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Spelman's Secret Meeting

Harvey Spelman, councilman, has gone on record favoring secret meetings. Last week, he excluded the Press from a water promotion meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. Present at the meeting were Angus McVickers, George Stevens, Blaine Walker, Don Manashaw, and Spelman.

How Spelman happened to be chairman of the water committee meeting has not been revealed as yet. It was ascertained, however, that he was not chosen by the City Council to assume this duty.

"I don't want the Press in the meeting," Spelman said emphatically.

"What are you afraid of?" asked a Press reporter.

"I'll tell you what I'm afraid of—being misquoted," said Spelman.

At this point, the reporter informed Spelman that his every word would be reported specifically.

"And if you keep on quoting me, that's the exact cooperation you'll get," Spelman declared angrily.

A check afterward among those present revealed that most of the men present said nothing happened in the meeting.

"We were merely planning strategy for the bond issue," was the consensus.

No one in the group could explain why the meeting was secret. It was pointed out to them by a Press reporter that everyone realizes that Torrance needs water—why the secret? No answer was forthcoming.

Water Bonds Create Jobs

The water election, scheduled for Torrance voters on January 8, is seen as one of the most progressive moves toward a steady employment market in this community, according to Henry W. Creeger, manager, Torrance plant, American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation.

Mr. Creeger pointed out that one of the questions frequently asked by new industries investigating Torrance as a site is: "How much water can you guarantee us for our future operations?"

Mr. Creeger expressed the belief that many industries have turned down Torrance because of a lack of a modern distribution system. He said that approval of the new water system on January 8 will start to encourage industries to enter Torrance at a rate that will continue to furnish new, attractive jobs for local citizens.

It was brought out that Torrance is in an enviable position, having tremendous quantities of water available through the Metropolitan Water District, but that the distribution system was entirely inadequate. Mr. Creeger said that the water election means simply more storage tanks, more mains, more pumps, and similar equipment.

In addition to the prospect of a firm labor market for this area through increase in number of jobs, it was shown that more industry means a wide variety of jobs available to skilled and non-skilled workers. With several opportunities available to a local citizen, he can best utilize his talent at a salary more equitable to him and his family.

New Bowling Owners Open Alley Sat.

Things will be humming this Saturday at the Torrance Bowl when it opens under the new management of Bill Mayer and Phil Hicks, both from the Los Angeles area.

"We'll open our eight-lane bowling alley at noon with the exception of Saturday and Sunday when the pins will start falling as early as ten o'clock in the morning," said Mayer.

The partners revealed that their wives, "Marge and Marge" will be in charge of the lunch counter at the bowling alley.

Mayer said a special treat is in store this Saturday night. Four of the finest women bowlers on exhibition will be there.

Mayer also revealed plans are in the offing for remodeling the bowling alley now owned by Sam Levy and his two daughters. Plans call for an entire new brick and plate glass front, new lunch and new counter. "Even new food," said Mayer.



PHIL HICKS



BILL MAYER

Mission Group Holds Election

The monthly meeting of the Missionary Society of First Lutheran Church will be held Tuesday evening, December 4, at 7:30. The regular meeting has been changed from Thursday evening to Tuesday evening.

At the November meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Mrs. Julius Meier, president; Mrs. Stuart Phillips, vice-president; Mrs. Royal Friedly, recording secretary; Mrs. Dorsey Nieman, corresponding secretary; Miss Emma Wenske, treasurer.

Bus Supervisor Salary Set Up

Considerable time was spent at the Board of Education meeting in Torrance this week talking over the classified salary range for transportation supervisor. The board voted unanimously to hire a man at \$350 per month for this position.

Superintendent J. H. Hull suggested that a bus supervisor be employed after irate parents complained that their youngsters had to walk through open fields, across railroad tracks, and through heavy traffic.

At the meeting this week, Hull presented two salary ranges for the supervisor. Range 13 in the five step salary plan would have started a man in this position at \$289 with a top of \$337. Range 14 has a minimum starting salary of \$300 with a top of \$350.

Baptist Church Plans Building

The Narbonne Avenue (Southern) Baptist Church is sponsoring a mission in the housing project located at 190th street and Crenshaw. It is meeting temporarily at 3227 W. 186th street.

Plans are in the making for the purchase of a building in the near future. Harvey Hobbs is serving as mission pastor and is being assisted by John Williams. Everyone is invited to attend. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

Barbers Vote To Close Mon.

This week, Monday, Nov. 26, barbers of local 881, located in the San Pedro, Wilmington, Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, and Wateria area voted unanimously at a regular meeting to go on a five-day week and maintain the price of haircuts at \$1.25. G. J. Burger, secretary of Local 881, announced today.

"No upping of prices can occur," said Burger, "until the membership of Barber's Union 881 votes on such a proposal, and no meeting for this purpose has been scheduled."

Burger pointed out that a check of the local situation was made following word that haircuts had been increased in the San Francisco Bay area.

OBITUARIES

Philip Busch was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 26. Rosary service was conducted in the chapel of Stone and Myers Mortuary, at 8:00 Monday. Mass was said at 9:00 Monday at the Church of the Nativity.

Dependent over ill health, the 43-year-old victim apparently had slashed his throat. His body was discovered by his wife, Gertrude, on the floor of the bathroom of their home, 2362 Maricopa Pl.

Mrs. Busch is the sole survivor.

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