

GRADING AND PAVING OF CITY STREETS UP FOR DISCUSSION

TRUSTEES IN TWO MEETINGS ADVANCE PRELIMINARIES ON STREET WORK

Trustees in special meeting on Thursday evening, February 23, rescinded previous resolutions calling for grading of Carson to width of twenty-six feet and paving to twenty feet width, and adopted resolutions calling for grading to full width from about Madrid street through the hill toward the west city boundary; paving to twenty feet width with four inches of asphaltic concrete and rock and oil identical to county specifications for ten feet each side of the paving, making a forty foot improved roadway to the limits of the present improved district. Grading to twenty-six feet and paving twenty feet with four-inch asphaltic concrete from the end of improved grade to west city boundary. All grading and half of all paving and oiling is to be against the property and half to be paid for out of bond issue of the city as a whole. This change in the work contemplated makes an increase of \$4000 to the estimate for the municipal bond issue, the original figure being \$50,000 for the city's half of Arlington, Carson and the resurfacing of Marcellina and El Prado, while the new figure is \$54,000.

In special meeting Tuesday evening, February 28, an ordinance was passed for first reading reciting work contemplated, calling bond election and consolidating bond election with regular election for city officers on April 10. As stated in this ordinance, the bond issues will require a two-thirds approving vote of all qualified electors for passage, and it therefore behooves every person interested in the growth and improvement of Torrance to register before March 10. Mrs. L. C. Miller has worked conscientiously in registering, and it has been suggested that anyone unregistered should see Mrs. Miller or hand in the names of those you may know of who are unregistered.

The city clerk was also instructed by the board to qualify as a registrar, and expects to be able to register those who apply Saturday or after. Attention is again called to the fact that new registration must be made for 1922 by next Friday, March 10, 1922, as the books close on that date. Thirty days prior to the election of April 10, Trustee Fitzhugh reported that a new understanding had been made with the contractor taking care of the cans and garbage and that a more satisfactory service in this matter could be expected.

Trustee Stone reported the completion of the dog pound and that the marshal would soon start a campaign to clean up the many stray and unlicensed dogs in town. This should serve as warning to those who have not as yet taken out the dog license.

The salary of the city clerk was set at \$200 per month and his full time required for city business during office hours. This will be necessary, it is felt by the trustees, on account of the great amount of work coming up on street improvement matters. Due to the same expected work the city treasurer's salary was set at \$25 per month. This was contrasted with the \$150 per month salary paid by Hermosa Beach which requires the full time of a treasurer on account of the bond issue work which is being done by that office. Redondo also employs a full time treasurer and also an assistant for the office.

The salary of the long neglected city engineer was set at \$200 per month for all work as city engineer and street superintendent. This salary will be proportioned on a time basis between general city work and work on specific improvements. An alternate proposition of \$100 salary for general city work and a percentage on special work was considered but the straight salary as adopted was deemed the better.

In the discussion on the setting of the salaries the plan was formulated to pay the engineer and city clerk such salaries that they could be given almost all of the detail work of administration, thus acting jointly in place of a city manager in the active accomplishment of the business of the city. This should result in an efficient business administration and do away with the frequently found autocratic administration of a city manager.

CITY ELECTION APRIL 10

The next City election for Torrance will be held on April 10, 1922. The street and sewer bonds will be voted on at this election, and a board of trustees will be chosen by the voters. It is your duty as a citizen of Torrance to register and go to the polls and vote on these vital issues.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

New registration for 1922, whether previously registered or not, must be made by March 10, thirty days before the bond and regular election on April 10. Mrs. L. C. Miller and the City Clerk of Torrance are qualified to register voters. See that your registration is in before March 10.

Mrs. L. C. Miller of Gramercy avenue has canvassed most of the city, but many are away from home at the time and are missed. Mrs. Miller will be glad to register those and others at her home before 10 o'clock a. m. and after 4:00 o'clock p. m.

RELIEF SOCIETY TAG DAY

The Torrance Relief Society is in need of funds, and for the first time since its organization appeal to the public for money with which to carry on its work.

At times, such as the Fiesta, when all other organizations strive to add to their funds, the Torrance Relief Society does not enter into any competition, believing that its usefulness in the community is so well understood that when it asks, its call will be answered.

Monday, March 6, is the date set for tag day. The society is confident that not a person in the community will refuse to buy a tag.

Committees have been appointed to visit all industries and cover the entire city.

TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB

Torrance Woman's Club met at 2:30 o'clock in Legion Hall Monday, Feb. 27. Not so many members were present as usual, there being much illness just at present. In the absence of the president and the first and second vice-president, Mrs. Sammons presided. There being no special business before the club, the visit of the district president, Mrs. Urquhart, was discussed, and the Federation secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Urquhart and ask her to bring Mrs. McKelvey, the district parliamentarian, with her. All members of the Woman's Club are urged to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies of Torrance and vicinity to attend this meeting on March 13, as the Torrance Woman's Club believes in sharing its good things with others.

A recess was then ordered, during which Mrs. Thompson gave a group of two piano solos, "Babbling Brook" and "Wandering Spirits," and Mrs. F. H. Rees gave a reading entitled "Some Kitty," after which the club adjourned.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS' DINNER

The Royal Neighbors will give a dinner Monday evening, March 13, at the Dominguez Salesroom, El Prado street. A delicious menu is planned for this occasion.

EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PICTURE OF TORRANCE

Mr. N. Taylor Borrow and Mr. J. S. Wright, who are in the city working in conjunction with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, in obtaining the consensus of opinion of the people who are actively interested in civic development of Torrance. The proposed picture will show the industrial development, the ideal plan of the streets and the beautiful homes, with their broad expanse of lawn and their entirely home-like environments; also the schools will be given their share of the publicity that is often the strongest drawing card to the prospective home buyer of a community.

Such a picture would be very valuable shown at Exposition Park in Los Angeles. Being seen as it would be by the large number of eastern tourists who go to Exposition Park in search of information regarding industrial and residential possibilities of Southern California.

To those interested in the future development of Torrance this form of publicity must appeal strongly. Through a stenographic error many names were not included in the mailing list of information cards. Should you be one that was unfortunately omitted, kindly call at the Chamber of Commerce, where your card is waiting to be filled out.

FIREMEN'S PARTY

Torrance Volunteer Firemen held their regular meeting Monday evening, February 27, at Legion Hall. The entertainment committee discussed plans for a party to be held in the near future. Next Monday evening there will be a fire drill at 4:30 p. m.

AN EMPTY WAGON MAKES THE MOST NOISE

(By A. H. BARTLETT)

Frequently in a growing community where everyone tries to work with the others for the up-building and betterment of the city, there appears a person with an ingrowing disposition, one who is always right, while the world is always wrong, one who would do every thing differently from every body else and whose chief delight is to vent his ideas on street corners, in public meetings and wherever he can gain a hearing.

On the other hand, the majority of people in a community like Torrance are serious minded, giving their thoughts and efforts to constructive and beneficial works that make for the betterment of the city, the happiness of their neighbors, the real work of true American citizenship, and they do not utilize a brass band or announce their worth in empty, blatant criticism of their neighbors who are acting in official or semi-official capacities.

To get down to facts, I have been informed that the city officials, their official acts, the auditorium officers and others came in for a sound berating at the hands of one of our residents the other night, and I believe that it is now time for some of the citizens to give voice to their appreciation of our city trustees, confidence in their acts and promise of support and loyalty in the future.

This is the first year of Torrance existence as a duly incorporated city, no time for agitation, no time for tearing down what has been started toward our marvelous growth and development; no time for factional quarrels and backbiting, but it is time for us all to maintain the shoulder-to-shoulder stand that we have so far held and work together for the big family of Torrance, of which we are all, and should be, an active part.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

Friday afternoon, in spite of the rain, the Redondo basketball teams appeared for their elementary games. The lightweight team of Redondo won by a score of 10 to 1. Torrance was represented by Richard Von Hagen, Oscar Clever, Gerald Batsch, Douglas Simpson, Harry Phillips and Byron Mason. In the heavyweight game the Torrance team won by a score of 13 to 4. The team consisted of Raymond Dennit, Ray Slippy, James Wayt, Matsuo Takazumi and Len Briney.

The first edition of the school paper, T. N. T. (Torrance News Tentacle) appeared last Friday. The students put in hard work to gather the material for this edition and it is a paper that the school may well be proud of. The temporary editorial staff consists of George A. Hannon, editor; Kathryn Burmaster, assistant editor; Albert Isenstein, business manager; Frank Perkin, circulation manager; Virginia Watson, society editor; Dale Gipe, athletic manager, and a reporter from each of the high school classes. The school appreciates the support of Torrance business men as advertisers, and feels confident in guaranteeing results to the merchants who patronize the school paper.

Several teachers have been out of school because of sickness this week. Mrs. H. B. Yoeman, teacher of French and history in the high school, was taken ill on Thursday, and pupils are hoping that she may have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Renowden, teacher of the fourth grade, who was quite seriously ill last week, is reported much better, but unable to resume her duties this week. Her class is being cared for by Miss Lay and Mrs. Russell, there being no substitutes available in the schools just at present.

Mr. Mowry, who was out for about a week, has recovered and is back in his place. Many pupils who were out last week have also returned, and it is hoped the peak of the epidemic has been passed.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson has been added to the high school faculty to take the place of Mrs. Lucy B. Jack, who will now put in full time at Lomita school. While every one regrets the loss of such an efficient instructor as Mrs. Jack, the school is fortunate indeed to have her place filled by so worthy a successor. Miss Thompson will teach here each morning in the week and go to Gardena high school for afternoon classes. The new arrangement makes it possible to have art classes meet five times a week now, and as Mrs. Jack was only here four mornings of the

AMERICAN LEGION BREVITIES

Meeting next Monday evening, March 6.

With pleasure we note the rapid construction of the addition to the local Post's headquarters. Comrade Reeves promises to have the major portion of the work finished by the middle of next week. Legionnaires, lend a hand and help get this job finished.

In another column will be found the plans of the Post relative to its first dancing party after the extension is finished.

What is the trouble with other Posts in this neck of the woods? Our Post is picking up members from all the neighboring towns. Maybe it is because there is a real live man Post in Torrance.

A prospective Legionnaire was approached the other day and asked why he didn't belong. His reply was that the Legion was a strike-breaking outfit, and for that reason he wanted nothing to do with it. He had an altogether wrong conception regarding the American Legion, and the member he was talking with immediately put him right. The Legion is not a strike-breaking outfit. Nor is it a union labor outfit. Its membership comprises both these and many more. It is composed of the men who enlisted, were drafted, enrolled, or were otherwise connected with some branch of the service during the great war. The men who came from your home town, who have and are now working alongside you; the men who marched alongside you, ate with you, slept with you, starved with you, suffered with you; the men who led you and commanded the outfits you were in. All these, and then some. They are your friends and buddies, comrades, we call each other in the Legion. They know no class or creed; the banker rubs shoulders with the carpenter, the ex-bartender with the clergyman, and so on. Democratic to the extreme, all to the same end, the perpetuation of the spirit of that mutual helpfulness that helped us win the war; the influence we exert by being banded together to aid the wounded and disabled. Join the American Legion if you are eligible. It is a very exclusive organization, limited in membership to those who served their country honorably in the great war. The expenditure of a year's dues and you will then know the true principals upon which the organization is founded.

TORRANCE MEANS BUSINESS

The above article endorsed by the following:

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PALOS VERDES MAP IS MOVED TO BROADWAY

Beginning last Monday the great relief map of the Palos Verdes estates will be on exhibition at 929 South Broadway from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

This model of the Palos Verdes properties, which shows Los Angeles, Long Beach, Palos Verdes estates, and the territory between the ocean and the mountains back of Pasadena, is considered one of the finest examples of model-making ever prepared.

It shows the entire topography of the territory covered, also in miniature the built-up area, together with vegetation, means of communication and industries.

Los Angeles Harbor is reproduced in detail, every building and warehouse being shown, with the steamship lines represented by miniature vessels painted in their actual colors.

The proposed improvement of the Palos Verdes estates is shown in detail, with road system, civic center and principal buildings, such as the great Tourist Hotel, Academy of Art, stadium, Greek Theatre, University Club, Country Club, Polo Club, Casino and Yacht Club.

The model is equipped with lighting effects which reproduce the appearance of dawn, sunrise, daylight, evening and the darkness of night with the buildings illuminated.

For the purpose of visualizing the territory covered by the model a large number of aeroplane photographs were taken to use in conjunction with the various surveys that form the base of its construction.

This gives the pupils added opportunity in their art work.

The last game of the season in the Bay City Basketball League will be played on Friday, when Torrance meets Compton.

Your heart must inspire what your hands execute, or the work will be poorly done.

RECOMMEND LOCATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

SELECTION OF SECRETARY WAS DEFERRED UNTIL FUTURE DATE

The second meeting of the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday, February 28, 12:30, at Mikelson's Restaurant. All directors were present, with the exception of Messrs. A. H. Bartlett, C. L. Bisbee, John A. Glass and Benj. Harwood. President Gourdier presided at the meeting and J. O. Stevenson acted as secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 23, 1922, were read and approved.

The committee named to purchase desks, typewriter and filing cabinet for the use of the chamber was continued.

George W. Neill reported an agreement with the city trustees for the use of the Council Chamber as Chamber of Commerce headquarters on the following terms, to-wit: The trustees will provide the room, rent free, use of the furniture and janitor service, while the Chamber of Commerce agrees to pay the cost of heat, light and telephone and to vacate the room at such times as it is required for municipal purposes. The directors unanimously approved of this proposal, and directed that the trustees be informed of their acceptance.

TORRANCE RELIEF SOCIETY TO GET FUNDS FROM DANCE

The first dancing party to be held in the newly extended headquarters of the local post of the American Legion will be for the benefit of the Torrance Relief Society. This party will be staged under the joint auspices of the Post and the American Legion Auxiliary. The news of this decision was very gratefully and enthusiastically received by the small handful of local women who are working tooth and nail to keep the affairs of the society in a solvent condition without asking the aid of the county.

As everyone knows, this little organization of faithful and truly charitable women is doing a great good within our midst, and with very little fuss or flurry. And right at this time they are working to the utmost to meet the demands made upon them, due in part of the alarming increase in sickness.

At this time owing to the impossibility of predicting what the weather will be for the next few days, it is impossible to state the date of the dancing party. On the weather depends whether the extension to the American Legion building will be finished within the promised time. From present indications, however, the party is planned for Saturday, March 11.

The worthy cause for which the proceeds of this dance will be used allows us to predict that this dancing party will surpass everything that has gone before in Torrance, and its success both from a financial and a social standpoint is assured. Undoubtedly once the date is fixed no one will be allowed to forget it. Legionnaires, members of the Legion Auxiliary and of the Torrance Relief Society will be well supplied with tickets, and all we fortunates will be privileged to dig down and donate for the relief of our distressed and destitute fellow-townsmen and women, not forgetting the children.

"The Sheik" Torrance Theatre, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Mar. 8, 9 and 10. Agnes Ayres and Rudolph Valentino. A George Melford production from the novel by Edith M. Hull.

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

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STEVENSON BUYS LAND HERE

Believing that Torrance is on the verge of rapid expansion, and that it is to become one of the important towns of Southern California, J. O. Stevenson, who organized the Chamber of Commerce, has purchased ten acres of land from the Dominguez Land Corporation. His tract fronts on Carson Boulevard and lies between Western Avenue and Harvard street.

JOHN HOLM CONTRACTOR-BUILDER HAS FOUNDATION COMPLETED FOR F. L. PARKS' BUILDING ADJOINING THE AUDITORIUM ON THE WEST. MR. PARKS WILL HAVE THE ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR FOR HIS PLUMBING SHOP. THE SECOND FLOOR IS TO BE A MODERN FLAT, WHERE MR. AND MRS. PARKS WILL RESIDE.

John Holm, contractor-builder, has the foundation completed for F. L. Parks' building adjoining the Auditorium on the west. Mr. Parks will have the entire ground floor for his plumbing shop. The second floor is to be a modern flat, where Mr. and Mrs. Parks will reside.

NEW ELECTRIC SHOP

Herebert Black is fitting up the store in the El Prado Block formerly occupied by H. E. Paige for Mr. Clem Lyons of South Andrea avenue. He expects to open an up-to-date electric shop March 15.

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