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## VOTE GYM, HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES SUNDAY

### BUILDINGS TO GO UP SHORTLY

L. A. Board Authorizes \$60,000 Wing and \$40,000 Gymnasium Here

### ASK WEST SIDE SITE C. of C. Stresses Need of New Elementary Building; Survey Made

A new gymnasium to cost \$40,000 and an addition to the Torrance High School to cost \$60,000 will be constructed here as soon as plans can be drawn and the contract let. This was the word received this week from Superintendent of Schools Susan M. Dorsey by Principal Herbert Wood of the Torrance High School.

The appropriation of \$100,000 for the gymnasium and addition was made after the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce called on Mrs. Dorsey to represent the needs of Torrance. Mrs. Dorsey told the committee that she would seriously consider the proposals. Her readiness and the readiness of the Board of Education to give Torrance what is needed was indicated by the promptness with which the appropriation was forthcoming.

**Add Nine Class Rooms**  
The addition to the school building will add nine class rooms to the present building. It is likely that a new wing will be extended west from the present structure. The building is constructed so that a wing may easily be added.

The gymnasium, which will be large enough for a basketball court, will include boys' showers and dressing rooms and probably will be connected with the new existing showers and dressing rooms for girls. It is planned to construct the gymnasium so that it may be enlarged in the future.

The Chamber of Commerce committee also recommended that the Board of Education select a site for an elementary school in the northwestern part of the city, so that a school may be erected in that section as soon as it is advisable. No particular site was recommended.

**Makes Survey Here**  
A representative from Mrs. Dorsey's office was in Torrance last Friday and made a preliminary survey of the district.

A school in the northwestern part of Torrance would be of great benefit to residents, according to the Chamber of Commerce committee. It was pointed out that children living in the district now have to cross several main-traveled thoroughfares on their way to and from school.

Mrs. Dorsey thanked the committee for its interest in the schools and assured the Torrance men that the problems of Torrance would receive sincere consideration. The delegation was as follows: George W. Neill, Rufus Page, Carl L. Hyde, and W. Harold Kingsley.

**Gold Badge Given Harry McManus, First Fire Chief**  
Harry McManus, first chief of the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department, Monday night was presented with a gold badge of an assistant chief by members of the department.

Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter made the presentation, stressing the value of friendship and its exemplifications among men.

Mr. McManus was noticeably surprised and moved by the presentation, and thanked the members of the department fervently. The presentation was made at a dinner of the firemen at the fire station.

### Torrance Men Hear Vanderlip On California

New York Banker Says Torrance Needs More Civic Spirit

Speaking at a luncheon of the Rotary Club this noon Frank A. Vanderlip, former New York banker and new resident of this district, declared the two elements which will make Torrance a greater industrial center are social movements to attract workmen to live in Torrance and freight rate adjustments.

He stressed the social, cultural and neighborly advantages which any community must have if it is to become the sort of place to which new residents are to be attracted. He urged a constantly increasing community spirit as the magnet to new residents and asserted that new industries regard the presence of contented workmen in any community as one of the most important considerations when locating a factory.

Mr. Vanderlip complimented Torrance on the civic pride which makes such a fine institution as the Women's Club able to erect such a building as that in which the meeting was held, and he urged Torrance men to continue to support such civic organizations. Mr. Vanderlip declared that he is happy that test for oil in the Palms Verdes Hills has resulted in "dry holes."

The speaker declared that California is destined to become one of the most densely populated districts in the world.

More than 100 business and professional men and industrial executives attended the luncheon.

Harry Wetzel, vice-president of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, will attend the Rotary Club next Thursday. Rufus Page is arranging the Rotary programs for this month.

The Rotarians today presented Wilfred Teal with a silver cigarette case. Mr. Teal is leaving Saturday to accept a new position with the Caterpillar Tractor Company at Okland.

**Rumors fly thick and fast through the city. Most of them are without foundation. One report has it that Brady Wolfe says the city should employ Mexicans on the streets at 35 cents an hour. "Can you beat that?" said Mr. Wolfe. "The next thing we know somebody will have some candidate favoring the importation of Fiji Islanders as city employees."**

And here's another rumor—two of them, in fact: One is that if Bill Klusman is elected Dick Smith will resign. The other reports that Dick will resign if Bill is NOT elected but will stay on the board if Bill wins. You can take your choice of those two rumors. Our guess is that they're both wrong.

### Candidates For Trustee Go on Record

STATE VIEWS TO PEOPLE AT INVITATION OF HERALD ON TAXES, CITY DEPARTMENTS, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, AND OTHER NEEDS OF CITY

The Herald is gratified today to be able to present to the people of Torrance the views of the five candidates for city trustees on municipal problems and affairs.

Under the present ownership of The Herald it has been customary during all municipal campaigns to give all candidates an opportunity for such expression in our columns. The Voice of the People column of The Herald is open at all times to political discussion. We feel that it is the duty of this newspaper to reflect the views of the people of Torrance. If these views differ from our own so much the better. By publishing such views we satisfy, in a manner, the just demand for fairness in a newspaper. We are happy to say that no article on local affairs has ever been refused publication in The Herald.

The articles of the five candidates for trustees, alphabetically arranged, are published below. Three candidates will be elected Monday, April 12—one for the 2-year term and two for the 4-year term.

**JOHN DENNIS**  
Candidate for Two-Year Term

To the People of Torrance, Through the Courtesy of The Torrance Herald:  
It seems to me that the city of Torrance needs just two main things to make it the finest city of its size in the Southland—lower taxes and more harmony.

By lower taxes I mean taxes that are sufficient to run all departments of the city on an efficient basis, but not large enough to permit of paying for public improvements out of the general fund. Public improvements benefit future residents as well as present residents. It does not seem wise to me to take out of one year's taxes money for a public improvement that will benefit property owners of the future.

When we speak of lower taxes we must speak in generalities. County assessors are now in the field assessing Torrance property for the next year. No Board of Trustees can fix a municipal tax rate until they know just what the assessed valuation of the city is going to be.

It is to be hoped that assessments will be decreased this year. They should be. Most of the money paid in taxes by property owners here goes to the county and for schools, so a lowered assessed valuation is really more interesting to Torrance taxpayers than the tax rate itself.

The newly elected Board of Trustees should expend a lot of earnest study in arriving at sound estimates of what it is going to cost to run the city of Torrance during the next year. When that amount is arrived at carefully and with both eyes on economy, the tax rate can be fixed definitely as soon as the assessed valuation is known. And not until. To fix the tax rate or even suggest it until you know what the assessed valuations are going to be is putting the cart before the horse.

If I have anything to say about next year's city tax rate, I will certainly make every effort to see that it is the lowest rate possible. If reductions in the budgets of various departments are necessary—and some seem to be necessary—and must be made without fear or favor.

The City of Torrance can be run for less money. The tax rate should be as low as is compatible with efficient government.

**Harmony Important**  
The matter of harmony is important in Torrance. Every city in every district reaches a stage at one time or another when misunderstandings and cross-purposes make for political hatreds that do vast injury to the city and its progress. Torrance should have a city government that makes for harmony rather than for discord. Honest difference of opinion is always to be encouraged, but old feuds do no city any good.

I believe it is highly important that the people of Torrance this year elect a board that can work harmoniously together for the best interest of the entire community.

**CHARLOT G. ZAHRADNIK**  
Candidate for Two-Year Term

To the Voters of the City of Torrance:  
In running for the office of trustee, I have no personal ambition to gratify; but, if those who have urged me to run have the confidence in me and the principles for which I stand, and believe in my ability to serve them, then, to me, it is a civic duty I should not shirk.

As to the things for which I stand, I believe the foremost question before the people of Torrance is that of economy. I feel that the privilege of being entrusted with the people's money should be considered a grave responsibility, and that the most rigid economy should be strictly adhered to.

As regards tax reduction, I shall heartily endorse every measure tending toward tax reduction. I realize this to be a question which will require much careful study as to ways and means of bringing about the desired results, but you may depend upon me to do all in my power to help adjust matters satisfactorily.

One thing I advocate most firmly. That is "The People Be Served." To my mind a person elected to public office should feel that he is elected to serve all the people and their best interests at all times, and to realize it to be his duty to fully and freely inform the public regarding affairs of the city.

Upon all questions of public improvements, requiring assessments or otherwise, every person affected should have the privilege of voicing his opinion regarding the matter, whether for or against, and the same should receive due consideration.

Should I be elected, I assure you that in these and all other matters pertaining to the betterment of Torrance and its people, I shall serve you faithfully, and to the best of my ability.

I have been a resident and taxpayer of the City of Torrance for the past six years.

**CHARLOT G. ZAHRADNIK.**

**Oilers To Play Long Beach Nine Here on Sunday**  
C.-C. M. O. Team's Torrance Park in Fine Shape for Season

The Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company baseball team will play the B. and H. Transportation Company outfit of Long Beach at the C.-C. M. O. park in Torrance Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The oil team's park has been changed about considerably since last season. The grandstand has been moved and the playing field greatly improved.

**CHARLES M. INMAN**  
Candidate for Four-Year Term

The position of City Trustee in Torrance calls for much hard work. But when the People's League adopted its platform and requested me to become a candidate on the principles of that platform, I felt it an honor to be asked to assist in putting those principles into practice in my home city.

**Cites Platform Planks**  
The People's League platform to which I pledge myself stands for the following principles:  
1—Substantial reduction of the municipal tax rate.  
2—Strict economy in all city departments.

3—Inducing men who work in Torrance to live in Torrance.  
4—A city lighting system, but only when voted by the people.

5—Opposition to special favors to individuals or groups of individuals that are not beneficial to the people at large.  
6—Intelligent application of the city zoning law to suit all sizes of purposes in the city of Torrance so that the community may be more rapidly built up to the benefit of all.

7—Encouragement of home industry by home purchasing whenever in keeping with economy, and the employment of Torrance men on city work.  
8—Insistence that all city employees live in Torrance.

Let us consider these principles one by one.

**The Tax Rate**  
Reduction of the city tax rate must be effected. It can be effected substantially. One of the best advertisements Torrance can have in attracting new residents and new industries is a low tax rate—no higher than is needed to run the city efficiently.

Strict economy in all departments must be effected by extreme care in arranging the municipal budget. If it is necessary to cut salaries in some departments and reduce the number of employees, that must be done. Economy must be applied to all departments, including the police branch, and without favoritism. The only difficulty is to maintain efficiency while practicing economy. Economy properly applied increases efficiency—and this is undoubtedly true in some city departments.

**City Engineer**  
I believe that the percentage system for the employment of an engineer is fundamentally wrong, that every city employe should work directly under the city trustees at a stated salary and not on the percentage basis which now prevails.

The trustees constitute the most influential body in the city for inducing men who work in Torrance to live here. City economy, a low tax rate, fair pay on all hands, sensible application of zoning, for the people and not for a few—these are some of the things that will attract workmen to this city and decrease the number of men who drive away from Torrance every night.

**City Lights**  
Torrance is known as a "flash-light town." It is a shame that women have to walk through the dark streets of Torrance at night. I believe that the people of Torrance will vote a bond issue for lights if a system of lights is proposed that is not too expensive and if the cost of such a system is fairly approximated before the bond issue is proposed. I am against the installation of lights (Continued on Page 2)

**WILLIAM T. KLUSMAN**  
Candidate for Four-Year Term

To the Electors of Torrance:  
I do not believe that it is necessary for me to explain the different angles of the present day situations and conditions in Torrance.

I am sure that every business man, investor, property owner and working man—in fact, all taxpayers—realize the effect and influence our city trustees or the municipal government have had on the community in the past and at the present time.

Certain real facts are obvious and cannot be denied. Arguments for and against cannot change them. They are self-evident facts or axioms.

But the voice and the vote of the people of Torrance can change conditions in our city in the right direction for progress and prosperity if the people will avail themselves of that privilege and opportunity.

I am a candidate for city trustee. I shall always work with that in view. If the people should elect me by their vote, they can feel assured that I will always do my duty and abide by their decisions.

I am for lower taxes, fewer assessments and bond issues, no politics in the council—just honest-to-goodness straightforward business, and Torrance soon will regain what has been lost by political manipulation. It is within the power of the people to restore a progressive government that will invite and induce factories, home owners, investors and business, if the people will make the right decision on April 12th.

Respectfully,  
W. T. KLUSMAN.

**Political Rally Will Be Staged Here April 7th**  
Candidates Will Discuss Issues of City Election Next Wednesday Night

An old-fashioned pre-election campaign rally will be held by the People's League in Torrance on Wednesday night, April 7, at the High School Auditorium.

Issues of the present municipal campaign will be presented by candidates for office and others.

The People's League is sponsoring the candidacies of Andrew Brady Wolfe for the four-year term and of John Dennis for the two-year term. City Clerk Bartlett and City Treasurer Harry Dolley, also endorsed by the People's League, are unopposed for re-election.

**ANDREW BRADY WOLFE**  
Candidate for Four-Year Term

A friend of mine said to me the other day: "Everybody who runs for any office always says he favors a tax reduction. Just how do you propose to cut taxes in Torrance?"

I'll try to write down here the answer I gave to this friend of mine.

Taxes can be cut by eliminating waste in city departments. Every department should be strictly budgeted and made to keep its expenditures within the limits of the budget.

Taxes can be lowered by virtue of the large amount of territory recently annexed to the city of Torrance. Such a reduction will benefit the people in the annexed territory as much as it will the people owning property within the old limits of the city.

Taxes can be lowered by fixing the tax rate so that just enough money is received to run the city properly and no more. We want and need no surplus over and above the amount needed to run the city.

**Time on Duties**  
Taxes can be lowered by trustees who will put plenty of time on consideration of city affairs. Snappy judgment always costs money. I believe that projects of importance should be discussed publicly before the trustees take action, so that the people may be able to register their opinions before definite action is taken.

Taxes can be lowered if the people of Torrance give more constructive thought to their city BETWEEN elections. Being a trustee is a hard job for anyone who honestly wants to serve the people as they wish to be served, unless the people themselves register their opinions with the board. If elected I will invite opinion from all classes, whether the opinion agrees with mine or not. It seems to me that is the duty of a city official.

**A Fair Deal**  
Associated daily with Torrance workmen, I think I understand their needs and desires. They ask nothing but a square deal, good sound government, and reasonable taxes. They aren't averse, either. If a piece of improvement is actually needed they are in favor of it and willing to pay their just share—but they should and do insist that all hands be given equal consideration.

During the oil boom it would have been foolish to try to induce all who worked in Torrance to live in Torrance. Land prices were far too high for a workman to buy a lot and build a home. This condition has greatly changed and is still changing.

With taxes lowered, assessed valuations greatly decreased and a government of strict economy, and with city zoning fairly applied, there will soon be no just reason why a man who works in Torrance should live elsewhere.

Some men who bought homes elsewhere when land values were too high in Torrance cannot make the move at once, of course. It would be unjust to ask them to, but men who work here permanently and rent elsewhere should live in Torrance. In a campaign to induce them to do so the trustees must take the leading role—by proper government and encouragement that comes through low taxes, economy, and fair zoning.

### SAN PEDRO KNIGHTS COMING

Commandery to Attend Central Church on Sunday Evening

ALL CREEDS CELEBRATE Fine Services Announced at Every Local Place of Worship

Special Easter services will be held in all churches in Torrance Sunday. Musical programs suitable to the day of worshipful rejoicing have been arranged for most of the Sunday services.

**Central Church**  
In the evening the San Pedro Commandery of the Knights Templar will attend special services at the Central Evangelical Church here.

The church is arranging an extensive program. The Sunday School will meet at 9:45 and will study an Easter lesson. At the morning worship at 11 o'clock Dr. August J. Boelter, superintendent of the Evangelical Church for California, will preach the Easter sermon. Holy communion will be administered. The musical program appears under The Herald's special Easter church notices.

In the afternoon at 2:30 a baptismal service will be held. The afternoon has been selected for this service for the convenience of the parents who may want to have small children baptized and who do not think that they can bring the little ones to the morning service.

In the evening, following the custom of past years, the choir will render a cantata. Carrie B. Adams' beautiful Easter cantata, "Easter Praised," will be sung. Members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges of Torrance and other nearby towns will be present. In addition to the Knights Templar. The pastor will speak.

**Christian Church**  
The First Christian Church, where B. H. Lingenfelter is the pastor, is observing Holy Week with special evangelistic services. The preaching is being done by Rev. Lambrecht Hancock of San Dimas. The audiences have been good, and the interest is also good. Easter Sunday morning Rev. Lingenfelter will preach on "The Hope of a Future Life." The choir will sing "Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead?" by Adam Gettel.

In the evening Rev. Hancock will preach the sermon. There will be a baptismal service in the evening.

**Baptist Church**  
Special cradle roll exercises will be held at the First Baptist Church Sunday School Easter morning. Communion service will follow. Easter sermon by Rev. J. Whitfield Green.

For the evening an evangelistic service has been arranged.

**Episcopal**  
Holy communion will be observed at Christ Mission, Episcopal, Sunday morning. A special Easter service has been arranged by Dr. Hames.

**Four Square Gospel**  
A program by children will start at 10:30 at the Four Square Gospel Mission. Holy communion will be observed. L. C. Smith of the Angelus Temple will deliver an illustrated lecture in the evening. His subject will be "The Resurrection." Music will be furnished by the Student Ukulele Club of the International Institute of Four-square Evangelism.

**Salvation Army**  
Commandant Odenburg will have charge of special Easter services at the Salvation Army. All services will be featured by a special musical program.

**Lutheran**  
Lutherans of Torrance and Lomita will commemorate Easter with special services at 9 a. m. at the Torrance Theatre, where Rev. W. Lange of Inglewood will deliver a sermon on "The Risen Saviour." The story of the resurrection will be studied at the Sunday School. (Continued on Page 2)