PRESENTING THE FIRST TORRANCE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

DR. HOWARD A. WOOD
1398 Votes, High Candidate

MRS. EVELYN CARR
987 Votes, Second High

MRS. GRACE WRIGHT
961 Votes, Short Term

GEORGE P. THATCHER
791 Votes, Short Term

CARL D. STEELE
790 Votes, Short Term

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TORRANCE SCHOOLS WIN FIRST STEP IN LAWSUIT TO SAVE LOCAL PROPERTY

Superior Judge Frank G. Swain yesterday overruled the demurrer of the Los Angeles City School district in the petition of John A. Shidler, city judge of Torrance in his capacity as a taxpayer, to restrain the Los Angeles schools from selling and removing real estate or buildings belonging to the schools of Torrance.

In overruling the Los Angeles demurrer, Judge Swain granted Los Angeles 10 days to answer the complaint of Judge Shidler and granted a preliminary injunction to prevent the sale of real property and removal of buildings. No bond was required.

According to Attorney S. V. O. Pritchard, who filed the action on behalf of Shidler and a Torrance citizens committee, the action of the court yesterday has the effect of protecting the interests of the taxpayers of Torrance until various legal aspects of the case are decided in the highest courts.

Judge Swain ruled, in effect, that when the City of Torrance adopted a City Charter on Aug. 20, 1946, a new school district was formed and the old district became the trustee of all property in the new district to be held and preserved until the new district's Board of Education can take over on the effective date. In the case of Torrance this is on the first Monday of July. He said that the Los Angeles district, a trustee for Torrance, owes the utmost good faith to the people of the new district, and cannot do anything to the disadvantage of the new district.

The case was inspired by the removal of two bungalows from Torrance elementary school grounds several weeks ago, and by the threats of Los Angeles to "strip" or move out other buildings and sell property including the valuable 15-acre Gardena high school farm which is located in Torrance.

In overruling the Los Angeles demurrer, Judge Swain has opened the way for trial of all issues in the case, and if necessary the newly elected Torrance City Board of Education will be joined as a party plaintiff at a later time.

While the actual restraining order involves only the buildings and real estate, the complaint brought fixtures and funds of the student bodies and gifts to the schools into the case for disposition of the court.

The lawsuit was based on the language of the Education Code which states that a new district is entitled to all real estate, buildings and fixtures located in the district, formed as a part or a whole of another existing district.

Airport Permit Delayed For Day By Inventory

Torrance City Council last night accepted the resignation of Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, from the Torrance Aviation Commission with regrets.

Whyte, in his letter to the City Council, declared that he felt it necessary to resign "due to the increasing pressure of both my own business and that of other organizations with which I am connected, coupled with the stern advice of my physician to 'slow down,' I find it necessary to tender my resignation."

The Council, after accepting the resignation of Whyte, announced that it would meet again tonight to consider developments with reference to granting of the permit by the Federal government to the City of Torrance for control and operation of the Army developed Lomita flight strip.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey declared that the handing over of the airport had been delayed from yesterday until today due to an inventory of buildings and facilities at the airport which had not been completed in time for action last night.

While the City of Torrance already has a perpetual permit occupancy and operation of the landing strip proper, having dedicated the strip as "Zamperini field" some months ago, the permit for the balance of the 480-acre port was to have been received yesterday. The delay was due to the inventory problems, the mayor said.

SUNRISE SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Youth Group will sponsor an Easter sunrise service to be held at 6 a.m. at Methodist Church on Sunday, April 6. Jean Daniels has been named as leader of the services. Everyone is welcome.

Revised Count Shows 13,160 Residents Here

A revised count of the special census taken recently in Torrance shows an official population of 13,160 in comparison to 9,950 on April 1, 1940, an increase of 31 percent.

A break-down of the figures show a total male population of 6,748 to 6,412 females. Of these there are tabulated 12,807 white and 353 non-white persons. Of the non-white there are 194 males and 159 females.

Officials here estimate an approximate $6,000 a year increase in gasoline funds due to the rise.

Official certification of the population has been made by the director of Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C.

Site Offered For Pueblo Playground

It was announced to the City Council last night that the American Rock Wool Corp. has made a strip of land available for use for softball by the Pueblo area children. Rev. Cyril Wood, pastor of St. Joseph's church, reported that the Pacific Electric Company also has offered a piece of land for this purpose.

It was requested of the Council that a release from responsibility be granted the companies so that the land may be used for a softball diamond, as a legal transfer of land would involve much time and expense through the plants' main offices in the east.

TWO MEN FINED FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING HERE

Two Torrance men pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving during the past week in City Court.

Raymond A. Brooks, 20210 S. Western ave., arrested March 12, was fined $200 by Judge John A. Shidler Friday.

Harold R. Murray of the Murray Hotel was arrested Saturday and fined $150 when he appeared in court.

'Salute To Industry' Dinner Monday To See 400 Gathered In Auditorium

Torrance Chamber of Commerce will present an interest-filled program depicting industry in Torrance in the annual dinner, "Salute to Industry," Monday evening in the Civic auditorium.

Thirty-eight tables have been sold and limited individual tickets will be available until Monday noon, Blaine Walker, secretary, said.

Reed H. Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said the following will be at the speakers' table: C. S. Beesemyer, president Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and vice president, General Petroleum Corp.; D. S. Faulkner, vice president the National Supply Co.; Carl Wirsching, city manager, Long Beach; J. Hugh Sherfey Jr., mayor of Torrance; Henry Creeger, manager Torrance plant, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.; Edward Christiansen, president, Bates Expanded Steel Corp.; W. T. Tillotson, American Rock Wool Corp.; E. R. Doak, president Doak Aircraft Co.; L. A. Harvey, Harvey Machine Co.; Gilbert Woodill, Anderson Carlson Co.; Hector Haight, RFC and Ed Duke, sales manager American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.

The list of those who have reserved tables indicates that more than 400 will be in attendance at the big dinner which will feature a program of entertainment and tribute to the new industries of Torrance.

The list follows:

Torrance Water Department, Torrance Kiwanis club, Torrance City Council, Torrance Herald, Torrance Lions club, American Rock Wool Corp.

Torrance Board of Education, Bob Haggard, J. C. Penney Co., Bank of America, W. H. Tolson, Walter G. Linch—Dodge and Plymouth, Redondo Beach.

El Prado Furniture Co., Waale-Camplan & Smith, Inc., contractors, Allen Jewelers, Doak Aircraft Corp.

Torrance National Bank, National Supply Co., Columbia Steel Co., The Gay Shop, Standard of California, International Derrick & Equipment Co., Bates Expanded Steel Corp., Pacific Electric Railway, Dixie Lee Studio & Camera Shop, General Petroleum Corp., Joshua Hendy Iron Works.

Torrance Lumber Company, Plastik Company of America, Ben Haggott, Lomita News, Harvey Machine Co.

Noonan Elected President Of Merchants Group

George R. Noonan, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store in Torrance, was elected president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

GEORGE R. NOONAN
Merchants' President

Vice president is Irving Weider and treaseurer is Mrs. Charles N. Dodd.

Directors are President Noonan, Bob Haggard, Charles N. Dodd, Bernard Lee, Ed Schwartz, Alden Smith and Vice President Weider.

The following committee chairmen were named: Membership, Paul Diamond; finance, Haggard; publicity, Edwin B. Brown; plans and promotion, O. D. Fuller, and labor relations, Sam Levy.

President Noonan announced that the committee chairmen will select their own assistants, and that the evening meeting of the membership committee will be held on April 1.

Torrance Woman Gets Sentence In L. B. Court

Mrs. May (Ma) Ramsey was sentenced Saturday to serve from two to five years in the women's prison at Tehachepi by Superior Judge Leslie E. Still, after being convicted for performing an illegal operation upon a 22-year-old woman.

Mrs. Ramsey was represented by Attorney Morris Lavine, who served notice that he would appeal the conviction after Judge Still overruled his motion for a new trial.

Officers testified that when arrested in her Torrance home, Mrs. Ramsey had enough medical supplies and instruments to stock a small hospital.

RESULT OF VOTE TUESDAY BY PRECINCTS

Precinct	Ambach	Beight	Carr	Isen	Lee	Lynch	Millard	O'Toole	Raymond	Smith	Steele	Thatcher	Wood	Wright	Vote Cast	Fire Station Bonds Yes	Fire Station Bonds No	Police Station Bonds Yes	Police Station Bonds No
No. 1 18211 Prairie	11	23	35	22	19	23	15	24	26	14	38	38	50	33	79	39	32	37	35
No. 2 1314 Date	23	9	76	41	29	51	50	68	23	54	50	74	108	65	155	82	51	80	53
No. 3 716 Border	9	14	29	24	11	25	14	25	6	8	34	17	47	30	65	37	28	32	24
No. 4 1723 Andreo	18	14	76	64	22	60	16	28	33	26	65	41	107	79	139	75	53	66	58
No. 5 1322 Engracia	6	10	74	18	19	36	16	22	6	20	58	41	91	67	102	59	35	61	35
No. 6 2309 Torrance	12	10	58	37	36	42	37	20	21	17	44	45	88	52	108	55	43	52	47
No. 7 1317 Beech	13	17	74	49	31	63	45	43	17	32	46	61	113	93	152	83	49	80	52
No. 8 1804 Arlington	20	19	87	53	35	42	30	26	38	22	63	59	109	82	142	67	55	66	57
No. 9 2313 Andreo	15	15	53	24	14	36	16	18	25	23	42	30	76	48	93	45	39	40	42
No. 10 23013 Narbonne	17	5	36	6	7	21	15	12	8	11	20	24	34	31	53	14	35	10	40
No. 11 2463 Carson	11	17	61	29	14	50	29	31	18	30	56	22	75	62	111	46	50	43	51
No. 12 22504 Ocean	16	12	14	32	25	10	60	33	24	28	33	80	58	19	110	33	49	29	50
No. 13 908 Cota	5	16	52	36	21	26	21	22	9	23	28	28	69	38	81	39	31	32	36
No. 14 1417 Cota	12	10	119	50	29	84	46	20	21	32	72	67	152	118	178	104	55	105	54
No. 15 1916 Andreo	21	15	64	33	10	45	9	36	15	23	57	25	74	58	108	46	50	50	50
No. 16 22404 Hawthorne	17	13	13	22	64	7	89	31	54	25	24	94	48	13	117	41	56	39	55
No. 17 1307 Portola	13	14	66	36	18	44	32	24	10	22	60	45	101	73	116	50	51	55	48
TOTALS	239	233	987	576	404	665	540	482	354	410	790	791	1398	961	1909	915	762	877	787

Charter Committee Group Endorsed As First Board Of Education in Torrance

In a sweeping endorsement of their endeavor to establish an independent school system in Torrance, members of the Charter Committee, with but one exception, were elected as the first Torrance City Board of Education Tuesday.

The five citizens chosen to run the new Torrance school system for the first term are:

Dr. Howard A. Wood, 1,398 votes, for the long term.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, 987 votes, for the long term.

Mrs. Grace W. Wright, 961 votes, short term.

Carl D. Steele, 790, short term.

George P. Thatcher, 791, short term.

James L. Lynch was denied a place on the first Board of Education as a result of widespread endorsement of Thatcher who was an aggressive worker in the campaign to withdraw Torrance schools from Los Angeles as a member of the sponsoring committee of the recently adopted City Charter.

Fire and police department bonds failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority at the polls, although each issue was favored by the majority. On the $125,000 fire department issue, the vote was 911 yes and 762 no. On the police department issue, 874 yes and 787 no.

Other candidates for the Board of Education fared as follows:

James L. Lynch, 665.
Albert Isen, 576.
Mary J. Millard, 540.
Margaret O'Toole, 483.
Cecil W. Smith, 410.
Bernard Lee, 404.
Howard P. Raymond, 354.
Ila M. Ambach, 239.
Kenneth Beight, 233.

Members of the new Board of Education agreed to meet immediately and decide upon organization, although they cannot officially take office until next Tuesday.

Also, they prepared to confer immediately with Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools, and Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant superintendent, relative to the appointment of the first Superintendent of Schools of Torrance.

Candidates for the office have been in the process of being screened preparatory to submitting to the Board of Education a list of six qualified administrators from which to pick the superintendent. The county superintendent's office was requested to screen the candidates for superintendency and business manager by members of the Charter Committee. It was understood that there were more than 50 applicants for the position of superintendent.

While the schools cannot tax

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ELECTION BULLETIN

Torrance City Council last night canvassed the ballots of the Board of Education election of Tuesday with the result that the official vote for the various candidates stands:

Dr. Howard A. Wood	**1398**
Evelyn L. Carr	**992**
Grace W. Wright	**967**
George W. Thatcher	**795**
Carl D. Steele	**792**
James L. Lynch	**672**
Albert Isen	**576**
Mary J. Millard	**540**
Margaret O'Toole	**484**
Cecil W. Smith	**411**
Bernard Lee	**405**
Howard P. Raymond	**353**
Ila Mae Ambach	**239**
Kenneth Beight	**233**

The corrected vote on the fire department bonds, Proposition No. 1, is 915 "yes" and 764 "no." On the police department bonds, No. 2, 874 "yes" and 764 "no."

School Board Members Thank Voters, Herald

Successful candidates for the Torrance City Board of Education expressed their appreciation for the confidence of the electors shown at Tuesday's voting, in statements handed to the Torrance Herald.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, high man on the ballot by several hundred votes, said:

"I wish to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the voters of Torrance for the confidence they have shown in me by electing me to the first Board of Education of this city.

"I pledge that I will apply myself faithfully and to the utmost of my ability to the task before us that the trust of the people may not have been misplaced.

"I am gratified with the membership of the Board as elected and I know they will work with diligence and in harmony in an effort to give Torrance the excellent school system that it has so long deserved and has every right to expect.

"There are many knotty problems to be worked out before we can approximate our goal, but we can confidently expect valuable guidance and assistance from the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools office which has been very generous with

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Miss Torrance Of 1947 Drive Is Undertaken

The Torrance Junior Woman's club is starting the annual contest for a "Miss Torrance of 1947."

This contest is conducted to raise money for a Torrance Y. W.C.A. building fund. Receipts of this contest from year to year will, in time, create a fund that will give Torrance and nearby communities facilities for carrying on much needed work among young women.

Civic minded merchants again have pledged support by backing the contest for "Miss Torrance of 1947" with generous gifts for the contestants. The following stores have pledged prizes so far: Mode O'Day, Benson's, Penney's, Newberry's, El Prado Furniture, Charlston's, Gary's Jewelry, Allen Jewelry, Howard's Jewelry, Bernard Shoe Store, The Gay Shop, National Home Appliance and Torrance Hardware.

Girls eligible for entry in this contest must be single and be between the ages of 16 and 25.

If under 18, the entrant must have a parents' written consent. She must not be a member of the Torrance Junior Woman's club.

The queen contest committee includes the following: Mmes. Rufus Sandstrom, Carl Forkum, Don C. Moshos, G. T. Derouin, Van Barnard, Frank Farrell, H. L. Wagner, John H. Ritchie, Chas. H. Hutcherson and the Misses Louise Robins and Joan Banks.

Torrance Fire Equipment Still 'Out In The Cold'

The bond issue propositions for a new fire and police station, which were defeated in Tuesday's election, gained in affirmative votes over the last Aug. 20 election.

In the August vote, the fire station proposition received 869 "yes" votes to 1,148 "no's" as compared to 911 "yes" and 762 "no" votes Tuesday. The police station vote last year was 698 "yes" and 1,289 "no" to 874 "yes" and 787 "no" ballots this year.

Figured on a percentage basis, the favorable vote for the fire station at this week's election was 54 percent of the vote cast, compared to only 43 percent favorable vote last August. On the police station, the favorable vote increased from 35 percent last August to 53 percent at Tuesday's election.

Up until late last night the City Council had not decided any course of action to be taken concerning the fire department equipment which is without quarters due to the condemnation of the fire department building by city inspectors under the State building code.

ROTARY PRESIDENT . . . James L. Lynch, local hotel owner, is the Torrance Rotary club president for the year starting July 1, 1947. He will succeed Robert T. McCallum and will be installed at the annual "demotion party" of Rotary during the month of June.

Lynch Heads Rotary Club For New Year

James L. Lynch, local hotel owner and civic worker in Torrance for many years, will head Torrance Rotary club during the year starting July 1, 1947, it was announced yesterday.

Lynch was elected by the new board of directors chosen last week.

Vice president for the coming year is A. L. Jackson, member of the City Council. George L. Johnson will continue as secretary. William A. Zoeller is the new treasurer.

Directors in addition to the officers are W. A. Felker, George R. Noonan and Robet T. McCallum, retiring president.

The officers will be installed at the annual Rotary club "demotion party" to be held prior to July 1, it was announced.

Murder Victim Funeral Held Here Saturday

Funeral services for Jack Clifford Floyd, 30, 1221 El Prado, were conducted Saturday morning in the chapel of Stone and Myers mortuary. The remains were sent to Center Point, Iowa, the place of his birth, for interment Tuesday.

Floyd's death, as a result of last week's stabbing here, marked the end of a promising career. He had been employed for the past year by the Los Angeles Chemical Company as an entomologist. Mr. Elmer Davis, department head of the company, said Floyd was doing extensive research in insecticides there and had a brilliant future.

Graduating from the Faribault high school in Faribault, Minn., and voted the most talented man

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CHAMPION KNUCKLERS . . . Pictured above are the champions of the Torrance Herald Marble Tournament with their prizes donated by their sponsors and the Herald. In the front row, left to right, are Frank S. Selover, managing editor of the Herald, also representing the Lions Club; Charley Camou and Raul Chavez, contestants sponsored by the Rotary Club; Brownlow Parmley and Grand Champion Mikel Bolls, 20-30 Club; Jimmy Murphy and Jack Boal, Lions Club, and Dale Riley of the Torrance recreation department. In the back row are James L. Lynch, Rotary Club, and Howard Foster and Joe Useldinger of the 20-30 Club. [Story on Sports page, Torrance Herald photo.]