Vote by People

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solve our so-called "parking problem."

"(2) Taxpayers and shoppers should not have to pay for parking on their streets.

"(3) Streets should be free for the use and convenience of the public.

"(4) The parking meter question should be decided by the voters of Torrance at the polls."

Among the most active in circulating petitions against the parking meters is Vic Benstead, candidate for City Council at the last election who was defeated by seven votes by Councilman W. Blount.

The same group that refused to grant a recount of the ballots, headed by Mayor Bob Haggard and Councilman H. Spelman, thus making necessary a court count to assure Blount of his seat, is the group which is trying to install parking meters on the streets of Torrance.

Benstead himself has secured more than 100 signatures to the petitions, it was reported.

EARLY ACTION

The petitions will be presented to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett for checking during the coming week, it was said. An effort will be made to have them ready for the next Council meeting.

The City Council adopted the parking meter ordinance on August 14, ignoring protests of merchants, citizens of the community and property owners.

Those opposing the meters point to the fact that there is no parking problem at this time, and that the general fund surplus on hand as of June 30, 1951, is sufficient to buy enough lots for off-street parking.

"Either the Council should have cut the tax rate at least 20 cents per $100 assessed valuation, or they should have appropriated this surplus money to buy lots for off-street parking," said Councilman Nick Drale, sole opponent of the meters on the city's legislative body.

"There is no need to double-tax the people by requiring them to deposit coins in a meter in order to legally park at the curb on the streets of Torrance."

LOTS VACANT

Also, it was pointed out, the two lots on Marcelina avenue on which a charge is now being made to park are practically empty during the week, including the late Friday and all-day Saturday shopping rush.

Merchants said that shoppers will not even park there and have tickets validated for free parking. One merchant said that he had not had a ticket to validate from the lots for four months. Another said he had had only two tickets offered him for validation since the parking lots were put into operation.

Checks made of parking spaces available during rush hours in Torrance reveal a 60 percent vacancy on the streets within a block of the central shopping district.

The City Council majority intends to install some 700 meters at a cost of an estimated $70,000 on the streets in the "Central Traffic District," which includes all the downtown area within the Torrance boulevard, Cabrillo avenue and Carson street boundary.

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printing calculator for City Clerk's office, and $26 for refund to Mac-Low-Men Corporation, for building permits Nos. 13507 and 13511 for two homes that will not be constructed. A handling charge of $2.00 per permit will be retained.

Support of Constitution Day Event Indicated

Many local civic, religious and fraternal organizations have already signified their intention of supporting the local observance of Constitution Day, reports William T. Faulkner, realtor, committee chairman for this event which is being sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board. The event is scheduled for 8:15 p.m., Sept. 17 at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium.

"Whenever we Pledge Allegiance to the Flag we imply allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, the keystone of the arch which supports our Republic. If this Republic, which we all love, falls; if we ever lose our Constitutional Rights, this loss will develop from within through internal disorganization, internal hatreds and internal subversive activities. No foreign power is capable of taking these rights from us." said Faulkner.

"The rights we refer to are all included in, and guaranteed by our Constitution and the first ten amendments. These rights we most cherish are the Right of Life, the Righ of Liberty and the Right of Happiness," he added.

"By the Right of Liberty we mean the Right of Free Speech, to express our thoughts freely on any subject, but not the Right of Force others to agree with us; the Right of a Free Press for the wide dissemination of ideas so the individual may learn all the arguments pro and con and then make up his own mind; the Right of a Free Press for the wide dissemination of ideas so the individual may learn all the arguments pro and con and then make up his own mind; the Righ of Assemblage for public discussion of public questions; the Right to worship our God according to the dictates of our individual conscience," Faulkner pointed out.

DEFEND RIGHTS

Faulkner said that, "Unless there is concerted action to defend these rights by patriotic Americans they are in grave danger of being lost through internal dissentions. For years radical strategists have fostered through tens of thousands of publications and hundreds of national organizations, internal hatreds similar to those which destroyed free government in Europe and elsewhere. More people in the various economic and racial segments of our population hate each other than at any time in American history. The sinister objective behind the spreading of these hatreds is economic, political and racial disruption.

Keystone Man

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a former school teacher and became known as the famed "one-man army" during the Spanish-American War while serving with the civilian quartermaster corps in the Philippine Islands.

Following the war he returned to his native state to become active in political circles. He came to California during World War II and has been in Keystone for the past 10 years. He was widely known for his work in the passage of the Blue Sky law, legislation regulating securities and exchanges.

Funeral is set for 11 a.m. today at Cartwright's Mortuary, with interment in Restland Cemetery in Burbank.

Water Bond

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site and acquisition of rights-of-way, easements, etc. 20,000

Grand total, excluding legal fees and election costs $1,836,340

William Stanger water superintendent had previously said that one 10,000,000 gallon reservoir was insufficient for the district's need. All three districts use 6,000,000 gallons of water per day.

Four Youths

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rived.

All four were taken to the Harbor General Hospital. The girls were released from the same hospital after treatment and examination.

TONY RYBACK
—Press Photo

Barton Sales & Service Gains New Associate

Newly associated with the Dick Barton Chrysler-Plymouth Sales and Service, 1885 Torrance Blvd., is Tony Ryback, son-in-law to Dick Barton.

Formerly in the refrigerator business in New York, Ryback was sales manager for the Techniflex Corporation there for several years.

Ryback also saw 40 months of service as a T/5 in the United States Army during World War II.

Ryback and his wife, Elizabeth Belle Ryback, nee Barton, have a little girl, Meg. They reside at 2409 Torrance Blvd.

Council's Beer Law

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opinion of the ordinance, pointed out that added burden on this city's law enforcement agencies created by the measure.

When asked why such a measure was taken, City Manager George Stevens replied that industries who wished to give their employees annual picnics in their home town had reuqested the measure.

35 Nurses

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at that number last year by the Board of Supervisors.

YEAR COURSE

Thomas added that the hospital offers a one year practical nursing course. This includes five months of schooling at Harbor Junior college and seven months of practical nursing at the hospital under professional personnel. A new class in this one-year course opens in September.

Thomas took over as director of the Harbor General hospital on May 14 of this year. He was formerly director of Hollyview Sanitorium for six years.

District Investigates

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vard and paralleling Hawthorne Boulevard on the east; and (4) a ten-acre site located 200 feet south and east of the proposed extension of Crenshaw Boulevard.

Dr. Hull pointed out that whereas the average elementary school sites of other neighboring school districts average to four acres, such as in Hermosa Beach, the Torrance district aims for eleven acres for each of its elementary school sites.

Economical, Productive—Torrance Press Want Ads.

Community Chest

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quota was boosted $1862 to $12,020.

Biggest increase for the forthcoming campaign was made in the local commerce and industry unit. The quota was tentatively increased to $5210, an addition of $929 from last year's production of $4281.

Another substantial increase in the tentative quota was made in the public employee division. This year the unit will be called on for $1480. Last year is raised $1065.

Other tentative quotas are: residential, $2170; business, $1435; advance gifts, $1725.

This year the Los Angeles area Red Feather campaign is being called upon to raise its quotas in order to provide funds for the United Defense Fund, which supplies money to the USO and other needs brought about by the Korean emergency.

Present at the meeting were City Chairman Dabbs, Sam Levy, Robert Haggard, Dean Sears, Paul Diamond, Don Armstrong, and George Stevens, Mrs. B. T. Whitney, Dr. H. J. Hull and Dick Miller.

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