

CALL SCHOOL ELECTION JAN. 24 TO DECIDE HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE; REDONDO AFFILIATION FAVORED

Torrance this week having assumed its status as a Charter City, and the Torrance City School district having been formed thereby, the people of Torrance on Jan. 24 will decide at the polls whether Torrance City School District shall join Redondo Union High School district or Los Angeles City High School district for high school purposes.

Immediately upon ratification by the California Legislature of the City Charter voted on Aug. 20, 1946, the office of Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools, issued notice of election to determine the high school district affiliation of Torrance.

Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant county superintendent, pointed out that while the ballot provision mentions only the affiliation for "high school purposes," the election also will decide "junior college" affiliation.

If Torrance joins Redondo Union high school district, the schools automatically will become a permanent part of the new El Camino College district, which now is in operation conducting classes at Redondo, El Segundo and Inglewood high schools. Many Torrance students already are attending El Camino, and it is proposed that the college campus be located on Alondra Park property. With Torrance as a part of the district, El Camino will be the wealthiest junior college district in California, with a total assessed valuation of nearly \$10,000,000. This will provide sufficient backing for the finest junior college campus in the state, with low taxes.

If Torrance joins Los Angeles City High School district, the district would become a permanent part of Los Angeles Junior College district, with no local facilities for classes such as are afforded by El Camino. Los Angeles City College is on North Vermont avenue, and while a new harbor district college is contemplated, it will be located in Wilmington and will not be built for at least two years.

Since Torrance, by a vote of nearly two to one, has withdrawn from Los Angeles school districts, it is anticipated that the people will want to make their withdrawal complete at this time and join Redondo Union High School district for high school purposes and El Camino College district, since classes already are being conducted and can be reached within five minutes from Torrance.

It is pointed out that Redondo Union High School will conduct the high school classes in Torrance High School, using equipment already in the buildings, and that all students now attending, whether living in Torrance or not, will continue to attend there. Those students of Torrance who already are attending classes at Redondo Union High School, from Perry and Hollywood Riviera districts, will continue to go to Redondo High.

Dr. H. A. Wood, chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee, pointed out the gravity of the vote, voters in calling attention to the fact that this election will offer the only means by which Torrance can become a part of El Camino college district.

"This is our opportunity, and our only chance, to join the junior college district which we of Torrance have long contended—a college consisting of high school districts of Redondo, El Segundo, Inglewood and Hawthorne," Dr. Wood said. "We ourselves tried to form this district, but we were barred because of our affiliation with Los Angeles. The district was formed last year by a 20 to 1 vote, without Torrance, but now this city has a chance to join. We should not lose this opportunity, for if we do not join now by affiliating with Redondo Union High School district, we may never again have the chance."

It was pointed out that the affiliation for high school purposes with either Redondo or Los Angeles is temporary, but it is required under the state law. After the Torrance City School district is set up and operating this fall, the voters will be called upon to form a Torrance Unified School District, and then the Torrance Board of Education will be elected on March 18, 1947, would take over all schools, from high school down through kindergarten.

Until the Torrance Unified district is formed, the Torrance Board of Education will have jurisdiction only over the elementary schools and kindergartens.

Polling places will be set up at Torrance High School for the area south of 190th st. and at Perry District School, for the area above 190th st.

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Torrance Becomes Chartered City; Legislature's Fast Action Clears Way To Elect School Board Mar. 18



SELOVER REPORTS CHARTER PASSAGE FROM SACRAMENTO

F. S. Selover, editor of the Herald, left Sunday night for Sacramento to give readers on the spot coverage of the opening of the state legislature there this week.

After reporting by telephone on action taken in approving the city's new charter, and on other measures affecting Torrance, Selover headed for home, and will be back this afternoon. With Selover on the trip were James Lynch, vice chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee.

Jan. 15 Rally To Inaugurate March Of Dimes

Appealing for strong support in the 1947 annual March of Dimes campaign to conquer infantile paralysis, the Rev. Ben H. Lingenfelter, Torrance chairman of the March of Dimes committee, warned that polio is still a serious threat. The drive opens next Wednesday.

"Medical science thought it was winning the fight until 1946," he pointed out, "when one of the greatest losses in the history of this conflict occurred. This dread disease leaves death, in its path, as well as crippled children and broken-hearted parents."

"United States Public Health Service figures show that the 1946 polio epidemic was second only in severity to the great epidemic of 1916, the worst in recorded history."

The Rev. Mr. Lingenfelter renewed his invitation to all workers in the campaign, and any other interested persons, to attend the giant opening rally to be held at 3 o'clock next Wednesday in Hollywood Bowl. Persons desiring tickets and those who wish to assist in the battle against the crippling illness, are urged to send names, addresses and telephone numbers to Rev. Ben H. Lingenfelter, P. O. Box 246, Torrance.

"Polio may strike any of our homes at any time," he stressed. "The fight must continue. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, marshaling the dimes of children and the dollars of parents, spent millions of dollars last year in research to trace the cause of polio. It will continue the search until that cause is discovered and conquered."

"The stricken ones need crutches, hospitalization and every form of help. We cannot fall them. Truly, 'Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare; who gives himself in his gift, helps three: himself, his suffering neighbor and Me.'"

Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

DATE	TEMPERATURE	PRECIPITATION
Dec. 31	66	0.00
Jan. 1	62	0.00
2	63	0.00
3	62	0.00
4	66	0.00
5	74	0.00
6	60	0.00
7	66	0.00
Total (Season)		8.30

Torrance A&P Food Store Closed By Strike; No Picketing Expected

First-hand taste of the effects of the current grocery clerks' strike came to Torrance Tuesday with the closing at 3 p.m. of the Atlantic & Pacific store at 1330 El Prado.

The action was in response to a strike call issued by Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks International association, Local 905. Thirteen A. & P. employees are affected, according to Manager O. W. Hakanson.

The local is asking a \$60-a-week pay for 40 hours work to experienced clerks. At the time of closing, those at A. & P. were earning \$43 for 40 hours, Manager Hakanson stated.

The Torrance store thus joins all other A. & P. stores in the county in the week-old strike of grocery clerks. And, according to L. J. Deffenbaugh, public relations director, "no attempt will be made to open the store with non-union labor."

This assurance means virtual certainty that the closing will not bring pickets to Torrance. Tidwell had pledged previously only if strikebreakers were employed to open the store.

Meanwhile, with all other Torrance food marts except the Safeway at Sartori and El Prado avenues operating under approved contracts with the union, the status of the latter store remained an enigma. Manager Oscar Ross confessed to being completely in the dark. "I'm just opening and closing as usual until I get orders," he said.

"Orders" might come, at any time from Safeway officials acting in cooperation with the Food Industries Employers Labor Relations Council, Inc., or from union headquarters.

Ross reported "some increase" in business yesterday, but nothing startling. This was to be expected in light of the fact that about 90 percent of Torrance's retail food outlets remain open.

Sacramento, Jan. 7, 1947. (Special to the Torrance Herald by Frank S. Selover).—Adopted by both the California Assembly and Senate in record time, as the first order of general business of the 57th General Session of the Legislature, the City Charter of the City of Torrance was ratified today.

The signature of Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan and the Great Seal of California was affixed to the Charter and certified copies, at 5 p.m. today.

Thus, Torrance became a chartered city under the laws of California and the Torrance City School District was founded. Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3 was introduced by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas to bring about ratification of the charter immediately upon the organization of the assembly Monday morning. It was the first piece of business introduced other than organization routine resolutions.

Assemblyman Thomas asked for and was granted unanimous consent to take up the resolution without reference to committee, print or file, and that the resolution be considered en masse.

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of all members present. The measure was taken by Assemblyman Thomas and Senator Jack B. Tenney, who introduced the measure in the Senate in a similar manner this morning, and it immediately received unanimous approval of the Senate.

Thomas had asked for and had been granted, by unanimous consent, a rush order placed upon the printing of the resolution, and when this was completed the document was placed before Secretary of State Jordan in the presence of Thomas, James L. Lynch, vice chairman of the Torrance Charter Committee, and Frank S. Selover, managing editor of the Torrance Herald.

Certified copies have been forwarded to the city clerk for filing in city archives and forwarding to the county recorder. Both Secretary of State Jordan and Arthur A. Ohlms, chief clerk of the Assembly, congratulated Thomas for his speedy and well organized handling of the joint resolution.

Only Vincent Thomas could have handled such a document so fast and so well, Ohlms commented.

The Charter provides that the election be held on the 10th Tuesday after ratification. This will be March 18, since the Charter was ratified this week.

An election notice calling for the selection either of Redondo Union High School District or Los Angeles High School District for secondary education purposes has been called for Jan. 24, and to accomplish the organization of the school district this year it was necessary to have that election held so that its results would be effective Feb. 1, 1947.

That is the reason for the speed with which the Charter was ratified, it was pointed out.

TORRANCE FLORAL FLOAT WINS SECOND PRIZE IN CLASS A-4

A colorful tribute to the city of Torrance—and a second place standing in the sweeps—that was the local 20-30 club's contribution to their city New Year's day when hundreds of thousands of spectators lined Colorado st. in Pasadena to view the "Admission Day" offering to the Tournament of Roses theme, "Holidays in Flowers."

The beautiful Torrance float easily took second place honors to the city of Monterey's \$10,000 flower bedecked entry. Dick Miller, member of the 20-30 club's board of directors, estimated that the City's float did not exceed \$2,900 in cost, but stressed the many hours of flower work which was donated by club members and their friends in order to defray the overall cost.

Nearly 50,000 white chrysanthemums, 20,000 blue bachelor buttons, 20,000 brown chrysanthemums and more than 1,000 red carnations were used in the color scheme, Miller said. Much of the credit for organizing and directing the group's long hours of work on the float, Miller indicated, went to Van Barnard, who "took the project in its infancy Saturday before the parade, and did not stop his efforts until the float rolled out of its tent Tuesday at midnight."

Assisting in the non-stop work of decorating, among others, were Joe Useldinger, Harry "Red" Slover and Lawrence Sommers.

Torrance's 1946 queen, Frances Barrington, graciously rode in the float's huge floral liberty bell, which was of white chrysanthemums and seated on a field of the white flowers were Doris Lee Quaggin, Marge Dunham, Cubie Bohannon and Beverly Kelly. On the front of the float, a big brown bear was poised before the United States flag, depicting California's entry into statehood. Red carnations, white chrysanthemums and blue bachelor buttons made up the nation's flag.

The letters "Torrance" on each side of the float were in blue bachelor buttons.

Miller announced that the 20-30 club also would be "in there pitching next year," but at that time he declared, Torrance will be shooting for the first place position. He indicated that this year's accomplishments had been realized mainly through the faith of those who so generously donated the necessary funds, and the tireless efforts of club members.

"When everything has been settled," Miller said, "I believe we will be able to return the \$500 advanced by the city—which may come in handy for next year's float."

The float was on display in Torrance last week following the Rose parade.



RESIGNS POST . . . City Attorney John E. McCall Tuesday night submitted his resignation to the City Council.

City Attorney John E. McCall Resigns Post

Pleading that pressure of private lawsuits outside of the state would leave him little time for municipal affairs, City Attorney John E. McCall Tuesday night submitted to the City Council his resignation from his post.

Expressing its gratitude for his long and useful service and its regret at losing him, the council accepted the resignation. McCall will continue as city attorney until Feb. 1.

Not only is his private practice pressing, according to McCall, but "the volume of legal work for the city has increased to the point where it is impossible to give it the necessary time without neglecting my private practice."

McCall, a Torrance homeowner since 1926, has held the office of city attorney since Feb. 25, 1938. His resignation, he emphasized, does not mean he plans to leave the city.

The retiring official also promised to remain available for consultation at any time he might be of assistance to the city.

HOSPITAL ASSN. MEMBERS TO MEET FRIDAY, JAN. 17

A meeting of the members of the Torrance Hospital Association will be held in the nurses' home, 1416 Cota ave., on Friday, Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m., Donald Findley, secretary, announced.

BIG BOND ISSUE BID WON BY DUVEEN CO AT 3 PCT. AT WATERY COUNCIL MEET

Torrance City Council had water on the brain at Tuesday night's adjourned meeting. Nearly all business of importance at the session concerned the vital fluid which, according to report, "you can't live without."

Following are items dealing with this theme:

Report Lomita Business Men Aid CAP In Lease

Third Group of the Civil Air Patrol, with headquarters at Lomita air strip, Monday accepted a lease proffered them by the War Department for use of property and facilities adjacent to the 89-acre runway, it was learned yesterday.

CAP's acceptance of the lease, which has been hanging fire for the past 30 days, a reliable source revealed, was made possible by a group of Lomita business men.

Written the Patrol's future and endeavors to the extent of nearly \$6,000. This, it was explained, will defray back payments due on the airport and charged to CAP in addition to clearing the indebtedness until March 18.

The lease was signed by Major C. H. Holmes, former group commander who was recently appointed liaison officer between Third Group and California Wing. It was intimated that the Civil Air Patrol will in the very near future start cadet training and the State Department of Education's flight instruction program. An immediate activation of an air emergency rescue squadron also is hinted in the proposal.

Led by Norman Gardener, the following Lomita business men are said to comprise the group who have underwritten the \$6,000: Hugo Schmitz, Earl B. Coy, Farquhar, Fred Bobo, E. Mosher and Ed Boylston.

Two Pedestrians Injured When Run Down By Cyclist

Lonnie Paul Kean, 28, 23867 Park st., was arrested by sheriff's deputies Sunday following an accident at Hillworth ave. and Pacific Coast highway. Injured in the accident were pedestrians Mrs. Doris Oakley, 28, and her six-year-old daughter, Nila. The mother received three compound fractures of the right leg, deputies said, and the daughter sustained serious head injuries, broken nose and shock.

Kean, who was booked on suspicion of drunk driving, explained that he was driving his motorcycle and following closely behind a car that struck the two pedestrians and continued on. He said that he was unable to stop his motor in time to prevent running over the victims. The mother and daughter were taken by Sullivan's ambulance to Park emergency hospital in Gardena.

However, another communication advised that this tract lies within the area scheduled for improvement under the MWD No. 2 bond program, and that it would take a premium of \$1 a foot, or about \$13,000 total to secure pipe in time to complete it by July 1.

The council voted an informal meeting for Monday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., to thrash out the matter. Protest of waste of water by scouts and others camping in the park near the clubhouse was made in a letter signed by W. M. Edwards of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association. The council referred the matter to Recreation Director Dale Riley for recommendation.

Thatcher protested that Water residents had understood that well water was to be used.

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TORRANCE'S ROSE PARADE FLOAT . . . The above photo, taken shortly before Torrance's first float entry started its long and glorious procession down famed Colorado st. in Pasadena New Year's Day, shows results of the untiring efforts of Torrance's 20-30 Club members in representing this city in Pasadena's Parade of Roses. Local lovelins pictured above decorating the float are Cubie Bohannon, left front; Doris Lee Quaggin, right front; Torrance Queen Frances Barrington, seated in floral liberty bell; Marge Dunham, right of Queen, and Beverly Kelly, seated left of Miss Barrington. The float won second prize among 10 cities entered in the A-4 class. More than 90,000 flowers were used on the float which represented "Admission Day" in the beautiful theme of "Holidays in Flowers."