

## FAVOR CARLES H. LONG FOR CITY TRUSTEE

At a meeting of the citizens' committee of Torrance, held Tuesday evening it brought to the attention of those present that a number of the citizens of the proposed municipality residing south of the Long Beach-Redondo Road had proposed Charles H. Long as candidate for the office of trustee to represent their district on the governing board of the city of Torrance in the place of Mr. Josiah L. Luck who was reported as having withdrawn from the race. Mr. Long's name being the only one mentioned as a candidate agreeable to people living in that district, the committee, feeling that the said district should be represented on the board passed a resolution as follows:

Whereas, Josiah L. Luck has withdrawn from the campaign for the office of trustee of the proposed city of Torrance, and has requested those supporting him to give their support to some other person living south of the Long Beach-Redondo Road.

Whereas, it has come to our attention that one Charles H. Long, a resident of said district, has been favorably mentioned and recommended by several citizens of said district and no other person having been recommended by said residents, and

Whereas, this committee feels that said district should have a representative on the board of trustees, now therefore

Be It Resolved: That this citizens' committee does hereby unanimously endorse the said Charles H. Long as candidate for the said office in the place of Mr. Josiah L. Luck and does respectfully urge the voters of Torrance to write his name on the ballot, February 1st.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE,  
Alfred Gourdier, Sec.

## WITHDRAWS FROM RACE

January 19, 1921

Open Letter  
To the Electors of the  
Proposed City of Torrance.

In view of the fact that there has been considerable misunderstanding as to my motive in consenting to become a candidate for

the office of trustee of the proposed City of Torrance, I hereby withdraw from the campaign for such office and respectfully request those supporting me for said office to give their support to some other person residing south of the Long Beach-Redondo Road.

JOSIAH L. LUCK.

For a velvet shave—Rol Tan barbers.—Adv.

## REUNION

A very happy reunion of relatives of Mrs. May McKinley was held in Exposition Park, Saturday, January 15th, honoring Mrs. McKinley's sister and brother-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. T. T. Huddleston of Huntington, W. Va., and Mrs. J. W. Richmond and daughter Margaret of Gladstone, W. Va. After exchanging greetings, tables were arranged and a delicious lunch served to the following numbering fifty-five.

Capt. and Mrs. T. T. Huddleston, Mrs. J. W. Richmond, Miss Margaret Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Romyne Shaw, and daughter Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Doss, and Forrest Jr., and Barbara Doss; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nutty, Mr. Frank Nutty, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Clark, and daughter, Elizabeth; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Callahan, Mrs. Sallie Doss, Mrs. May McKinley and son Forrest; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Osgood, and son James Earl; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harr and daughter; Clara Meatrice, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaw and son Everett; Mrs. J. V. Blanchard, Mr. I. C. Prince, Mrs. Ella Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. John Wigal and son John, Mrs. Hoge, Mr. Lacy Hoge, Mrs. Wm. Hill, Mrs. Mary Overton, Mr. C. C. Snuffer and sons, Wirt and Alonzo; Miss Marie Davis, Miss Amy Jones.

## ROLLER SKATER BREAKS ARM

Geo. Lancaster, young son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster fell and fractured his forearm while roller skating on the sidewalk in front of his home, Monday.

Certified Seed Potatoes—"Hard-ware" Reeve, Torrance.—Adv.

## TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Children's haircutting, a specialty at the Rol Tan Barber Shop.—Adv.

The Macabees are planning a card party to be given February the 8th.

Miss Gladys Crossett of Arlington avenue, visited Mrs. Arthur Daurghety of San Pedro, Sunday.

A Christian Endeavor Social of the Baptist church was given last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newby of Andrews avenue. Thirty were present. Refreshments were served at 10:30 o'clock, and everyone enjoyed the affair so much, that arrangements were made for a Valentine party to be given by the same crowd. The date and place will be published later.

## TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL

Torrance high school was favored last Friday by a visit from Dr. Even Lograntz head of the department of corrective Physical Training in the Los Angeles high schools. He gave us an interesting talk on the importance of correct posture on preserving health. After examining our students grading each as he examined, he declared ours an average high and conditions among us good. He then emphasized this importance of correct sitting and resting posture as well as that of the proper carriage of the head. He promised to visit us at least once more during the year at which time he says he a school, an even higher grade than that given Friday.

Friday January 21st, ends the first semester work and on that day the mid winter promotions will occur.

Our teaching force is to be increased by one during the new semester, the superintendent having definitely decided that we are to have six half day sessions, all in the lower grades including first, second, and third. The morning session will begin at 8:30 and end at 12:30 while those of the afternoon are from 12:30 to 4:20.

The Torrance P. T. A. are planning a good program and entertainment, to be given the latter part of this month. The proceeds to go to the moving picture machine fund.

Saturday afternoon an automobile accident occurred in front of the Dolley Drug Company, when two automobiles met on the corner. One of the drivers ran his car over the curb, and turned across the street just in time to cause the impact. Both cars were damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rees of Spurlin Court recently moved into their new one-room garage building located on their property just off Carson street. Later a beautiful residence will be built by Contractor J. A. Bowers, brother of Mrs. Rees.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tomkins of Gramercy avenue were in Los Angeles Sunday and visited Mrs. Tomkins' cousin, who has been in a hospital for several months.

## WANT -- ADS.

Per line ..... 10c  
Minimum charge ..... 25c

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dry Eucalyptus Wood, 12-in. lengths, \$5.00 per rick. K. N. Bjorndall, Cherry and Narbonne avenue, Lomita. J-7-14-21-pd

FOR SALE—5-room modern bungalow, including interest. 1003 Cota Street, Torrance. J-14-21-pd.

FOR SALE—Fresh milk, whipping cream, skim milk. We deliver. Quality Dairy, Bill Smith, Cypress street, Lomita. J-14-21-pd.

FOR SALE—Davenport, complete. Sell at a bargain. B. W. Lungran, Weston street, 3 doors east of Oak street. J-21-pd

FOR SALE—Hoover Kitchen Cabinet, almost new, small gas range, good order. Inquire of A. W. Mienzer, Ironport Hotel.

FOR SALE—Large post, white enamel iron bed. Good springs and mattress, \$25. Telephone 1134-J San Pedro.

FOR SALE—Eucalyptus 12 inch cord wood, 4 ricks for \$17.00. Kettler, Gardena, R. 2 J-21-3

FOR RENT—In Hermosa, 4-rooms and sleeping porch, gas and electricity, garage, partly furnished. C. M. Marks, Lomita. J-21-pd

LOST—Child's Kiddy Car. Finder please return to Ironport Hotel or 1004 Cota avenue, Torrance. J-21

MONEY TO LOAN—On real estate. L. J. Hunter, Lomita, Cal. J-21

## WANTED

WANTED—Team work of all kinds, plowing, etc. J. E. Chandler, Penn. and Blvd., Lomita. J-7-23

WANTED—Clean Cotton Rags, News Letter Office, Lomita. J-21

WANTED—To buy all kinds of second hand furniture. Jack Levy, Lomita. J-14 F-4

WANTED—Will put in your garden, clean up your yard, etc. Inquire of G. W. Hippensteel, corner Miller and Cypress, Lomita.

WANTED—A 5 or 6-room house on Arlington, Gramercy or Andrews, Torrance. Address Box X, care "Enterprise," Torrance. J-21

WANTED—If you want to buy, sell or exchange, see G. B. Hawkins, Weston street, P. E. station, telephone 172-R-1 P. O. Box 205, Harbor City, Cal.

WANTED—If you wish to buy, sell or exchange, see Anderson & Damico, 424 Sixth street, San Pedro. J-21-tf

DRESSMAKING—Mrs. Hazel A. Smith and Mrs. Mamie P. Stratton announce the opening of a dressmaking shop at the house in rear of the Carl Ross residence on Oak street, south of Redondo boulevard. Hours 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. J-14-pd

The Torrance Tennis club, will meet with Frank Steinhilber on Gramercy avenue next Monday evening. James King will assist Mr. Steinhilber as host.

The Red Cross Quilt has been completed by the ladies, and is now ready to be raffled off. Tickets will be sold before the sale.

# Vote For Incorporation. Why?

ACQUIRE FOR YOURSELF AND TORRANCE THAT GREAT AMERICAN PRIVILEGE OF COMMUNITY SELF GOVERNMENT.

It will not only inspire your own confidence in your city and yourself, but:

It will inspire the confidence of the home seeker, the business man, the builder of homes, the industries who are now or will be in the future seeking a location for residence, building or business. The homes, the citizens, the business, the very indispensable elements of a city, without which there is no self supporting city or community, will be brought to Torrance in increasing numbers if the prospective newcomer can be informed that Torrance is not a mere collection of houses and humans but that she is a self governed, self sustained, independent municipality with a stable form of government, boasting the enforcement of law and order, and the protection of life and property through its own municipal officers. It has been stated by numerous builders and investors, and without contradiction that the institution of a permanent form of city government in Torrance will create feeling of confidence among such investors, and be a stimulus to the building up of Torrance.

It will stabilize property values through the creation of a spirit of permanent security and of confidence and faith in the future of the city.

Of such value is organization in any enterprise that the ability of Torrance to accomplish things as an organized community compared with her ability in her present unorganized state, is as the power of a regiment of trained soldiery compared to that of an unorganized crowd.

## WATER, GAS, AND ELECTRICITY REMAIN AS AT PRESENT

When you vote to incorporate you do not vote to acquire either the water, gas or electric light systems in Torrance or any part of them, neither do the Board of Trustees have power to acquire any of them for the city. The streets, sidewalks and sewers will be dedicated to the city upon incorporation, and Torrance is one of few cities on record which has had its street paving, sidewalks, and sewers installed prior to incorporation. The water, gas, and electric systems will remain as at present, and that part of the proposed city lying south of the Long Beach-Redondo Road will continue to receive water from their present source of supply, unless at some future time they desire to do otherwise. But no city can force its inhabitants, who are being supplied with water to subscribe for water from any other community, and the same is true of gas and electricity.

## SCHOOLS REMAIN THE SAME!

Incorporation will not affect the schools of Torrance, as they will remain a part of the Los Angeles School District, which district has the lowest school tax of any district in Los Angeles County. And remaining in Los Angeles School District does not mean alliance, in any sense, with the City of Los Angeles, for the Los Angeles School District is a separate and distinct entity from the municipality of Los Angeles.

## WILL TAXES BE HIGHER?—TAX LIMIT

The present maintenance tax of 80c per \$100.00 now paid to the Dominguez Land Corporation will cease after incorporation of the city. Also the present road tax now paid to the county will cease upon incorporation. The trustees of a city of the sixth class (applicable to Torrance) cannot levy a tax greater than \$1.00 on each \$100.00 worth of property except for making payments on bonds, which must first have been voted upon favorably by a two thirds vote. But with streets, sidewalks, and sewers already installed there remains very little chance for the necessity of a bond election to finance the city for improvements of any kind. It is apparent that if \$1.00 is the limit, then even should the trustees levy the very maximum rate of \$1.00 the total tax paid by a resident of Torrance will be less on a house and lot than the present total tax, for the total of those items which will be discontinued, (maintenance tax and road tax) is far over \$1.00, approximately \$1.30 per \$100.00. It is to be noted that the maintenance tax is now paid on the value of the land alone not including improvements, and at the original value of the land as determined by its purchase price, while the city tax will be levied on the improvements as well as the land and, however, a much lower valuation. The county valuation will no doubt hold as the assessed valuation in the new municipality as practically all sixth class cities in Southern California, have found that the county can access and collect their taxes for them much more economically than they can do it themselves, and have accordingly turned over the question of assessment and collection of taxes to the county, the money being turned over to the city when collected. Therefore, if you are the owner of a house in Torrance look at your tax bill and you will find that the county valuation on your lot and improvements is very nearly the same, if not less than, the valuation placed on your property for maintenance tax purposes. This means that with a tax rate of 80c under municipal taxation your tax would be practically the same in amount as it is now for maintenance tax alone, or as stated above a saving will be made even if the rate levied is the maximum, for it is now costing you at least \$1.30 per \$100.00 for tax which will be discontinued.

## AMOUNT OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

As to the total assessed valuation of property for taxation after incorporation, it is estimated, (based on the county assessed valuation) that the assessed valuation of all real property in the municipality of Torrance will be about \$2,500,000.00 which is as large an amount as the present purchase price valuation, and does not include the valuation of personal property which the city may tax such as furniture, automobiles etc. This estimate tends to further show that the total assessed valuation of the property in Torrance will be about the same as the purchase price valuation now placed on the land, because of the fact that lessening of the amount of taxation received from owners of vacant lots will be off-set by increased amount from factories and industries which will after incorporation be taxed on their improvements as well as the land. Another feature of the tax problem is that the future growth of the city and building of houses will increase the amount of taxable property and lessen the tax rate if the cost of running the city remains the same or give more funds for the purpose if the rate remains the same, while under the present system the valuation would not increase even with the building of a thousand homes in Torrance, and funds available or maintenance of the city could not be increased more than 20c per \$100.00 above the present rate.

## INCREASING ASSESSED VALUATION

It is to be remembered that one of the great inducements to the building of factories and industries in Torrance has been and must continue to be the low tax rate obtaining here, and with this in mind there will be no Board of Trustees who will levy a greater rate of tax than is necessary to carry on the government economically and for the best interests of the city.

It is urged that even though there is a limit to the rate of taxation, the Board of Trustees might raise the assessed valuation "to the skies," or to such an extent that the tax would be burdensome. Will the proponents of this argument point to a single city of the sixth class where this has been done or where the board of trustees has failed to act in accord with the wishes and desires of the citizens and tax payers? The law provides that the property must be assessed at its FULL CASH VALUE and if we are now having our property assessed at half the cash value or less, then let us give thanks with the realization that the assessor can raise the valuation one hundred per cent at least and still only be fulfilling the requirements of the law. It is not true that "the sky is the only limit" on assessments. The full cash value is the limit and any Board of Trustees who assessed or caused to be assessed the value of property in Torrance greatly in excess of the valuation placed upon the same by the county assessor would find public sentiment a very effective "limit" to their raising process. Is it not a fact that during the recent period of high prices, it has been necessary quite generally for property valuations to be raised in order to keep the assessed valuation at even a fair fraction of the actual value, such actual cash value being evidenced by the prices being paid for property on every hand, and in order to raise the necessary revenue to maintain our various governments at a time when the cost of labor and material was just as great to the state, city, or county as to the individual? Yet amid this we find, instead of a great outcry against the increase of the assessments, that the people are very sensible considering that the public servants have done well to keep the cost of government and the consequent taxation at the minimum they have maintained. The past does not warrant any fears that the future will bring local taxation in excess of normal.

## SALARY OF TRUSTEES—NONE!

The members of the Board of Trustees, five in number, receive no compensation whatever for their services, and their acceptance of the office evidences their unselfish desire to work for the good of Torrance. Furthermore no official can enter into a contract of any kind with the city whereby he might derive a benefit. The charges that have been made by misinformed persons, contrary to this statement are entirely unfounded and are unjust to the men who give their time for the benefit of the city who ever they may be who are elected.

A citizens' committee composed of some dozen citizens of Torrance have signed and filed petitions nominating competent men for each of the offices to be filled at coming election, in order that the ballots may show the names of the candidates. The names of any other candidates may be written on the ballot, if one does not desire to vote for anyone whose name is on the ballot. The question now is not that any certain men be placed in office, but that Torrance should incorporate and competent men should be elected, and this committee is supporting men whom it unanimously endorses as, competent, trustworthy citizens and business men.

The Citizens' Committee cannot be responsible for the fact that there were no other names on the ballot than the above mentioned as the notice of the election date was published before the committee signed the nomination petitions so that others who wished to do so had the same opportunity to have their names placed on the ballots. The committee itself was powerless to add any other names to the ballot, in any event, as it is unlawful for a person to sign nomination petitions for more than one man for each office, so that in nominating one man for each office the committee did all it had in its power to do.

Make it your business to learn the facts regarding incorporation and when you go to the booth February 1st, armed with the ballot and the rubber stamp, do it with the realization that you are familiar with the issues involved and are determined to do your duty to yourself, your neighbor, and your city.

# Vote For Incorporation

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

Address Alfred Gourdier, Secretary, for further information.

# Safety First

Trade at

# Paige's

and

# Vote Yes

on

# Incorporation

of

# TORRANCE

Election, Tuesday, February 1st.