

Citizens! Vote as You Will Next Tuesday, Nov. 8... But VOTE!

Burke Condemns \$30 Pension Plan in Meeting Here

EDITOR'S NOTE—The recommendations and opinions expressed in this article are those of the speaker for the League of Municipalities and should not be considered as necessarily reflecting the opinions of this newspaper.

Giving brief reviews of the arguments for and against 24 of the 25 state propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot, succinct, revealing snapshots of the maze of legislation which few voters have the time or the inclination to read and study at length, Louis H. Burke, counsel for the California League of Municipalities, spoke before a gathering of about 200 people Tuesday night in the Civic Auditorium.

When he came to Proposition 25, the \$30-a-week pension plan, Burke, one of the three speakers to address the gathering, centered his discussion on three aspects of this measure to the evident dissatisfaction of a small portion of his audience. Hardly had he started when five people walked out and as Burke concluded one of his points the meeting was disrupted by heated comments and questions from the floor.

Mayor William H. Tolson, who was chairman of the session, interceded and reminded those present that the meeting was a public discussion session and the privileges of free speech must be observed. He urged the dissenters to give Burke customary courtesies of allowing him to express his opinion on the pension matter. At the conclusion of the speeches, Mayor Tolson adjourned the meeting by saying that any questions would doubtless be of a controversial nature and add but little to what had already been said.

Hix On Americanism
Other speakers were Clifton A. Hix, Republican candidate for Congress from this district, and A. I. Stewart, well-known long-time public official who is vice-mayor of Pasadena. Hix, who arrived late, spoke feelingly on Americanism and what that holds for the welfare of all citizens. Stewart devoted his brief address to a plea for support of government and pointed out that its critics and denouncers should be carefully investigated for their civic attainments before being followed.

There is one aspect of this California pension plan which I want to call your attention to," Burke stated in opening his remarks on Proposition 25. "As far as public employees are concerned, your school teachers, your city workers—police men, firemen, street sweepers, public officials of all kinds—if someone had sat down to deliberately hurt them, he could not have done a better job than writing this proposed constitutional amendment. It is absolutely unfair to them."

Act Protects Leaders
Then the fireworks started. After Mayor Tolson's plea for order, Burke continued by reviewing the administration of the pension act as contained in the proposed measure. He pointed out that the administrator of the pension plan, already named in the act, would receive a salary of \$7,800 a year, payable in warrants, and his six assistants would each receive \$7,200 annually.

However, the administrator, Burke emphasized, has the right to raise his pay or that of his assistants at certain times in the year when he checks the purchasing power of the warrants. But the speaker pointed out that public employees who must take "at least 50 percent of their pay in warrants" have no provision giving them this protection in case the warrants depreciate in value.

Cites Dictatorial Powers
"Read that proposed act," Burke counseled. "It will raise the hair on the back of your head. The administrator becomes as much of a California dictator as any man in Europe. He can call a special election—and the governor cannot do that—and he is not bound by court procedure or by the constitution of our state because his powers are absolute and are contained specifically in the act you are called on to adopt. This is obviously unfair. The act vests a power in one man, the administrator, that no one has ever held in this country before."

The young attorney who has been counsel for the Municipalities League almost since its inception went on to say that the pension measure and the Townsend pension plan have done much to make people more conscious of the fact that "we have a grave problem of social security for our aged citizens."

"But I don't think you are doing right for our senior citizens by making them sign statements that they will not accept any

It's Lomita's Turn Now to Plant Celery

Planting of celery now is in progress in the Lomita district, while all celery fields in the Venice district are clean in compliance with a celery mosaic control program, County Agricultural Commissioner Harold J. Ryan reported today.

Hallowe'en Damage is Kept Down

"It could have been a lot worse."

That was Director John Stroth's laconic report on the extent of Hallowe'en disturbance, damage and devilry on "the morning after" spooks, ghosts and hobgoblins assumed human forms Monday night and amused or vexed townspeople. Stroth had all 14 members of the police department on duty and used three extra men on patrol most of the night. The force was kept busy acting as "gang-busters."

Windows received their customary coating of soap and many were the garbage and tin can receptacles spilled about streets and home premises. The major damage was confined to wreckage of fences at Lou Smith's home at 218th and Grammer, and David Turner's residence at 220th and Andreo.

Police Nab Boy
A more serious offense was reported by Miss Ada Chase, art instructor at the high school. A large window in her home at 218½ Carson street was shattered by a beer can and a glass fruit squeezer. Police are continuing an investigation of this wanton destructive act and have several leads as to the identity of the boys who flung the missiles.

One 18-year-old high school boy was arrested at 10 o'clock Monday night on 21st street for mischief. After hearing a lecture on the right and wrong way to celebrate Hallowe'en, he was released on condition that he round up the five or six other boys engaged in pulling down a fence and repair the damage.

CIO Lodge Plans Open Meeting

An open meeting of the Torrance C.I.O. lodge No. 1414, affiliated with the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, will be held Saturday morning, starting at 10 o'clock, in the Moose hall on Carson street. President Carl Steele has extended invitations to city officials, members of the Chamber of Commerce, service clubs and all interested citizens to attend.

He said the purpose of the public session is to demonstrate how a C.I.O. lodge meeting is conducted and that there will be no politics discussed or candidates for office introduced.

Stores to Close Armistice Day

Nearly all stores in the city will be closed all day Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Armistice Day, according to Gaston Arce, secretary of the Torrance Retail Merchants' association. He made a survey of most of the local firms this week and found all were willing to observe the holiday. Meanwhile, local druggists and service station owners were planning to arrive at some arrangement whereby they too would close for the day and a report on their efforts will be published in next week's Herald.

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VITAL ISSUES AT STAKE NOV. 8

Factory Frolic Exceeds All Expectations... See Page 1-B



Out of the hundreds of pictures taken of Factory Frolic scenes and events, The Herald has selected those above as the best available photos of that highly successful community celebration. No. 1 shows the local Legion's entry—with Tommy Turner in Navy garb astride a white horse. No. 2 is the buxom 'Mme. Queen' who scored a big hit with the parade crowd. She is Mrs. Jeannette Bell of Los Angeles. No. 3 is the carload of National Business and Professional Women—Miss Birda Paddock, Lomita postmaster, wearing the mask, Mrs. Sabina Abramson in the car, Mrs. Fay Parks and Mrs. Bettina Miller riding the hood. No. 4 is a shot of the 20-30 club's baby buggy entry with "Baby" Figueredo. No. 5 shows the unique "knock 'em down" stand operated by the Coordinating Council, sponsor of the Frolic, which had caricatures of city councilmen for targets. Young Jack Miller is the "barker." No. 6 is an action photo of venerable Albert Maberly "doing his stuff" with an "African dance act" on the bandstand. No. 7 is the Chamber of Commerce's large float with clowns—one of them Judge Robert Lessing—on top. No. 8 drew much applause along the route. It is the high school alumni float with a couple of cap-and-gown graduates standing on top of the world. No. 9 shows the Inglewood boys' bicycle brigade, white uniformed youngsters who rode their wheels in perfect formation. No. 10 is the trimly uniformed and well-trained Women of the Moose drill team, state champions this year.

Tuesday Election Has Three Major State Features

Contests for U. S. Senator, governor and the proposal to establish a \$30 every Thursday pension system headline the California general election next Tuesday.

Governor Frank F. Merriam, Republican incumbent, is opposing Culbert L. Olson in the gubernatorial battle. Withdrawal of Raymond L. Haight, Progressive party standard bearer, from this race has made the contest virtually a two man affair, although Haight's name remains on the ballot.

Overshadowing the fight for the governorship however is the contest for the junior U. S. senatorship between Republican Bancroft and Democrat Sheridan Downey. Downey, who polled more than 1,000,000 votes in 1934 as a candidate for lieutenant governor, and Bancroft, rancher and confirmed critic of New Deal measures, have provided the most exciting race of the campaign.

The "\$30 Thursday pension" plan, in many respects has proved to be the outstanding issue of the election. The plan, denounced by its opponents as a visionary idea which would ruin the state financially, is defended by its advocates as a forthright response to the demand that "something must be done" to meet the increasingly grave problems of over-production and under-consumption.

ELECTION FORECAST
Chances of rainy weather in Northern California on the date of the general election Nov. 8 are only one in five, and for Southern California one in ten, according to weather bureau records covering the past 67 years.

Let's Have Another! An Editorial by Grover C. Whyte.

Often we have heard the criticism that Torrance residents have little civic spirit. But the magnificent response to the first Factory Frolic is convincing evidence that all local folks needed was a suitable vehicle for expressing their interest in community life. After witnessing the enthusiasm shown in the Factory Frolic last week-end, no one can say that Torrance has "no civic spirit."

To those loyal Torrance citizens who fought down opposition and apathy to the Frolic with enthusiasm and hard work, we owe a big debt of gratitude. And the best way to show our appreciation is to get behind the movement already started to make the Factory Frolic an annual affair.

There is no better way of developing a community than to engender civic loyalty and enthusiasm. Other benefits follow as a natural result to the community whose citizens are its boosters. Those who fail to take part in civic festivities miss much of the joys of living in a small town. To many of those in Saturday's comedy parade and other Frolic funfests, it was a new experience. And the smiles on their faces left little doubt that they were thoroughly enjoying it.

Of course, there is room for improving the Factory Frolic, and your help will be needed next year to make it better. But a start has been made. The biggest obstacle has been overcome. We know now it can be done.

Alondra Park Meeting in Auditorium Tonight

All property owners in the Alondra Park Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28 are urged to attend the regular monthly meeting of their association tonight at 8 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium. The session will be conducted by Mayor William H. Tolson, president of the group which is attempting to obtain relief from heavy Mattoon Act assessments. The committee elected at the last session to negotiate with the board of supervisors and A. and I. bond owners relative to scaling down the purchase price of the securities is expected to make its first report during the evening. This committee is composed of Judge Frank Carrell of Gardena, chairman; City Attorney John E. McCall and Percy W. Giddings of Torrance, Mayor Colfax Bell and Councilman Chester Daly of Redondo Beach, and Bert L. Cook of Lawndale.

Building Total for Year Here is \$2,872,203

With two months to go, new construction in 1938 has soared to the all-time record of \$2,872,203 here, according to the city engineer's office. Last year the total for the first 10 months was \$1,036,107. Building started here last month amounted to \$91,208 as compared to \$17,928 for October, 1937.

During October six new homes, costing \$15,200; four garages, \$475; nine oil derricks, \$45,000; four non-residential structures, \$19,400; eight oil tanks, \$2,875; five alterations and repair jobs to homes, \$2,250; seven non-residential alterations and repair projects, \$5,908, and one Neon sign, \$100, were started or completed in Torrance.

During the past week or 10 days, the following building projects were issued: Four wooden oil derricks being built by the West-side Oil company at 1923 235th, Fred A. Shaeffer at 1940 236th, Alford Oil company at 2059 238th and Louisiana Oil company at 2000 236th.

Many New Projects
Sam Levy is now building a one-story brick theatre building at 1520-24 Cravens, costing \$15,000; H. Miyamoto is adding a \$300 section to a house at 2030 185th; Charles H. Quandt is building a \$400 addition to an office structure to transform it into a house at 8908 Newton street, and Ethel F. Litch is installing a glassed-in porch at her 2032 Gramercy house for \$100.

John Stroth, director of public safety, is building a five-room frame house at 1532 Watson street for \$4,900; Earl Conner is repairing and remodeling the Daniels cafe and apartments at 1825 Cabrillo which were damaged by fire Sept. 27—the work (Continued on Page 4A)

ELECTION TAKES SPOTLIGHT HERE AND THROUGHOUT NATION; NEW POLITICAL PROBLEMS

With the Factory Frolic now but a happy memory, local interest swung back to election topics this week and for the next four days until the polls open Tuesday morning, Nov. 8, speculation on the outcome of the ballots will be heard wherever two or more people meet.

Where to Vote Next Tuesday

- Precinct 1—18127 Prairie.
- Precinct 2—1618 Cedar.
- Precinct 3—716 Border.
- Precinct 4—1538 Marcelina.
- Precinct 5—1313 Portola.
- Precinct 6—1023 Amapola.
- Precinct 7—1417 Cota.
- Precinct 8—1734 Arlington.
- Precinct 9—1924 Andreo.
- Precinct 10—2360 Narbonne.
- Precinct 11—2013 Arlington.
- Precinct 12—24439 Park (Walteria).
- Precinct 13—807 Portola.
- LOMITA, PALOS VERDES**
- Precinct 1—2035 W. 240th.
- Precinct 2—24647 Moon.
- Precinct 3—2071 W. 259th.
- Precinct 4—25506 Narbonne.
- Precinct 5—2570 Eschelman.
- Precinct 6—1832 259th.
- Precinct 7—26111 Oak.
- Precinct 8—25047 Pennsylvania.
- Precinct 9—Miraleste school, Western and Via Canada.
- Precinct 10—Room 10, Plaza at Malaga Cove Place.

Heart Fails Aged Resident at Close of Frolic Event

As the last dance number was being played for the Factory Frolic street dance a few hundred feet away William Williams, a well-known resident at 1724 Martina avenue, suddenly succumbed to a heart attack while walking homeward with his wife Margaret and daughter, Mrs. Ernest Ashton. His passing was deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and their daughter were walking up the alley between Sartori and Cravens and had almost reached Marcelina when they were accidentally jostled by two young men, Bob Hale, 20, and Colonel Javens, 20, who were hurrying up the alley with Steve Carter to leave the scene of a fight that police were stopping according to police records.

Hale, according to Director John Stroth, who questioned the trio for several hours after Mr. Williams' death, brushed by the 62-year-old retired steel worker and Mrs. Ashton warned him that her father was not well. As Hale made excuses for his slight collision with Mr. Williams, the latter clutched at his side and collapsed. He died instantly.

50 Years in Steel Work
Mrs. Ashton fainted twice before police were able to escort her from the scene to her home next to her parents' residence. Director Stroth absolved Hale, Javens and Carter of all blame for the tragedy after he checked their statements with those made by Mrs. Ashton and learned that Mr. Williams had suffered from previous heart attacks. He said the three men were not involved in the fight farther back in the alley but were merely hurrying to get away from the disturbance which was being broken up by police when Mr. Williams died.

The fire department pulmonologist was summoned but its efforts to revive the victim failed. Mr. Williams was born in Bridgeport, Ohio and was a steel worker for 50 years. He retired in October, 1937, from working as a roller in the Columbia Steel plant here. He was married in 1897 and was survived by two sons, William Evan Williams of Martins Ferry, Ohio, where the interment is scheduled to be held, and Charles E. Williams who resides at the family home here; and four daughters, Mrs. Charles Fulton, Mrs. Loren Maddox, Mrs. (Continued on Page 4A)

FIX DEDICATION DATE
Dedication of the new \$100,700 Torrance high school assembly hall has been set for Dec. 22, Principal Thomas Elson announced today.