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MR. AND MRS. CITIZEN OF TORRANCE

(By W. T. Klussman)

Will you consider the "ifs" and "ands" the "pros" and "cons," the "whys" and "wherefores," why Torrance should not incorporate at this time? I am sure that after you have given this your due and careful consideration, you will come to the conclusion that it is absolutely necessary to incorporate Torrance at this time.

Procrastination is the thief of time, and time is what counts at present, as we have taken the necessary steps to form a municipality of Torrance.

Deference of Incorporation of Torrance to the future means less chances for us, and it will give the Annexationists more power, and privileges to "grab" more territory, raise your taxes, not for the benefit of you and Torrance, but mainly and only for the benefit of a centralized institution twenty-five miles distant from Torrance.

Don't be misled by Anonymous "Pamphlets and Dodgers," signed by no one of responsibility. This literature has all the Earmarks of a Knocker, who works from behind and unseen barricades, and camouflages his marks with Anomaly. Carlyle said, that "Anonymous Literature on any subject was like a Cur with the Mange. It spreads disease and contempt."

The present candidates for Municipal offices were chosen at different meetings of a Citizen's Committee, were endorsed by Civic and different representative organizations. There were no other candidates nominated in the field, as the principal object at this time is to incorporate Torrance.

The various representative Citizens Committees have considered the interests of all concerned. That is, The Dominguez Land Corporation's Interest, the Manufacturer's interest, the Business Men's interest, and especial consideration was given to the interests of the small property owners.

Every candidate for office is a representative Business Man and stands before the public with the highest integrity and character. Their enthusiasm for the welfare of Torrance has never been doubted and their patriotic work in the past stands as a recommendation for their respective offices.

CIRCULAR CHARGES RECEIVES BIG JOLT

CHARGES RECEIVE A BIG COME-BACK

The Citizen's Committee of Torrance including the original twelve men and others, who, feeling it their civic duty to do so have associated themselves with them for the purpose of giving to the people of Torrance the truth regarding incorporation, herein present for your consideration the following facts regarding the false statements contained in the hand-bills which were recently distributed throughout Torrance and which contained the following words:

"IS IT FAIR?"

That a small group of men get together lay plans to incorporate Torrance, nominate themselves to the offices and give the people of Torrance no opportunity to choose who shall administer the affairs?

They say: "You've got to elect us, because we are the only nominees."

If we incorporate, what kind of a deal will the D. L. Co. give us?

They know a trusted employee of theirs will be elected to the most important office."

The small group of men referred to in the anonymous advertisement are distinctly referred to as having "nominated themselves to the offices," so there can be no doubt that the small group of men referred to are none other than the candidates for trustees: Messrs. Gilbert, Proctor, Fitzhugh, Bartlett, and Luck, (and probably Mr. Long, who has since been endorsed by this committee in the place of Mr. Luck who withdrew), and also Mr. Deininger, candidate for clerk, and Mr. Dolley, candidate for Treasurer.

That these men either "laid plans to incorporate Torrance" or "nominated themselves to the offices" (Continued on Last Page)

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Ada Moore and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tolson and sons, motored to Huntington Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dennis of Redlands, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone, Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Lancaster attended a reunion of her college class in Los Angeles on Wednesday afternoon.

J. Isenstein received a brand new seven-passenger Buick Sedan, with all the latest improvements and frills known to automobile equipment. The new car has new cord tires all around with one extra.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe of Park Terrace entertained with a dinner and card party last Friday evening. Covers were laid for six friends. They also motored to Long Beach Tuesday.

Wm. Tolson of the Tolson Transfer Company inadvertently collided with the driver of the Perfection Bread truck Saturday evening west of the Dolley Drug Co. The bakery wagon was turned completely over and badly smashed, pinning the driver underneath, but who managed to extricate himself with minor injuries.

The Tennis club met with Frank Steinhilber on Gramercy avenue, on Tuesday evening, January 25th. James King and Frank Steinhilber being the hosts, with twenty-six members present. Cards were played and prizes were given. Mrs. Van Hagen received first prize, Dr. Nealand second and Mrs. Geo. Watson consolation. Delicious refreshments were served.

The Marathon club of the Macabees met Tuesday evening January 25th, a social evening was enjoyed by all, with cards and refreshments. The regular meeting of the Macabees will be held next Tuesday night, February 1st. A public card party is planned to be held Tuesday evening, February 8th. All are cordially invited. Admission 50c. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

TORRANCE TO ENJOY REAL GRAND OPERA

MUSIC LOVERS ARE PROMISED GREAT TREAT

Torrance is to have a Grand Opera season during the next Chautauqua session in the near future.

Mr. Ray Andrew, circuit manager has just sent advice that Frances Ingram has been engaged for a number of concerts on the Chautauqua Circuit, at \$1,000.00 per concert, and this includes Torrance. It is something that we may feel proud of, for being extended this privilege.

Frances Ingram has a nationwide reputation as one of the finest contraltos in the country, and aside from the monetary question, she enjoys singing to appreciative audiences, and Ellison-White considers from past patronages of the Chautauqua, by the Torrance people, that they feel justified in presenting Frances Ingram.

Mr. Andrews informs me, as I am correspondent for the coming season, that the Chautauqua will be better than ever, and it will be a joy to all of us to warm up our proper spirit in due time.

The Torrance Chautauqua has become an established affair and from the support that has been given to the same in past seasons, proves to us that this year will over climax all others.

W. T. KLUSSMAN, Chairman of Executive Committee, Torrance Chautauqua Assembly.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

\$50 REWARD

\$50 reward will be paid by the undersigned for information and proof showing the person or persons responsible for the printing or distribution within the proposed limits of the City of Torrance of certain hand-bills containing false and defamatory statements and writings in the following words: "IS IT FAIR?"

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Who compose the Incorporation Committee?

Who can name a responsible business man on this committee.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?"

(Signed)

GEO. A. PROCTOR.
ALFRED GOURDIER.
A. H. BARTLETT.
H. E. PAIGE.
H. H. DOLLEY.
L. T. BENNETT.
R. J. DENINGER.
W. H. GILBERT.
F. L. PARKS.
J. M. FITZHUGH.
C. H. LONG.
FRANK SAMMONS.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

SLEEPING SICKNESS

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gascongn of Gramercy avenue is entering upon the fifteenth day of its continued sleep, and much concern is being felt for its recovery. Specialists say the boy will live if properly nourished, and therefore, in time awaken. A special nurse is in charge of the case.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

Mrs. Fess, Mrs. J. G. Anderson, Mrs. Guyan and Mrs. Winters attended the order of the Eastern Star in Gardena, Thursday evening.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

TORRANCE MERCHANTS DOWN VISITING TEAM

BUSINESS MEN SHOW THEIR REAL SKILL

Sunday, January 23.—The Torrance Merchants played their opening game in fine fettle last Sunday when they tackled the fast Fanny Atterbuys and took them down the road to defeat. This game was played under the auspices of the Southern California Managers Association, Class AA, and brought to light several new players in the Torrance line-up. Our new shortstop, Bouett, played a very fine game, as did Copeland who cavorted in the center garden, holding down the first sack later in the game. As was evident in the Saturday game the boys are getting their eye on the ball. Peppin rapped the horsehide safely three times in his four trips to the plate, and Gones came up with two, one of which was for three-quarters of the circuit.

This team should be accorded the full support of all the baseball fans in this community as there will be some of the fastest teams in Southern California embattled on the home grounds. The final score stood at 10 to 2 in favor of Torrance. The feature of the game came in the last inning when Sanger threw from deep right and caught his man at third.

The Merchants will travel to El Monte to meet the fast El Monte team next Sunday. Every fan in Torrance should arrange to accompany the home team and boost the players along. This will be their first game played on foreign ground and your help from the side lines will be needed more than ever. It helps out wonderfully.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

RED CROSS QUILT SOLD

In the Torrance Pharmacy's front window hangs the large and beautiful Red Cross Quilt which will be raffled off Saturday night at the Band Boy's dance. This quilt represents much work, a part of the time devoted to its completion being very tedious, especially in securing the names for the honor roll. The government will not give out lists of service men and these had to be secured in different ways. Also a block of the quilt was lost with twelve of the residents names on this section, and if your name does not appear it probably is due to this fact. The committee has done everything possible to make it a complete piece of work and ask your continued support in their endeavors to make the Red Cross Quilt of Torrance a fine memento.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

HEARING BEFORE SUPERVISORS

Those protesting against being included in the proposed limits of the new City of Torrance, living south of Redondo Road to Acacia street, Lomita, met with a delegation from Torrance before the Board of Supervisors Wednesday and through the former's attorney, H. E. Carter, read their petition of protest. Witnesses were examined from Lomita who stated their objections to be taken in, afterwards witnesses from Torrance were put on the stand and gave testimony of the steps taken that included this territory. The matter was finally taken under advisement by the board of supervisors, who promised to visit the district and look it over and then give their final decision today, (Friday) at 10:00 o'clock. Delegations from both cities went up this morning to hear the verdict.

One great trouble in America these days is too many diamonds and not enough alarm clocks.

It is better to be born lucky than rich, but it is better to be born rich than not at all.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

MAKE TORRANCE AN INCORPORATED MODERN INDUSTRIAL CITY

By E. X. Andem

(President, Torrance Chamber of Commerce)

About two years ago I spent a month at a hotel in Boston, and while there made the acquaintance of a gentleman who had traveled much, who was very observing and who had been more or less in politics during his earlier days. One of the subjects we discussed at length was "CITY GOVERNMENT" and "HOW TAX MONEY WAS USED." Our observations at that time did not impress us that Boston tax money was being used to the best advantage or in just a right way.

I remember that I said, how I would like to see a new small city incorporated and run on strictly honest business principles, in an efficient manner, without graft, and watch the results. I did not know anything about TORRANCE at that time, nor that there was such a Community in the state of California.

Since I have lived in TORRANCE I have thought of that conversation many times, and have said what a glorious opportunity for TORRANCE to incorporate and become a model city. What an opportunity for TORRANCE to have exceedingly LOW CITY TAXES, to have every dollar of those taxes spent in an efficient economical manner. In other words get "value received."

TORRANCE has the opportunity to pay LOWER CITY TAXES and GET LARGER RETURNS ON THE MONEY, than many of the cities of the United States. We can start out with the IMPROVEMENTS ALL IN AND PAID FOR. NO BONDS need to be issued for a long time. No interest money to pay. School facilities provided for and no money to raise for that purpose. No salaries to city trustees.

I doubt if there was ever a city laid out by architects, so complete, for a "CITY BEAUTIFUL," as TORRANCE. When the parks are laid out and improved, when a thousand bungalows have been built, several more business blocks, apartment houses and churches, library, hospital and Masonic Temple, the flagpole raised and many more industries here, the appearance of TORRANCE will have changed and we will sure be some city and on the map good and proper. This will come in time and before some of us think. I confidently believe that Torrance will be a city of, at least, 15,000 to 20,000 people.

We should not want this "City Beautiful" to be annexed to Los Angeles. We should feel that we are capable of SELF GOVERNMENT, of spending our own money and getting value received. We will be proud if we can say,

THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Vote, "YES" on Incorporation.

HIT 'EM HARD

To the Publishers the Torrance "Enterprise."

It is to be deplored if our city harbors individuals who will practice the distribution of anonymous hand bills and circulars of any kind, but when there is added to this the fact that such circulars are of a character tending to deceive the public, by veiled allusions and insinuations and false statements; it is time for all good citizens to condemn such practices.

Political differences are to be expected, and expressions of opinion are sought for that all sides of a question may be put before the people, but who can respect the statements which the writer fears to stand behind?

Broad minded citizens will respect the opinions of their neighbors to the extent that personal enmity will not arise therefrom but who respect can be given to fatherless statements of any kind? Let us hope that Torrance in the future will be a city where political differences will be freely expressed by all—each person having sufficient moral strength to be able to stand behind his own opinion and at the same time realize that political enemies should not mean also personal enemies.

Sincerely,
PERRY G. BRINEY.

—Vote Yes for Incorporation—

Mrs. I. G. Anderson and B. M. Anderson and family visited in Whittier last Thursday

Kipling says there is money in poetry. Perhaps, but there is a good deal more poetry in money.

UNION TOOL TEAM WINS FROM DOWNEY

ADD ANOTHER VICTORY TO THE STRING

Saturday, January 22.—The third game in the schedule of the Suburban League was played at Torrance between the Union Tool and Downey Playgrounds. Owing to inclement weather the visitors did not all show up, being short three players, and it was necessary for them to recruit from the spectators. A very interesting game resulted, however, at the termination of which the score board showed 4-to-1 in favor of the Union Tool. It is very interesting to note that the Toolmakers are getting their eye on the ball as they hit for eleven safeties. Next Saturday afternoon, January 29, the Toolmakers will meet the Salt Lake Playgrounds at Torrance, and this promises to be one of the fastest games played thus far.

NEWS STAND ROBBED

The Sykes and Metcalf News Stand in the Pacific Electric Station, Torrance, was broken into last Saturday evening and the contents of the front case stolen. The new counter in place there had just been installed a few days and it is evident that a severe blow was made by some one to break the thick glass and then cut the canvass and sheet iron which acted as a cover. This is the third time the stand has been robbed.