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### THE HERALD'S PLATFORM FOR TORRANCE

- 1-Ornamental Lighting System.
- -Interchange of Freight Between P. E. and Santa Fe.
- 3-Western Avenue Bus Line.
- -Hollywood Palos Verdes Park-
- 5-New School North of Carson St.
- 6-Aviation Field.
- -Co-operation of All Torrance Peo-ple, Firms, Industries and Other Agencies, to Induce Torrance Workmen to Live in Torrance.
- -The conduct of All Local Affairs in a Spirit of Neighborly Friendliness and Constructive Co-opera-tion to the End That the Peace and Prosperity of All May Be Encouraged by an Alert Civic Consciousness and Patriotism.

### FRIDAY'S VOTE AND FUTURE TORRANCE

THE decision of the people of Torrance last Friday in favor of a 10-cent tax for promoting and advertising this city was conclusive evidence that home-patriotism is flourishing here.

As a result of the election the new tax rate in Torrance will be 76 cents, a reduction of 22 cents under iast year's rate. As a result of the election the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is financed for next year with funds coming from taxes, although the chamber can spend no money without the sanction of the Board of Trustees. Sixty percent of the money paid into this promotional fund will come from non-resident owners of vacant property. Thus will those who benefit most by the growth of Torrance pay their share of the cost of promoting the growth of the city.

The fact that the work of the chamber is now financed by all property-owners ought to have a good effect on the work of the chamber. The accomplishments of this organization during the past year have been of a praiseworthy nature. Still more accomplishments must be realized during the ensuing months.

Among the many problems confronting the city are water rates, a Western avenue bus line, an interchange of freight between the Santa Fe and Pacific Electric.

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So many things are to be considered in the matter of water rates that it would be hasty to draw conclusions before an exhaustive study of the situation. At present rates in Torrance are too high. A citizens' commission, representing all groups and interests in Torrance, should be appointed to go into the water situation in detail, make a comprehensive report, and submit recommendations for action to rectify the condition.

For months the State Railroad Commission has had efore it evidence gleaned at a hearing on a permit for Western avenue bus line. The case apparently is igeon-holed. What action is necessary to get the use out of the haze and into the open must be taken.

The matter of an interchange of freight is now eeing considered by the Santa Fe and Pacific Electric allways. In case these two companies cannot agree of an interchange official action before the Railroad commission might be advisable.

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Other activities are essential to local progress. One of these has to do with housing. At least 500 dwellings in Torrance could be filled with residents if the houses were available. It is a proper function of the Chamber of Commerce to interest builders in Torrance.

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The campaign to induce men who work here to live here must be carried forward constantly. The greater the population of Torrance the greater business every merchant does. The greater business as merchant does the lower his prices will become. That is of interest to everyone. Prices now on nationally advertised merchandise are as low in Torrance as anywhere. The people of Torrance would do well to investigate this for themselves and confine their purchases to nationally advertised brands in all lines. Torrance lacks community entertainment. Means and facilities for big community gatherings, such as hand concerts, pageants and outdoor speaking programs should be provided. It is properly the function of the Chamber of Commerce, through the fund just voted, to finance such gatherings.

Torrance possesses great economic advantages in her industries. More than that she owns charms that are rivaled by no small or middle-sized city in Southern California.

But the world does not know it. It is the function of the Chamber of Commerce to tell the world—to draw visitors to this city.

The Chamber of Commerce should advise and

# Short Furrows

Hon. Ex-Editur Cale Finhart's return t' active journalism at th' age o' seventy-eight has caused quite a stir down our way. He will be th' police reporter on th' Weekly Sliphorn an' also handle th' publicity 'fer Constable Newt Plum, who talks some o' runni fer Gov'nor. "It Cato could learn Greek

Streets and Alleys in the City of Iletty fer Constable Newt Plum, Torrance, California, having been formanded to the Superintendent of Gramera and twenty night of the said City, together, with a written statement of all prayments received upon the said assessment, and twenty full days having expired from the date of the said Warrant, the said Street sharing expired from the date of the said City a complete list of all assessment, and twenty made to make the said City a complete list of all assessment, which list is now on Rie in my office as City Circk of the said City a complete list of all assessment, which list is now on Rie in my office as City Circk of the said City a complete list of all assessment, which list is now on Rie in my office as City Circk of the Said City of Trustees of The comber, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that interested persons may appear before the said Board of Trustees of the said City of Torrance in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of said City at the hour of 3:00 or for the said Board of Trustees of the said City at the hour of 3:00 or for the said Said City at the hour of 3:00 or for the said Said City at the hour of 3:00 or for the said City at the said City at the said C

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assist residents outside this city who may deem it advisable to annex to Torrance.

In the competition for new industries the work of the Chamber of Commerce is of the utmost importance. This work has accomplished much during the past few months. To add up the accomplishments in this connection one needs only to mention the International Derrick and Equipment Company, the Eno Rubber Corporation, and the concrete pipe plant now being made ready.

Highways tributary to Torrance are essential to local progress. The Torrance chamber is in constant touch with county highway officials and should—and we are sure, will—keep up the good work.

Events are shaping themselves for a substantial and steady growth in Torrance. The confidence of the people in the work of the chamber as expressed so eloquently in the vote of last Friday is a great asset, it inspires directors of the chamber to harder work and greater accomplishment. It proves that the people of Torrance are forward-looking and appreciative of community accomplishment.

With such a spirit manifested in all civic activities, Torrance may soon become the virtual hub of the harbor district and the talk of Southern California.

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ON STAYIN' IN TH' HARNESS

WALKIN' INT' A GOOD THING AT 66

Mrs. L. J. Acree and Mrs. Rose Sell, of Gramercy avenue, were Surbank visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dolley of Gramercy avenue were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Dol-ley's sister, Mrs. Léwis Waltz, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bradford and family and Miss Caroline Strob spent Sunday at Balboa Beach.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber and Dr. Minnie Proctor, of Post avenue, spent last week at their cottage at Anahem Landins. Guests during the week were Mrs. Charles Risley, Mrs. W. K. Barle, Mrs. Ben Sharps, and Mrs. Chunning and daughter of Los Angeles.

NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE LIST OF UNPAID AS-SESSMENTS FOR THE IM-PROVEMENT OF MARTINA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING AS TO SAID LIST.

Pursuant to statute, notice is hereby given that the Warranti Assessment and Diagram, recorded August 2, 1928, for the work done and the improvement made by Geo. R. Curtis Paving Co. Inc., the Contractor, under that certain contract entered into on the 18th day of February, 1926, for the improvement of said Martina Avenue in the City of Torrance, California, having been returned to the Superintendent of Streets of the said City, together with a written statement of all payments received upon the said assessment, and twenty full days having expired from the date of the said Warrant, the said Street Superingendent duly made and on the 25th day of August, 1926, filed in my office as City Clerk of the said City a complete list of all assessments unpaid as shown on said assessments unpaid as shown on said assessments unpeffice.

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TORRANCE NOTES

Mrs. Luther Hyde and her guest, Mrs. Nettle Sawyer, spent Friday with their cousin, Mrs. Mary Hlatt, of Santa Monica.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stewart of Martina avenue are on a week's business trip to Ventura.

Mrs. Nettle Sawyer of Redlands was a weekend visitor at the home of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hyde.



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