

BOND ISSUE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE CITY PROPOSALS ON AUG. 20 BALLOT NAMED

Preparations to secure the required two-thirds majority in favor of the Torrance bond issue proposals on the August 20 ballot were announced this week with the appointment of a committee to handle the campaign.

Russell Lund, local insurance broker, is chairman of the committee and coordinator. Assisting him are Police Chief John H. Stroth, Fire Chief J. E. McMaster and Recreation Superintendent Dale Riley.

The three department heads will take on the task of informing the people of the merits and need of various phases of the bond issue affecting their departments.

Thus, Police Chief Stroth will undertake to sell the need for the police station, jail and court room.

Fire Chief McMaster will take on the task of voicing the need for the new fire station, training tower and the Walteria fire station.

Recreation Superintendent Riley will centralize his efforts on the recreation bond issue, which includes the swimming pool, new ball park stadium, recreation buildings in Torrance and Waveria and other projects.

The whole committee will back the remaining street, sewer and water proposals on the ballot.

"Every item on the ballot merits the backing of the citizenry of Torrance," Lund said. "Either they are necessary for the health and safety of the people, for the cultural advancement of the community, or absolutely needed to aid the progress of the City of Torrance."

"In any event, the bonds are what can be termed 'self-liquidating,' because they will pay-off in one way or another.

"The present fire station is condemned, in its present shape, it is too small for the city, the size of Torrance, and entirely inadequate for the future. The new fire station will reduce insurance rates, as will the increased protection provided by the new station in Waveria.

"The building will be reconstructed into a new police station, jail and courtroom, badly needed, and this will relieve overcrowded conditions in the City Hall.

"The recreation program is almost entirely self-supporting, from fees from the swimming pool, ball park and use of the recreation buildings proposed entirely sufficient to liquidate the interest and principal on these bonds.

"Sewer trunk lines will be matched with state money, and the water line is one of those necessary improvements which will open new territory to expansion. Everyone understands the street and alley improvement needs. This entire bond issue has been worked over carefully, and the people of Torrance will benefit far beyond the cost.

"Our assessed valuation can stand a much heavier issue, but it has been held down to a reasonable figure of \$1,550,000."

County Election Tuesday Finds Offices Closed

Tuesday is election day in Los Angeles County.

People of the county on that day will decide on the seven proposals for needed improvements in Los Angeles County government buildings, art and recreation facilities as described on page B-1 of this edition, and on the County Charter amendment to increase the salaries of the Board of Supervisors.

So, do your banking, business with public offices and buying of spirits on Monday. The banks and public offices will be closed all day; liquor stores and bars until 7 p.m. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Returns from Torrance and Lomita will be gathered in the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Local Youth Is Victim Of Long Beach Robbery

Joseph Bennett, 2424 Cabrillo ave., reported that he was the victim of a robbery Saturday night in Long Beach, where three men overpowered him and stripped him of jewelry and cash. Bennett said he had left a night club near Daisy ave. and Anaheim st. to get his car, when the three men struck out at him from the darkness, knocked him down and took jewelry valued at \$600 in addition to robbing him of \$30 in cash. They fled in a nearby auto.

Bennett, the brother of Gil Bennett, who was the Marine League's leading catcher last season, is now in the local stage play "Calamity Kids," which was produced by the Three Arts Studio here. He will soon be seen in one of the leading roles in "Reharsal Man," which is now in rehearsal at the Three Arts.

AUGUSTINE BRAY
Augustine E. Bray, 3 1/2 son of Thomas A. Bray, 2011 Ardmore ave., who enlisted in the Navy March 6, 1946, was discharged last week at the San Pedro separation center. A graduation of Torrance high school, the 19-year-old seaman formerly was employed at the Doak Aircraft here.

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NEW COMMANDER INSTALLED . . . Commander Clifford Totten of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, Torrance, is pictured above receiving the post gavel from James Brodie, retiring commander. In colorful ceremonies, the officers of the post were installed Tuesday night in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. Shown above, grouped about their past and new leaders, are, left to right: William Dymond, sergeant-at-arms; Mervyn Porter, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Robert W. Jensen, first vice-commander; Mrs. Constance Totten, adjutant; Bob Schow, chaplain; Edith White, historian; and Jack Hallanger, service officer. Eugene Held, who was installed as finance officer, was posing for the above picture when the Torrance Fire Department's siren sounded. Needless to say that Legionnaire Held is a member of that department and naturally ran with the first blast of the fire signal. (Photo by Torrance Herald)

THE CITIZEN AND THE SCHOOLS

William H. Tolson, former Mayor, member of the City Council: The ideal recreation setup for any community is a coordinated school and municipal program. Such programs are working highly successfully in Long Beach, Santa Barbara, Pasadena and other cities. The schools and the city pool funds to provide supervision, equipment and supplies for recreation programs in all parks and on all school playgrounds. There is something going on all the time, in parks or on the school grounds under the supervision of trained workers. A child in those cities need never be on the streets. The City of Torrance is ready for such a program in cooperation with the Torrance Board of Education. It has not been possible under Los Angeles control of our schools. Let us hope, for the sake of our children, that we have a landslide "YES" vote on the City Charter, for this reason and many others. We are tired of the years of neglect by Los Angeles of our schools.

Sam Levy: We can afford our own schools and a junior college. We are paying for them every day, paying double, and getting nothing more than what Los Angeles is bound by the law to give us. Our children get just a bare education. We have the assessed valuation for a school system which can be the pride of California. We can have this system only if we provide for it by voting "yes" on the City Charter on August 20. On a \$29,000,000 assessed valuation, we could afford to employ a Harvard professor for every classroom in Torrance.

Mrs. James R. Wilkes: My only regret is that my children already are out of school and cannot have the benefit which I know will come from the operation by the People of Torrance of our own schools. If we had been given the control of our schools a few years ago, I am sure that they would be much better equipped to face the world and its constant shifting. The past war showed how the world is "shrinking" and our children must be educated to meet the problems which come from the quick contact which air transportation is giving us with our sisters and brothers of foreign lands. Los Angeles schools admit their failure to keep our children on a par even with those of less progressive states. California always has been a state where education comes first. Let education come first in Torrance, for your children. Vote "Yes" on the City Charter and it will be accomplished.

Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

TEMPERATURE		
July	Maxi-	Mini-
	um	um
24	81	65
25	81	65
26	81	62
27	83	58
28	77	57
29	81	58
30	77	72
PRECIPITATION		
Total (Year)	6.39	

STANDARD OILERS MEET L.A. CUBS IN OPENING GAME OF BASEBALL TOURNEY SATURDAY

"Play Ball!" That will be the signal Saturday night at 8 p.m. when the Los Angeles Cubs and Standard Oil of El Segundo invade Torrance Park for the first game of the Southern California Baseball Championship Tournament which will run nightly here for 30 days.

Sixteen top teams of Southern California are entered in the tourney and drawings have been completed for opponents in the first round of play, the Southern California Baseball Association has announced.

Preparations have been completed by the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, Torrance, sponsors, and the association to handle the huge crowds expected to witness the tournament games.

More than 1,000 additional bleacher seats have been added to accommodate the visiting fans, Dale Riley, city recreation superintendent and coordinator of the event, said yesterday.

The balance of the schedule for the first round is:

- Sunday, Aug. 4: Burke's Giants vs. Sky Lane club.
- Monday, Aug. 5: Dedeaux Trojans vs. Signal Oil.
- Tuesday, Aug. 6: Bondy's All-Stars vs. San Pedro Merchants.
- Wednesday, Aug. 7: Torrance American Legion vs. Rosebell Plumbers.
- Thursday, Aug. 8: Long Beach Rockets vs. Iron Workers.
- Friday, Aug. 9: Southwest Dodgers vs. Arcadia.
- Saturday, Aug. 10: Club 89 vs. Pacific Clay Products.

June Police Court Fines Total \$2300

From June 1, to and including June 30, 1946, the City Court of the City of Torrance received \$2,300.00 net from fines and fees. Of this sum \$1,207.00 are general fund monies, while \$1,093.00 came from vehicle violations and thus are road fund monies. One civil case was filed, \$4.00 collected.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$850.00; boulevard stop, \$254.00; parking, \$74.00; U-turn (C.O.), \$19.00 and miscellaneous criminal violations, \$210.00.

Road fund monies were derived from the following cases: drunk driving, \$425.00; speeding, \$298.00 and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$388.00.

Appearing below is the number of criminal and traffic cases actually handled and the disposition thereof:

Violation	Guilt.	Dis.	Not
	missed	missed	Guilty
Drunkenness	36	4	0
Drunk Dvng.	6	3	1
Speeding	45	0	0
Boult. Stop	60	1	0
Parking	37	3	0
U-turn (C.O.)	6	0	0
Misc. Traffic	55	80	0
Misc. Criminal	13	2	1
Felonies	0	1	0

Absent Voter Ballot Requests Received Now

Persons who contemplate being absent from the City of Torrance on election day, August 20, may now apply for absent voter ballots, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

August 15 is the last day when they may be secured.

Application may be made either by mail or in person to City Clerk Bartlett.

The absent voter ballots may be marked before a notary public or any other person authorized to administer oaths in the United States, on or before August 20. They must be back in the hands of the city clerk not later than Aug. 28.

All voters who will be away on election day are urged to secure their ballots.

Unemployment Fund Chiselers Face Prosecution

A vigorous campaign has been launched by the California Department of Employment to locate and eliminate chiselers among claimants for unemployment insurance benefits in the Torrance-South Bay area, according to V. L. Hetzel, Unemployment Insurance Manager at the office located at 1628 Craven avenue, Torrance.

Success of the campaign has been indicated by the fact that \$870,000 have been refunded by individuals during June and July, he said. In addition, other cases are under consideration and, according to Hetzel, "they will be prosecuted as fast as investigation can be completed and evidence of fraud is established."

The majority of these cases involve claimants who failed to report earnings while drawing unemployment insurance. The local activity is part of the statewide campaign to eliminate the small number of claimants who are drawing benefits to which they are not legally entitled.

Information relative to these cases has been secured from several sources—one of the most effective of which is that provided by "tips" of interested citizens, submitted both by mail and in person, at the Department of Employment office.

Hetzel further stated, "It is our experience that the large percentage of workers are interested in protecting the fund from unnecessary and illegal withdrawals, that will unnecessarily deplete the amount of money available for the payment of unemployment insurance benefits."

TORRANCE POPULATION TO DOUBLE WHEN BOTTLENECK ON BUILDING IS REMOVED

Torrance can double her population in two years, if the construction bottleneck is broken, by providing homes for men who work in plants of the city, according to a survey just completed by the City of Torrance and the United States Employment Service.

Torrance now has 3,379 dwelling units, according to figures of City Engineer G. M. Jain's office.

There are 12,000 men employed in the industrial plants of Torrance area, Kenneth E. Bradley, U.S.E.S. manager, announced. In addition to this are the thousands of commercial and professional workers of the community.

It is estimated by the survey that 80 percent of the workers employed in the local industrial plants, but not living here, would buy or rent homes in Torrance if they were available.

The land is available for the home construction, it was pointed out.

Only the building bottleneck and the need for water is holding up their construction.

Plans already are being made for more than 3,000 new homes here, and this would provide for a population increase of from 3,500 to 4,000.

Jain said that there are 2501 single family dwellings in the city, 113 duplexes; 26 triplex structures; 32 four-family buildings; 21 apartment houses; 25 bungalow courts; three auto courts, and 11 hotels.

Torrance built only 167 dwelling units during the 18 months period from January 1, 1945, to July 1, 1946. They were valued at \$598,000.

Three big North Torrance building projects are scheduled, one is planned in South Torrance and two in Southwest Torrance.

Reaction of home building in other communities of this area show tremendous increases.

Lynwood constructed 510 dwelling units during the fiscal year, 1945-46 (12 months), valued at \$5,094,108.

Compton built 423 dwelling units during 1945-46, at a value of \$658,126, with total building permits reaching \$5,882,820.

Gardena recorded 369 new dwelling units constructed in 1945-46, with total permits reaching \$1,838,259.

South Gate constructed 615 dwelling units in the same year, with permits valued at \$5,886,640 for the same year.

Torrance Girl Becomes Bride Of Tartar Prince

Imperial Princess Gloria Lucero Cherenzi-Lind, of Torrance, now is Imperial Princess Gloria Lucero Cherenzi-Lind, having the full rights of blood descendants of the Great Khans of Tartary, according to a letter received here by Raymond J. Casey, Torrance High School principal.

From her membership in the Tartar Ladies of Torrance high school to this place of distinction which carries the full rights and privileges of the blood descendants of the Great Khans of Tartary, has gone Miss Gloria Lucero, 2208 23rd st., sister of Cruz Lucero, grocer in the Pueblo district.

Miss Lucero, who graduated from Torrance high school in 1945, is now enroute to Havana, Cuba, the bride of Pr. OM Cherenzi-Lind, of the Universal Spiritual Union, who is a full-blooded Tartar Prince, according to his letter to Harold Perry, former principal of Torrance high school, which was brought to the office of the Torrance Herald by Raymond J. Casey, present principal.

In his letter, Cherenzi-Lind said: "The main purpose of this letter . . . is to express my appreciation for the distinction bestowed upon Miss Gloria Lucero over a year ago, and who is now in fact Imperial Princess Gloria Lucero Cherenzi-Lind, having full rights to my privileges of the blood as descendant."

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Questions & Answers About Your Schools

VOTE "YES" ON CHARTER AUGUST 20

QUESTION: How will the commercial life of Torrance benefit by the operation by the people of Torrance of the schools of Torrance?

ANSWER: As in most communities, when practical, all supplies and equipment are bought through local merchants, and teachers usually are required to live within the city in which they teach. This will mean from \$500,000 to \$800,000 more money spent in Torrance each year, as Los Angeles now spends practically all of the money we provide for Torrance schools elsewhere, and most of the teachers live outside of Torrance.

QUESTION: Why did Beverly Hills withdraw from the Los Angeles school district?

ANSWER: For the same reason that Torrance is withdrawing. To spend her own money on her own schools, improve buildings and the scholastic standards of the schools. This she has done, as Beverly Hills schools now rate among the highest, and in the first few years of independent operation, Beverly Hills schools saved more than \$1,000,000.

QUESTION: If the plan which has been voted to make a unified school district out of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach should succeed, what would their tax rate be? We understand that they considered taking Perry school district into the unified district, and that they dropped this plan when they heard of Torrance City Charter move to control the schools of Torrance, but it would be interesting to note what the Perry rate might be as a part of the beach districts.

ANSWER: The combined rates of the three beach towns now average \$1.9785. With Perry, they average \$1.7744. Of course, the Torrance rate can be as low as \$1.16 and still have sufficient funds for capital improvements, so it will be to Perry's advantage to be in the Torrance district. In addition to having about the same tax rate, Perry will be one of the first schools to be enlarged and renovated. A new school is needed there; also in Waveria.

QUESTION: Why do we have to have a City Charter to have our own Torrance Board of Education?

ANSWER: Because we were a part of the Los Angeles school district when the city was incorporated as a Sixth Class City. The only way we can form the Torrance Unified School

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People From All Walks Of Life Aid In Campaign For Charter and Schools

Men and women from all walks of life, from working men to professional men; Parent-Teacher leaders, merchants, ministers and industrialists are rallying to the cause of operation of the Torrance schools by Torrance children, as provided by the City Charter to be voted on August 20, according to James L. Lynch, vice chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee which is conducting a whirlwind campaign in behalf of the movement.

The committee consisting of Howard A. Wood, M.D., chairman; Lynch, Mrs. Mina Shidler, secretary; Carl Steele and Mrs. Mark Wright, co-treasurers, is dispatching an appeal to all the voters of the community outlining the problem and urging a landslide "Yes" vote on the City Charter.

Supporting the letter is an advisory group of some 80 leaders in all walks of life who are among the hundreds of active workers giving their time to the campaign, Lynch said.

The group consists of: Mrs. Frank Alexander, Frank Alexander, Herbert C. Allen, Mrs. Inez J. Allen, Vern Babcock, James W. Barker, Mrs. Myra Beaman, Mrs. Edna Bishop, Richard F. Bishop, D.D.S., C. H. Burkholder, Bronson C. Buxton, Mrs. Josephine Buxton, Mrs. Elizabeth Callaway, Mrs. Evelyn

New Torrance Industrial Unit Is Dedicated

Formal dedication took place yesterday at 2 p.m. of the Anderson-Carlson Manufacturing Co. plant at 1739 W. 213th st.

The plant was purchased from the government recently for a reported price of \$225,000. It was constructed by the Defense Plant Corp. for use of the National Supply Co. in manufacturing airplane parts.

Attending the dedication from Torrance were President Reed H. Parkin, of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary Blaine Walker, Mayor J. Hugh Sherriff, Jr., members of the City Council and other local civic and industrial leaders.

Arthur Anderson, company president, was assisted at the dedication by Ernest Carlson, vice president. The ceremony was the sign for installation of equipment to be used in the manufacture of tubular steel furniture.

A plant official said the company has plans to be in full production by Jan. 1, dependent upon delivery of equipment.

Owner Of 7,000 Chickens Quickly Detects 35 Stolen

Charles Haight told Torrance police last week that a thief entered his poultry ranch at 2310 W. 166th st. and stole 85 of his full grown chickens. The North Torrance resident said that the loss, which he estimated at \$70, was discovered Friday morning after he had noticed several coops shy of the proper number of chickens.

Haight, who has more than 7,000 chickens on his ranch, was credited with an observing eye by local police.