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## CANDIDATES IN BIG CONTEST SPRINT INTO HOME STRETCH

Only 11 Days Left In Auto Prize Campaign

IT'S A HOT FINISH

Public Is Watching Standings With Interest

With but 11 days remaining after today in which the hustling candidates in The Herald and News' Giant Prize Campaign may entrench themselves behind enough votes to win, such a gigantic, three-leader through canvass for subscriptions as these energetic men and women are making these last few days has never been seen in Torrance and Lomita before.

It is truly a most wonderful race between the most popular and most capable representatives of the people of this community that has ever been inaugurated in this section.

All Torrance and Lomita, in fact the entire state, is waiting and watching, wondering and hustling for their favorites.

And when the value of the prizes at stake is taken into consideration, is it any wonder? Honor, glory and a small fortune await the victors Monday night, June 21st.

**Last Vote Score**  
Except for necessary corrections, today's vote standings in The Herald and News' gift distribution will be the last until the publication of the winners and their standings in the issue following the close of the campaign June 21. All subscriptions next week will be cast in the sealed ballot box which will be located in the office of The Herald and News. At the close of the contest one week from this coming Monday the judges will audit and add all votes cast next week to the standings of the respective candidates as published in today's issue.

The question now foremost in everyone's mind is "Who will be the big prize winners when the judges have reached their decision immediately after the close of the election?" As the big Automobile and Gold race comes to a close all the candidates are asking themselves "Will I have enough votes when the final count is made to put me over the line winner of one of the big prizes?"

### \$105,000 New School Ready For Use Here

11 Class Rooms and Beautiful Auditorium Almost Completed

Costing \$105,000 and increasing the capacity of the Torrance Elementary School from 17 to 25 classrooms, the new addition to the school, the new auditorium and the beautiful new auditorium are nearing completion.

Officials of the Los Angeles Board of Education who have inspected the new building pronounce the unit one of the most up-to-date in the county.

The eleven new class rooms, splendidly lighted and ventilated during the summer, a bird house and birds, presented to the school by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Post, will be placed in the center of the lawn.

With the completion of the building the temporary buildings on the school property will be removed, except the one used for sloyd work.

**Beautiful Auditorium**  
The interior of the new auditorium is beautiful. Art stonework forms a base around the walls and an imposing arch around the spacious stage. A high ceiling of the cathedral type is matched by mottled walls. Depending from the ceiling will be attractive black Egyptian lighting fixtures.

On each side of the stage is a shower bath—one for boys and one for girls—for use after gymnasium exercises.

The auditorium is provided with six ventilators. In the basement is a fan room equipped with three large fans which will completely change the air in the auditorium and the school in 27 seconds.

The dedication of the new building and auditorium was scheduled to take place on June 18, but has been postponed until fall.

The building will be used for summer school, however.

### CONTEST AUTOS, ALL PAID FOR, ON EXHIBITION

The two automobiles which will be given away to contestants in the big Herald and News \$5000 election campaign have been purchased and are on display daily in front of the Herald office, where they have attracted considerable attention.

The cars—a Hudson coach and a Chevrolet roadster—have been paid for in full. The winning contestants will step in and drive them away as soon as the final count is made and the winners announced.

In just a few days the proud owners of these cars will possess full title to the cars as a reward for the hard work they put in on the contest.

Arrival of the cars with papers showing that they have been paid for in full has acted as a spur to the contestants who have now entered the home stretch in the greatest prize campaign ever staged in this district.

The Herald and News have taken every precaution in connection with the cars. They are both fully covered by fire and theft insurance, the policies having been written by L. B. Kelsey, 1405 Marcelina avenue.

**Each Hour Important**  
Every hour, in fact every minute, is mighty important these last few hours of the contest. After today there will be but 11 days left—and every single minute of these last few hours is vitally important to the final success. Not one candidate will admit the possibility of defeat, for every one of these live wires is working with might and

### FAME AT LAST

John Barrymore, famous on stage and screen, was a Torrance visitor, Tuesday. He stopped at the Beacon drug store and had a coca-cola.

### Trustees Affirm Street Vacation Act in New Vote

Previous Meeting Ruled Illegal and Board Passes Action Again

On recommendation of City Attorney Perry G. Briney the Board of Trustees Monday night re-adopted the resolution of intention to vacate streets bounded by Santa Fe property in that company's proposed industrial tract in Torrance.

The board also affirmed the letter written to the Santa Fe by the city clerk and setting forth the conditions under which the street vacations will be finally approved.

The letter containing these conditions was ordered spread on the minutes.

This action was taken because the city attorney ruled all action taken at the previous special meeting as illegal owing to the absence of Mayor John Dennis. The law stipulates that all members of the board must be notified in writing 24 hours before a special meeting.

Regarding the conditions under which the city agrees to grant the street vacations no word has been received as yet from the Santa Fe.

### Builder Is New Local Resident

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Monroe, who constructed the imposing duplex at 218th street and Andreo avenue, have moved to Torrance from Long Beach. Mr. Monroe is confident regarding the future of Torrance and is contemplating another building here.

Will Seal Vote Box at Office of Newspaper

ASSURE FAIRNESS

No Candidate Will Know How Others Are Standing

main to be one of the victors in the election. No one can deny that the race is a mighty close one, and that is the reason the final hours are crowded with intense excitement and rivalry of the keenest kind. These final days are seeing some hot battles waged, for it is almost that what is intended to be done must be done between now and Monday night, June 21st—and time is slipping rapidly.

**Get Winning Votes Now**  
Today, tomorrow—every day from now until June 21st is sufficient time to get the winning votes that will clinch the prize of your choice. Keep in mind the fact that every \$24 worth of subscriptions entitles you to the club's vote of 100,000 extra votes.

Remember that the long time subscriptions count the greatest number of votes. New subscriptions this period carry a bonus vote of 10,000 extra. Make a thorough canvass of your friends for long time subscriptions and make positively certain that you are not omitting any subscription that might mean winning one of the cars. A few long term subscriptions might be the very ones needed to win one of the attractive and valuable cars.

**SEAL BALLOT BOXES**  
The ballot box, locked and sealed, will be placed in the office of The Herald and News Monday, June 14, and will remain there until Monday, June 21, when candidates and their friends may deposit their final votes.

No one but the candidates will know the number of votes each one is piling up these last few days of the election. This assures absolute fairness and prevents any possibility of favoritism being shown. Simply put your subscription stubs in an envelope with remittance to cover and be doubly sure sufficient remittance is made to cover the subscriptions, so that votes can be counted for you.

### Rotary-Kiwanis Join to Finance Scout Building

Clubs Will Present Magic and Magic Entertainers on June 17

To assist in the financing of the Boy Scout building in this city the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs announce that they will present La Royal, noted entertainer, and his company in Torrance Thursday afternoon and evening, June 17, at the High School Auditorium.

The La Royal entertainment has a high educational value and is recommended by school authorities in many parts of the country. The program includes music and magic, according to the announcements.

The entertainment in the afternoon will be for students of the school. The evening performance will be at 8 o'clock.

George Steadman and Charles Schultz of the Kiwanis Club and Charles Jones and Fay Parks of the Rotary Club are in charge of the event.

"La Royal," whose name is A. Royal Forsythe, is a baritone soloist, monologist, reader, humorist, and as a magician has few equals in the profession.

During the World War Mr. Forsythe first enlisted in the Canadian army and later when the United States entered the war enlisted in the A. E. F. and was a sergeant of the 116th field signal battalion. In France he organized "The Khaki Trio," which became famous in the A. E. F.

### City Is Thanked By Eastern Star

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett read to the Board of Trustees Monday night a letter from the Eastern Star thanking the city officials for the use of El Prado Park for the organization's May Day festival.

The rain is over. It's time to paint. Use Fabco Paints. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

## BOARD MAKES P. E. DEMAND

### Justice of Peace Contest Looms Up

### Observations

Two Great Moving Pictures—The Thaws—Our Proposed Laws of Last Week and a Suggestion From a Montana Editor  
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A FEW words about the movies, prompted by the fact that one of the greatest pictures made this year will be shown to patrons of the Torrance Theatre for four days starting Sunday.

The public seems continually to shout for better and cleaner pictures. The producers reply that they will give the public what it wants just as soon as the box-office receipts for high class productions indicate that the people want that type of films.

Which brings us to consideration of "Stella Dallas." Samuel Goldwyn decided that he would make a picture without regard for the box office. He chose "Stella Dallas" and engaged Belle Bennett to play the title role.

The picture was directed and produced not primarily to make money but to prove that the films really can be artistic, that the talent for truly great pictures is available and will be brought into play as soon as the public demands really good pictures.

TO Mr. Goldwyn's announced surprise and to the gratification of all who hope for improvement in pictures "Stella Dallas" proved to be one of the greatest money-makers of the year.

The reasons are apparent. Belle Bennett is a great actress. To my mind her performance as Stella constitutes the greatest piece of screen acting that I have ever seen. Weary of doll-faced women stars with pretty bodies and no brains or talent, I was captured by the genius of Miss Bennett.

The picture is a slice out of real life. Taken from a great book, it depicts the usual screen tradition and becomes a great film. It departs from the usual screen tradition and for the encouragement in the general interest of this district who really are making a theatre managers in Los Angeles. I commend "Stella Dallas" to our readers and urge them to see this wonderful cinema production.

Another picture is being shown in Southern California that merits the patronage of all who regard the movies as a potent factor in modern life. It is "The Volga Boatman." Cecil DeMille has woven the fabric of a gripping story of the Russian revolution into a masterpiece of film. The work of William Boyd in this picture lifts that actor out of the category of a director's puppet into the realm of real Theatrical talent. DeMille's master hand has never fashioned a finer film—which is saying much when one keeps in mind "The Ten Commandments."

A tremendous financial success, encouraging the powers that be in filmdom to give us more of the truly great variety.

FOR unflinching ability to attain the front pages the palm should be awarded to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. I was a boy when the Thaw case first gripped the interest of the country. Since that day the chief figures in the revolting drama have periodically figured in front page newspaper publicity.

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Another character of a generation ago comes to life. He is the asserted lost Charley Ross. Kidnapped at the age of 4, this lad was never found. His father spent a fortune before his death in a fruitless search for the boy. Now comes evidence, be it true or false, that the lad—now a man of more than 50—is found. I would be interested if this were true. The story at hand says that the alleged Charley Ross is a gentleman of education, dignity and intelligence—having made himself what he is by self-education. Such an ending to the drama of Charley Ross would be superb and the story of his life a great study in the influence of heredity.

LATE this month editors of the United States will hold a convention in Los Angeles. Most of them will come from the county seats of the middle west. As editors of papers in small towns and cities of the country, they constitute the greatest influence in the land. Unfolding to them the glories of the Southland will do Southern California no small amount of good. I can think of no national convention that would bring more dividends to this part of the United States.

A FRIEND informed me that our factious recommendations regarding new laws were taken seriously by some of our readers. I was prone to doubt this until I came across the following news story in the Los Angeles Times:

"LEWISTOWN (Mont.), June 6.—Published in this, a wool center, the Fergus County Argus (weekly publication) calls on United States Senators Walsh and Wheeler of Montana to investigate women's attire tendencies, which, the Argus declares, are ruining the wool industry.

"The more the women cut their skirts, the less the demand for wool. The Argus thinks legislation regulating skirts may have direct beneficial effect on demand for wool."

If one editor makes such a suggestion in all seriousness, I can understand that the sarcastic suggestions of another might be viewed in the same light.

The demands of the Fergus County Argus are typical of the flood of demands for governmental investigation and new laws that pour in on Washington and our state capitals. Many of the suggestions are as ludicrous as I tried to make mine of last week.

I presume the editor of the Fergus Argus would favor a law regulating the length of women's skirts, such a recommendation would be laughable were it not for the fact that this democracy will soon become an autocracy of the worst sort unless the deluge of fool laws is dammed.

ONCE kings passed down their edicts. The present tendency is for organized minorities to win thoughtless support sufficient to make them into majorities and then to shove over legislation that curbs individual liberty to a point never dared by the potentates of other days. I am not referring to prohibition but to such thought-confining restrictions as the Tennessee anti-evolution statute, and the Massachusetts literary censorship, and such freedom-curbing tonfooleries as anti-cigarette laws and the more stringent of the blue laws that prevail in some states.

It might be a good thing for the race if nobody believed in evolution. I don't know. But laws which tend to bar the doors to investigation and the search for truth most certainly are not good for anyone. Neither should laws which tend to restrict that portion of human department which should be left to personal volition. In this connection I commend all and sundry to the essays of Herbert Spencer.

Personally I don't give a rap about the length of women's skirts. That's up to the women. Certainly it is not up to the government.

### ELECT JUDGE AUG. 31

Patterson Will Run With Hunter's Support, Declares Report

DENY POLITICS IN COURT Friends Rightly Defend Pair Against Suggestions of Connivance

Considerable interest is being displayed in Lomita township—which includes both Torrance and Lomita—in the primary election of August 31, when the people will elect a justice of the peace to serve for four years.

L. J. Hunter was elected four years ago by a narrow margin. A few weeks ago he resigned and recommended S. D. Patterson as his successor.

Justice Patterson, it is understood, will be a candidate for the office with the support of Mr. Hunter. Whether a candidate from Torrance will enter the field apparently has not been determined.

A few weeks prior to his resignation, however, he changed his tactics and, departing from his customary sentence of "500 or 500 days," imposed a number of much lighter penalties.

Then followed his resignation and the appointment of Patterson at the behest of most of the ultra-conservative element in the township. Whether he can swing this vote into line for Patterson, in the light of the altered policy of the court on liquor law violations, is a question that political observers are asking daily.

Friends of Hunter and Patterson quite correctly are vehemently opposing silly suggestions that the former justice and the incumbent have used or are using the court for political purposes.

Hunter was severe in order to win the conservative vote and that Patterson is lenient in order to win favor with the liberals and that with this double-barreled support Hunter and Patterson hope to retain control of the office. Such an implication is in contempt of court and is rightly denied by all who know that neither Mr. Hunter nor Justice Patterson would connive to use the court to gain political advantage.

**Who Mailed This Cash to Someone In Waterville, O.?**

Who in Torrance mailed a letter containing money to a person in Waterville, O.?

Postmaster Alfred Gourdier wants to know, because the letter was addressed to a person for whom it was not intended. This person, he is honest, notified Postmaster Gourdier. Mr. Gourdier requested The Herald to publish the facts concerning the letter. If the person who mailed the letter will call at the Torrance postoffice and identify himself the postmaster will secure the letter and the money for him.

The letter carried no return address and was signed by a man's first name.

**Building Permits In May \$45,843**

Building permits for the month of May in Torrance called for construction worth \$45,843, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported Monday night to the trustees.

### Will You Aid Your City In This Matter?

Only a few letters have been received in the "Live in Torrance" cash prize essay contest of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Citizens are urged to co-operate with the Torrance chamber in its educational move to induce Torrance workmen to become Torrance residents.

To co-operate all that is necessary is to write a letter of 400 words or less telling why Torrance workmen should live in the city in which they earn their livelihoods.

Will you write such a letter? Do it now. One of the cash prizes may be yours—and you will help the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Torrance in a movement that means much to every resident of this community.

### THE RULES

Rules in the Chamber of Commerce "Live in Torrance" essay contest follow:

1—Every resident of Torrance is eligible to compete, except directors of the Chamber of Commerce and their families. Contestants may submit as many letters as they choose.

2—Letters must be not more than 400 words in length. They must be legibly written on one side of the paper and signed with the name and address of the writer.

3—Letters must be at the Chamber of Commerce office in Torrance at or before 5 p. m. Monday, June 28.

4—The Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to publish all or any part of any letter received. No letters will be returned.

5—The prize winners will be announced in The Torrance Herald issue of Thursday, July 1.

If you have to do it set down in writing the advantages which Torrance offers as a home city and why you think workmen who are employed here should take up residence.

For the best letter the Chamber of Commerce will pay \$10; for the second best, \$7.50; for the third, \$5; for the fourth, \$2.50—a total of \$15.

Could anyone earn \$10 more easily—and at the same time co-operate in a worth-while movement for his home town?

Write a letter for Torrance—for yourself.

### Women's Club Annual Lunch Next Tuesday

New Officers Will Be Installed at Meeting June 15

Installation of officers and the annual luncheon of the Women's Club will be held at 12:30 Tuesday, June 15, at the clubhouse.

Reservations must be made with Mrs. Guy Mowry, phone 140-J, or with Mrs. F. L. Parks, phone 60-W, not later than 12 o'clock noon June 12.

The executive board at a special meeting has decided to abide by the rule made by the club when these luncheons were first given, that it be strictly a club affair, with no guests.

Mrs. John Urquhart, past president of the state federation, and Mrs. Lella Atherton Irish, new chairman of the Hollywood Bowl, will be the guests of the club. Mrs. Urquhart will install the officers, and Mrs. Irish will discuss the Hollywood Bowl. Reports will be given by the different chairmen on their work for the year, and a good program has been arranged for the afternoon.

### Billiard Parlor Ordinance Passed

An amending ordinance allowing billiard halls to remain open until 1 o'clock Saturday nights was finally adopted by the Board of Trustees Monday night.

**MAY FINES \$475**  
City Recorder Charles Rippe collected \$475 in fines during the month of May, he reported to the Board of Trustees Monday night.

### STREET RIGHTS ASKED

Trustees Take Speedy Action as Old Contract Comes to Light

CROSSINGS OVER TRACK 1912 Agreement Shows Officials Way to Secure Needed Easements

Backed by the provisions of a 14-year-old agreement between the Dominguez Land Corporation and the Pacific Electric Railway, the Board of Trustees started action Monday night to induce the railway company to grant street-crossings over the company's rights of way on Cabrillo avenue and Redondo boulevard.

In previous negotiations with the company for these crossings city officials have been unaware of the agreement by which the company is apparently bound to grant the crossings. When Frank Leonard became city engineer he acquainted the trustees with this agreement and suggested that the crossings might be secured if the city and the Dominguez Land Corporation joined in a demand for the fulfillment of the terms of the agreement.

The trustees Monday night instructed the city engineer and City Attorney Perry G. Briney to make formal application for a number of street crossings over the P. E. rights of way, joining in the request with the Dominguez Company, original party to the unexpired agreement.

Signed in 1912  
When this request is made it will ask for crossings over the P. E. tracks on Cabrillo avenue at the following streets: Marcelina avenue, Gramercy avenue, Double avenue, Barton avenue, and over the tracks at the intersection of Post avenue and Redondo boulevard.

The agreement was signed by the Pacific Electric and the Dominguez Land Corporation in 1912. In return for deeds to its rights of way in Torrance, the company agreed to the instrument to grant rights of way for streets over its property at all street intersections whenever a demand for these crossings is made by the Dominguez Company or the company's assignee.

The agreement also stipulates that the company may construct curbs at the sides of its own right of way.

If all the crossings over the Cabrillo avenue tracks are secured in accordance with the terms of the agreement the company may construct curbs, according to City Attorney Briney's opinion after study of the agreement.

See Obstacles Removed  
In the opinion of the trustees the agreement removes many difficulties in securing a right of way across the company's tracks at the intersection of Post avenue. This Western avenue turns into Redondo boulevard. The company has already agreed to grant such an easement but stipulated that if the crossing were paved the city would have to bear an expense of about \$7,500 for the work and for changing the type of tracks at the intersection.

The trustees believe that under the 1912 agreement the city can secure the right of way without reservations and proceed with the paving of the crossing at considerable saving to the municipality.

### Kathlyn Wheaton Wins School Honor

The Ephesian ring, which is awarded each year to the senior who has during his or her high school life served the school best in scholarship, leadership and service, was awarded to Kathlyn Wheaton by Principal Herbert Wood at the junior-senior banquet Saturday night.

The senior class selected the four highest out of the class, and the faculty elected Miss Wheaton from this list.

### CITY HELPS LEGION

A sewer main will be extended from the alley north of Carson street to the American Legion clubhouse at the expense of the city, the trustees voted Monday night.