



VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

JUDGE WILLETT

Our Choice

(An Editorial)

The Press endorses Judge Otto B. Willett for the non-partisan office of Judge of the South Bay Municipal Court, Office No. 2. We are aware of our responsibility to this community and make this endorsement in complete confidence that Judge Willett has all of the qualifications of a good jurist.

Much confusion now exists regarding our court set-up. The Press advises its readers that as a result of the Court Reorganization Act, passed last year by the people of the State of California, Torrance will lose its City Court on January 1, 1953, and all City Courts and the South Bay Justice Court eliminated in favor of the Municipal Court of the South Bay Judicial District.

That there will be a great inconvenience, expense, and loss of time to the people of Torrance and Lomita in traveling to Redondo Beach, where the new Court will be located, appears obvious. However, our task at this time is to recommend the man best fitted for the job.

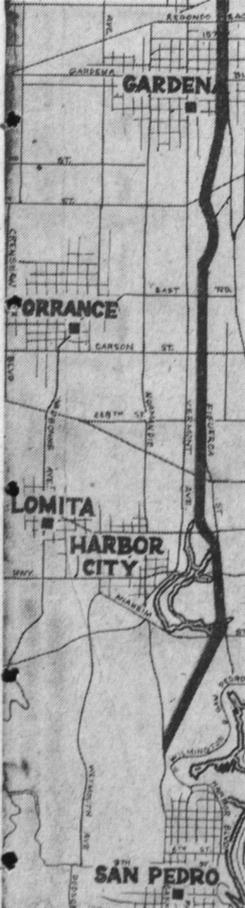
Otto B. Willett has been a resident of Torrance for many years. He has served as our City Judge with honor and distinction. During the past 5 years, he has had the opportunity to sit on the Bench in many neighboring communities and in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Municipal Courts. He understands the problems of this area. He is capable, honest and impartial. He has the "judicial temperament" and understanding required for this office. We feel that the law will be capably administered by him, and at all times that he will mete justice with mercy.

The Press urges its readers to vote for Judge Otto B. Willett on November 4th.

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Harbor Freeway to Parallel Figueroa St.

Sometime soon, probably within the next 14 months, Torrance residents will be able to whiz into downtown Los Angeles in about as much time as it takes to get up to Hollywood Riviera.



The magic carpet that will make this possible is the Harbor Freeway, which will pass within a stone's throw of this city's easterly boundary. It will parallel Figueroa St. all the way from central Los Angeles to Wilmington. It was reported.

According to State Division of Highways engineers there will be both exit and entry channels located at East Road, and possibly also at Carson St. Such avenues of access would be convenient to both private and commercial vehicles.

Watch-Dog Committee
A "watch-dog" committee composed of local business people, industrialists and private citizens is being formed now by officials of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. This committee, which will probably be headed by Lawrence Harvey of the Harvey Machine Co., will be charged with the responsibility of watching the progress of the freeway project.

TOASTMASTERS—Denis J. Behen accepts the gavel of president of the Torrance Toastmasters Club from installing officer Clem Penrose, past Lt. Gov. of District 1. Looking on at right is Bill Evans, Torrance Police Dept. sergeant, who is outgoing president. Ceremonies were held recently at the Fish Shanty.



CECIL R. KING



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OTTO B. WILLETT



D. CLIFFORD HIGGINS

Torrance Loses \$20 Million Harvey Plant

Elect Ragsdale President of Kiwanis Club

Charles H. Ragsdale this week took over the gavel of the president of Torrance Kiwanis Club. Ragsdale was elected last week to succeed Paul Loranger.

Elected to serve first vice president was Byron Scott. Dr. Gerald Eastham was named second vice president. The new board of directors is composed of Kenneth Anderson, Joe Doss, Dr. E. Knutson, William Laster, and Darwin Parrish.

Ragsdale has been a member of the Kiwanis for almost five years. He has served on the board of directors and as both first and second vice president.

In accepting the gavel, Ragsdale expressed the hope that he could do as good a job as his predecessor had done.

Co-owner of Ragsdale and Newell, wholesale gasoline distributors, he resides in Long Beach.

Rabbit Show at El Camino on November 23
Announcement was made today of a Second Annual Rabbit Show, sponsored by the Torrance Area Rabbit Club, to be held at El Camino College on Sunday, Nov. 23. President Ralph Benzason, 2233 231st St., Torrance Area Rabbit Club said many different breeds and classes would be open to competition under official rabbit show rules. Classes not open will be doe and litter and the meat pen classes.



Local Army Lieutenant Given Medal
A Torrance Army veteran was this week awarded a decoration he earned while fighting in Korea, it was announced at Sixth Army Headquarters.

Former First Lieutenant Theodore Duncan, who resides at 2077 Middlebrook Road, received the Army Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, for meritorious service from Dec. 26, 1951 to Mar. 16, 1952 with the 160th Infantry Regiment of the 40th Infantry Division.

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The youth is currently held in Juvenile Hall pending the outcome of the inquest, according to sheriff's juvenile officers who are investigating the case.

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Carnival in Strip
Hallowe'en will be celebrated with a carnival in the Shoestring Strip. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. there will be games, refreshments, and a costume parade staged at Normandale Park, 1326 W. 224th St.

Factory Re-located on L. A. Shoestring Site

Expectations that the \$20,000,000 aluminum extrusion and forging plant to be built by the Harvey Machine Co. will be built in Torrance were spiked this week by Lawrence Harvey, top official of the aircraft parts manufacturing firm.

Harvey disclosed to the Press that plans to construct the huge plant on the southwest corner of Western Ave. and 190th St. had been halted, and that the plant will instead be located just south of the current Harvey facilities in the Los Angeles City Shoestring Strip.

Reasons Told
Two reasons were cited for the change of plans.

First, Harvey stated, Southern California Edison Co., which serves Torrance, could not provide sufficient power for the gigantic installation. He added that the lower rates of the Los Angeles-owned Bureau of Light and Power would result in a 20 per cent savings in the operation of the plant.

The second reason cited by Harvey disclosed, that the parcel located in the Strip is already owned by the federal government, having been acquired recently through condemnation. The property, therefore, has already been removed from the tax rolls, so no further tax loss to the county or city will result.

Heavy Press Program
No alterations have been made in the design or size of the extrusion and forging plant, which is a part of the Air Force's \$365,000,000 heavy press program.

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Two Races Hold Attention Locally

An estimated 11,500 Torrancites will file to the polls on Tuesday next, cast their ballot for, among other things, the man they would like to see head this country for the next four years.

Council Likes Unification Of Name Plan

A proposed plan to establish greater unity between the wide-spread sections of Torrance received the enthusiastic endorsement of the City Council Tuesday night.

The plan, suggested by a long-time resident and prominent local attorney, Albert Isen, would call for changing the names of various out-lying residential areas by adding Torrance to the name. For instance, Seaside Ranchos would become Torrance Ranchos, and Hollywood Riviera would be called Torrance Riviera.

Councilman Nick Drile, who brought the matter before the legislative body, pointed out that a feeling of isolation exists in certain areas, and that the plan could do much to bring the various sections of this city together in spirit and in action.

Further discussion on the matter is being held over for the Council's regular agenda meeting.

Moose Hear Discussion Of Drug Traffic

A six-point panel discussion relative to the traffic of narcotics and drugs in Torrance and in the United States was conducted Monday night by City Judge Otto Willett and Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile bureau officer, at the regular meeting of the Torrance Moose Club.

A crowd of more than 60 persons from Torrance, Gardena, San Pedro, and other local communities were on hand to hear the discussion of tighter legislative control, description of the average pattern of temptation to addition, and how organizations in Torrance can help in the fight.

Moose Lodge Governor Marvin MacArthur told the audience that all of us have too often read newspaper stories of the drug problems, and thought to ourselves that it could never happen in Torrance. It has, he pointed out, and it is time we did something about it.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders in this city are engaged in a frantic last-minute campaign to gain as many followers as possible, and candidates on the local scene are busy making speeches and shaking hands in a flurry of late electioneering.

Congressional Contest
Local political activity has centered around two races: one the 17th District Congressional contest; the other the race for seat number 2 on the South Bay Municipal Court.

In the congressional running, an aggressive, young ex-marine, Robert H. Finch, is conducting a hard-fought battle on the Republican ticket against incumbent Congressman Cecil R. King.

Judgeship
Torrance City Judge Otto Willett and Manhattan Beach City Judge D. Clifford Higgins, meanwhile, are slugging it out in the judicial race. In the primary election on June 3, Willett held a slim margin of 1,989 votes over Higgins. Judge Collamer Bridge of Hermosa Beach was dropped in that election, and the direction in which the 10,000 votes he garnered swing will probably determine who gets Office Number 2.

Recreation Board Sets Meeting Day

Thursday evening, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. has been set as the date and hour of the next regular meeting of the Torrance Recreation Commission.

A permanent regular meeting day, the first Tuesday of each month, was adopted by the commission. Thursday's meeting is being held off schedule because of the general election this coming Tuesday.

At Monday's organizational meeting, a letter from the Pacific Hills Homeowners Association was heard by the body. The letter expressed concern over the fact that a considerable amount of home building activity is going on in that area, and no provisions are being made for recreation grounds and facilities.

A committee headed by C. W. Olson, and including A. J. Patron sky and Mrs. Phyrn Laughan was appointed to investigate the situation.



VOTING REMINDER—Tags in the form of a Liberty Bell will be hung from each doorknob in this area on Saturday, Nov. 1, by members of 15 local Boy Scout troops. Tags will bear reminder to citizens to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday. Above, Larry Graham of Pack 241-C hands reminder to local voter, Boy Scouts across the nation are participating in the ballot drive.