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RECALL OF FOUR COUNCILMEN IS SOUGHT BY SMALL GROUP

Attack On Mayor Ludlow and Councilmen Stanger, Tolson and Hitchcock Seen As Political Move; Not Taken Seriously

First step in an attempted recall of all members of the Torrance city council, excepting Councilman W. T. Klusman, were taken today with the publication of a "notice of intention to circulate recall petition against Councilmen Scott R. Ludlow, William H. Stanger, William H. Tolson and James E. Hitchcock." The "notice of intention" published elsewhere in this issue is signed by Attorney Albert Isen (whose petition for appointment as city attorney was denied by the city council), C. W. Hammack (Klusman candidate for appointment as city judge, also denied by the present city council), L. C. Conner (defeated candidate for the city council), Howard P. Raymond, C. M. North, Geo. V. Powell, John Davis, Geo. T. Dilley, and Emmett A. Ryan, president of the Episcopate club.

Four reasons for the attempted recall of the four councilmen are set forth in the "notice of intention" as follows:

"1. That said councilmen in the purchase and acquisition of a municipal water system for the City of Torrance, Water District No. 1, have followed and are now following a course of conduct which if continued will increase taxation and WILL NOT reduce water rates. In the interest of economy and cheaper water, the \$170,000 grant should be returned to the Federal Government, inasmuch as the City of Torrance must repay the Government some \$128,000.00 with interest, and the approximate 1800 water users in Water District No. 1, is too small a number of users to justify the expenditure of \$400,000 and a \$200,000 water system is adequate. That said councilmen have been requested not to spend this additional money but persist in their plans. That in the near future Torrance will receive water through its membership in the Metropolitan Water System, and the improvements contemplated and about to be approved by said Councilmen will be a total waste of money. That the water bonds were voted by the people before the depression, and the people of Torrance do not sanction this needless expenditure.

"2. That expenditures hitherto made by said Councilmen on said water system have been extravagant, and said Councilmen approved the purchase of land from the C. C. M. O. company at an exorbitant price.

"3. That through the Street Superintendent, said councilmen have allowed favoritism to exist, and have employed non-residents for work in preference to Torrance men.

"4. That said councilmen have adopted a dictatorial attitude in office, have refused to listen to the people's wishes through petition and otherwise."

Persons familiar with municipal affairs refuse to take the attempted recall proceedings seriously, and few believe that the necessary signatures of 25 percent of the electorate can be obtained. Before petitions may be circulated, the four councilmen affected are permitted under the state law to file answers to the charges. Politically-minded citizens interpret the recall move as due to either utter lack of knowledge of the true facts concerning the water department, or what is more probable, a feeble attempt to "build up a spring campaign for the re-election of W. T. Klusman to the city council."

Others close to affairs at the city hall, see in the recall move an attempt by its backers to "take the credit" for whatever reduction in water rates is made; when, as a matter of fact, a substantially lower domestic water rate has been verbally agreed upon for some months by Mayor Ludlow and the three other councilmen named in the recall.

A study of operating costs of the water department has been under way for several weeks in order to determine just what reduction can be safely made, and Mayor Ludlow and his fellow councilmen have stated repeatedly that the lowered rate would be put into effect before the warmer months arrive when the demand for water is greater. During the rainy season, over domestic consumers pay over the minimum rate, anyway, Mayor Ludlow explained.

71,921,800 Pounds of Walnuts
PORTLAND, Ore. (U.P.)—The Pacific coast produced 71,921,800 pounds of walnuts during 1934.

New Plans For Cabrillo Avenue In Prospect

Huge Federal Fund Allocated to California For Highways

With the proposed allocation to California of \$39,000,000 out of the work relief fund, recently authorized by Congress, which is to be spent on state highways, grade separation, and similar improvements in road work, a possible solution of the Cabrillo avenue problem may early be effected, according to Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, who has given some study to the matter. Since 25 percent of this fund may be spent within the boundaries of cities, there is a chance that Torrance may profit by petitioning for funds out of which to complete this necessary improvement.

In addition to the federal fund, more money for street work may be secured, should the state legislature act favorably on the bill now under consideration, to increase the cities' share of the gasoline tax money to one-half cent, which would double the receipts from this source of all municipalities.

Due to the fact that Cabrillo avenue when joined on to Eshelman avenue would cross three major state highways, there is a chance to get this street designated as a secondary state highway, under which classification it would become eligible for improvement with federal and gasoline tax money.

Further discussion of the paving of Cabrillo between Border and Carson streets, will be undertaken by the officials of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, and strong representations will be made to secure their consent to this needed project, Mayor Ludlow stated.

"Lady," Pedigreed Bull Terrier Adopts Kitten When Puppy Dies

"Is it true?" said a Herald reporter to Mrs. "Old Mom" Tabbycat, 1732 Cabrillo avenue, Saturday, "that one of your children has been adopted into the family of Mrs. 'Lady' Terrier, and is now contentedly allowing herself to be nursed, washed and tended by her new 'mother'?"

"It's all news to me," replied Mrs. Tabbycat, "and I can scarcely believe that one of my children should take such an unheard-of course of action. After all that I have tried to teach my babies about the general unpleasantness of dogs, their sharp teeth and their nasty habit of chasing us cats, I can't realize that my child could forget my warnings. In fact, I have been so busy with my other three children, I did not know she had been, as it were, catnapped away from our cozy home."

"Yes," said the reporter, "I'm afraid that it's true, and what are you going to do about it?"

"What can I do?" mourned Mrs. Tabby. "After all she's four weeks old, and about to become her own boss, so far as I'm concerned, although she had not been weaned. If she prefers a bull terrier to me, her own mother, I'm sure it's all right, she mewed brightly, 'I don't know what her father is going to say when he hears about it.' Perhaps he never will hear about it," she said plaintively, "these traveling salesmen are such gadders. He may never come back."

"Well, you ought to be proud to have your daughter in such an aristocratic home. This Mrs. 'Lady' I understand is a fine pedigreed animal, with a long lineage of blue blood," said the reporter.

"Oh, is that so?" replied Mrs. Tabby. "I didn't know that. H-m-m-m. That DOES make a difference, doesn't it. But why not? My child has some proud lineage of her own. I'll have you know. Her mother may be only a common breed, but her father, such a handsome fellow he was," tossing her head coquishly, "an Angora with plenty of blue blood of his own. No matter how aristocratic her foster mother may be, I know my child will not be lacking in good manners and social poise. Well, thanks for telling me," and Mrs. Tabby went off to investigate a gopher hole in a nearby lot.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins, 1412 Manuel avenue, where this unusual combination is taking place, Mrs. 'Lady' informed the reporter that she could see no reason for so much publicity. "What if I have adopted?"

TURN TO STORY ONE

Sunrise Services

Held Easter Morning in the Palos Verdes Foothills, at the End of Narbonne Avenue, Under the Auspices of the South Lomita Church. Starting at 5 O'clock A. M.

Mr. Robert McCartney, Master of Ceremonies
Reveille.....Trumpeters from Calvary Church Band
Community Singing—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".....Led by Prof. Eads, Calvary Band
Duet—"He Bore It All".....Rev. and Mrs. James Lynd
Scripture Reading.....Rev. C. W. Rosendahl,
First Baptist Church, Wilmington
Community Singing—"Low In the Grave He Lay"
Baritone Quartet.....San Pedro High School Boys
Easter Message.....Rev. V. V. Eldings, Field
Director of Orinoco River Mission, Venezuela, S. A.
Community Singing—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
Benediction.....Rev. Ernest Nichols,
Keystone Baptist Church

BIDS ON WATER WELLS RECEIVED FROM TWO DRILLING COMPANIES

Proposals Opened At Council Meeting Are Referred to City and PWA Engineering Departments For Study

Bids from two concerns were received and opened at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, on the drilling of water wells on the city's property west of Cedar street. As the bids will have to be reviewed by the engineering department of the Public Works Administration, through which funds were obtained for the completion of this and other improvements for the Municipal Water District, no action was taken further than to refer them to the city engineering department and the PWA engineers.

Roseco Moss Company submitted the low bid of \$7,061.76. The figures are based on 60 feet of conductor pipe, 240 feet of 16-inch casing, 10 feet of 16 and 12-inch taper connection and 450 feet of 12-inch casing. For more or less material above or below these figures the price bid to be added or subtracted as the case may be is \$6.52 per foot for conductor pipe; \$7.76 for 12-inch casing and \$8.32 for 16-inch casing. For drilling a second test hole, their bid was \$1.25 per foot, with an additional charge of \$87.50 for moving back from the second to the first test hole, in case the move is required.

The Moss Company cited as proof of their experience in drilling wells, work done for the city of Beverly Hills, two wells, one 634 feet deep, the second in a different location, 684 feet deep, which was being tested on April 15; a 445-foot well for the Union Sugar Company, Belleravia, Osa Flaca, California, and a 450-foot well for H. S. Russell, Carpinteria. Bid submitted by the Western Well Drilling Company was \$7,318.50, with prices per foot for more or less conductor pipe or casing above or below the amounts as above stated of \$8.20 per foot for conductor pipe; \$8.30 per foot for 12-inch casing, and \$9.55 for 16-inch casing, with a charge of \$1.00 per foot for second test well if ordered, and \$100 for removal from the second to the first test well.

Their references included a well for the American States Water Service, Los Angeles, 950 feet deep; City of Beverly Hills, 650 feet; Fallon, Nevada, 670 feet; and Standard Brands of California, a well at Oakland, 950 feet deep.

Cars Collide On Carson Street

Mrs. Vinita F. Burns, 1327 Acacia, Victor Jordan, 841 West 55th street, Los Angeles, and Bogdan's two children were slightly hurt last Thursday, when their cars collided at the intersection of Carson and Avalon boulevard. According to Mrs. Burns' statement at the Sub-station No. 5, on Vermont avenue, she had made the boulevard stop on Carson and was proceeding across Avalon when Bogdan's car struck her machine. The cars were both badly damaged. Mrs. Burns was somewhat bruised and Bogdan and his children sustained minor cuts.

FINED FOR BATTERY
John H. Emery, 1917 Cabrillo avenue, appeared before Judge Robert Lessing of the city police court Monday, to answer to a charge of battery. He was fined \$25 with alternative of 12 1/2 days in jail. The fine was paid.

Improvement Of Vista Tract Is Urged

Paving of streets, laying of sanitary sewers, and construction of curbs in the Vista Highland Tract, lying between Carson street and Torrance boulevard west of Cedar avenue, was enthusiastically endorsed by a group of 60 prominent Torrance citizens in attendance at the membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

The recommendation was made by Carl L. Hyde, former secretary of the chamber, who has been a resident of the tract for many years. Mr. Hyde stated that he believed that the work could be done without expense to the city or the property owners out of funds to be provided by the four billion dollar federal public works relief bill recently passed. The suggestion met with the hearty approval of Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, who stated that the city council already had plans to include these improvements among the projects in Torrance to be financed out of federal funds. It was pointed out by Mr. Hyde that the tract offered practically the only district available for residential expansion in Torrance. With the shortage of dwellings becoming more acute, it is necessary to provide additional residential sites, which would have the utilities and modern improvements required for loans under the Federal Housing Act, Hyde said.

Opportunities for the purchase or construction of homes by veterans was also pointed out by Mr. Hyde, who reminded those present that the \$30,000,000 state fund for this purpose would soon be available.

Around the Council Table

O. D. Butterfield, plumbing and electrical inspector, reported to the council Tuesday night that the excessive heat of the flood lights at the ball park had melted the insulation off the wires leading to the lamps, and that repairs were being made. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett stated that investigation is now being made as to the feasibility of installing a slot meter service for the ball park, so that those who use it evenings may foot their electric light bills on the spot. By installing a meter, the extra accounting for lighting service will be done away with.

Social Problems Of Home, Church And School

Amphictyonic Council Meets for Discussion of Important Topics

The Amphictyonic Council of the Southwest Bay district will meet at dinner with the Methodists of Torrance next Monday evening, April 22, at 6:30 o'clock. Members from the churches of Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Gardena, Welteria, and Torrance will be present. The membership of this growing organization includes school teachers, preachers, parents, and well wishers of Christian influence and philosophy, says Dr. George P. Shidler, president, and is organized to provide a means for getting together of all Christian denominations to protect and favor anything and everything which will help the Christian churches of the district.

At the meeting Monday night, the topic under discussion will be the gold-starring of confectionery stores which do not exhibit smutty and obscene magazines at the ice cream counters. Officers of the council are Dr. George P. Shidler, of Torrance, president; Rev. Harold E. Doty, Redondo Beach, secretary; Miss Gerry Redondo, Union high school, treasurer; I. H. Hawkins, Redondo Beach, chairman of moving picture committee; Rev. C. H. Parlour, Hermosa Beach, chairman of obscene literature committee; Merton Albee, attorney, Charles Pierpont, bank cashier, both of Redondo Beach, Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, and Rev. Kemp J. Winkler, of Torrance, compose the board of directors.

Good Attendance At School Program

Attendance that filled the gymnasium at the high school greeted the public schools week program given last Friday night under the auspices of the Torrance Masonic Lodge and other civic organizations. Alfred Gourcier, as master of ceremonies, introduced the principals of the three Torrance schools, Arthur G. Waidelich, high school; William E. Bell, elementary, and Mrs. Oda Vans, Fern avenue schools, and the high school Madrigals sang two numbers. Dr. David K. Bjork, associate professor of history at U. C. L. A., spoke on "Education."

HELD TO ANSWER

Archie Button, extradited from Oregon to answer charges of kidnapping and rape, was held for trial in the superior court when he appeared for preliminary hearing before Judge Frank Carrell, Inglewood township justice of the peace, Monday. Bail was fixed at \$10,000. Button was unable to furnish the amount and was remanded to the county jail.

Called Doctor First Time At 72

ESTACADA, Ore. (U.P.)—After 72 years of normal living, Mrs. G. B. Linn, of Currinville, became ill and had to call in a doctor for the first time in her life.

CHAMBER ASKED TO ORGANIZE CAMPAIGN OF HOME BUILDING

Over 60 Prominent Citizens Attend Meeting and Agree to Support Chamber in Drive For More Dwellings

Whole-hearted support and enthusiastic endorsement of whatever plan directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce may recommend for relieving the acute housing shortage in this city was pledged by a group of 60 Chamber of Commerce members who met Tuesday evening to discuss the critical need for additional dwellings. The gathering at the Chamber of Commerce offices was the largest meeting of chamber members which has been held in over five years, and included leading industrial executives, city officials, commercial and civic leaders.

Bids On School Opened Wednesday

Bids will be opened next Wednesday, April 24, for the reconstruction of the main building at the Torrance elementary school, according to the Los Angeles board of education. Estimated cost of the work is \$68,088, according to A. S. Nibecker, Jr., architect who supervised preparation of the plans. The work will involve strengthening of the building to make it resistant to earthquake stresses.

sister of late GEORGE WELCH dies in east

Word of the sudden death last Wednesday of Miss Mary Francis Welch, 60, in Gowanda, New York, came as a shock to relatives and friends in Torrance. The deceased is a sister of the late George Welch, whose widow, Mrs. Florence Welch, resides here, and a cousin of Torrance C. Welch, of Torrance. Two nieces who reside in the east also survive.

Paving Due to Start On Links Of Important North-South Blvd.

Another step forward in placing Torrance on an important through highway which eventually will link up the entire state from San Francisco and points north to San Diego, was taken this week when paving was scheduled to start on a seven-mile link of Sepulveda boulevard between Sunset and Ventura boulevards.

Contract for the paving was let April 1 to the Southern California Roads Company, whose bid of \$271,663 was \$20,000 lower than the Los Angeles city engineer's estimated figure. On the same date a contract was let for the paving of a link between Venice and National boulevards, on which paving was also expected to start immediately.

A tunnel through the Santa Monica mountains beneath Mulholland Scenic Highway was completed as long as five years ago and much of the Sepulveda boulevard has been completed with the exception of a few stretches, of which a short link from Hawthorne boulevard east to the city limits is in Torrance. This section of the highway will be completed as soon as funds can be allocated from the state highway department.

Driving time from Torrance to Santa Monica has been cut to approximately 30 minutes by the opening of the highway to that city. The route from Torrance north on El Camino Real, passes through Hermosa and Manhattan Beach, and through the hills past Loyola University to enter Santa Monica over Lincoln boulevard. It is plainly marked as a state highway and is easy to follow.

From this point to the San Fernando valley, traffic is now slowed up by the unpaved portion through the hills, but even so, the highway affords a short and easy route to the inland points and the heavy traffic that is encountered through Los Angeles and Hollywood.

Paving on the uncompleted link between Sunset and Ventura boulevards calls for a 30-foot roadway with three-foot oiled shoulders on each side. The pavement will have a six-inch asphaltic concrete mix base covered with a two-inch wearing surface. The highway is expected to be opened for traffic by November 1.

DR. LANCASTER'S BROTHER ON VISIT

Dr. J. S. Lancaster was pleasantly surprised this week when his brother, Carl Lancaster, and his wife, dropped in for a short visit. They had motored through their home in Aurora, Nebraska, where Mr. Lancaster is engaged in business.

INITIATION
Lomita Assembly of the United Artisans initiated five candidates at its meeting held last Monday night. The regular business session was followed by dancing and a social hour.