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### THE HERALD'S PLATFORM FOR **TORRANCE**

- 1-Ornamental Lighting System.
- 2—Interchangé of Freight Between P. E. and Santa Fe.
- 3-Western Avenue Bus Line.
- 4-Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway.
- 5-New School North of Carson St.
- 6-Aviation Field.
- -Co-operation of All Torrance People, 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-operation to the End That the Peace and Prosperity of All May Be Encouraged by an Alert Civic Consciousness and Patriotism.

#### WHAT ABOUT THOSE SANTA FE PLANS?

"D<sup>O</sup> you really think," asked a woman the other day, "that the Santa Fe Railroad actually contemplates any real development in Torrance?"

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I wonder if many other people are harboring questions on this matter.

If they are, these questions would have been dispelled if these persons had attended last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees, when a number of high Santa Fe officials were present.

Logic points to the fact that the Santa Fe expects to accomplish much in the way of industrial development in Torrance.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, subsidiary of the Santa Fe, bought 800 acres in Torrance. For this and the oil royalties of the Dominguez Land Corporation \$2,000,000 or thereabouts was paid. More than \$1,000,000 was paid for land, the balance for oil royalties, it is understood.

Two million dollars may be a small amount to the Santa Fe, but it is enough of an investment for the company to desire to see it enhanced. A large railroad does not spend that much money for land with the expectation of allowing the land to remain idle for a long, long period.

The Santa Fe is particularly anxious to begin development of its Torrance property without delay. This is evidenced by their own statements in writing, now on file with the city clerk. It was evidenced last Tuesday night at the trustees' meeting when attorneys and Santa Fe executives stated positively that development is planned without delay.

Whether the company has any real definite industrial plan for the acreage, other than the laying out of an industrial subdivision, is something that none here can state. No statement from the company or any of its officials gives anyone any reason to conclude that the company "has anything up its sleeve."

But even if no such hidden motive exists, the announcements of the company are sufficient to breed a new optimism regarding the future of Torrance. No railroad company in the west is a better developer than the Santa Fe. Without overstating the case, it seems to us that the industrial development here will be as attractive and well planned in its way as the Rancho Santa Fe development by the same compan

another way.

Torrance is decidedly fortunate in having as an ally to its ambitions a nation-wide organization such as the Santa Fe.

#### JUST WHY SHOULD YOU BUY IN TORRANCE?

WE are among those who believe that the person who makes his living in Torrance should, whenever possible, buy his merchandise in this city.

Every resident of Torrance owes a definite debt to the business men of Torrance.

Never is a community entertainment staged but what the great bulk of the support comes from the merchants.

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Never does an organization in Torrance plan a new home or create a worthy fund, but what the bulk of the cost is borne by Torrance business men.

Torrance business men constitute the majority of Torrance stockholders in the Women's Club.

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Torrance business men, in a great measure, made possible the construction of the Legion Clubhouse, both directly by buying stock in the Legion corporation and by steadily supporting Legion entertainments put on for the purpose of raising money.

Torrance business men make up a majority of the members of the Torrance Hospital Association.

And the list could go on, convincing evidence that in all community projects the business men are called

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upon and respond with unusual generosity.

The debt which people of Torrance owe to Torrance business men constitutes only one of many reasons for buying in Torrance.

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Local stores carry extensive stocks of nationally advertised merchafidise. Prices of such goods are the same all over the Pacific Coast. There is no economic reason for a Torrance resident buying a nationally known, uniformly priced article out of town.

To urge people to buy in Torrance without giving them sound reasons for doing so is plain tomfoolery. But the reasons why Torrance people should patronize home merchants are many. We have cited but one or two of them. From time to time we will present more.

Buy it in Torrance.

### THERE'S NO BETTER CITY IN SOUTHLAND

DAY by day conditions are improving in Torrance. The improvement is benefiting everyone here, wage earners, property owners, and business and professional men.

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Factories of Torrance are rushed with orders. That
makes work more plentiful. In their employment
policies Torrance industries are co-operating closely
with the Chamber of Commerce and are giving preference to Torrance residents—all other qualifications
being equal. That helps Torrance. The day may not
be far distant when this policy will take even more
definite form, than at present.

Building activity is becoming brisk. Attracted by
the promise of Torrance growth a number of builders
from Los Angeles stand ready, it is reported, to construct a large number of dwellings in Torrance. A
number of houses are going up now. Lumber companies and building supply houses report a steadily
improved market. That provides work for men of the
building trades. It also makes for the growth of
Torrance.

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Increased employment is being reflected in increased sales in the retail district, where Torrance merchants are more and more specializing in nationally advertised products, the prices of which are the same in all parts of the Pacific Coast.

It is not our intention to assist in the creation of fictitious land values, nor do we wish to help bring on a boom that is without sound basis. The fact remains, and we feel we are justified in bringing it to attention, that Torrance real estate at present prices is a good investment.

a good investment:

If this city is not destined for a substantial growth continuing over the next five years, then every person who watches local conditions and developments with intelligent interpretation is wrong.



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