



## Vote For Incorporation



### COUNTRY CLUB HAVE 70 ACRES FOR HOME

#### DEED FOR NINE ACRES PUT IN ESCROW FOR COUNTRY CLUB HOUSE SITE

Torrance, California, April 7, 1921.  
Board of Directors,  
Dominguez Land Corporation,  
Los Angeles, Cal.  
Gentlemen:

Realizing that there are large manufacturing plants here in Torrance that employ thousands of men and that the prospect for the establishment of many more firms in this locality in the near future is very bright; and further, that a great majority of men employed in these factories at the present time are earning their wages here and living and spending their money elsewhere, has caused some of the thinking men of Torrance to investigate the reason for these employees not making their homes where they are working.

There has been but one answer, "There are no attractions here in the way of amusement or recreation, this place is not alive and we feel the need of diversion after working eight hours each day. Start something and then come and talk with us."

We have accordingly started something, i. e., in the way of a Country Club and have talked this among those not living here and we have this answer, "build the club and arrange the grounds along the lines you have laid out and we will move to Torrance."

Not wishing to take too much of your valuable time in going into details of how the Torrance Country Club was promoted allow me to come direct to facts.

Officers and committees have been appointed to the number of forty-nine and from these a Board of Directors of seven have been chosen. We are thoroughly organized and have applied for a charter. Have chosen a site on what is known as "Vista Highlands," which is the highest point in Torrance and presents a magnificent view in all directions.

There are about sixty-five acres of land lying between 16th street on the South and Redondo Blvd. on the North, Hickory Ave. on the East and as far West as the first row of trees. We feel that this amount of land is necessary for the development of what we have in view.

The directors have gone over the situation extensively and carefully and know that the completion of our plans means to the City of Torrance and its growth. We, also, realize what an asset it means to the Dominguez Land Corporation and therefore are presuming to ask you, first: If you will consider entering into negotiations with us for this land; you to agree to deed us approximately nine acres of land lying between 16th street and 14th street, South and North, Hickory Ave. and Jasmine Ave., East and West. We agreeing to erect thereon a building for the Club House to cost not less than thirty-thousand dollars.

Second: That you lease us the balance of the ground, as outlined in the sixth paragraph of this letter, of the sixty-five acres mentioned, and give us an option of purchasing same within whatever time and at some price which we may agree upon.

I am sending with this letter, a perspective of the club house we are considering building and which will have a basement under the entire building, to be used for bowling alleys and gymnasium. First and second floors along the lines of prints attached. Located on the grounds will be a swimming pool, tennis courts, golf green and children's playground. Am also enclosing a typewritten copy of rules and

### FIND CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS

Torrance school children had a real thrill Wednesday afternoon when five free Chautauqua passes were hid on the school grounds and the children were allowed to search for them. Melvin McFaurin was the luckiest one, he found two and the only one of the winners who had previously purchased a ticket. However, one was sold in a few minutes. Thomas Daugherty, Ella Hyett and Mat Su Tackasuma, were the other three lucky children who found one each.

Yawns as adopted by us, thinking perhaps, you might wish to approve same or suggest certain changes before we put them in print.

I would like to say that before the death of our esteemed and valued friend, Mr. J. S. Torrance, I had several interviews with him, and that he gave me the impression that he would recommend the above proposition to your body and stated that he thought favorable action would be taken by you.

Would like to say further that we have had applications for membership to the club from parties living in Redondo, Moneta, Gardena and Lomita, and we feel that we can interest many as far south as San Pedro.

This will give our city a great deal of publicity and means much to us all.

Trusting that you will take action favorable to us and that you may grant us an early interview, I am, yours very truly,  
(Signed) Wallace H. Gilbert,  
President Torrance Country Club.

Mr. Gilbert had a personal interview with Mr. John S. Cravens, vice president of the Dominguez Land Corporation on April 12, at Mr. Cravens' office in Los Angeles at which time Mr. Cravens advised him of the result of the above letter to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Dominguez Land Corporation held a meeting on April 8th, your letter being read and acted upon as follows: The Board were much in favor of your proposition and voted to put in escrow the nine acres referred to in your letter, the same to be deeded and a clear title given to the Torrance Country Club upon the erection and completion of a building thereon to cost thirty thousand dollars, more or less. The balance of the sixty-five or seventy acres to be leased to the club for a period of ten years, the club to have the option of purchasing same at any time during this period.

Mr. Gilbert raised the question as to the price to be asked for the acreage and stated that an understanding of this was essential at this time as the price ten years from now would be prohibitive. Mr. Cravens agreed to the point raised and called a special meeting of their Board for Thursday morning to discuss this question and promised to have full details sent by letter to Mr. Gilbert for presentation to the Board of the Torrance Country Club at their regular meeting to be held Thursday evening, April 14.

The members of the Board of the Club are very much pleased with the results their efforts have achieved thus far and they will place applications in the hands of the Finance Committee within a few days so that the membership drive can start.

Every full-blooded citizen of this community will appreciate the advantages to be gained for themselves and for our City (to be incorporated on the 19th inst. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR INCORPORATION) as a whole by the erection of the club house and the securing of seventy acres of land for the use of club members.

Let everyone vote for incorporation and boost for the Club.

WALLACE H. GILBERT.

G. G. Young, director of the Ellison-White Chautauqua Company, is a guest at the McKinley Inn this week.

### J. S. TORRANCE IS LIBERAL IN GIFTS

#### REQUESTS FOR HOSPITAL AND LIBRARY PROVIDED FOR IN WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

The will of J. S. Torrance filed for probate last Thursday provides for \$100,000 to be given the Torrance Hospital Association.

The city of Torrance is left 1300 shares in the Palomas Land and Cattle Company, making a one-tenth interest, for the purpose of erecting a library building or to buy books.

A bequest of \$100,000, one-third of the residue of the estate, and the family home in South Pasadena and all personal effects and furniture is made to the widow, Mrs. Helena C. Torrance. Additional bequests include \$5000 to Mrs. Mae Fowler, Gilling, N. Y.; \$5000 to Mrs. Isabel Henderson, Torrance; \$5000 to Rachel Torrance, New York City, and \$5000 each to Herbert Childs and Elizabeth C. Nottmeyer, children of Mrs. Torrance. In addition one eighteenth of the residue goes to a brother, Lewis C. Torrance, an equal amount to Jennie Torrance Welch, and after these bequests have been deducted, the remainder will go equally to various relatives.

Dr. J. S. Lancaster, president of the Torrance Hospital Association, had this to say when he learned of the bequest of Mr. J. S. Torrance of \$100,000 to the Torrance Hospital Association for the erection of a hospital in Torrance.

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Hospital Association has known for some months that Mr. Torrance intended to give a very substantial sum to this Association for the erection of a hospital in Torrance for the benefit of all the people of this community and it was expected that Mr. Torrance would be able to fulfill this desire some time this year. It is to be proudly regretted that the Grim Reaper cut short Mr. Torrance's plans and prevented his living to see the consummation of his ideas of benefit to the community he reared and loved so well.

This Association will receive Mr. Torrance's bequest, when it is available with a great sense of responsibility and will make every endeavor to administer it according to the desires of Mr. Torrance, which were that the money should be of the greatest good to the greatest number of people of Torrance and its environs.

Mr. Torrance had great faith in this community and its people and proved that faith most abundantly by his acts. We, the people of Torrance, must justify that faith by exerting the highest type of American citizenship and by making this a distinct self-governing municipality bearing the name of TORRANCE with great credit to its founder.

#### ANNOUNCE WEDDING

At a prettily appointed luncheon last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. W. C. Dolley of 22004 Gramercy Avenue, announced the wedding of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Dolley to Mr. Ellis Harder, also of Torrance. The wedding will take place the coming June and promises to be one of the eventful social affairs of the season. Miss Dolley is a valuable employee of the State Bank of Lomita, while Mr. Harder is employed at the Union Tool Company. The home of Miss Dolley was artistically decorated with an abundance of pink sweet peas with large pink candles casting a soft glow over the dining room, covers being laid for the Misses Geraldine Walts, Elsie Woodard, Myrtle Isenhour, Mrs. A. J. Stinton, Mrs. William Tolson, Mrs. A. Harder, and Mrs. Ross Van Voorhees.

### CHAUTAUQUA DRAWS GOOD AUDIENCES

#### PROGRAM OFFERED THIS YEAR BEST EVER SHOWN UNDER LARGE TENT

Chautauqua week will be a wonderful success. The Ellison White Company began the erection of their big tent Tuesday morning and Thursday noon they were all set for the big opening. "The Liberty Bells of Boston" Miss Vera Krake, dramatic soprano, featuring Irish harp and pianologues; Miss Kathleen LeBaron, lyric soprano, reader and guitar player and Miss Elsie Bemont, contralto, violinist and mandolin player, opened the program Thursday afternoon, entertaining a large crowd of Torrance residents and visitors with a musical program long to be remembered. At the evening performance the big tent was crowded to its fullest capacity. When this musical trio rendered classical music for the music lovers and Dr. Robert Parker Miles, the Dramatic Lecturer, held the crowd spell bound with his oratory.

The last-minute rush for season tickets cleaned up all season tickets. Many being disappointed because their number was limited. From all indications the Chautauqua Week will be wonderful success. Mr. Young is a very enthusiastic booster for Torrance. Says he would like to live here and become active in civic affairs.

Arrangements have been completed with Mr. Young and Miss Mary Adel Hays for the privilege to announce the election returns at the big Chautauqua tent next Tuesday evening April 19. The Citizens Committee are very grateful to Mr. Young and Miss Hays for this privilege.

The big tent has a seating capacity of eight hundred. Sawdust has been spread on the ground and four big coke stoves have been installed, making it very comfortable. Sunday afternoon's performance by Chief Strongheart will be a lecture on "From Peace Pipe to War Trail," the "Great Dramatized Sermon," the "Servant in the House," being scheduled for Sunday evening and the congregations from the different churches will attend.

#### TORRANCE P.T.A. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Torrance P.T.A. was held Wednesday, April 13, at the school, with a large attendance. Mrs. Brook, president of Hermosa Beach P.T.A. was present and gave an interesting address on the work of the Parent-Teacher Association's work in her district and suggested a "Reading Circle," for the Torrance members. A report was given from the Federation, that the Torrance P.T.A. was placed on the honor roll for the large increase in its membership this year. The date is soon to be set for the demonstration of the new picture machine at the Steffen Hall, to be purchased by the local organization.

Names were reported from the nominating committee of officers for the next year, to be elected at the meeting, Wednesday, May 11. All members are asked to make a special effort to be present. There will be a speaker from Los Angeles at this time.

#### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE ACTIVE

The Publicity Committee of the chamber of commerce is still active. They are now collecting information and data for circulars and pamphlets to be distributed throughout the United States for the purpose of putting Torrance on the map. They will welcome the suggestions and criticisms of every individual. Help them to BOOST TORRANCE.

#### DONATES FLAG

John Salm of the Salm Manufacturing Company, presented to the city of Torrance a fine community flag, 10x12, to be used for indoor decorative purposes. It is to be left in charge of the Librarian and will be loaned out to the different organizations for use on special occasions. The gift is highly appreciated, as Old Glory should be used in all our decorations and given first position.

#### ENTERTAIN CHOIR LEADER

The choir members of the Baptist church entertained last Tuesday evening in honor of their leader and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roelofs of Los Angeles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kite of South Arlington, and in this way endeavored to show their appreciation for his untiring efforts as their leader and director. Tuesday was the thirteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roelofs and they were presented with a beautiful cut glass set. A musical program was rendered and refreshments served by Mrs. Kite and assistants.

Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. R. Doelofs, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ludlow, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thacker and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins, Mr. and Mrs. Amel Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kite, Miss Elsie Woodard, Mrs. Wheaton and Robert Richhart.

#### WITNESS "PURPLE FLASHES"

A large number of Torrance residents were visitors at Redondo Beach Friday evening, being entertained by the Elks in their popular play, "Purple Flashes." The show was given under the direction of Mr. C. J. McNaughtan, who deserves a great deal of credit for bringing out the very best of amateur talent and is worthy of commendation by the best theatrical critics. "Purple Flashes" was popular in New York about twenty years ago. Mr. Edward J. Murphy, as Wigson, the Talkative Butler, brought joy and laughter every time he made an appearance. Mrs. Margaret Powell as Mrs. Jack Temple, the wife of a man who stays out late at night played her role remarkably well. While Miss Edna Coffland, as Dorothy, who "Loves Soldiers," was an inspiration to the young and woeful. My! how she could "Coo." The married men who stay out late at night that failed to hear Mr. Cannon and Mr. McNaughtan, as Jack Temple and Frank Fuller, as the "Truthful Peace-Makers," certainly missed something. These two characters could teach any man how to give a satisfactory explanation for remaining away from wife all night.

Interluded between these three acts were the Musical Score, featuring "A Little Cottage For Two," and a number of Old-Time Melodies that was enjoyed by all. The Mabel Rockwell School for Dancing presented the Cymbal Dancers, which was enjoyed by all those with those good eye-sight. And last but not least was the "Fashion Show Revue," starring a number of Redondo's beautiful Belles.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT INITIATE

The Volunteer Fire Department held a meeting Monday evening in the Steffen Hall, initiating six candidates, mostly prominent business men of Torrance. Those who took the oath were, A. W. and J. E. Malone of the Torrance Pharmacy; G. D. Parr, jeweler; Mr. Robbins, athletic instructor of the Torrance schools; Ray Tomkins and Beverly Smith. Following the initiation a banquet was served with music. Roy Flood at the piano, while Mr. Marsh drummed the drum and Mr. Tomkins played a stringed instrument. A good time was had by all. Mr. Malone says: "They made it interesting for me, and I long for the pleasure of handing someone else the same medicine."

### HOSPITAL DIRECTORS HOLD GOOD MEETING

#### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE DRAFTED FOR MR. TORRANCE AND MRS. MORFORD

The board of directors of the Torrance Hospital Association held a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Those present were Dr. J. S. Lancaster, president; Dr. J. F. Spencer, vice-president; Mrs. Isabel Henderson, secretary; Judge Hunter and J. Isenstein, absent; Mrs. J. S. Torrance, P. W. Matson and Benjamin Harwood, present.

Mrs. Frank Sammons was elected a member of the board of directors to fill the vacancy by the death of Mrs. Morford. The following resolution of condolence was drafted and forwarded to the families of the late Mr. J. S. Torrance and Mrs. Morford:

"Whereas, Almighty God has called beyond our founder and benefactor, J. S. Torrance, and

"Whereas, His passing has been an inestimable loss to the Torrance Hospital Association and community, the Board of Directors has adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we of the Board of Directors of Torrance Hospital Association extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. J. S. Torrance and the immediate family, and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this body and a copy sent to the family."  
TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASS'N.  
(Signed) Mrs. Isabel Henderson, Secretary.

"Whereas, Almighty God has called beyond our fellow-worker, Mrs. E. B. Morford, and

"Whereas, By her never failing interest and untiring effort in behalf of those sick and in trouble, we realize her death to be a great loss to the community, and

"Whereas, We have lost a valuable member from our Association, the Board of Directors of the Torrance Hospital Association has adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we of the Board of Directors of Torrance Hospital Association extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family, and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this body and a copy be sent to the family.

"TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASS'N.  
(Signed) Mrs. Isabelle Henderson, Secretary."

The will of Mr. J. S. Torrance will be probated April 27, 1921.

It was announced that the money created by the trust fund for the erection of the Torrance Hospital would be available soon thereafter. A special meeting of the Board of Directors will be called in the near future.

#### CONDOLENCE CEREMONIES

Ceremonies for the draping of the chair of the Late Lady Commander, Mrs. Carrie Morford, of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Macabees took place Tuesday evening, April 12, with a large number of members present, besides eleven members of the immediate family. Several ladies from outside reviews assisted in the ceremonies. The election of a new Lady Commander was held, and Mrs. Geo. Watson was elevated to that chair. Mrs. Goulle, Lieut. Commander, Mrs. H. W. Roberts, sentinel. The meeting dates were changed to the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month. The next regular meeting of the Macabees will be held April 26. The Marathon Club will meet next Tuesday evening, April 19. Mrs. Tillie and Rose Winters, hostesses.

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