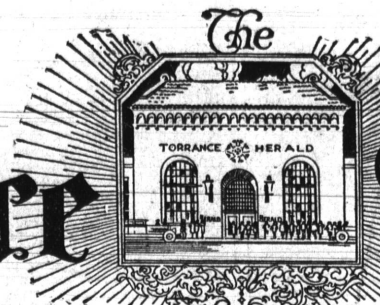


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LIBRARY BOND ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL TUES.

Legion Committee Expect to
Have Plans Ready Early
Next Week

A proposal to submit a bond issue to voters at the municipal election, April 9, for the purchase and remodeling of the American Legion clubhouse on Carson street for use as a public library, will be submitted to the Torrance city council next Tuesday evening, it was learned today from members of the Legion committee in charge of the matter.

At a recent meeting of Legion members authority to work out details and proceed with the proposition was given to a committee headed by P. A. Phoenix, commander of the Legion Post; E. L. Patterson, Jack Barrington, Earl Conner and Donald Findley.

Architects and building contractors have been busy this week inspecting the building and drawing up plans for library purposes. Plans tentatively outlined, call for strengthening the present building to make it earthquake resisting, the construction of a new wing, and spacing the entire building to harmonize with nearby school buildings and the county health center. The grounds, which include over half an acre, will also be landscaped in an attractive manner.

At present the county is paying a monthly rental of \$75 for the frame building on El Prado, and proponents of the plan are hopeful of securing an increase in this rental to \$100 per month for the proposed new library quarters. It is pointed out by proponents of the plan, that a monthly rental of \$100 would pay the interest and a portion of the retirement of a municipal bond issue. While the exact amount of the proposed bond issue cannot be definitely determined until estimates of the cost of remodeling are completed, it is proposed to ask voters for a sufficient amount to purchase the present building and spend between \$6000 and \$7000 on improvements.

CAKE CONTEST

Tenth District Parent Teachers Association will hold a monster cake contest and sale in Los Angeles on February 27. Prizes ranging from \$10 to \$25 in the junior and adult divisions with a \$50 prize for the best angel food cake, will be offered. Many cakebakers of the district are entering.

ONE MAN CARS

Pacific Electric cars through Torrance are running with a one-man crew, starting this week, as an experiment. If the plan works out successfully the one-man car will be a permanent arrangement on this branch of the P. E. railway.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

SACRAMENTO, (U.P.)—The eightieth anniversary of Sacramento's designation as California's state capital will be celebrated here March 1.

Who Remembers When

What was the name of the first Cafe in Torrance and by whom it was operated?
Who was the first jeweler?
Who was the first deputy registrar of voters?
When Torrance vacant lots were planted to barley and why?
When General Nelson A. Miles visited Torrance and why?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S WRW

The first Torrance residents to be married were Miss Ethelyn Ashley and Don Vorhis, who were married in Santa Ana, April 14, 1913. The Torrance fire department presented them with a fine linen tablecloth and napkins.

The first child to be born in Torrance was named George Washington Torrance Guilt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guilt of Anacapa avenue, born February 22, 1913. That native first citizen, if alive today, would be 21 years old.

The first officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Torrance Athletic Club were Mrs. George D. Watson, president; Mrs. R. R. Smith, vice president; Mrs. H. S. McManus, secretary and treasurer. The Torrance Athletic Association was organized May 1, 1913, with membership of 70 and Jared Sidney Torrance presented the association with 15 acres of land on El Prado east of Western avenue, part of which is now used as a woodyard by the city of Torrance. The proposed clubhouse was never built.

The seven industries located in Torrance on January 1, 1914, were the Union Tool Company, Pacific Metal Products Company, Hendrie Rubber Company, Moore Auto Truck Company, Torrance Pearl Manufacturing Company, California Shoe Company, and Southern California Lime and Cement Company.

Aggie Students Place Second At San Bernardino

Torrance High School Up to
Usual Standard At National
Orange Show

Torrance high school, following its annual custom, sent two teams to the citrus fruit judging contests at the National Orange Show, held at San Bernardino, Saturday, and came home with second place in Class A, tenth place in Class B, and a number of medals in individual performances.

Class A team was composed of Dale Howe, Kenneth Fess, Francis Mowry, and Wesley Brady, alternate.

Dale Howe was awarded first place in individual scoring and third in judging lemons; Kenneth Fess, second high individual, second high in judging packed boxes, third in judging oranges.

Torrance Class A team ranked first in judging packed lemons, the first time a Torrance team has won this honor; second in lemon judging and third in orange judging.

The Class B team, composed of Raymond Sana, Arthur Hedrick, Manuel Howard, with John Nady alternate, took tenth place in the contest and third place in the lemon judging contest.

Twenty-eight teams were entered, representing 16 high schools from Ventura county to San Diego. Nearly all of the 16 entered two teams.

The generosity of Neil Lynch, agricultural teacher at the Torrance elementary school, in furnishing transportation for some of the boys, made it possible for Torrance to enter two teams.

CAR TURNS OVER

A car driven by Tommy McNeil turned over on El Prado near the Alpaugh airplane factory yesterday morning. Tommy was not injured.

ACTIVITY IN OIL FIELDS IS REVIVING

New Wildcat East of Torrance Is Promising; Local
Owner Redrilling Well

Oil activity in the Torrance district has taken an upturn within the past two weeks, and speculation as to the imminence of another oil boom has been lively as a result.

Favorable tests in a wildcat well, drilled by Thomas Kelly and Sons Company in the area east of the city about midway between the Torrance and Dominguez fields, leads observers to believe that a new pool has been discovered which will rival and probably surpass both of these proven areas.

According to reports, oil testing 25 to 27 gravity filled the hole at the Kelly well which is located near Nigger Slough within a few minutes, indicating a well of considerable commercial value.

The Kelly company has leases on 1400 acres in the vicinity.

This week a drill crew was busy on a well owned by E. H. Grubbs, 3054 Sepulveda boulevard, fishing out old casing in preparation for redrilling the well. The rig is located just south of Sepulveda on Pennsylvania avenue, South Torrance. It was formerly known as the Midway Northern No. 9 on Lot 11. Mr. Grubbs, on being interviewed by a Herald reporter Wednesday, discounted rumors that a deep test was being made at this well and said that he was proposing merely to redrill the well to its present level of about 3700 feet. The work will be completed in about 30 days.

Help Yourself By Helping Your Bank

An Editorial
By GROVER C. WHYTE

The fate of the First National Bank hangs in the balance, and only prompt action on the part of depositors and others interested in the welfare and progress of this community can preserve this pioneer financial institution which has contributed so richly to the development of this city during the past 21 years.

But aside from the debt of loyalty which this community justly owes the bank which has fostered so many worthy public and private institutions, the re-organization plan as developed by the Comptroller of the Currency offers the individual depositor a much more attractive settlement of his account than he could ever hope to receive through receivership and liquidation, which is the only other alternative.

Receiverships are costly to depositors, and forced liquidation is ruinous to business. Little if any cash would be given to depositors for months, perhaps years; and the possibilities of receiving full return of all deposits would be remote.

On the other hand, adoption of the re-organization plan would release a substantial amount of cash to depositors immediately, and by the orderly liquidation of the slow assets of the bank, a full return of 45 per cent of deposits which are temporarily waived, is practically assured.

Moreover the investment possibilities through the purchase of common stock in the new bank are most attractive, due to the fact that the new bank will be over 100 per cent liquid, and the building and banking fixtures have been written down to a ridiculously low value. A number of large corporations with substantial deposits in the bank have been quick to sense the future profits to be expected, and have invested the entire amount of the 55 per cent of their released deposits in common stock. Other firms and individuals after a careful study of the plan have indicated they will gladly accept stock in the new bank as payment of private accounts due them.

But the time is short. If the plan is to succeed, prompt action is imperative. Next Monday is the time limit set by the Comptroller of the Currency for completing the re-organization. Bank officials are on duty every day until 10 p. m., and the re-organization office in the bank's escrow room will be open Sunday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the convenience of depositors who cannot come during the week.

Your interests and your community's future are at stake. You owe it to yourself and to your community to co-operate, and to do so AT ONCE.

SCHOOL BONDS

By PRINCIPAL ARTHUR G. WADELICH
Torrance High School

School bonds will be voted on March 20. The bonds will supply money to make the Torrance schools earthquake-resistant. Replacements must be made where structural damage has occurred. Some damaged buildings can be rehabilitated. Other buildings with little or no damage will have to be strengthened to meet the requirements of the new building code.

From the very best scientific authorities in this country we learn that we may expect occasional damaging earthquakes in this area for a long time to come. Common sense and good judgment alone dictate that a community of intelligent people will be interested very seriously in ways and means of minimizing loss of life and property damages in the event of these probable future earthquakes.

The question before each Torrance citizen is not one of blindly going on and trusting to luck with the greater possibility of long days and nights of grief and regret, but a question of "How may we best go about the business of making our school buildings earthquake resistant?"

Because this question must be answered and because some one must actively hunt out the facts and make them available to the people, the principals of all of the Torrance schools have organized a committee and delegated certain responsibilities to the members of this committee.

The Torrance Herald readers will be glad to learn that questions regarding the bond issue may be mailed to the Torrance Herald and the Principals' Bond Committee will serve as an agency for getting all the facts obtainable and giving the question and the answer in the first issue of the paper, following the receipt of the question.

Much misinformation is going to

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Randazzo Gets Judgment For \$3000 Damages

Superior Court Grants Verdict In Suit Over Death
of Children

For the death of his two small children in a traffic accident on Hawthorne boulevard, Andrew Randazzo today was in possession of a judgment for \$3000 against Domigle Bessone of San Pedro. Judgment was granted by a jury in Superior Judge Guy F. Bush's court in Los Angeles following a two-day trial.

Peter and Mary, the two children, were literally cremated alive, with their mother, after Bessone's automobile had collided with the rear end of the Randazzo car, parked to one side of the boulevard a short distance north of Waltersia, causing it to be set on fire by a broken gas tank.

The father strove frantically to extricate the six members of his family. The mother and her children were dazed from the force of the collision, and the father pulled them out, one after the other. Two of the children and their mother were fatally burned. Peter's twin, Laurene, was in court at the trial of the case.

Bessone, a San Pedro resident, was tried for manslaughter in Los Angeles following the accident, but was acquitted. The accident happened last May 4.

Bessone in a cross-complaint asked \$5000.

PROMPT ACTION IMPERATIVE FOR BANK PLAN TO SUCCEED

Next Monday Is Deadline For Completing Plan; Bank
Offices Open Every Evening
Until 10 O'Clock

With next Monday, February 26, as the dead-line set by the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington for completion of re-organization plans of the First National Bank of Torrance, officers and friends of the pioneer financial institution were vigorously pushing the drive to secure 45 per cent temporary waivers of deposits from all depositors, and endeavoring to obtain common stock subscriptions for all or a major portion of the remaining 55 per cent.

"While we are somewhat encouraged by the response so far, it must be remembered that the entire plan is predicated upon the principal of securing 100 per cent co-operation of all depositors. Everyone must do his or her part in order for the plan to succeed. Delay on the part of even a small number of depositors will jeopardize the success of the plan," said J. W. Post this morning.

"It should be remembered that this re-organization plan was not conceived by any local group, but was developed entirely by the Comptroller of the Currency. We are not at liberty to deviate from its provisions, and we have the choice of either going through with the present plan, or submitting to liquidation through the costly process of receivership, which of course would work a hardship on the depositors, the creditors, and the community at large," Mr. Post stated.

"It can be readily understood that it is impossible to contact over 1200 depositors in the short time that has been allowed, and for this reason, we urge all depositors to assist us by calling at the bank or telephoning for a representative to call," Mr. Post concluded.

Officers of the depositors' committee in the escrow room adjoining the bank are being kept open every evening until 10 o'clock, and any questions that depositors or others may wish to ask, will be answered. There will also be an official on duty Sunday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the convenience of those who cannot call during the week. Monday, February 26, is the date which has been set by the Comptroller of the Currency for completing the re-organization.

Election Board Officers Wanted

Number of Positions Still
Without Applicants,
Bartlett Says

More applications from persons wishing to serve on the election boards at the municipal election, April 9, are needed, it was stated by City Clerk Bartlett yesterday. While in a number of precincts there are more applicants than offices, in other precincts there are no applicants or an insufficient number to fill the offices. Each precinct must have one judge, one inspector, and two clerks, and officers are paid the uniform rate of \$5 per day. Polls are open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. Applications must be filed with the city clerk not later than March 1.

A list of the polling places and the number of applicants for each, follows:

Precinct A—McDonald Tract; no applicants, four needed.

Precinct B (consolidated 2 and 7)—1514 Beech; three applicants, four necessary.

Precinct C (consolidated 3 and 6)—823 Portola; six applicants, four necessary.

Precinct D (consolidated 4, 5 and 8)—1518 Marcellina; eight applicants, four necessary.

Precinct E (consolidated 9 and 11)—American Legion Clubhouse; two applicants, four necessary.

Precinct F (10)—233rd and Narbonne; one applicant, four necessary.

Precinct G—Waltersia; seven applicants, four necessary.

PETITIONS OF FIVE MEN ARE FILED TO DATE

Three Candidates For City
Clerk, Two For Council-
men Seek Election

Five candidates seeking office at the municipal election, April 9, had filed their petitions with City Clerk Bartlett at 5 o'clock last night when the city hall was closed for the Washington birthday holiday. They are:

LLOYD C. CONNER, 1222 Amapola avenue, for the unexpired term of C. Earl Conner on the city council.

THOMAS J. WILKES, 2717 West Carson street, for the full-four-year term on the city council.

HARRY W. BEACH, 1504 Madrid avenue, for city clerk.

A. H. BARTLETT, 1618 Amapola avenue, to succeed himself as city clerk.

ALFRED GOURDIER, 1807 Gramercy avenue, for city clerk. Gourdier until a few weeks ago was postmaster at Torrance.

A score or more of others have indicated that they will seek office April 9, forecasting a hotly contested election.

Vacancies to be filled are: Three councilmen, two of which are for the long four-year terms, and one of two years, or the unexpired term of former Mayor C. Earl Conner, city clerk and city treasurer, both of which are for four years. March 20 is the final date for filing petitions.

Scholarship Society Has Large List of Members This Year

An enrollment of 48 members, which includes four
graduates in the winter class of 1934, and one honorable
mention, gives the Torrance high school Scholarship
Society the largest membership it has ever had. Uniform
high standing in grades over a period of time is the qual-
ification for membership.

Those who are listed this year are: A-12, Helen Smith, Kenneth Fess, Joy Fossum, Dorothy Jensen, Dorothy McMillan, Verma Mae Long, Cleo Long, Margaret Floyd, Alice Burger and Ted Merrill.

B-12, Aggie Lou Ripley.

A-11, Margaret Condon, Vee Casper, Jackie Rogers, Ruth Granger and Julian Isen.

A-10, Betty Stevenson, Ruth Barnard, Laurella Lancaster, Ella Levy, Adeline Moresset, Bettie Dalton, Lucille Stroh and William Schipper.

B-10, Dorothy Shaw, Glory Zahradnik, Isao Yagada and Gertrude Mowry.

A-9, Laura Mae Hyde, Mary Hicky, Tsuyako Fukai and Carl Bechdolt.

Junior high honor roll: B-2, Roy Whalen, Margaret Hoque and Alice Taylor; A-8, Phyllis Ardway and Betty Irwin; B-8, Georgina Tiffany, Lorena Long, Marian Lincoln, Ruth Norman, Marian Spehner; A-7, Muriel Alverson.

Honorable mention is given to Iva Mae Williams.

Graduates of the winter class of 1934, who finished their school work on February 2, who were members of the society were Jean Tolson, George Kubo, Bruno Adamoli and Emilio Adamoli.

NEW AGENT

William H. Bratton is the new agent for the Pacific Electric and Southern Pacific Railways in Torrance, replacing Charles Rutledge. Mr. Bratton assumed his duties here Monday. Mr. Rutledge, who is ill at present, expects to go to Wilmington as soon as he recovers.

Former Local Editor Writes For "Liberty"

W. Harold Kingsley and Bill
Yeager Write Prize Ring
Story For Magazine

A series of three humorous prize ring articles written by W. Harold Kingsley, former editor of the Torrance Herald, and his friend Bill Yeager, is soon to appear in the Liberty magazine, it was announced this week by Mr. Kingsley.

Mr. Yeager was formerly sports editor of the San Francisco Examiner and a close friend of many of the leading personalities of the sporting world. The subject of the articles will be "A True Story of the Prize Ring," and will probably appear under the by-line, "written by W. Harold Kingsley as told by Bill Yeager." The narratives are written in this humorous vein, and those who have been privileged to read the series predict great popularity for them among Liberty readers.

Kingsley and Yeager have been working on the articles for several months, and were rewarded for their efforts a few days ago when a \$900 check was received from Liberty.

Santa Fe Depot Is Burglarized Last Saturday

Fifty cents in pennies was
stolen from the cash drawer at
the Santa Fe depot early Saturday
morning, according to report to
Torrance police. The ticket cabin-
ette was also pried open but
nothing was taken. Entrance was
effected by forcing a window
open.

W. J. Stevens, 705-D Sartori, reported an attempted entrance to his dwelling on February 16. Someone pushed the key out of the front door lock, but a chain across the door prevented entrance.

G. K. DeForest, 903 Acacia, reported the loss of \$200 worth of tools from the garage at this address on Sunday, February 18. The family had just moved back to Long Beach, but had left some articles stored in the garage until they could be moved later. A juvenile was picked up by the police on suspicion and most of the property was recovered.

Torrance Men Are Involved In Case of Contributing

Robert J. Dillon, 2117 Torrance
boulevard, and William A. Thomas,
2164 Torrance boulevard, were
arrested last week by Torrance
police and turned over to San
Pedro officers on charges of con-
tributing to the delinquency of a
minor. The men were alleged to
have purchased liquor for a party
of young people from the harbor
city who were afterwards involv-
ed in an automobile accident in
which one young girl was killed.

The case came up for hearing Tuesday afternoon before Judge Samuel Blake of the superior court.

Grace Russo, 2409 Torrance boulevard, arrested on a charge of having illegally sold the liquor to the two men, was arraigned before Judge Charles T. Rippey Saturday, and was released on \$500 bail, when she asked for time to secure a lawyer and a jury trial. Date of the hearing has not been set.

Dillon and Thomas were held to answer in Superior court and their trial will come up for hearing at a later date.