administration of this act. There will be a director in each of the 12 federal reserve districts, and possibly an assistant director in the Los Angeles area.

"Existing trade associations should call immediate conferences and reach agreements on the following:

- (a) Maximum hours per week.
- (b) Minimum wage rates per hour.
- (c) Price agreements subject to the provisions as set forth in sub-division (a) of section 3; such code or codes are not designed to promote monopolies or to eliminate or oppress small enterprises.
- (d) Suggested action against recalcitrants.

"In developing your code or agreements of trade practices, consider the following subjects:

- Sales Below Cost
- Secret Rebates
- Price Cutting
- Delivery Points
- Price Discrimination
- Commercial Bribery
- Premiums
- Anti-dumping
- Uniform Contracts
- Firm Bidding
- Standardization
- Fraudulent and Deceptive Practices
- Misleading Guarantees
- Regulation of Credit
- Second-hand Allowances
- Guarantee Against Decline
- Selling on Consignment
- Repudiation of Contracts
- Compelling Purchase of Group of Products
- Defamation of Competitor
- Sales without Mutuality
- Self-enforcement of Rules
- Misappropriation of Competitors' Business

"As we understand the act, reasonable time will be allowed to develop your code or trade practice agreements. Existing associations and groups interested in forming associations should avoid being swept off their feet by racketeer operators and methods. Ample time will be allowed for the development of your own code which our district director will assist you in having approved."

As the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is a member of the L. A. chamber, information is being received here as rapidly as it is compiled in Los Angeles, and all local manufacturers are invited to contact the Torrance chamber for guidance in organizing trade groups and codes.

Varsity Club Places Ban On School Customs

"No Firecrackers" Edict to Be Enforced at Torrance High School

"Hey, you! Don't shoot that firecracker in here. That's out this year, so watch it!" The Varsity Club of the Torrance high school broadcasting, and how.

Every year the corridors of the high school have rung with the blasts of exploding fireworks, as departing pupils of the masculine persuasion expressed their joy at being released from the daily grind. Not only in the Torrance high school has this been the custom, but in practically every other high school in the Los Angeles system, with unfortunate results sometimes, in the way of disastrous fires, and injury to students. Last year a Los Angeles lad lost an eye as a result of this pranks celebration.

In Torrance this year, the Varsity Club, composed of about 45 lads who have earned their letters in school sports, has decided that the old Spanish custom is going to be abandoned, old traditions broken and a safe and sane exit from the cares of school life substituted.

Members of the club will be on the watch for transgressors who will be suitably dealt with.

In order to make sure that no fireworks will be brought into the building, a period of 20 minutes, from 8 o'clock until 8:20 Friday morning, has been set aside for this and other stunts which will be carried on in the parkway outside the front entrance, so that nobody will be deprived of his timeworn privilege. All fireworks must be disposed of during this period.

The result, it is hoped, will be soothing to the nerves of jumpy parents who have been crowded to the limit by the many tasks of the closing days of school, and the same time satisfactory to the students in their desire for a hoisterous farewell.

Contest Filed to Annul Will of Mrs. Keith

Relatives of Wealthy Recluse Lay Claim to Portion of Estate

Two contests to the will of the late Margaret A. Keith, Palos Verdes recluse who left practically her entire estate to her nephew in Oregon, were on file in Los Angeles county probate court today but will not be heard until July 25, court records revealed today.

The contests have been filed by Mrs. Etta Eskridge, a sister, and Mrs. Mary Allen Towle, niece of Mrs. Keith and her former secretary. Miss Keith, in her will dated last Christmas day, cancelled a \$1000 obligation for Mrs. Eskridge and gave Mrs. Towle \$10. Mrs. Eskridge charges that the will offered for probate has been revoked and is not the last will.

Mrs. Towle claims that the nephew, Albert C. Allen, Jr., rancher and writer, induced his aunt to leave him the bulk of her wealth "by devices and trickery." Mrs. Towle even accuses her own father of aiding his son to influence the aunt in making her will.

Another development this week was the revelation that the value of the estate is now asserted by Allen's attorney to be worth only about \$250,000, while first estimates placed it as high as \$4,000,000. Principal item is the woman's Beverly Hills home, with 38 rooms and 16 bathrooms, a \$60,000 staircase and a \$50,000 plunge. Taxes and upkeep on the Beverly Hills home are high and it will be necessary for the beneficiary to dispose of the property, his attorney stated. Only brief mention was made of the estate at Palos Verdes.

The First National Bank of Torrance has shown a marked improvement in its condition since the banking holiday. Substantial principal payments have been made on outstanding notes by borrowers and bonds held by the local bank have increased considerably in value with the rising market.

Election Returns Tues. at City Hall

Returns on the special state election to be held on June 27, approximately 10 days off, will be reported locally at the city hall, as the result of arrangements made today by W. M. Kerr, registrar of voters.

The ten propositions on the ballot, some of them of vital importance to every taxpayer in the county, are arousing considerable interest and voters will be informed of the results as soon as possible, Kerr announced. Gathering of the returns and arrangements for telephonic reports were approved by the board of supervisors this week.

VOTERS' LEAGUE MEETS

The Voters' League will meet tonight at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, Lomita, at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Anna Barnett, secretary.

COUNCIL ORDERS PRINTING OF \$400,000 WATER BOND ISSUE

Interest Rate Set at 5 1/2 Per Cent, But Possibility of Securing Money From Federal Government at 3 1/2 Per Cent Is Discussed

Construction of the new municipal water system in Torrance was brought a step nearer realization yesterday afternoon when the city council at a special adjourned meeting authorized City Clerk Bartlett to order the printing of the \$400,000 bond issue. The printing job was awarded to the Automatic Printing Company of Torrance, who were low bidders.

The decision to order the bonds printed followed a lengthy discussion over the interest rate and the setting of a date when principal payments will begin. It was finally decided to adhere to the original plans which call for an interest rate of 5 1/2 per cent, payable semi-annually. Payments on the principal will not begin until 1941. J. C. Rambo, city auditor, who is working with City Attorney Jensen in the preparation of the bonds for marketing, was present at the meeting.

The advisability of changing the interest rate to 6% instead of 5 1/2% was discussed, and it was suggested that a more ready market might be found for the bonds if they bore the 6% rate. However, Mr. Rambo pointed out that in his opinion the interest rate was of little importance to bond buyers as the bonds are sold on their yield. Bonds with a higher interest rate usually bring a bonus, Rambo stated, so that the cost to the city would be equalized.

When the possibility of selling the bonds to the R. F. C. was discussed, Mr. Rambo stated that he did not believe there would be any possibility of interesting the federal government in the financing of the water system until it is definitely established whether the city was to acquire the present water system from the Torrance Water Light and Power Company or construct an entirely new system. Rambo stated that should federal authorities decide to finance the project, they would not buy the bonds, but would loan the city money with which to finance the work and take the bonds as collateral. In this event, the interest rate would have little bearing on the matter, Rambo said.

City Attorney Jensen stated that he had contacted federal officials regarding the issue and while no definite information is available yet regarding the newly authorized \$3,300,000,000 public works bill, Jensen stated he believed the federal government would look favorably upon the matter. Jensen pointed out the savings which would be realized by federal financing, as it has been the custom of the R. F. C. to charge only 3 1/2% on such loans.

While the entire \$400,000 issue was ordered printed, it is the intention of the city council to only sell as much of the issue as will be required.

Revivals Close Sunday Night at Baptist Church

Closing a successful two weeks' revival meetings, Rev. Harry O. Anderson, Baptist evangelist, will preach his farewell sermon to Torrance this Sunday night.

The meetings have been brimful of alive, make-you-think sermons, good choir singing and special numbers. Tuesday night, Patriotic night, was a banner evening. A chorus of 50 business men from Glendale came down and sang. Friday night will be young people's night, with a baptismal service preceding the sermon, and the young people are promised an evening they won't forget. Friday night will also close the contest for members which the Booster Chorus and the choir have been holding. The losing side of the choir will entertain the winners at a party after church, while Mr. Anderson will award prizes to the Booster band which has the most members.

Saturday night there will be no meeting and Sunday will close the campaign which has been enjoyed by many.

Another BARKDULL ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barkdull of Beach street are the proud parents of another son, born Monday. The little fellow tipped the scales at 7 1/2 pounds, and both he and his mother are doing nicely.

Mayor's Recommendations Given On Election Issues

The following are my personal opinions why the electors of California should vote for the following propositions as submitted to the people on June 27, 1933. Signed W. T. Klusman, mayor of Torrance:

Vote Yes on Proposition No. 1—It will reduce taxation on all common property. The reduction of taxes is the only salvation for all home and property owners.

Vote Yes on Proposition No. 2—It will be of valuable assistance to get funds for the unemployment relief from the federal appropriations of the billions of dollars.

Vote Yes on Proposition No. 5—It will relieve the people immensely who have suffered by earthquake damages.

Vote Yes on Proposition No. 7—It will put relief measures into effect immediately on your tax bill. If No. 7 does not carry, there will be no assistance until 1934 and 1935.

Vote No on Propositions Nos. 9 and 10—It will save \$17,000,000.00 of the gas tax fund from going into the general state fund. It will give Los Angeles county at least \$7,000,000.00 for special assessment relief and so forth.

"The aforesaid propositions are to my mind the most important ones on the ballot. As to Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 8, the electors should use their own judgment.

"However you may vote, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, be sure and go to the polls and cast your ballot on June 27, 1933.

"Yours for tax reduction,
"W. T. KLUSMAN, Mayor of Torrance."