

Covers the Torrance District Like a Blanket.

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## SEE CITY'S HAND IN MOVE

### 'Blind' Phone Calls From L. A. Indicate Source of Opposition

**PROPONENTS CONFIDENT Committee Marshals Forces and Sees Majority of Favorable Votes**

As was anticipated by the committee seeking annexation of the territory west of Torrance to the city of Torrance, opposition to the movement appeared early this week. Whether this opposition originated in Los Angeles the committee has not been able definitely to determine. It took the form of a meeting to which a petition for annexation of the territory to Redondo Beach was signed by 17 persons.

The committee proposing annexation to Torrance is not worried over this petition, however, as the law particularly states that no such petition shall be presented to any legislative body while another annexation proceeding is officially pending in another city.

The petition for annexation to Torrance takes precedence over any petition asking for an election for annexation to any other city. This point is covered clearly and at length in the statute covering annexation proceedings.

**Predict Majority**  
While this slight opposition is showing itself, however, the committee in Torrance were marshaling their forces and are confident that the question of annexation to Torrance will be carried by a wide margin of votes.

It is pointed out that only registered voters in the district are allowed to vote. Persons owning property in the district but not residing there cannot ballot. But a person who resides in the district, if he be properly registered, may vote whether he owns property or not.

More than 60 residents of the community have registered this week and the vast majority of them will vote for annexation, according to the committee.

**Ordinance Adopted**  
The Board of Trustees of Torrance Monday night passed through final reading the ordinance calling for the special election to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, with Rogers Garage on Carson street as the polling place.

The law stipulates that this ordinance must be published four times in a newspaper published outside of the city to which annexation is proposed. The ordinance will be published in the Culver City Star.

That interest in the annexation proceedings is great in some quarters of Los Angeles has been repeatedly indicated by "blind" telephone calls to the office of the Torrance city clerk. Numerous persons in Los Angeles have telephoned for information regarding the proceedings, but all have refused to divulge their names.

### Torrance Joins Cities in Fight On Higher Rates

Trustees Vote \$100 to Combat Gas, Light Cost Increase

Torrance will be represented financially in the opposition which numerous Southern California cities have organized to combat the quest of electric light, power and gas companies for an increase in rates. Hearing on the requests will be resumed before the Railroad Commission late this month. The Board of Trustees Monday night appropriated \$100 out of its promotional fund as this city's share in the cost of opposing the requests. The appropriation was made with the understanding that this city be furnished with a report of the manner in which the fund was expended.

## Women's Clubhouse Dedicated At Impressive Ceremony While Civic Leaders Laud Purposes

By PHOEBE MILBURN  
Dreams do come true, especially when there is a will to make them true. This was shown Thursday afternoon when members of the Women's Club, representatives of the civic organizations of Torrance and representatives of the Women's Clubs of Inglewood, Lynwood, San Pedro, Redondo Beach, Compton, Wilmington, and Gardena met at the new clubhouse to dedicate the beautiful building.

After the singing of "America the Beautiful" and an invocation by Rev. F. A. Zeller of the Evangelical Church, Mrs. F. L. Parks, president, spoke a few words of greeting and introduced Mrs. George Frumhart, past president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Frumhart dedicated the building to kindness, tolerance, understanding, and the progress which will result from these three attributes.

Mrs. Frumhart said, in part: "Within these walls, may you meet to know and understand each other. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. All days are glad days. Dedication of clubhouses are going on all over the United States every day, but nowhere so rapidly as in California. I see the Torrance club born, and am happy to be here today. Coming to California in the year in which Torrance was started, I know the lovely vision that was in the heart of those who founded the town, and because of that vision Torrance is to become one of the picture spots of California."

**Stresses Harmony**  
"In this clubhouse I see a number of things—harmony, love, and co-operation. Over your door is written, 'Opportunity. Through this door will pass the thoughtless woman, the joyous woman, the lonely woman, and the careless woman. What are you going to give them?' I urge you to consider your duty to politics. We are not afraid of 'Gone are the days when the men voted alone. Gone are the days when the women stayed at home. Gone are the days when the children were taught. That the hand rule the universe and man could not.'" **Call on Past Officers**

The past presidents of the club were called upon to speak, and Mrs. Frank Sammons, second president, and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh, fourth president of the club, responded.

Mrs. W. H. Gilbert told of the first meeting held in Vista Highlands, when the idea of a federated club was born.

Miss Betsey Byrnes sang a group of folk songs, and Grace Andrews of Los Angeles at the piano.

Brian K. Welch, representing the Torrance Investment Company, told of the plan of financing the building.

### Mrs. J. C. McVey Directs Torrance Show House Now

Mrs. J. C. McVey, who with Mr. McVey formerly owned the Torrance Theatre, is now managing the picture house for the Pacific Southwest Theatres, Inc., succeeding Harris Anderson, who resigned to accept a position in Los Angeles.

### Board Formed to Support Torrance Baseball Outfit

Permanent organization of an association to back the Torrance Merchants baseball team was perfected at a meeting Tuesday night. The following officers were elected: President, Dick Malone; secretary, Louis Lehninger; treasurer, C. A. Paxman. F. Freeman and Harry Warren were chosen directors. A committee was appointed to formulate a plan for the sale of season tickets. The committee consists of Huron E. Reeve, C. M. Mackenzie and Charles Mueller.

## Observations

### The King of Spain and Women—Are Children Cruel? The "Dutch" Andersons—Mexico and the Six-Hour Day—Hoover's Warning

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

FROM the lips of the King of Spain comes the most interesting theory that has been expressed by anyone in connection with the so-called emancipation of women.

King Alfonso has announced that a royal decree will soon be promulgated giving the right of suffrage to unmarried women over 23 years of age and to widows who are the heads of families.

In explaining this limitation, the king said: "We think that only those who by work are factors in the economic system of the country should have the right to express their political opinions and would exercise the privilege to use that right. But married women will have the greater privilege and responsibility of rearing children, and, fully occupied in that service to their country, will be content to leave the task of voting to their husbands."

At the risk of bringing down upon my head the wrath of all the ladies in the land, I cannot but utter a loud hurrah for the intrepid King of Spain.

Wait a minute, wait a minute, ladies, before consigning me and all my ilk to the scaffold.

Hurrah for Alfonso!—not because he would bar married women from the polls, but because he has sense enough to proceed with caution.

SUFFRAGE for women is so new, it is still an experiment. The King of Spain is unwilling to be swayed by sentiment. He seems motivated by the idea that when mothers take on political duties they sacrifice something of the beauty of their divine position. The king deems the sanctity of mothers more important than their desire or right to vote.

I do not know whether the king is right or wrong. But I must admit that suffrage for women is so new that nobody is wise enough to tell whether it is good or bad.

And in shouting my hurrah for Alfonso I do so because I cherish an age-old respect for women. I respect that I would not like to have shaken, but which is constantly being threatened by a shake whenever I see a woman neglect her home and family for club, social, political, or quasi-political interests.

I do not wish to see women shackled to tubs and sinks and ironing-boards. But I know the source of all civilization is the home, that the woman is in all things the guiding spirit of the home. If it be true this new freedom detracts from feminine interest at the hearth, then I am of one mind with the King of Spain. And I am of one mind with him on this point anyway—the change as woman suffrage than to go the whole way in one blind leap, as we did in this exuberant land of back-firing altruism and cloying sentimentality.—The United States of America.

ARE children naturally cruel? Or are the indications of heartlessness in boys and girls merely the result of thoughtlessness? I am inclined to accept the latter version. It is certainly true that children commit acts of cruelty. So the effect is the same, no matter from what mental source their actions arise.

A case is immediately at hand. Youngsters in Torrance the other day bound a cat's legs with rubber bands. They left the cat so bound. The animal was discovered the next morning by a woman. Its feet were swollen, due to the stoppage of circulation, and the poor beast was gnawing its paws in agony.

Members of the Torrance Relief Society requested us to make note of the case, in order that parents may teach their children the awfulness of cruelty to dumb animals. We are happy to comply with the request for the sake of the animals—and the children.

ANOTHER policeman has made the ultimate sacrifice in the uneven war which society is waging against organized crime. Perhaps it would be better to say which organized crime is waging against society.

"Dutch" Anderson, notorious and it is dead. So is Detective Hammond of Muskegon, Mich. Anderson shot Hammond. But before Hammond died he wrested the gun from the bandit and killed him. Then the detective expired.

"Dutch" Anderson, wanted for banditry and murder, has been roaming at large in the country for months and months. Well known by every metropolitan police force, he still was able to escape the arm of the law. The lack of cohesiveness between police agencies of cities and states put society under a handicap in its attempt to land the murderer.

But the impossibility of even reasonable co-operation between police of cities—even cities of the same state—is like the weather, of which Mark Twain said "Everybody talks about it, but nobody seems to do anything."

And until society DOES something, the "Dutch" Andersons will continue to run at large, killing officers of the law before they themselves are shot down or die in bed.

MEXICAN labor unions are agitating for a six-hour day, with pay for eight hours. They are ahead of their time.

Mexico has not reached the stage of development at which a short working day is advisable. Working days automatically shorten when society is able to supply its needs in less time. In undeveloped countries, like Mexico, where vast regions await the touch of the plow or the plough, the short working day would be economically un sound.

When the pioneers of the ever-moving American frontier were carving this civilization out of a wilderness there was no talk of a limited working day. A man's shift was limited only by the strength of his endurance and the length of the sunlit day.

As new territories became consolidated and improved means of working were introduced in this country, the limited shift was adopted.

Before championing the six-hour day Mexican laborers should consider the work ahead of their country rather than their natural craving for leisure.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER said a mouthful Saturday when he warned the world that the high price of essential products forced on the rest of the world by private monopoly might necessitate retaliation on the part of American commercial interests.

For perfectly obvious reasons Mr. Hoover was not too specific in naming the countries whose merchants and commercial interests are arbitrarily putting next to prohibitive prices on certain raw materials. Most certainly he had in mind the British monopoly on crude rubber and the Brazilian monopoly on coffee.

It is no international secret that Great Britain hopes to pay her debt to the United States out of American pockets, by selling up and maintaining exorbitant prices on crude rubber, of which British interests have a monopoly.

In substance, Secretary Hoover warned the world that the United States can and may retaliate, but he wisely hoped that such action would be unnecessary.

He pointed out that while the United States, through the Sherman law, does its utmost to prevent monopoly, other nations encourage monopoly with political and financial support.

Economists are of the basis of all war. The United States wants no war. Neither, we believe, does Great Britain. But one of the best ways to prevent war is to eliminate war's causes.

In the face of Hoover's suggestions, will British interests have the face and the shortsightedness to continue their miserly tactics? Or is this hands-across-the-sea stuff that is poured out at every welcome dinner to an American ambassador just plain bunk?

## Table Reveals Torrance Taxes Lower Than Neighboring Cities

Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has compiled the following table, showing the 1925-1926 tax rates, existing in Torrance and neighboring cities:

Assessed Valuation	CITY	Total Tax Rate	Municipal Rate	Total County Rate	Schools
\$13,760,345	Compton	\$4.36	\$1.43	\$0.78	\$2.15
3,611,415	Hawthorne	4.31	1.50	.78	2.03
10,893,890	Inglewood	4.42	1.51	.78	2.13
2,008,325	Lawndale	4.60	1.50	.78	2.32
90,074,500	Los Angeles, Shoestring and San Pedro	3.79	1.51	.74	1.54
6,792,750	Redondo Beach	4.58	1.70	.74	2.14
9,608,270	Torrance	3.80	.98	.78	1.64

## Women's Club Hears Address On Heir Taxes

Miss Rose W. Hendree recommends discontinuance of impost

Miss Rose W. Hendree of the California Taxation Improvement Association spoke before the Women's Club on the California inheritance tax, recommending its discontinuance.

The chairman of ways and means, Mrs. J. A. Stone, reported that an afternoon card party would be given on Friday, Nov. 13, at the clubhouse for the benefit of the clubhouse fund.

Mrs. Harry Dole has been appointed chairman of literature, and gave an interesting outline of the work planned.

The usual monthly luncheon was served at 12:30. The change of this luncheon has been changed from the first Tuesday in the month to the third Tuesday. These luncheons are becoming more and more a means of the members getting better acquainted with each other.

Letters of congratulation on the completion of the clubhouse were read from Mrs. J. B. Lorber, president of the Los Angeles District Federation; Charles Toll, past president of the District Federation; Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, and several of the neighboring clubs.

## Torrance High To Have Annual For First Time

Staff of initial year book Under Direction of Miss Burnham

Torrance High is to have an annual this year for the first time. It is under the guidance of Miss Burnham, the faculty supervisor, who is working with the following staff: Editor, Ruth Linsinger; assistant editor, Jack Roelofs; business manager, Floyd Chandler; assistant managers, Richards Van Hagen and Harry Phillips; joke editor, Thomas Daugherty; assistant editors, Lex Briney and Helen Bodley; kodak editor, Garnet Cook; sport editor, Harry Nebensahl; assistant editor, Ray Steppy; senior class editor, Martha Lingenfelter; assistant class editor, Ida Reeves; art editor, Kathryn See; assistant editor, Richard Sinclair; class editors, Edith Harshman and Dorothy Darling.

## Baby Center Will Be at Clubhouse

Mothers interested in the Education Center will please note that the place of meeting has been changed. The Center will in the future be held at the Women's Clubhouse instead of the Methodist Church.

All are urged to come early Friday, Nov. 6, in order that the examinations may be completed in time for all to attend the Paidology Club at 11 o'clock.

## Jury Acquits Man On Liquor Charge

Charged with the possession of liquor and equipment for the manufacture of same, and also a violation of County Ordinance 650, David Yanovich of Los Angeles pleaded not guilty to all three counts, at a jury trial in the justice court Tuesday.

It was necessary to summon a second venire before the deputy district attorney and lawyer for the defense selected a jury satisfactory to both—and then the jury of nine women and three men acquitted Yanovich.

Judge Moodie of Redondo Beach sat for Judge Hunter.

## BRRR! SUN FEELS GOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks returned to Torrance Saturday night, after a month's trip in the east. After encountering several snowstorms they were delighted to return to Southern California.

## Hawthorne and Torrance Join Hands For Road

Joint Meeting of Chamber Leaders for New Diagonal Route

Torrance and Hawthorne joined hands Tuesday night through the agencies of their Chambers of Commerce in a plan for the promotion of a diagonal boulevard between the two cities.

The following Torrance delegation attended a meeting of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night: Mayor Robert J. Deiminger, George Proctor, Rufus Page, Wallace Gilbert, Fred Hansen, Sam Levy, Grover Whyte, and Carl Hyde.

Carl Hyde, secretary of the Torrance chamber, acted as spokesman for the group from Torrance, and outlined the merit in the proposed cut-off boulevard. This diagonal street link and the prolongation thereof to the old Santa Fe road, many cross-road intersections on the diagonal portion, due to the natural physical barrier which the embankment and right-of-way of the Santa Fe tracks will offer permanently.

Hawthorne deserves an equal share of any credit for the suggestion for this road, and a renewal of the agitation for endeavoring to obtain same was received by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce by unanimous endorsement. A committee chairman represented by Mayor Carter of Hawthorne was offered for co-operative aid to be worked with committees from this district and other interested sections in an endeavor to bring about an early consummation of the proposed road. As soon as the renewal of the personnel of Hawthorne's committee is named and their brief preliminaries have been obtained, it is expected that the intercity committee will immediately launch upon the program which it is anticipated can be put through without great difficulty.

## Who Will Donate A Sewing Machine To Relief Society?

WANTED—A sewing machine, old, medium, or new. Don't care as long as it will sew.

The above is published at the request of the Torrance Relief Society. Women of the organization are constantly sewing and repairing garments for charity and need a machine badly. Anyone who has a machine which he is willing to donate to this worthy cause is requested to call 119-J or 217-J and the machine will be called for.

## American to Give Turks Away Free

Free Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys will be given away by the American Bowling Alley, according to an announcement made by Cal Alverson today. Shares in the turkeys will be awarded to patrons of the American.

## CHURCH BAZAAR

The Women's Guild of the Episcopal Church will hold a Christmas bazaar and dinner Friday, Nov. 13, in the Parish Hall, Em-gracia avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milburn of Alhambra avenue were business visitors in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osbrink and family, of Los Angeles, were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. E. Chambers of East 220th street.

Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tulp of Beacon street, entertained little friends at a Halloween party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Halladay and daughter Evelyn, of Oak street, enjoyed the Halloween festival at Long Beach Saturday and also saw the "Cowgirls' Stampede."

## QUANDARY DELAYS WORK

C. of C. and Trustees Halt Madrid-Cedar District Proceedings COST IS CHIEF ISSUE Need for Cheap Residence Lots May Bar Expensive Paving

What type of pavement should be laid on the streets between Madrid and Cedar avenues? This is the question now being considered by the Board of Trustees and the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. And both bodies are seeking more definite information before making a final decision.

The question is many-sided. The project was first instituted by the Board of Trustees at the behest of the Chamber of Commerce. The directors of the chamber recommended that the district be improved to provide reasonably priced lots in an improved district for workers in factories seriously considering Torrance as a location.

Consult Executive  
It was originally suggested that the streets be paved with rock and oil or oiled macadam. But in the belief that neither of these types would last until paid for—10 years—the trustees decided to specify five inches of cement concrete. This decision was made after the Chamber of Commerce had conferred with the executive of an industry whose employees may be among those who eventually will live in the district.

The matter was reopened Monday night when representatives of the Vibraltic company requested the trustees to specify their type of pavement. The request of these representatives was bolstered by a similar request from some owners of property in the district.

The trustees took no action pending complete and exhaustive consideration of all questions involved.

The Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution requesting the Board of Trustees to take no action whatever, until reasonably accurate approximations can be made of the cost per lot of each of the various types of pavement under consideration.

### Torrance Plans Big Event For District Meeting

Harbor Chambers Will Meet in Industrial City in January

About 350 visitors from all sections of the harbor area are expected to attend the January dinner of the Harbor District members of Commerce at the Women's Clubhouse.

The Chamber of Commerce is already making plans for the meeting and expects to stage a program here that will surpass any previous meeting of this flourishing organization.

George Proctor, president of the Torrance chamber, has appointed the following committees on the event:

Program—Rufus Page, Huron Reeve; Industrial Exhibit—J. C. Smith, Alfred Gourdier; Dinner—Tom Foley, Sam Levy; Decorations—Ed Huddleston, Arthur Finster, Claude Mackenzie; Reception—W. Harold Kingsley, James Leech; Traffic and Police Co-operation—Fay Parks, Harvel Gutzentfer.

A meeting of all committees will be held in the near future.

### Father of Local Merchant Expires

Reuben Hoffman, father of David Hoffman, Torrance shoe merchant, died in Los Angeles Friday. He was 59 years old. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Mrs. Lewis Ripple attended a luncheon at the Women's Athletic Club, Los Angeles, Tuesday.