



CHARLEY'S CORNER

Last week I saw in the paper an article concerning the fact the City Council had leased a portion of the airport to some real estate firm.

There is nothing super extra about someone signing a lease. But . . . this is a particular lease . . . it's different; it's like pop's buttermilk, it's different.

This lease is written for fifty years . . . dated from December 25, 1954 A. D. AND ending December 25 2004 A.D.

2004 A.D. Yeah, that's a long time. Yes, that's a heck of a long time ago. By that time Sam will have taken all his property up to heaven. . . . Nick won't be Mayor . . . (or supervisor). He will be Mr. President by that time. Mr. Blount will have finished Law School and he will be looking for trouble . . . that is, he will be looking for people who have trouble. Mr. Benstead will probably be looking for a place to park his car, that is, . . . the ex-Mayor Schwab will be out of politics by that time . . . he will be making holders for wings . . . you know . . . just like a hitching post . . . but instead of parking your horse you park your wings . . . Attorney ISEN, with his flowing white beard, will be in politics . . . he will still be trying to get the job of PRESIDENT of Cloud No. 12256 . . . he will be chasing Sarah across the clouds . . . trying to get out of the dog house . . . he slept on a blue cloud last night.

Charley won't be managing Daniels Cafe by that time . . . he will have his pitchfork all sharpened up and will be pitching steaks to all of his friends . . . (if he gives them steak they sure will be friends).

By that time my Grandson, Chuckie Boy, will be managing Daniels Cafe and you folks will still be able to "Eat With Charley."

Wayne will be making the best MARTINI IN THE WORLD . . . JEAN will be the most efficient waitress in the world . . . VIRGINIA will be so old she will be sitting on a stool at the cash register taking cash . . . Bernice will still be the ugliest woman in Torrance . . . still . . . she is a real gone guy . . . a real good waitress. Dopey, that's the chef, will still be wondering what the folks want for lunch?

2004 A.D. Yeah, that is a long time; many things could happen, they do here at Daniels.

Gamblers who cheat don't live long. Merchants who sell shoddy merchandise for genuine go broke. Workers who cheat on the job lose it. Parents who cheat lose their self-respect. Leaders who cheat sink into the mire of their perfidy.

"Cheaters shall perish" has been written on stone tablets, on papyrus, on parchment, on rice paper from the beginning of time. "Cheaters shall perish" is a law, an immutable law of mankind.

Cheating is subtraction; sooner or later there is nothing more from which to subtract; you reach the end. What then? The cheater suffers humiliation, tastes the drags of loneliness, and feels the scorn of his fellowman. He is an outcast.

Truth, Honor, are the building forces that sustain. They are the force that engraves names on tablets of time, that raise men to the pinnacle of lasting fame.

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

Torrance City Council
Sept. 7, 1954

Councilmen present: Victor E. Benstead Jr., Albert Isen, Marvin M. Schwab, and Mayor Nicolas O. Drale. Absent, Councilman Willys G. Blount. Others present: City Manager George Stevens, City Prosecutor Boris S. Woolley (for City Attorney James Hall), City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief Willard Haslam.

Meeting called to order at 8 p.m. by Mayor Drale. Frank Bartley of 162 Paseo de Gracia led pledge of allegiance. Rev. Gene M. Gehres of Waltheria Methodist Church led invocation.

Hearing on changes and modifications in proceedings for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1 closed without protest. Changes adopted.

Petition by 22 residents of Draille Dr. concerning construction of a park on area south of Reynolds Dr. and east of Draille Dr. submitted. City Manager Stevens reported that the Council had authorized Architect Woollett to proceed with plans there and that construction plans were still two or three months away. Letter to be written to petitioners.

Report received from Union Oil Co. reporting earnings amounting to \$343.13 on their franchise as of June 30, 1954. Report filed, money orders deposited in city's general fund account.

Request of Water Superintendent Angus McVicar for authority to purchase a small crawler tractor with angle dozer, a 75 cfm compressor, and a three-quarter-ton pickup truck approved. Items ordered put to bid.

Communication from Water Superintendent McVicar submitting letter from Mac-Low-Men Corp. offering 10 per cent discount on contract with city on Tract No. 15757 for immediate payment. McVicar and City Manager Stevens recommended that city continue with contract for acquisition of water facilities over next six years. Recommendations approved.

Letter from D. C. Gatlin, representing residents of Tract No. 16649, read to Council. Residents request drain line and sidewalks on Arlington Ave. between 164th St. and Redondo Beach Blvd. City Manager Stevens explained that the Arlington Ave. storm drain is on a high priority and

will run from Redondo Beach Blvd. and dump into the flood control channel. The residents are to be notified of procedure required for obtaining installation of sidewalks and curbs.

Request of Chancellor Western Oil and Development Co. for resolution of acceptance on improvements on Maple Ave. north of Marlopa St. read to Council. Council was told that the company put in sewer and water connections, curbs and gutters, and paved the 80-foot street at no cost to the city. If a formal resolution of acceptance is needed, it will be presented at the next meeting.

Fred Beerup, who has been granted a lease for motel on the Torrance Municipal Airport, asked that an additional condition of the lease provide that the city will not lease more motel sites on the airport property in competition to his. City Manager Stevens was doubtful that such a condition would be acceptable to the Civil Aeronautics Authority, who must approve all leases.

Request by Disabled American Veterans for refund of part of the license fees on its two fire works stands operated here before Independence Day held up for further study of the group's

financial statements. The DAV reported an operating loss of \$102.98 in the venture. It paid \$600 for licenses for two stands.

A report on all the fireworks stand operators was asked of the City Clerk for the next meeting in compliance with the city's fireworks ordinance. The reports were due 60 days after July 4.

Letter from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, asking to be notified by phone if the city could provide a building to house the operation of the Extended Day-Care Center for the coming year. On motion of Councilman Isen, the city offered an unused park building if it can be utilized at no cost to the city. City Manager Stevens instructed to telephone the school superintendent of the Council's decision.

Request by the Coordinating Council for permission to use the city building at 1754 Torrance Blvd. for meetings of the Youth Coordinating Council approved.

Report from Building Superintendent John Russell on Tract 18540 read to the Council. Mr. Russell reported that all structural and masonry repairs stipulated by him and called for in the Uniform Building Code in the tract had been made to his satisfaction. He said, however, that he would make a further survey of the area and report next week. Several residents of the area complained that the work was not done as promised and that no inspections had been made to their knowledge. A broader report asked for by next week.

Personnel recommendation of City Manager George Stevens approved by Council.

Recommendation of City Manager Stevens for approval of purchase 13-inch electric typewriter held up to be put to bid. Cost of the typewriter stated to be fair traded at \$375 plus sales tax. City At-

orney asked for opinion on legality of city making purchases from firm whose owner serves on the Board of Education. Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr. asked for the opinion.

City Manager recommendation that the contract with the B. F. Goodrich Co. for rental of bus tires be extended until Sept. 30, 1955, approved after the City Manager explained that no other company chose to bid for the service, that no large bus operation ever buys the tires, and that a clause in the contract calls for city purchase of all tires in stock if the contract is canceled.

Contracts for operation of bus terminals by Charles Gottis in Torrance and Maybel C. Banks in Los Angeles extended to Sept. 21, 1955.

Tract No. 17866 containing 10 lots approved on recommendation of Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Case No. 325, a request for variance by Abraham Litrov and Morris Schultz to construct and operate a building supply house and retail stores, a restaurant, and other retail shops, approved by Council with the condition that an alley be provided to separate the property from adjoining residential property and that the developers be required to install sidewalks and curbs around the Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St. site.

City Engineer Ronald Bishop's recommendation that the Leroy Forsythe Co. be awarded the Ashley Ave. contract on their bid of \$5528.85 approved.

Civil Service Board findings in case of Milton T. Langum, demoted fireman, read. Board recommended 90 days suspension from rank with former rank of Engineer to be restored as of Sept. 8. Council split 2-2 with Councilman Blount absent, on Benstead's motion to reinstate Langum without any loss of pay, voiding Fire Chief Benner's disciplinary action in demoting him. A second motion by Councilman Isen to concur with recommendation of the Civil Service Board deadlocked 2-2 with Isen and Schwab voting to restore Langum to duty as of



FATHER AND SON . . . Receiving medical aid from an ambulance attendant here are Robert Sleeth and his six-year-old son, Mark, who were injured in one of the Crenshaw crashes on Labor Day.

Sept. 8: Drale and Benstead opposing it. Matter held over until a later meeting.

Emergency Ordinance 707 adopting the top three steps of the five-step salary plan found in a wage survey of other cities as the City of Torrance salary scale adopted at first and final reading.

Councilman Benstead reported that he had been advised that sewer contractors in the Sepulveda Gardens area had not repaired the streets satisfactorily following installation of sanitary sewers there recently. Residents of the area who were in the Council chambers detailed the conditions of the streets for the Councilmen. The City Engineer was instructed to make a survey of the area and to check with the contractor in an effort to clear up the situation.

Benstead moved to remove blockade from the Carson and Sepulveda ends of Maple Ave., an unimproved section of the street which was closed because it was being used as a dumping ground. His motion was tabled until all Councilmen could have an opportunity to look over the street situation there.

Councilman Isen recommended that the owners of Waste Products Co. at 213th St. and Border Ave. be given until Oct. 10 to get the mess cleaned up and the temporary fence down from the remains of the building which burned last spring.

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