

Watson Hits Critics Of Tax Limit Plan

County Assessor Philip E. Watson has challenged critics of his 1 per cent property tax limit initiative to come up with a "better plan" than his for property tax relief.

Speaking before two sections of Town Hall, Watson, author of the November ballot proposition which would cut property taxes by 50 per cent, said the opposition response to the qualification of the initiative had been "pure hysteria."

"Organizations like the California Taxpayers' Association and the California Teachers' Association, who have seldom before seen eye-to-eye on government expenditures, have suddenly become bedfellows in the fight against this proposition," Watson said.

the homeowners of this state out of voting for themselves the property tax relief they have been promised for all these years."

Watson reminded his audience that his proposal had been before the legislature in 1964, 1966, and 1967 and that he had been campaigning for it for more than five years. "It's ridiculous for any reasonable person to try to pretend this tax limit proposition took anyone by surprise," he said.

IT'S EASY to be a critic, Watson said. "But I challenge the people who are opposing my proposition."

Hawthorne Publisher Succumbs

"LEGISLATORS who have been campaigning for years on the promise of property tax relief—now that a concrete plan for property tax relief is before the voters—have turned their promises into threats of retaliatory taxes."

"These people are now trying to threaten and frighten

Graveside services were held at Hillside Friday for David W. Whitebrook, publisher of the Advertiser-Press newspapers in Hawthorne since 1946. Mr. Whitebrook died early Thursday.

A newspaperman all his life, Mr. Whitebrook came to Hawthorne as owner-publisher of the Hawthorne Press in 1946 after a distinguished career as a newspaperman in the middle west and the east.

He was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and received his elementary and secondary education there. He began an active newspaper career while attending the University of Iowa, and later was advertising manager of the Rock Island, Ill. Argus and display manager for the Des Moines, Iowa, Register.

MR. WHITEBROOK later served as co-publisher of a Cedar Falls, Iowa, daily newspaper and then joined the staff of Meyer-Both news and advertising service and called on most of the publishers from the Mississippi River to the Hudson.

Before moving his family to Hawthorne in 1946, he published a community newspaper in a Chicago suburb.

Mr. Whitebrook has been an influential leader in the Hawthorne community since he acquired the Hawthorne Press. His energy led to expansion and development of the newspaper and the addition of affiliated community newspapers through the years of his service. The Advertiser-Press Newspapers now include, in addition to the Hawthorne Press, the Lawndale Press, El Segundo Tribune, Southland Press, South Bay Tribune, and the Centinela Sunday Press.

HE WAS a member of the Masonic lodge in Moline, Ill., and a member of the Advertising Club of America. He was a charter member of the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, and a charter member and founder of the Hawthorne Savings and Loan Association, an organization he served 18 years as director. He also was a member of the Hawthorne Rotary Club.

Surviving Mr. Whitebrook are his widow, Lee; a son, John, who is associated in the Advertiser-Press Newspapers; and two grandchildren, Riki and Roni.

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he continued. "While they are criticizing let them tell us what they meant all these years by property tax relief. Let them tell us what they propose instead of my plan."

He said the people of California won't be satisfied with the promise of another tax study commission as a solution to the property tax bills they're going to get this Nov. 1. "We've had four major tax reform studies in the last four years. Not one of them has been implemented. What's more, not one of them has seriously tackled the problem of significant tax relief for the homeowner," Watson said.

Watson said the only result of the tax studies made so far has been to suggest ways to raise more tax dollars without giving any relief to the average property owners.

THE ASSESSOR warned that the homeowner is no longer going to be satisfied with another promise that "something, sometime" will be done to ease his tax burden. "He's heard promises, promises and more promises—and all he's gotten is more new taxes," the assessor said.

Watson's proposal would restrict the property tax to property-related services, such as are provided by the counties, cities, and special districts, and limit the amount of taxes for this purpose to 1 per cent of market value, exclusive of bond and long-term lease obligations.

At the same time, the initiative provides for a 20 per cent year phase-out of schools and education costs from property tax, so that at the end of five years the entire school and welfare burden will be eliminated.

... Class

(Continued from Page 1) THEY LOOKED at local government from both the point of view of elected officials and paid employees.

City manager Edward Ferrara spent a morning giving them the inside story of the problems facing the city of Torrance. From one of his administrative assistants they learned about the functions of city council.

Such persons as planning director Charles Shartle, Police Chief Walter Koenig, and recreation director Harry Van Bellehem explained the workings of their departments and the problems involved in planning for the future.

TO ENHANCE their knowledge of county government, the students visited a session of the county Board of Supervisors, spent a morning in superior court, and spoke with an assistant district attorney and a social services supervisor.

Winding up the summer course was a week-long study of public school administration. Students learned about running Torrance schools from Superintendent Dr. J. H. Hull, from board president Dr. Owen Griffith, and from attending a meeting of the Board of Education.

DR. FRANK Mattox, business manager, explained school finances, and Roland Petrat, personnel consultant, told them about personnel policies and prospects. Also talking with them about the instruction program were Dr. Bruce Wagner, curriculum consultant and Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent, special services.

How did students like the out-of-the-classroom class? According to Armstrong, summer school is a time when a teacher can gauge his effectiveness by the dropout rate. The local government class started six weeks ago with 23 students. When the final class was conducted this week, 23 students showed up to turn in final reports. "The figures tell the story," Armstrong concluded.



EXCHANGE WINNER . . . C. M. (Chuck) Eischen, recently named governor of Area 20 of the California District Exchange Clubs, displays the trophy awarded him after his selection as "Exchange of the year" in this area. Eischen was president of the South Bay Exchange Club during the 1966-67 year and has served on a number of the club's committees. The award was presented by Ron Whiles, immediate past president. (Press-Herald Photo)

CHP Academy Is Satisfying Life

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Obituaries

W. R. Calder

Funeral services were held in Texas last week for W. R. Calder, who died there July 24. He had lived in Torrance for 24 years before moving to Texas.

He is survived by his widow, Kathleen of Texas; a son, W. R. Jr. of Cypress; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Lou Rinehart, of Highland Park; a brother, Lee of Caddo, Okla.; three sisters, Ada Smith of Caddo, Okla., Mae Dean of Anchorage, Alaska; and Betty Weeks of Big Springs, Tex.; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Calder was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Helen Wells

Services and interment will be held in Roanoke, Va., for Helen A. Wells, 80, who died Wednesday after living in the Torrance area for six years.

Formerly of 26118 Delos St., she is survived by her husband, James L., and a son, James A., both of Torrance. Three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive Mrs. Wells. Stone and Myers Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.



YOUNG MINSTRELS . . . The Mustard Seed, a vocal group of in-training Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, full time workers will present a program of song and slides at Ascension Lutheran Church, located at 17910 South Prairie Ave., this evening at 7 following a pot luck dinner. The performers are (left to right) Keith Killinger, Gerald Iverson, and David Chaffin. Purpose of the program is the recruitment of workers for the synod.

Visit Here Bus Safety Clinic Sets

A specially designed safety coach, used throughout the nation to teach bus drivers how to avoid accidents, will be on display here Tuesday.

Built at a cost of \$40,000, the completely converted ve-

hicle is operated by Transit Casualty Co., an insuring group for fleet drivers.

Marshall Chamberlain, city bus superintendent, described the vehicle as "a safety clinic on wheels." He said it is equipped with devices capable of testing a

driver's depth of perception, vision, knowledge of driving fundamentals, ability to recover from the glare of oncoming headlights, reaction time and hearing.

The mobile clinic is used by bus and truck companies, schools, civic groups, and others engaged in professional driving.

The vehicle, nicknamed Safe-T-Coach, will be visited by the city's 25 drivers during its day-long stay at the City Yard, 20486 Madrona Ave.

Tickets Available for Mardi Gras de Mexico

Tickets for the Mardi Gras de Mexico currently appearing live at Universal City Studios may be obtained at the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce office in Port Royal Marina, 555 Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach.

Area residents have been urged to purchase tickets, priced at \$2.50 adults and \$1.50 for children under 12, to aid the Redondo Beach Sister City Program with La Paz and Ensenada, Baja California, according to Dr. Jack W. McLaughlin, president.

The extravaganza features continuous Mexican style entertainment from 6 p.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday and from 5 p.m. to midnight on Sunday through Sept. 2.

The main event of the famed Mardi Gras is the flying Indians of Papantla, who present their death-defying ritual nightly.

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(Continued from Page 1) sprayed water on the building to prevent the flames from spreading.

Damage to the Pizza Palace was estimated at \$15,000. The barber shop, owned by Richard P. Livingston of 30733 Tomlee St., and the beauty salon were the least damaged.

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