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He Could Not Forget



Ross Alexander, wise-cracking young film star, who committed suicide this weekend, is shown with his recent bride, Anne Nagel, with whom he eloped in September to Yuma, Ariz. The actor's death came a year after his first wife, Aleta Freile, socially prominent Jersey City actress, shot herself in the yard of the couple's film city home.

Advantages of Constitutional Law Reported By Judge Lessing

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issue, the question arises as to the advantages enjoyed by a chartered city. Briefly, the main advantage is an increased freedom in municipal affairs. The general laws governing cities of the sixth class, under which we are now operating, are designed to cover cities having a population of a few hundred as well as those having 20,000.

Supreme Law of City
An act governing such a wide variety of communities must necessarily be elastic and quite general. Very little freedom is vested in the governing boards of these cities, the real power

remaining with the state legislature. Hence, the sixth class city can take advantage of the modern trends in government only at such times as it pleases the political-minded legislators to act. On the other hand, the courts have granted broad powers to cities governed by charters. They have held that the people of a chartered city have absolute and unqualified power in all municipal affairs and that the provisions of a city charter with respect to such affairs are superior to the provisions of the general laws. In effect, the charter becomes the "supreme law of the city" adopting it.

In your charter, we have taken advantage of this broad grant of discretion by an empowering clause that gives the city full authority in all municipal affairs and which states that these powers shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by the charter, or by ordinance, or in the absence of such provision therein, then, in the manner prescribed by the General Laws of the state. Thus we have, in effect, adopted the general setup of a sixth class city, which seems to be adequate for our present needs, but at the same time have provided for the need for changes due to our municipal growth in the future by making amendment simple.

Schools Subject to State
With respect to the issue of withdrawing the Torrance schools from the Los Angeles school district, there was little that the freeholders could do in the charter. We have simply provided a board of education for the Torrance city school district, which will be automatically created by operation of law when the charter is adopted. The manner in which all schools in the state of California are governed and controlled is provided for by state law and is not subject to local control and, therefore, cannot completely be set out in the charter.

The effect of the charter on the Torrance schools will be simply the creation of a new Torrance school district, which will be governed by a local board of education, elected by the people of Torrance, and which board shall have only such powers and such duties as are granted to and required of boards of education by the school code. The value of withdrawing from the Los Angeles district lies in the secession from a district that has grown so large that it has become cumbersome.

Seeks Understanding
The above remarks are not intended as a complete analysis of the charter. I should appreciate the submission of specific questions as to the various provisions of the document, which questions will be published, together with the answers, in the Torrance Herald. We will welcome any such questions, as we are desirous of effecting a complete understanding of the charter on the part of all the people before they are called upon to vote on it.

We feel that this is an important phase in the growth of the city. We would experience a deep regret if this growth were to be retarded because of our failure to cause a complete understanding of this document that has been designed to advance us from a small town to the position of a mature city.

15 'Don't's' to Govern State Liquor Dealers

Emphasizing that liquor store owners engaged in legitimate business can conduct their activities as well as any other business and that they determine the course and destiny of the liquor future, state control officers have addressed the following frank message to all local dealers applying for 1937 licenses:

"To successfully build this (liquor) business for the future, you must follow certain rules and regulations. If you think it is a get-rich-quick proposition, you had better forget it now. We cannot stress too strongly the fact that liquor men are solely responsible for the future of the liquor industry—you can either build or destroy this business simply by the way you conduct it."

It is our desire that all liquor dealers place their business on a high plane and build it on a sound foundation and we offer you our help and cooperation. Violation of the following DON'TS is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 upon conviction in local courts and by the suspension or revocation of your alcoholic beverage license by the Board of Equalization.

Hours of Operation
"1. Don't allow patrons to become disorderly as there is nothing more disgusting to the public than a drunken person."
"2. Don't allow a drunken person in your place of business."

"3. Don't give or sell any liquor to drunken persons."
"4. Don't give or sell any liquor to habitual drunkards even though they appear sober at the time."

"5. Don't become intoxicated yourself while on duty."

"6. Don't give or sell any liquor to minors. A minor is any person under the age of 21, married or single."

"7. Don't work or employ minors in an 'on-sale' establishment."

"8. Don't give or sell liquor to Indians."

"9. Don't sell liquor between 2 a. m. and 8 a. m."

"10. Don't solicit any wholesaler to make deliveries to you between the hours of 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. or to make deliveries on Sundays."

Keep Cancellations Clear
"11. Don't sell liquor on election days during the hours when polls are open."

"12. Don't sell distilled spirits by the package without an 'off-sale' license."

"13. Don't bottle wine without a bottling license."

"14. Don't blur the cancellation on stamps as the liquor is subject to seizure if cancellation is not clear."

"15. Don't forget that you are in the restaurant business, if you operate under an on-sale license, and you must keep a supply of food on hand at all times."

BACKGROUND OF CHARTER DRAFT TOLD BY CHAIRMAN

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short existence. However, experienced advisors told us that the value of an original charter to a city rapidly decreased as its size increased—that sections that were specific and enumerative were very difficult to apply to the changing conditions of a growing city; that to be of greatest value a proposed charter should be as brief as possible, be capable of easy and quick change by the voters of a city, and include only the creation of a chartered city and such other sections as are of great and immediate importance.

Will Answer Questions
We believe the charter we have presented to you fulfills all the foregoing requirements, and no more. First: It creates The Chartered City of Torrance and gives it all necessary legal powers but makes no changes in its present manner of functioning. It makes possible the easy change by the voters of any part of its present method of operating, which is not possible as long as Torrance remains a sixth class city. Second: But second only because the creation of the chartered city must be first—it creates The Torrance City School District. Certainly this proposed charter is distinctive from all other charters in its extreme brevity and adaptability.

Further explanation might well be made of the various sections of the proposed charter to make their effect clear and to answer the many questions which will arise in your minds but which it has taken many months of study for the freeholders to learn the answers to. I have asked the secretary of the board, Judge Robert F. Lessing, to perform this interesting service for you and his letter will appear in this same issue of the Torrance Herald. Judge Lessing will also be glad to answer any further questions you may care to submit to him in writing. Both questions and answers will be published in the Torrance Herald.

Splendid Cooperation
The freeholders received much valuable help from many and widely separated sources, including our own city officials, and city officials of other chartered cities, but especially from Dr. Malcolm Campbell, head of the Department of Municipal Law at the University of California at Berkeley; Louis H. Burke, legal counsel for the League of California Municipalities; and C. J. Rambo, head of the firm of municipal auditors bearing his name. To all of these generous and broadminded gentlemen we wish to publicly acknowledge our debt and express our sincere gratitude and thanks. It is the fine cooperation of such men that makes good charters possible.

Finally, I believe the members

of the board of freeholders themselves deserve a word of commendation. Almost 100 percent cooperation was given, most of the members attended almost all of the many meetings, many times at great personal sacrifice. Painsstaking study by members of the various committees was made of the various subjects assigned to them and much work done by them preparing proposed sections for presentation to the board. The board was composed, to a large extent, of men and women who are used to having their opinions and wishes considered authoritative and carried out by those with whom they deal. In the meetings of the freeholders this condition did not exist and many differences of opinion naturally arose. In spite of these facts discussions never became more heated than is really desirable for a healthy digestion of the many tough problems involved and we finish our work better friends than when we began.

Unanimously Approved
The fact that all of the members of the board signed the proposed charter is evidence of the fine spirit of cooperation and unity of opinion on all essential subjects, and a matter of great personal satisfaction to me who acted as chairman of the board throughout its existence.

It is the hope of each individual member of your board of freeholders that the charter be adopted, at the election to be held March 16. Torrance will thereby graduate itself from the lowly sixth class to the more dignified and personable Chartered City class.

Legality of County Entering Perfume Business Studied

A legal opinion from the county counsel as to whether the county could engage in perfume-flower growing at Alondra Park, as proposed recently by Monroe C. Kidder, was sought this week by Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner.

Ryan said he was not prepared at this time to report as to the desirability or the feasibility of the proposal. Kidder proposed to launch a perfume-flower growing project at Alondra Park, and possibly at other county parks, where rare flowers would be cultivated for their perfume qualities.

CARETAKER NAMED

Employment of J. H. Samuel at \$150 a month as caretaker for the Lomita county water works district for the new fiscal year was approved last week by the board of supervisors.

He Makes It Look Easy



Jumping over a couple of barrels backwards is only one of the thrilling stunts Larry Jackson performs for the hundreds of spectators now enjoying winter sports at Mt. Baker, Wash.

Charter Finished, Given Council; Voters to Make Decision Mar. 16

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divorced from the Los Angeles city school system, could operate and control, subject as are all communities to the State School Code, its own educational institutions.

Both Chairman Bell and Secretary Lessing have written reviews of the freeholders' work. These also include a number of salient points that should be given close study in conjunction with the published charter draft in this issue. Because of its brevity and direct approach to the basic factors of improved, modern municipal government, the proposed charter entails no special knowledge of law to be understood.

Comments Invited
The Herald urges all residents of Torrance to read the charter carefully, digest Bell's and Lessing's articles. This newspaper will be glad to receive "Letters to the Editor" concerning readers' reactions and will be happy to transmit all written questions concerning the charter to Judge Lessing for interpretation and both questions and answers will be

published in subsequent issues of The Herald.

Members of the board of freeholders were: Charles E. Ackley, William K. Adolph, Carlton B. Bell, J. Orrin Bishop, Jack O. Boyd, Jane M. Burger, James Corbett, Charles A. Curtis, Selma C. Keffer, Otto A. Kresse, Robert F. Lessing, James A. Obole, Irvin C. Rous, Alden W. Smith and Raymond C. Young.

PIG CROP UPS
California's 1936 fall pig crop is approximately 20 percent larger than the crop of 1935, and is 19 percent above the five-year average.

FROST BLANKETS HARBOR AREA; LITTLE DAMAGE

Jack Frost accompanied the infant New Year into the Harbor area and has been camping without welcome in this section nearly every night since Jan. 1. His white blanket was tucked over many a roof, row of beans and plant, but he claimed no serious losses to vegetable crops.



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