

IMPORTANT POINTS of the CITY CHARTER

By JUDGE C. T. RIPPY
Chairman of Board of Freeholders

SCHOOL BONDS AND TAXES

There has been so much controversy over the amount of bonds issued and outstanding by the Los Angeles school district, and the proportion of these bonds for which Torrance is now liable and would be liable under its own school system and the rates of taxes of the Los Angeles school system and the tax rate which would prevail in Torrance if it operates its own schools that it is only proper that at this time actual figures should be presented for consideration of the electors.

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL BONDS

Huntington Park recently became a part of the Los Angeles School District. The following are the bonds issued or authorized for the Los Angeles school district, including Huntington Park:

Los Angeles, June
30, 1931 \$58,094,251.69

Los Angeles, Authorized
March 27, 1931, and
being rapidly issued \$27,720,000.00

Huntington Park,
Dec. 31, 1931 1,092,000.00

\$71,906,251.69

The assessed valuation of the Los Angeles School District including Huntington Park is \$2,056,175,450.00. The assessed valuation of Torrance is \$21,645,166.00. Torrance's assessed valuation is .01041% of the Los Angeles school district's assessed valuation. Torrance's per cent of the above bonds, therefore, would be .0748-.5418. It appears from the above that Torrance is now bonded for schools in the sum of \$748,541.08.

TORRANCE SCHOOL BONDS

If Torrance becomes a separate school district its proportionate share of the bonds on June 30, 1931, was about \$550,000.00. By the time the charter becomes effective in 1932, about \$33,000.00 will have been paid on the principal of these bonds, leaving a balance due and to be assumed by Torrance of \$517,000.00. If we become a separate school district sometime in April, 1932, after taxes have been paid, the sinking fund of the Los Angeles school district will be in excess of \$4,000,000.00. Mr. Lowery of the county auditor's office advises that it is the position of his office that if Torrance becomes a separate school district, that Torrance would be entitled to its proportionate share of this sinking fund which would be not less than \$40,000.00. By deducting this \$40,000 from \$517,000.00 our bonded indebtedness would be reduced to \$477,000.00. This would represent a difference of \$271,544.08 in bonds under the Los Angeles school district and under the Torrance school district.

Whether we remain a part of the Los Angeles school district or become a separate school district, sooner or later schools will have to be built, but we could determine for ourselves when they will be built and how much we will pay for them and several schools could be built for \$271,544.08.

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL TAX RATES

The present school tax rate in the Los Angeles School District is \$1.62. I am informed that the County Superintendent has said that at least \$2 will have to be added to the Los Angeles school district tax rate on account of the annexation of Huntington Park. When the \$12,720,000.00 in bonds above mentioned are totally issued, the tax rate of Los Angeles will be increased at least \$2 to pay principal and interest on these bonds. The total assessed valuation of the Los Angeles school district, including Huntington Park, but excluding Torrance according to the 1931 assessments would be \$2,031,637,965.00. The assessed valuation of the land in Los Angeles school district alone is \$1,067,969,295.00. The total assessed valuation of the improvements in Los Angeles school district alone is \$550,115,140. The assessed valuation of improvements is being reduced 20%. The assessed valuation of land is being reduced about 10%, this would make a total deduction from the assessed valuation of Los Angeles school district for 1932, not including any deductions for Huntington Park, \$216,818,863.00. If this tax is not reduced in 1932 by a reduction in overhead or teachers' salaries, the district tax rate for 1932 instead of being .876 cents will be \$1.05, a difference of .174 cents. Adding .174, .03 and .05, you will find that the school tax rate for Los Angeles school district will be increased about .364 cents.

TORRANCE SCHOOL COSTS

The assessed valuation of lands in Torrance is \$11,162,220. The assessed valuation of improvements in Torrance is \$4,939,185. Reducing these valuations to \$10,162,220 and \$1,000,000 respectively, or about 20% and 10% respectively, or a total reduction of \$1,939,185, the assessed valuation of the Torrance school district not including Perry, would be \$19,655,930. Taking the 1931 figures on average daily attendance in Torrance of 1049 in the elementary school and 637 in the high school and taking a district tax rate of .736, including bonds, the Torrance school district could raise \$374,716.00. This is on a basis of \$1.24. On a

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on retirement of \$9,000 outstanding bonded indebtedness on the Perry school district makes a total of approximately \$45,000 a year. This amount has not been mentioned before and anyone can see that \$45,000 will make a big hole in the \$180,000 difference claimed by the charter proponents. These amounts can be verified by anyone by referring to the Taxpayer's Guide or any banker.

Last October, the chairman of the education committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce wrote to the secretary of the Los Angeles board of education asking the question, "If Torrance does not separate from the Los Angeles school district will the Fern avenue school be built?" The reply to that letter is quoted in part herewith:

"October 20, 1931.
"Please be advised that the board of education deems it unwise to proceed now with the construction of the Fern avenue school, but that if Torrance remains in the Los Angeles city school system the board will construct said school as originally contemplated."

This letter has not been previously published, thus leaving the citizens of Torrance without possession of all the facts necessary in their decision for or against the charter. This letter, as can readily be seen, definitely commits the Los Angeles board of education to proceed with the building of Fern avenue school as originally planned. This letter is one of three written to various persons, only one of which has been given any publicity. It was written, the date mark indicates, as long ago as last October. This letter indicated definitely the good faith shown by the Los Angeles board of education which is contrary to the claims of the charter proponents that bad faith has been shown by the Los Angeles board.

Engineering authority regards the project as entirely feasible from an engineering standpoint as it would require no large amount of dredging to prepare the sea-level waterways and connect the system with the inner harbor. Supervisor Quinn regards the project as acceptable and it is explained that the county has a large interest in its flood control or drainage possibilities as well as in a considerably enhanced taxable wealth expectancy from the industrial development of the areas to be served by the project.

In furtherance of the plan, Stewart Laughlin of R. A. Rowan & Company, is conducting the negotiations for large land interests concerned.

The plans call for the extension of the west basin at San Pedro northward to a final confluence with Niguer slough near Gardena. Preparation of this channel for shipping purposes is held to be entirely feasible.

A turning basin, approximately 1000 feet wide and 1200 feet long, leading from the northwesterly extension of the inner harbor's west basin are to be constructed. From this turning basin a channel, with a bottom width of 100 feet and with a water depth of about 35 feet in conformity with the basic depth, is proposed for a distance of almost two miles northerly through the Bixby Slough district.

Branching westerly from this stem channel is mapped a half-mile waterway from the west end of which a half-mile channel is to extend southward and then be connected with the parent channel by a waterway about a mile long.

As requirements may demand, the main channel readily can be extended northward for approximately another mile. Large barges serving the main channels also are considered.

The present plans provide for the ultimate development of approximately four miles of main channels, or eight miles of deep-water frontage.

This will make it possible for 1090 acres of land deemed suitable for industrial development, to have close contact with deep-water frontage.

The project as mapped out has been under consideration as a future development for a number of years. That a few years will see the ultimate success of the plan, which had so long existed merely as a desirable dream of progress, is now more definitely forecast in the action of the board in providing for a survey of the territory involved.

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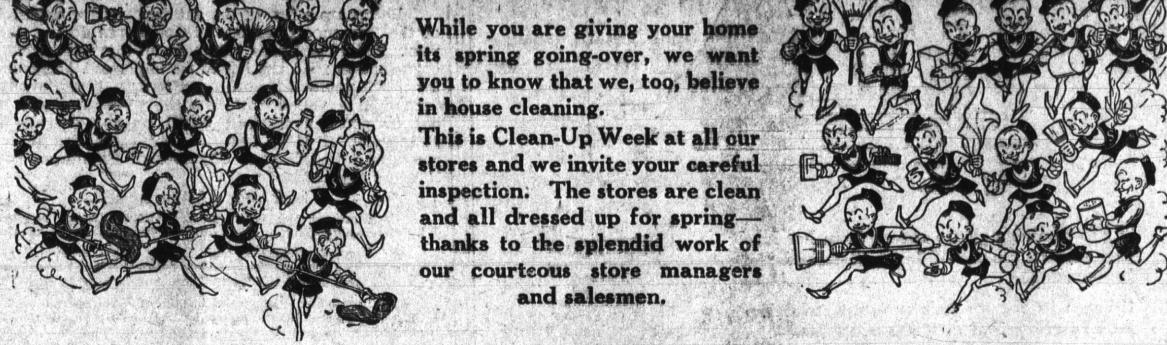
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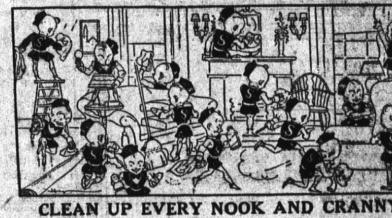
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