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# SAM LEVY

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## Are Colorful Council Meetings Confined to City of Torrance? If You Think So Just Read This

Brisk and colorful council meetings are in no wise confined to Torrance. Elsewhere the smooth water of municipal pools are tossed high by the biting winds of sharp oratory.

The following account of a council meeting at Hawthorne is re-published from the Hawthorne-Lawndale Journal. "A rather tense atmosphere hung over the council chamber Monday evening, and those who cut down their entertainment expenses by attendance at these sessions were well rewarded. Some of the members of the evening were so roundly applauded it was expected there would be encores. Possibly the meeting of next Monday night may be considered in the light of an encore, provided the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion and their play does not interfere with present plans.

"It was anticipated there would be something doing, and the front edges of a number of seats were well worn down by the cash customers as they leaned forward, loath to miss a single word of verbal eruptions. They did not have long to wait for no sooner had the minutes of the previous meeting been read and approved than a communication from the local post of the American Legion was read protesting the discharge of ex-service men from city positions with apparently no cause. It was asked that a representative of the council appear before the next meeting of the Legion to talk the matter over.

"Councilman Clark fell in with the idea and moved the prayer be granted. Silence prevailed for a few minutes and the mayor had to declare the motion lost for want of a second. Then Councilman Ramage moved to file the report without action, his motion also expiring for the same cause as above. Just the status of the communication at present we don't know, it read, and its purpose was probably realized. The communication contained the following requests: "The following resolution was unanimously adopted by Hawthorne Post No. 314, American Legion, at a meeting of said post at its headquarters in Hawthorne on July 16, 1928, and pursuant thereto a copy delivered to the city clerk of Hawthorne with a request that same be read before your honorable body.

"Whereas, we consider the action of a majority of the members of the board of trustees of the city of Hawthorne in discharging ex-service men, and the husband of a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion from city offices to which they had been duly appointed, without notice and without cause, is deplored as being unfair, unjust and un-American.

"Resolved: That while the American Legion carefully refrains from taking any part in politics or factional controversies, it resents, condemns and protests in unmeasured terms, the summary dismissal of Chief of Police Robertson, City Judge Jones, Motor Officer Deal and Officer Hartzell, without apparent cause as far as we have been able to ascertain.

"A regular meeting to be held on August 1, 1928, at the Legion headquarters, 179 North Hawthorne avenue, and submit evidence for the cause of the dismissal of the above named ex-serviced men.

"He further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy be transmitted to the board of trustees, through the city clerk of the city of Hawthorne.

"Signed: Hawthorne Post No. 314, the American Legion, Department of California.

"The city auditor demonstrated his ability for action when a complete audit of the books of Police Judge Jones was presented and read. A number of discrepancies apparently existed and comments of criticism were heard from members of the board. Councilman Clark suggested that as Judge Jones was present it might be well to hear from him. The judge addressed the board at some length and in some warmth, during which he declared in plain words that if Councilman Ramage stated certain things he was a liar. This seemed to please the crowd mightily and the judge was given loud applause as he sat down. He maintained that as he was fired without notice and the records of his office taken away from him when he was not present, he could hardly be expected to accept responsibility for any errors he made and the errors that could possibly have been made by those going over his accounts.

"He clarified the atmosphere considerably when he explained that he had gone away on his vacation immediately after a court session and had not posted his books, expecting to do so upon his return, which, it is said, he had a perfect right to do. There seemed to be no discrepancies in the amount of money collected through his office and paid into the city, and Mr. Jones declared that he was most willing to present himself at any time in answer to any charges that might be made.

"By this time most of the spectators felt they had their money's worth and would have been content to go home, but this was but the first act of the comedy. "Passing of the consolidation petition was but a matter of form, the petitions coming to the council with the statement of the clerk attesting their sufficiency. Councilman Fraser moving the petition be granted and an election be called for September 12, the city attorney to draw up the resolution. Breen seconded the motion and it passed with Ramage, Breen and Fraser voting for it. A letter had been read from John E. Bily, attorney of Los Angeles, suggesting there might be some difficulty over the election in case it carried and the Wiseburn strip, which is now in litigation, be declared invalid. T. T. Sturgeon addressed the council on this matter after Councilman Clark had moved the petition be referred to the attorney for checking. Mr. Clark was having bad luck. This was his second motion to die for want of a second.

"The recall petition was then brought up with the clerk's certificate of its sufficiency. After considerable discussion the steam roller was put to work and by vote of Ramage, Breen and Fraser the petition was ordered held over un-

til after the consolidation election is disposed of.

"The first reading of the house moving ordinance was then done and the city attorney was instructed to get clear title to the property of the Lawndale Land and Water Company before final payment for this was made.

"Then came the third and last act of the entertainment. Discussion arose over the ownership of a number of articles in the fire station, the volunteer department equipment and lot to the point, she Councilman Breen made a few remarks concerning this matter relative to some of the equipment having been turned over to the city by the department, especially some which J. W. Kelly had provided.

"Mrs. Kelly was in the audience and declared in no uncertain terms that at one time in the past when Mr. Breen was a member of the department and some difficulty arose he was one of the first to suggest the volunteers take their equipment and leave the city flat, read. Her remarks were to the point, she voicing the opinion that time had worked a considerable change in Mr. Breen's perspective. At any rate the applause was loud and long. The crowd was really having a good time.

"Another item or two it was voted to adjourn until next Monday night at 6:30."

TORRANCE NOTES

W. J. Neff has added a stock of Fisk and Ajax tires to his Texaco service station corner of Arlington and Carson streets.

Mrs. Al Harder, Mrs. LeGrand Barkdull, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Annie Greiner attended the Silver Tea given by the American Legion Auxiliary County Council at San Marino last Friday.

The American Legion Auxiliary County Council meets at Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles, Friday noon. Luncheon will be served at 12:15 by the Compton and Bert S. Crossland units.

Mrs. C. J. Powell of Spokane, Washington, was the houseguest of Mrs. W. C. Andrus last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harder went to Los Angeles Tuesday evening to attend the production of "The Spider."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh drove to Riverside yesterday, returning this morning.

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the clubhouse next Tuesday evening at 7:45.

P. B. Dilley left Monday morning for a business trip to San Francisco. He will be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Scott of Oakland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Andrus Tuesday.

Miss Olive Harestad, who has been a guest of her brother Paul Harestad for the past week, left Sunday for Yosemite, where she will spend a few days before returning to her home in Chicago.

# GAS! POISON GAS!

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news: affairs of government; affairs of civic interest; affairs of society; business and industrial activities; affairs of organizations; civic activities.

The Herald is striving to give its readers a complete and fair picture of the activities of this community in all of its many branches. We consider it a necessary but wasteful use of space when we must step aside from our worthy and constructive duties as publishers to answer such nasty attacks as emanate from the poison pen of Klusmanism. We much prefer to confine and center our activities on the upbuilding of our city and district, upon events which promote neighborliness and upon activities of general constructive interest.

The time one wastes in descending into the gutter of cheap politics to deal with a Klusman might well be devoted to result-getting activities of benefit to everyone in Torrance.

Thinking along this line we made a study of how we have performed our civic duty to Torrance as a newspaper during the past year.

In the twelve months beginning with July 1, 1927 we have published columns and columns of news relating to the constructive, upbuilding activities of the many civic organizations in Torrance. It is our duty to do this and we expect no undue credit for having performed a duty which any respectable newspaper must perform. At the same time one can measure value in terms of dollars and cents and we applied this measure to a few branches of our news service in Torrance during the past year.

At our prevailing space rates constructive news of civic bodies published in The Herald since July 1, 1927 figured up as follows:

News of Churches and Church Societies	\$1096.00
News of Legion and Auxiliary	380.20
News of Lodges	313.00
News of Schools and P.-T. A.	564.40
News of Women's Club	304.20

Total \$2,657.80

Do not misunderstand. We are not endeavoring to set a price on our service as a newspaper to Torrance. But we are endeavoring to indicate in understandable terms just what value in community advertising of a constructive nature these civic organizations received in our columns.

It is such service we like to render. It is such service, we know, that the public likes in its newspaper—not mud-slinging, accusations, nastiness and hate.

NEVERTHELESS it has become necessary to mix up a little of militant journalism with that of a constructive type.

Else the day would come when no self-respecting, home-loving man would care to devote any of his time to the civic affairs of his city. The futility of it would hold him back, for in Torrance the public rewards of service to the public have for years been nothing but abuse, inferred dishonesty, selfish motives and suspicion aroused by Klusman's striking below the belt and biting in the clinches.

CITIZENS of Torrance. We are all hard-working, family-loving people here, doing our best to keep the wolf from the door, striving to be happy, working to bring up our children properly, to clothe them well, feed them well and educate them well. After all this is the task of every one of us—the all-important task. Let us not lose sight of our main purpose in life because a Klusman pours poison into the veins of our city's life-blood.

We are all trying to be happy. For the pursuit of happiness and peace and contentment is instinctive in every decent human breast.

Shall we allow one individual whose breast heaves with the emotions of hate and envy to destroy our God-sent respect for one another, our charitable impulses, our sense of loyalty and our pride in our own community?

Shall we go on suffering one man to keep our city in a constant and unjustified uproar simply to gratify his own greedy appetite for public attention and the spotlight? Shall we not on the other hand go about our peaceful ways unmindful of his rabid attacks and devote our single and collective energies to the promotion of peace, harmony and progress?

Read this man's messages carefully. And when you do you will see all too clearly that he charges nothing directly, but merely infers, hints, and sneakily intimates.

Backed into a corner by logic by numbers of citizens he has run for cover like a craven, declaring that his statements are "nothing but politics."

Confronted in a Torrance place of business with the charge that he fought the pavement of Western avenue he said unabashed "that he fought it so that if he were elected he would receive the credit for putting the improvement in."

Do you begin to understand this man? Do you not see that it is only personal glory which he seeks? Do you see that he is willing to set his whole city by the heels in order to satiate his love for being the center of attention? Do you not see that he will drag the names of decent citizens in the mud in order to feed his own conceit on their distress?

He would drag down the statue of Venus de Milo in order to stand on the pedestal himself. He would tear all asunder the splendid fabrics of neighborliness, esteem, friendship between men in order to spin on a loom of hate a pattern, designed by his own lust for personal glory.

In his every utterance he has sought to do so. In all his hateful statements he has shown almost none of the gentle qualities which men have learned from all the Gods of all the ages.

His creed is one of spite, his words those of hate, his attitude toward all who cross him one of vengeance.

Yet he shall not tear down the citadels which honesty and duty have bullded for the unspiteful men and women of Torrance.

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY.

## The Voice Of the People

### ATTACKS KLUSMANISM

Editor, Torrance Herald, Torrance, California.

Dear Sir:

Since the announcement of the Armistice in 1918, no article in public print has interested me as much as your editorial on Klusmanism. The menace, which appeared in your last issue.

The truth of all your statements is unquestionable and your masterly handling of the whole matter deserves applause from all right thinking and upright fellow citizens.

There is an end to all human endurance, and your only fault lies in the fact that you suffered to endure this mudslinging, vilification and character assassination against yourself and a good many other men, who represent the highest type of American citizenship.

All these men including yourself have up to the present adhered strictly to the policy of "ignoring the barks while considering the source."

To this policy of indifference carried on indefinitely, we can attribute the oft repeated and unwarranted slanderous attacks against you and your associates.

I am alluding to the organization of the Audittum Co. and the erection of the building. One of my associates and brother directors, Mr. Hurum E. Reeve, had charge of the actual construction

During the building operations, a laborer, after being dismissed, brought charges of dishonesty against Mr. Reeve.

After a thorough investigation conducted by Judge Post and the entire board of directors (outside of Mr. Reeve), these charges were found to be entirely groundless. Mr. Reeve was exonerated and requested to go on with the work.

The past and recent accusations printed in a dodger being circulated around Torrance, to my mind are nothing else but criminal libel.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your fearlessness in exposing the ravings and enlightening your readers on the true conditions of affairs.

Yours very truly, J. Isenstein.

TORRANCE NOTES

Mothers Educational Center will meet at the Women's Clubhouse Friday morning.

George A. Evans is the owner of a nice new Dodge brougham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lincoln and niece, Miss Nellie Thorlow of Colorado spent Sunday at Catalina Island.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Ingold spent Sunday at San Gabriel with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Simonson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Eagers and daughter Cecelia of Olive street moved to San Pedro last week.

Miss Betty Jenkins, who has been a houseguest of Mrs. E. B. Farris of Portola avenue, left Tuesday by boat for San Francisco, enroute to her home in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

## Humpty Dumpty Will Operate Fruit Stand

The Humpty Dumpty Stores announce that they have taken over the fruit and vegetable department in the Torrance store on Sartori avenue. Manager Gaston Arco stated that weekly fruit specials would be advertised in conjunction with the grocery and meat departments items, the first of which appear on another page of this issue. "The Humpty Dumpty policy of giving good quality foodstuffs at the low prices obtainable by quantity buying will be reflected in the fruit and vegetable department, the same as in the grocery and meat departments," Mr. Arco stated.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Due to the fact that so many of the members are out of town, or planning vacation trips for the month, there will be no Sunday school services at Christ Episcopal mission during August.

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