



Those 3 Bond Issues Do We Need Them? Are They Worth It?

WHEN a business grows new equipment must be purchased for the bookkeeper of that business will soon be dipping into the red ink.

So when a city grows—new equipment must be purchased that city deteriorates, loses prestige and slides into the category of the has-beens.

Let's look on the three bond issues to be voted on next month as a purchase plan.

Torrance voters are asked to buy something. They must decide whether Torrance NEEDS the proposed improvements and then if those improvements are WORTH THE MONEY to be expended.

CONSIDER the proposed purchase of the water plant. Of all the proposals this seems the most important. The city NEEDS the water system if service is to be EXTENDED and an ADEQUATE supply of water provided every home. Water is a public necessity and should be controlled by the public through their elected representatives.

If the voters elect to purchase the water system for \$130,000 and vote \$10,000 for operation and extensions, the city of Torrance will GET ITS MONEY'S WORTH.

To duplicate the system today would cost twice as much as the company asks for the system. This is the opinion of experts. Figuring the original cost of the entire system and deducting deterioration charges, the value of the system today would be \$140,000. The company is willing to sell for \$130,000.

As Torrance grows and the profits of the water company INCREASE there will be added to the value of the water company a good deal more commensurate with profits. THE SYSTEM WILL BE MUCH MORE COSTLY IN A YEAR OR TWO THAN IT IS TODAY.

The company has stood all the losses during the lean period of establishment. The city can take over the system just as it is starting to RETURN A PROFIT.

From strict financial and investment standpoint, Torrance should purchase the water system. IT IS WORTH THE MONEY.

IN our belief the proposal next in importance is that which would provide for the paving of Western avenue. Torrance needs that pavement. At present the city is on NO MAIN HIGHWAY. Yet growth is dependent upon transportation—and motor transportation is rapidly becoming VITAL to the life of Southern California. The city of Los Angeles is now paving Western avenue from Slauson to Manchester. If the city of Torrance paves Western avenue to the city limits, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL PAVE THE STRIP FROM THE END OF THE PRESENT PAVEMENT TO THE TORRANCE LIMITS. They have PROMISED to do so. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, realizing the need of another main highway from the mountains to the sea, IS IN FAVOR of this.

The cost of the Western avenue pavement will be shared by the owners of abutting property. The city will pave 20 feet, the owners six feet. THAT SEEMS JUST.

The cost of the paving—\$60,000—will come back to Torrance in INCREASED TRAFFIC, resulting INCREASED VALUES to all property in the city and INCREASED REVENUE for everyone in town.

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EVERY city should be well lighted. There is no argument about that. Torrance needs lights. The cost of installing the system has been CAREFULLY figured. The city will get ITS MONEY'S WORTH. The voters have only to decide whether the expenditure is necessary AT THIS TIME.

The board of trustees set two election days for voting on the three issues. They believe that the MOST IMPORTANT proposition is that which has to do with the purchase of the water system.

Any one of the propositions must be favored by TWO-THIRDS of ALL the votes cast. The proposition to buy the sewer farm was defeated because some citizens DID NOT VOTE on it at all.

If the water bonds should be defeated the city would NEVER be able to buy the system for the price NOW ASKED.

If either one of the other two propositions is defeated, however, they are NOT lost beyond recall.

The trustees therefore set two election days, so that the vote on the water bonds would not be affected by NON-VOTERS who might neglect to register their vote on the water bonds—so that the decision would represent the desires of ALL WHO VOTE on that particular proposition—WITHOUT REGARD for the other propositions.

Whatever the voters think of the trustees' action in setting two election days—it SHOULD NOT influence opinion on the bond issues themselves. If the bond issues are needed, if they will give Torrance ITS MONEY'S WORTH—VOTE FOR THEM, REGARDLESS of the two election days.

GETTY PAYS \$50,000 FOR 16 1-2 ACRE LEASE IN OIL FIELD

One of the biggest lease transfers recorded in the Torrance-Lomita area is that of George E. Getty this week. The Petroleum corporation and 25 per cent royalty for the lease straddling the Torrance-Lomita boundary. The lease starts near Arlington and runs

down Narbonne avenue, Lomita, to a point midway between Palm and Acacia streets. From the main highway it checkerboards to the west. The Petroleum corporation originally leased the land for 20 per cent royalty and \$500 an acre, the total bonus being \$8250.

RESERVATIONS FOR WOMAN'S CLUB FEAST
Reservations are now being made for the Torrance table at the luncheon to be given in honor of the president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs on Wednesday, November 14, at the new Biltmore hotel, Los Angeles.

All the clubs in the Los Angeles district will be present, and tickets should be secured as early as possible, but not later than October 25, at the office of City Attorney P. G. Briney, according to Mrs. Briney, who is making reservations for the Torrance club.

FIELD SETS UP NEW MARK

22 NEW RIGS GO UP IN RECORD WEEK

Total Wells in Field Now Number 188

COMPANIES RUSH Field Scouts Unable to Keep Up With Boom

Twenty-two new rigs have been located or started in the Torrance-Lomita field during the past week. On Wednesday there were 188 rigs up, under construction, or with lumber on the ground. And the next few weeks promise to bring no letup in development.

Indicative of the speed with which companies are hurrying work in Lomita is the latest work of Julian field men. On Tuesday Julian signed a lease for the Bell-Johnson acre on East Acacia street, lot 12. Wednesday there was lumber on the ground.

So rapidly is development taking place that field scouts of the companies are almost unable to keep field offices informed of new locations. A list of new wells follows:

Hub Oil company, northwest corner of Arlington and old Redondo road, Torrance—1.

George F. Getty, Narbonne avenue between Palm and Acacia, Lomita—1; Arlington and Lincoln, Torrance—1; Cedar and Pennsylvania, Torrance—1. Total—3.

DeLozier Oil company, Kurtz and Sidebotham property, between Pine and Acacia on Narbonne—1.

Midway Northern, Cedar and Pennsylvania, Torrance—1.

Nugent Oil company, East Cherry and Narbonne, Lomita—1.

Painted Hills Oil company, West Pine street, Lomita—1.

Universal Oil company, Hooper-Jones-White 13-acre lease, south of Elgin street—1. Will drill eight on lease at once.

Empire Drilling company, Pepper street west of Narbonne, Lomita—1.

C. C. Julian, Bell-Johnson lease, East Acacia—1.

Petroleum Midway, Fir near Pennsylvania, Lomita—1.

Universal Oil company, on 19-acre community lease on West Pepper street—2. (Two now drilling and five rigs under construction.)

Gregg and Fisher syndicate, Cypress and Fir, Lomita—1.

Fortuna Oil company, Pine street, Lomita—1.

Keefer & Riden, Acacia street, Lomita—1.

H. V. Patton, old Redondo road near Cypress—1.

Patton-Cassady, old Redondo road near Cypress—1.

THIRTEEN IS LUCKY NUMBER FOR MIDWAY NORTHERN CO.

No. 13 is lucky for the Midway Oil company. The company is just 13 years old. It's No. 1 well on the old Redondo road, the well that ushered in all the development in the southern extension of the old proven territory, was spudded in on the 13th of the month. It was placed on production

BETTER BABIES DAY IN THIS DISTRICT OCT. 29

Women's Club and P.-T. A. Are to Stage Contest

FOR KEYSTONE, TOO Infants Will Be Scored and Names Published

Mrs. W. C. Andrus, chairman of child welfare department of the Torrance Women's club, announced at the meeting held Monday, Oct. 15, that all preparations had been made for the "Better Babies Day" for Torrance, Vista Highlands and Keystone at the Torrance high school Monday, Oct. 29, under the joint auspices of the child welfare department of the Torrance Women's club and the Torrance P.-T. A.

Mothers who wish to enter children between ages of birth and 6 years will please make appointments.

Those who cannot register at Reeve's hardware store or Paige's grocery store at any time during the week October 20-27, from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., telephone 109-M, or write to Mrs. Walter Andrus, General Delivery, Torrance.

When writing give name, number of children, and when desired to have children examined. Please note: No sick or sickly children will be examined.

Dr. Maud Wilde will be present Monday to score the babies.

The names of all children who grade above 90 per cent will be published. With a possible score of 100 per cent, the grading is apportioned as follows:

Weight at birth, present weight (5), height (5), general nutrition (5), circumference of head (3), length, width, width of frontal, fontanel, circumference of chest (3), circumference of abdomen (3), extremities (1), bones (1), muscles (1), skin (3), hair (1), eyes (2), ears (2), nose (2), mouth (3), teeth (2), tonsils (2), adenoids (2), lungs (5), liver (3), external genitals (5), glands (3), heart (5).

Psychological—Expression: facial, ocular (9); intelligence: concentration, co-ordination, imitation, speech memory, judgment, instincts (18); nervous stability (4), disposition (5); breast fed, present feeding.

The mothers' educational center is purely educational, and not clinical. Should the mothers of Torrance and vicinity desire a mothers' center established in this city, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Harry F. Gadeky, has offered to pay the expenses of the project for the remainder of this year.

RICHARD SMITH TAKES STONE'S TRUSTEE SEAT

City Dads Appoint Former Member To Fill Vacancy

Richard R. Smith is now a member of the board of trustees. He was appointed by the board to take the place of Trustee Stone, who has moved to Athens. Mr. Smith was a member of the previous board of trustees, having declined to run for re-election.

A double-barreled program will entertain Torrance folks at the next meeting of the Open Forum in Legion hall on Monday evening, Nov. 5. Congressman Fredericks will speak and the annual road show of the Southern California Edison company will be presented.

KEYSTONE IS ROYAL HOST TO CHAMBERS

Members of Chambers of Commerce who attended the Fourth district meeting at Keystone last Thursday night were high in their praise of the splendid welcome given the visitors by the Keystone Chamber of Commerce. Important business was discussed, but the thing that stuck longest in the minds of those present was the fact that if the little town on Harbor boulevard keeps up its progressive spirit it won't be little very long.

KEYSTONE NOTES

Mrs. F. E. Mosely, mother of G. W. Mosely, the well known garage man of Keystone, left for Honolulu for two years with her son, Ensign Mosely, U.S.N., who is stationed there.

Will Change Zone Law to Encourage Building in City

Trustees Sweep Aside All Restrictions To Allow Construction of Courts for 35 Families in Torrance

BOARD PLANS TO AMEND ORDINANCE Members Favor Code To Save City From Shacks, But Seeks To Aid Erection of Dwellings

That the zoning ordinance will be revamped to meet the emergency due to the acute housing shortage in Torrance was indicated Tuesday night when the board of trustees swept aside minor restrictions to make way for the construction of family courts that will house no less than forty families in the city.

Two special permits were granted to enable builders to erect unit courts, one to W. J. Werner for a nine-unit court at Arlington and Marcelina, to cost \$20,000. The special permit was required because the builder desired to construct the buildings within two feet of the Arlington street property line.

To Build Nine-Unit Court
F. F. Hayward of Long Beach was granted a permit to construct a nine-unit court between Arlington and Fortola streets on Redondo boulevard.

The restrictions call for a brick front on buildings in this district which are erected within 20 feet of the property line. The board granted the permit for wooden front construction.

Harry E. Paige, representing the business men's association, stressed the need for more dwellings and courts in the city. He urged the board to remove restrictions within reason to encourage building.

When the board granted the two permits there was considerable applause.

Room for 35 Families
Mr. Hayward announced that the court which he will build will be the first of three to go up in the same block, providing in all units for 35 families.

The zoning ordinance has proven a stumbling block at every recent meeting of the board. Almost every individual seeking to build has asked that certain restrictions be removed. The trustees, anxious to encourage building, nevertheless feel that removal of all restrictions would work to the detriment of the city. It was informally announced, however, that the trustees will give the zoning ordinance comprehensive study with an eye to changes calculated to encourage building.

As stated by Trustee Proctor and Mayor Gilbert: "We want to encourage all the building we can. But we do not feel that we should encourage the building of a city of shacks. We will try to make the zoning law strict enough to protect the city from becoming a large group of irregularly placed shanties, and at the same time revamp it so that it will encourage building."

BOOSTER HERE FOR TEN YEARS

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



C. A. Paxman, affable man and prominent hardware dealer, got off at the start with the town of Torrance. Both have gone strong ever since, but they have not finished. No, indeed, Paxman and this thriving city keep right on the track of progress, always forging ahead and doing things, one for the other.

Mr. Paxman is a native Vermonter. He was born not sixty miles from the birthplace of "Cal" Coolidge, our new president. He had the advantages of an upbringing on a Vermont farm, and when he arrived at manhood he prepared himself for the electrical trade. After spending eight years in New York city he settled in Hartford, Conn. From this latter place he made a trip to California for "a vacation," but he never returned to New Eng-

land. The Union Tool Co., then in its infancy, had heard of his abilities as a craftsman, and so they reached out and "grabbed" him for service. He spent some time with that company in installing machinery, and henceforth began his business career in this city, first six years in the electrical trade and for the past seven years in conducting a hardware store of no less than one hundred per cent service. And he is still doing things at his busy establishment in El Prado street, serving a large clientele and never forgetting for a moment the interest of the city that he has come to regard so highly.

The Paxman store is strongly suggestive of dependable wares, of the

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Saturday, Oct. 27, is the last day you can register if you want to vote at the bonding election next month. If you have not registered since January 1, 1922, you must register again.