

QUERY ABOUT PERRY SCHOOL AND CHARTER BRINGS WARNING ABOUT BASELESS RUMORS

Lessing Replies To No. Torrance Civic Leader

In presenting an answer to the letter from Mrs. Lela Gonner, secretary of the North Torrance Improvement association, relative to the proposed city charter and the Perry school, City Judge Robert Lessing also decided an asserted "campaign of propaganda aimed to confuse the voters" in making their decision on March 16.

That the campaign against adoption of the charter is in progress was openly revealed at a meeting held here yesterday. However, no representative of The Herald was invited to attend despite the fact that one of the leaders of the movement, Mrs. J. O. Bishop, was assured yesterday morning that the newspaper would be glad to present both sides of the question. This assurance also included the offer to publish any comment those opposed to the charter cared to make.

Judge Lessing's statements regarding rumors about the charter are well worth study. His answer to Mrs. Gonner's letter of inquiry follows:

Rumor Without Merit
The rumor that the Perry school will be discontinued following the adoption of a charter is characteristic of the many rumors that are purposely being circulated at this time. They are mainly the result of a carefully planned campaign of propaganda aimed to confuse the voters who will be called upon to make an important decision on March 16.

"We should be extremely careful during the next four weeks to take each rumor that reaches our ears and check up on it. We should ask where it originated and who was responsible for its creation. We should consider what its inventor has to gain or lose by the adoption of the charter. And finally we must try to reconcile it with common sense to determine whether or not it is based upon fact or is rather the wild imagining of someone who is habitually opposed to such matters of public concern."

"This rumor is clearly without merit. In the first place, no person may at this time say with accuracy what action will be taken by the City Board of Education. That body is not yet in existence. In the second place, that Board, when elected, will be composed of persons elected by the voters of Torrance and will be answerable to those voters for their actions. That any board would take any action to the detriment of 107 children and their parents is highly improbable. Aside from that, I cannot conceive what end could be accomplished by the abolishment of the Perry school. Such a move would be neither good economy nor good judgment."

No Political Arguments
"This in my opinion is purely an attempt to arouse the sentiment of the people residing in the northern part of our city against this question. In answering this question I have made an exception to my original intention to avoid such matters of political controversy. My interest in the proposed charter is that of a private citizen. I am not campaigning for the adoption nor for the defeat of this document. I have answered questions as to the effect of the charter on our schools and our government simply as a courtesy and without any attempt to be argumentative."

"I desire that my past and future expressions be given the construction that was intended—simply expressions of my own personal opinions and not political arguments. In answering this rumor, I feel that I have answered the many similar statements that undoubtedly will be whispered about during the next month, few of

CONCERNED OVER SCHOOL SPLIT

(Mr. Grover C. Whyte, Publisher, The Torrance Herald. Dear Sir:

Could you give some account of the talk that seems to give some people the idea that Torrance people shouldn't run their own city and their own schools? We know that the L. A. school district would like to continue getting the school taxes from our enormously high assessed valuation.

I read in your paper some time back that Judge Lessing would answer questions in regard to this new charter to be voted on in March. Should the charter carry it would split the Perry School district, part of the district being in El Nido. There are stories being circulated to the effect should Torrance acquire this school it would be closed and the children conveyed in busses to Torrance city schools which is very alarming to parents of small children.

There would still be 107 pupils attending the Perry school even if El Nido residents sent their children elsewhere. It doesn't seem possible this school could be closed with such a large attendance. The people of North Torrance would be thankful if you could explain the rumors are unfounded.

(Signed) Mrs. Lela Gonner, Secretary, North Torrance Improvement association.

Tiny Babe Continues to Gain Weight At Hospital

Now scaling three and one-half pounds, tiny Miss Diana May Napier, born Feb. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. George Napier of Terminal Island is making excellent progress at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital.

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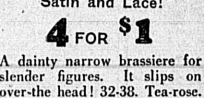


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