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

- 1—Ornamental Lighting System.
- 2—Interchange of Freight Between P. E. and Santa Fe.
- 3-Western Avenue Bus Line.
- 4-Hollywood Palos Verdes Park-
- 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-opera-tion to the End That the Peace and Prosperity of All May Be Encouraged by an Alert Civic Consciousness and Patriotism.

#### HOMES WOULD BE THE IDEAL WELCOME SIGN

THE latest addition to the ranks of Torrance industries is the United Concrete Pipe Company, which is pushing a substantial program of development on its new site on 208th street (East road).

This company operates plants in several cities in California—both in the north and south. Torrance, according to officials of the company, will have the main plant and will be headquarters of the corporation.

A number of the executives and employes of the company are now living in Torrance. More are seeking homes here. The fact brings out again the need for more dwellings in Torrance and adds weight to the contention that if several hundred dwellings were con-structed here now they would be filled as rapidly as they were completed.

There never was a time in the history of Torrance more propitious for dwelling-house construction. Torrance needs houses badly. Owners of vacant property will do well to build while construction costs are low and while the demand for homes is greatly in excess of the available supply.

One way of demonstrating a community welcome

to the United Concrete Pipe Company would be to erect homes sufficient to house the men who, working for the company, wish to live near the plant.

### SOMEWHAT OF A DEBT SHARED BY US ALL

L AST year business men of Torrance paid more than \$8000 for the privilege of doing business in this city. This aggregate sum, paid for business licenses, was in addition to the regular taxes paid by local commercial institutions.

It is interesting to note that the sum of \$8000 paid for business licenses is almost half the sum expended by the city for its police department salaries. It is almost as much as the total cost of the municipal fire department last year. It is about twice as much as it cost to run the city clerk's department for the 12.

months.

We mention these facts merely to stress the contention that home-buying is fair and advisable.

When Torrance residents and taxpayers realize that business houses paid license fees to a sum that was more than 8 percent of all general municipal taxes collected last year they will undoubtedly feel somewhat of an obligation to buy at home whenever possible. Organizations of a public or semi-public nature, which have found generous financial support among the business men of Torrance should be particularly anxious to return this generosity by home patronage.

Favors returned are favors appreciated—a fact which we believe most local organizations realize.

## WESTERN AVENUE BUS LINE BADLY NEEDED

THE whole harbor district is anxious to see bus THE whole harbor district is anxious to see bus service started between Long Beach and Hollywood via Western avenue. To this end civic organizations are bringing to bear all possible argument. The decision regarding the service rests with the State Railroad Commission. This body will naturally view the request for a franchise with absolute fairness. At the hearing on the matter the request was not opposed. We have, therefore, every reason to believe that the request will be approved, to the benefit of the whole harbor district.

## STYLISH SPORTS

-By Voorhees



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## **More Tax Facts**

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City-owned electric plants do not pay these taxes. They pay nothing towards the cost of State and Feder-

corporations did not pay the cost of State government, some plan of direct taxation would have to be

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