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THE NEW COUNCIL and the WATER ISSUE

How Do Your Favorite Candidates For the City Council Stand On This Vital Matter?

An Editorial

By GROVER C. WHYTE

While the election of the proper type of citizens to serve on the city council is always important, the choice of councilmen which the voters of Torrance favor at next Monday's election is particularly important because of the decisions they will be called upon to make on the municipal water issue.

Recent news reports from Washington indicate that another appropriation will be made for the administration before the present Congress adjourns. Communications received recently by Mayor Ludlow from Senator Hiram W. Johnson, as well as letters from Congressman Charles J. Colden, relative to the Torrance water loan both refer to another two billion dollar appropriation which is to be made to the PWA.

While the city's application for a loan and grant from the PWA distinctly calls for the construction of a new system, it is feared by many who have fought a tireless battle for a new municipal water system that a council which has not the best interests of the entire citizenry at heart may be inclined to unduly favor the present private utility.

The Herald has never opposed the purchase of the present water system providing it could be purchased at a price NOT IN EXCESS of its value to the city. A fair, yes indeed a liberal, price was put upon the old system by a recognized firm of engineers which was employed by the city to appraise the present system. In their report, these engineers emphatically recommended that the city pay \$113,441 for the old system and NO MORE.

The Candidates

(Alphabetically Arranged Without Regard for "Tickets") Torrance Municipal Election Monday, April 9

COUNCILMEN—Full (4-year) Term. Vote for Two JOHN E. HITCHCOCK (Incumbent) JAMES V. MURRAY BEVERLY B. SMITH WILLIAM H. STANGER (Incumbent) THOMAS J. WILKES JOHN E. WILLIAMS JOSEPH M. WRIGHT (Incumbent)

COUNCILMEN—Unexpired (2-year) Term of C. Earl Conner. Vote for One LLOYD C. CONNER ROBERT F. LESSING LOUIS W. SIMMONS WILLIAM H. TOLSON

CITY CLERK—Vote for One ALBERT H. BARTLETT (Incumbent) HARRY W. BEACH CHARLES A. CURTISS ALFRED GOURDIER

CITY TREASURER—Vote for One W. E. BOWEN HARRY H. DOLLEY (Incumbent) FANNY C. KING E. N. TOMKINS BENJAMIN F. TOWNSEND, SR.

The Propositions

PROPOSITION NO. 1—"Shall each member of the City Council of the City of Torrance, hereafter receive the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per month as compensation for his services as such member of the City Council, payable one-half thereof on the first day, and one-half thereof on the sixteenth day of each calendar month?" (Vote Yes or No.)

PROPOSITION NO. 2—"Shall the ordinance of the people of the City of Torrance creating a Civil Service Board, providing for the manner and method of Appointment, providing for the placing of the members of the Police Department and the Fire Department under Civil Service," be adopted? (Vote Yes or No.)

Don Findley Is Made President of Rotary Club

Sherwood McIntyre Chosen Vice-President and Harvel Guttenfelder Secretary

Donald Findley, vice president and manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation, was named president of the Torrance Rotary Club at a meeting of newly elected club directors Monday noon.

President-elect Findley is a charter member of the Torrance Rotary Club and has worked tirelessly for several years in its behalf. In an announcement today he stated, "Probably no more deserving president could have been elected than the man I have chosen."

Both the newly-elected president and secretary are planning to attend the Second District Rotary conference at Fresno, April 25 to 28.

Gardena Mayor Offers to Quit

Wayne A. Bogart Charges Colleagues Failed to Co-operate

GARDENA.—In a surprise move, Mayor Wayne A. Bogart of Gardena tendered his resignation to the city council Tuesday night.

Mayor Bogart, who is said to be actively opposing certain members of the Gardena council for re-election, charged that they had not supported him in the selection of appointive officers, including Judge N. L. Burton, recently named city attorney.

Torrance Band Is Getting Ready For Concert On May 30

F. W. Hadler, 512 Arapaho, leader of the band just organized in Torrance, announces that rehearsals are being held each Thursday evening from 7 to 9 at the Torrance high school.

The band has already had a number of rehearsals and is making fine progress. It is getting ready for its first concert to be given at the municipal park on May 30.

OPERATION Mrs. H. L. Bates, 1387 Engracia, entered the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for an operation today.

Three-Day 'Kitcheneering' Course Is to Be Given Here Beginning Wed., April 25

'Kitcheneering' will be here for three days beginning Wednesday, April 25.

This information, received officially today from Julia Lee Wright, director of the Safeway Stores Homemakers' Bureau, brought gladness to the hearts of local housewives who are familiar with the work being done by the headquarters of the bureau in Oakland to lighten and make more enjoyable the work of women in the home.

'Kitcheneering,' which has been defined by Mrs. Wright as "making an art out of the science of cooking," is recognized by home economics experts throughout the nation as the most informative and complete cooking school ever to be presented, and is now in its third year, with the 1934 edition scheduled to be presented here by Mrs. Edith Jeffers Freeman, who will act as Mrs. Wright's personal representative following extensive preparations in the famous bureau kitchen.

Hundreds of local women are expected to attend the course, which will be held at the Safeway Stores, 1212 Broadway, through the weekly radio broadcasts throughout the area west of the Mississippi conducted by Mrs. Wright personally, through leaflets and bulletins posted regularly on the bureau's bulletin board in Safeway Stores and Piggly Wiggly, or through correspondence which the bureau invites.

Even these women, it is pointed out, may not know that the Homemakers' Bureau is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country, with a permanent staff of 22 trained women whose sole duties involve service to every customer of Safeway Stores and Piggly Wiggly, and that hundreds of thousands of letters asking information on every type of women's household problems are answered authoritatively each year by bureau experts.

One of the most monumental tasks ever accomplished by the bureau was the publication, last year, of one of the most comprehensive cook books ever offered to housewives. This book, 'Recipes You'll Enjoy,' was personally edited by Julia Lee Wright, and thousands of copies were sold throughout the nation, exciting highest praise alike from users and home economics experts.

With such a strong staff to assist her, and with the many advantages placed at her disposal, experts agree that Mrs. Wright might well be expected to work wonders. Experts also agree that she has done so. And local housewives who are so fortunate as to be able to attend the three-day course in 'Kitcheneering' on Wednesday, April 25, Thursday, April 26, and Friday, April 27, at the Torrance Theatre are expected to agree with them.

Officials in charge of 'Kitcheneering' locally announce that doors will open each day promptly at one o'clock, and that Mrs. Edith Jeffers Freeman will begin each day's course at 2 o'clock.

DOPESTERS BEFUDDLED AS TO MONDAY'S ELECTION RESULTS

Record List of Candidates and Lack of Bitter Campaigning Leaves Outcome Very Much in Doubt; Polls Open 6 A. M. to 7 P. M.

When Torrance voters go to the polls next Monday, April 9, to elect three councilmen, a city clerk, and a city treasurer, they will find a choice of 20 candidates on the ballot, from which they may select five. Never before in the history of this municipality has there been such an abundance of citizens seeking public office, and for this reason local political dopesters are reluctant to even hazard a guess as to the outcome.

While many candidates are confidently predicting victory, there are others who admit some doubt, and still others who predict their own defeat. While the candidates and their friends have conducted a vigorous campaign, many of them making house-to-house canvasses, there has been little "mud-slinging," and the campaign has been conducted in a clean, sportsmanlike manner.

Two propositions also appear on the ballot: the first relative to permitting \$25 per month salaries for members of the city council, and the second authorizing the creation of a civil service board for control of police and fire departments. Little discussion is heard concerning the councilmanic salary issue, and little opposition has been voiced against the civil service proposition. The consensus of opinion seems to be favorable to putting firemen and policemen under civil service in order to remove them from political influence. Members of the civil service board will serve without pay.

As there are 3419 registered voters eligible to vote at the Monday election, and the 12 regular precincts have been consolidated into seven polling places, voters are urged to cast their ballots as early as possible in order to avoid congestion.

The complete list of candidates, text of the two propositions, and polling places, are printed in another column of this issue.

In accordance with its usual custom, the Herald will gladly answer telephone calls and announce returns as soon as they are available after the polls close at 7 p. m. Monday.

Night Police Halt Career of Young Offenders

Two 12-year-old Lads Taken In Charge Here Early This Morning

Night city police took charge of two bold young lads about 2:50 this morning, whom they discovered attempting to get gas at the SHeM service station without the assistance of the attendant who had gone off duty a couple of hours before.

At the police station, the lads gave their names as Daniel McMullen, age 12, residing at 2923 1/2 Garcia avenue, and Richard Beard, age 12, of 3250 Glenhurst, Los Angeles. They were driving a Marmon 8, registered to Miss Frances M. Kaufman, 245 East 25th street, Los Angeles, alleged to have been stolen from Sunset boulevard.

One of the lads was found to be in possession of a loaded .32 Smith & Wesson revolver.

They had "ditched" school yesterday, and according to Los Angeles and Glendale police had been there by which they obtained funds. Their gas ran out when they reached Torrance and in attempting to help themselves here they attracted the notice of the night police.

The boys were held in the matron's quarters at the city police station pending the arrival of Glendale officers who were notified to take charge of them. Miss Kaufman, said to be visiting friends in Hollywood, had not been located this morning to be notified of the whereabouts of her car.

Child Injured At Moneta In Auto Accident

Four-Year-Old Girl Runs Into Side of Car; Neck Is Broken

Little Louise Fales, age 4 years, is lying very seriously hurt at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, as the result of an accident in which the child was knocked down by an automobile yesterday morning while playing near her home, 174th and Western avenues, Moneta.

A. W. Woleben, 102 South Detroit, Los Angeles, driver of the car, was exonerated from blame in the matter on the testimony of witnesses who declared that the child ran into the side of the car.

Two fractured vertebrae in the neck were disclosed by X-ray pictures taken at the hospital, and other possible injuries are suspected. The child was unconscious when brought to the hospital and is still in a very serious condition. She is the daughter of Mrs. M. C. Fales.

Woleben is president of the Authorized Chevrolet Dealers of Long Beach and is in business in that city at Atlantic and Anaheim boulevard. He expressed great regret over the tragic accident, which he said affected him all the more deeply because he had recently been bereaved in the death of his own child.

Deputy Assessor Coming Next Week

Alfred Villaseor, deputy assessor, will begin work in Torrance next week, according to information received at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Villaseor will cover the entire city, and will have no assistants. Property owners are requested to look for his coming and be ready to turn in their lists of holdings.

ABRAMSONS ARE PARENTS OF A BOY

H. M. Abramson, manager of the Star Furniture Company in Torrance, was all smiles yesterday over the birth of a fine baby boy who joined his family circle Tuesday night. Mother and son are doing nicely and father is setting up the cigars.

In last week's issue, it was stated that the Torrance city council had appropriated \$20 for annual membership dues in the Southern California Municipal League. This was an error, and should have read the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities, which organization is a branch of the State League of Municipalities.

FORMER PLANT MANAGER OF NATIONAL SUPPLY DIES TODAY

John Glass, Hermosa Beach Resident, Passes Away Early This Morning At a Los Angeles Hospital After Six Weeks Illness

John Glass, former vice president of the National Supply Company in Torrance, passed away at 5:45 this morning at a Los Angeles hospital. He had been ill for about six weeks. The remains have been removed to Gladie White Mortuary, Hermosa Beach, where funeral services will be arranged.

Moose to Install Officers Saturday

Redondo Lodge Joins With Torrance In Ceremony and Social

New officers of the Torrance Moose lodge will be installed at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, April 7, at the social hall, corner of Torrance boulevard and 12th street.

Redondo lodge of Moose will join with the Torrance chapter in the installation ceremonies. Robert Kiehl, a prominent officer in the Moose order from Long Beach, will officiate.

An entertainment program and refreshments will follow the installation Saturday evening to which the public is invited.

DR. LANCASTER IS REPORTED RECOVERING FOLLOWING OPERATION

Dr. J. S. Lancaster, who underwent a delicate operation for drainage of the sinus yesterday morning, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. He will be removed from the hospital to his home tomorrow of Saturday.

Torrance Highway Projects Are Approved By Pub. Works Director

Director Earl Lee Kelly, of the department of public works, has approved a project agreement submitted by the city council of the city of Torrance and forwarded through Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, providing for work to be done on state highway routes 164, and 175 within the city limits to be financed from the city's share of the 4c gas tax allocation fund to the amount of \$2015 and from the state cooperative fund in the amount of \$6383. The work embraced in the agreement is covered by the following four projects:

Project 1—The maintenance of the streets comprising the state highway routes within the city until June 30, 1935, as follows: Route 164, Hawthorne Avenue from Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, state route 60, to the northerly city limits at Riverside boulevard, a length of 4.8 miles.

Route 175, Strawberry street from westerly city limits at Hawthorne avenue, state highway route 164, to the easterly city limits at Illinois street, a length of approximately 2.35 miles.

Project 2—Strawberry street, state highway route 175, from Hawthorne avenue to Illinois street, a length of 2.35 miles to be resurfaced.

Project 3—Hawthorne avenue, state route 164, from Sepulveda boulevard to 234th street, a length of approximately 0.80 of a mile, right-of-way to be widened 90 feet and rock and oil shoulders to be placed.

Project 4—Hawthorne avenue, from Redondo-Wilmington boulevard to Riverside-Redondo boulevard. TURN TO STORY 2 Page 3

Where To Vote Monday

Due to the fact that the 12 precincts in the city have been consolidated into seven polling places, as is the custom at municipal elections, voters are urged to cast their ballots as early as possible in order to avoid any standing in line. All voting places will be open Monday, from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. The list of precincts follows:

Table with 4 columns: Consolidated Precinct No., Number of State or County Election Precincts Consolidated, Polling Places, and Polling Places. Rows A through G.