

DEAR EDITOR....

Group Opposes
Annexation or
Incorporation

Editor
Torrance Press

The board of directors of the

Lomita property owners and

registered voters wish to state their preference for the present county status rather than incorporation or annexation.

We believe that there is not a single advantage to be gained from joining Torrance or making a city of Lomita. It seems

that there would be no question of higher taxes in either eventuality.

We object to Torrance making claim to any portion of Lomita territory and hope that they will drop all proceedings. Assemblyman Vince Thomas has asked for an investigation of the present situation with the thought in mind of changing the laws with respect to annexing or incorporating county territories.

Signed: John Alberg, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Lillian Cameron, Mrs. Peggy Carter, Mrs. George Clancy, Mrs. Desie Myers, Mr. Don Myers, Mr. Geo. Sands, Mr. Pete Thorson, Capt. Henry Hansen, Mrs. Lena Wells, Mrs. Tony Kubica.

Torrance-Redondo

Editor

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I do not like the expression "annexation" that we hear now so often, but I think it is a good idea to make one large city out of the different communities in the South Bay area.

There are many advantages and no disadvantages. In case of a ballot I think a great majority would go for the proposed consolidation.

The only objections would probably arise from certain officials in fear of losing their jobs. But there is such a shortage of good public workers that they would certainly be relocated in the new administration. This however should really be a consolidation and not an annexation.

Many Redondans would hardly agree to become Torrenceans or vice versa. Also the names of the towns concerned are not appropriate for a large city.

I would therefore suggest the new name, PACIFIC CITY.

It is true that there is already an insignificant town with this name in Oregon.

However, it does not make much difference. There are also two ATLANTIC CITIES in the

United States and the second one in Wyoming does no harm at all to the famous New Jersey city.

Sincerely yours,
(s) Adolf Ernst

Dangerous Curves

Editor

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I often read about traffic accidents in the Palos Verdes area. On the other hand, I see that drivers are permitted to speed through dangerous curves. I ride to the Plaza daily and wonder if I would be the next victim of this over-looked hazard.

When coming from the Riviera a speed limit of the 35 mph is clearly indicated on the sharp curve leading to Plaza.

This is much too much for a sharp curve with two intersections—25 mph should be the maximum.

I never make more than that but many speeders overtake me in the curve thus endangering all other fellow drivers.

Are we waiting for another big crash? Do we need innocent victims to convince us that that area is definitely a hazard?

Sincerely yours,
(s) Marc Bergerac

Low Blow

The first round in the incorporation battle went to unscrupulous characters who do not live in Lomita. The foot in the door technique, with nothing barred in the way of lies and intimidation, got signatures at "so much per."

The promoters have little reason to be proud, in view of the methods used to get signatures. This is only preliminary.

In the secrecy of the voting booth, Downey residents fought off the special interests three times.

Recently Palmdale, Rosemead, Temple City and Altadena each won another year of freedom from the promoters.

Intimidators have to stay a

Savings-Loan Declares '56 Biggest Year

At the annual shareholders' meeting of the First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of San Pedro held last week, president Dr. J. L. Bloch revealed that 1956 had proved to be the biggest year in the 20-year history of the institution.

According to Bloch, the association increased its total assets from \$12,984,654 to \$17,298,543 during the calendar year, adding \$3,786,498 in savings, and making 597 home loans aggregating \$4,235,305 in the same period. Earnings distributed among savers on June 30 and again December totaled \$495,429.69, the latter dividend being paid at the current rate of 4% per annum.

The shareholders elected Dr. Jesse L. Bloch and Montgomery Phister directors for a three year term, and voted in R. E. Van Devander as a director to complete the term of the late George G. Collins. Continuing as board members are Cecil L. Thomas and Leon L. Dwight.

At the first board meeting of

legal distance from the polling places. People who were grossly deceived as to the character of the petition, and those who were scared into signing without ever seeing the petition, will not be duped a second time.

The Lomita Civic League, with a paid-up membership in excess of 200, has just begun to fight to keep our "county" status.

Sincerely,
Herbert B. Brislin
President Lomita Civic League
L. E. Ross
Chairman of Committee Opposing Incorporation

the new year, Dr. Bloch was reelected president; Leon L. Dwight, vice president and secretary and Cecil L. Thomas, vice president. To complete the organizational roster, the following officers were named: William H. Pape, assistant vice president-treasurer; Irene R. Pebbles, assistant secretary; Robert F. Balmer, assistant treasurer; Charles T. Cederlof, assistant treasurer. Lomita branch; assistant secretaries Dorothy Bonachic, Helen Carevich, Florence D. Huey, Peggy Landgren, Imogene Meyer and Jane Newcomer.

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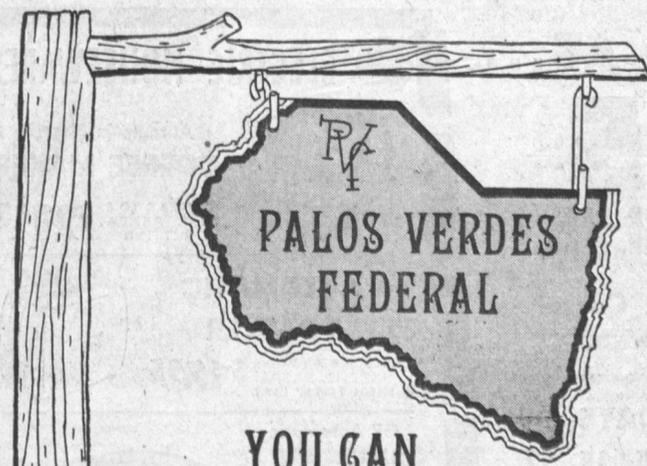
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