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## Styrene Plant Shuts Down Tomorrow

The Dow Chemical Company Styrene plant will be completely shut down tomorrow according to Gerald Smith, plant manager, unless negotiations now in progress reach satisfactory agreement between the C.I.O. Oil Workers union and the Styrene plant.

While 250 men were made idle by the Dow walkout, approximately 1000 more persons may be thrown out of work if companion plants which depend upon the Dow supplies are forced to close down.

The Dow plant was crippled by C.I.O. walkouts last Wednesday.

It produces styrene which goes into the manufacture of synthetic rubber at the nearby United States Rubber Co. and Goodyear Rubber Co. synthetic plants. Both of the rubber companies use the same ingredient made by Shell Chemical Company, also a neighboring plant.

Unable to agree whether oil workers' or chemical workers' wage rates should apply, Dow employees quit March 5 and established a picket line at the plant. C. E. Fredericks, union secretary, said the workers demand an increase of 20.2 percent, the same as granted employees of oil refineries. Dow, Fredericks said, has offered a 13.5 percent increase.

## Local Steel Strike Still Unsettled

Negotiations were still under way yesterday to settle a strike at the Columbia Steel Co. annealing department here. Company spokesmen said that all efforts were being made to settle the dispute which has partially disrupted production at the local plant.

According to C.I.O. United Steelworkers officers, the workmen walked off the job when the department, which had been operating three shifts, reduced to two shifts.

Employees claim that they were asked to do the work in two shifts that had formerly been accomplished in three.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF FIVE CHARTER CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD REVIEWED

Members of the Charter Committee are eminently the most qualified of all candidates to serve as the first Torrance Board of Education, Fay L. Parks, chairman of the Citizens Committee sponsoring the campaign of the Charter Committee members declared in urging a heavy vote at the polls next Tuesday, March 18.

The candidates sponsored by the Citizens Committee are those who have carried the fight to gain local control of the schools of Torrance, for years under Los Angeles domination, and are:

Evelyn L. Carr  
James L. Lynch

Carl D. Steele  
Dr. Howard A. Wood

Grace W. Wright

"The people of Torrance owe it to their children to assure the election to the first Torrance Board of Education of the group which is pledged and on the record to give Torrance the best school system possible for the smallest expenditure of money," Chairman Parks said.

Speaking of Mrs. Carr, Lynch, Steele, Dr. Wood, and Mrs. Wright, Parks said:

"This group has studied our school problems and they know the answers; they have fought the battle for Torrance control of the Torrance schools and have won it; we know where they stand on the educational needs of our children; they are honest and upright citizens who are thoroughly familiar with the job of running the schools of Torrance."

Declaring that many problems in the establishment of the new school system still are to be handled by able hands who know the job ahead, Parks warned that all the work which the charter committee candidates have accomplished rapidly could be undone by the election of persons of unknown standing to the Board of Education.

He pointed out that the Charter Committee candidates stand for:

1. The finest educational advantages for our children.
2. The development of the best public school system in the Southwest; stressing of fundamentals in education.
3. The expenditure of the entire school tax dollar on the schools of Torrance and consequent reduction of the tax rate to the point where Torrance will have the finest schools and lower cost to the people.
4. Advantages previously denied Torrance school children, athletic equipment, gymnasiums, shops, supervised playgrounds.
5. Residence in Torrance where possible of Torrance school teachers, to add to the cultural and civic advancement of the community.
6. Courses of study which will prepare Torrance children for immediate admission to institutions of higher learning.
7. More expansive use of the school facilities by the community; adult education; programs; community activity in the schools, auditoriums, gymnasium.
8. Unification of all Torrance schools under Torrance Unified School district.
9. Opportunities for advancement in music and the arts; public speaking and debating and other subjects neglected here in the past.
10. A coordinated school-municipal recreation program to keep playgrounds open after schools and Saturdays with supervised activities for the children.
11. Strict discipline and control of school children.
12. Vocational training in all the trades of this industrial city.
13. Adequate preparation of the children to face life upon graduation.
14. A voice in the school affairs of Torrance for the people of Torrance.
15. The best teachers and administrators for our schools.
16. Control by the people of Torrance of their own schools.
17. Improvement, renovation and modernization of the schools of Torrance.
18. New schools to serve rapidly expanding outlying areas.

Brief background material on the five candidates follows:

Evelyn L. Carr, chairman Tor-

rance Parents Association, the group which started the move which brought about the writing and adoption of the City Charter, housewife, active church worker, mother of children in Torrance schools, educated and qualified.

James L. Lynch, hotel owner and former orange grower for 20 years in California. One of the originators of the move to give Torrance children a Junior college, and to withdraw Torrance schools from Los Angeles control.

Carl D. Steele, with a long record as an executive in organization work and public office, resident and home owner since 1929. His own children, like yours, suffered under the neglect of Torrance schools and he was one of those starting to do something about the matter.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, M.D. degree from Yale. Practiced in California since 1926. Former member of Beaumont Union high school district and elementary district boards of trustees. Active in the Charter movement since 1944.

Grace W. Wright, former school teacher, resident of Torrance since 1912; active in youth work; one of the original group who saw the needs of Torrance schools and set out to bring about adoption of the City Charter giving Torrance control.

Serving with Chairman Parks on the Citizens Committee are:

Frederick Cook, vice chairman; Mrs. Myra Beeman, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Derouin, treasurer; Michael L. Fenwick, director; Frank S. Selover, director; Janet S. Austin, Bill J. Austin, Virginia Alverson, Mrs. Audrey Bacon, H. C. Barrington, Mrs. Cora Bohrer, Dr. John W. Beaman, Von Bergen, Mrs. Von Bergen, Mrs. Norman Blackhall, Frances B. Clark, Mrs. Lois Clark, Harwood Clark, Gil T. Derouin, R. J. Deininger, M. N. Felker, Mrs. Laura B. Felker, Harvel L. Guttenfelder, Dr. W. J. Harrison, Mrs. W. J. Harrison, Mrs. I. Laughon, Mrs. W. J. Laughon, Howard G. Locke, Mrs. John B. Melville, Mrs. Howard E. McDonald, Luther Mumford, Selma M. Norris, Margaret M. Palmer, Emma M. Roberts, Helen C. Selover, Mrs. Mina Shidler, Leroy E. Snodgrass, Charles E. Ward, Mrs. Hazel Ward, Bronson C. Buxton, Howard E. McDonald and Grover C. Whyte.

### Camp Fire Girls Elect Officers

At the regular Tuesday afternoon the Wohelo Camp Fire Girls elected officers for the ensuing term, who are:

Pauline Coltey, president; Joanne Moore, vice president; Martha Morris, secretary; Lenore Rugg, treasurer and Shirley White, scribe.

The meeting was then devoted to studying the laws of the group and games.

Attending were: Mrs. Virginia Rugg, leader; Mrs. Kathleen Coltey, assistant leader; Nancy Henry, Lenore Rugg, Norma Strauss, Janet Poh, Sandra Simpson, Sharlie Moore, Judy Adams, Bonnie Moore, Pauline Coltey, Joanne Moore, Lois Davis, Martha Morris and Shirley White. Mrs. Ramsey is field director.

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That more fund solicitors are needed to complete the work in record time was the statement of Chairman Sears as the drive progressed.

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