

Survey Shows Great Interest Here in Bus Proposal; Only 5 Out of 272 Opposed to Plan

Practically every resident contacted so far by canvassers is of the opinion that a bus service to Los Angeles is needed, according to Grover Inskeep, manager of the Western Directory company, which is conducting the bus survey in connection with compiling data for a new Torrance city directory and census.

Of 272 heads of families so far interviewed, 204 expressed themselves in favor of a bus service to Los Angeles when the Pacific Electric railway abandons its passenger service. Only five residents stated they did not think a bus service was needed. Of the 204 residents who favored a bus system, 108 stated that members of their households would use the buses. The 272 homes contacted represented an actual population of 930, or an average of 3.4 plus to the family.

Response to the question of public or private ownership of the proposed bus system was not so complete as many of those interviewed stated they had "not made up their minds." However 71 residents favored city-owned buses against 24 who preferred private ownership. 71 heads of families declined to state their opinions.

Lack of a 100 percent response to the questionnaire on the bus system is accountable to three principal reasons, according to

officials of the Western Directory company: (1) family not at home, (2) head of household absent and other members of household would not express themselves, and (3) both husband and wife were working.

Information for the directory and census was obtained in some instances, but for the benefit of those who may desire to express their views on the bus question, a coupon is printed below, which when filled out may be mailed or left at the office of the Torrance Herald, 1336 El Prado.

To avoid any possibility of being omitted from the new City Directory which will be distributed in December, all those who were not at home when the canvassers called are requested to fill out the directory and census portion of the coupon even though they may not wish to express opinions on the bus system. All households listed in the directory will receive a copy free of charge.

Questionnaire

If canvassers fail to contact you, please mail or bring this coupon to the TORRANCE HERALD, 1336 El Prado.

FREE! A copy of the new Torrance City Directory will be given to each family listed. Directory to be distributed in December, 1939.

INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORY and CENSUS

(Print) First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address Phone

Wife's First Name

Names of Others over 18 Years of Age Living at Above Address:

Occupation of Head of House

Where Employed

Do You Own Your Home? (Yes or No)

Number of People, including children, living at above address:

INFORMATION FOR BUS SURVEY

1. When the Pacific Electric railway quits carrying passengers,

do you think we need a bus service to Los Angeles? (Yes or No)

2. Do you favor a city owned or privately owned bus system?

City Private

3. How often would your family use the bus line?

Answer, "Once a Week," "Every Day," "Twice a Month," etc.

Sedan Packed With 21 COLUMBUS, O. (U.P.)—Motorcycle Officer Lloyd W. Vest thought he had faulty vision when he stopped an automobile near the Ohio State University campus. He began counting university students as they climbed off and out of the machine. There were 21 in and on the five passenger sedan.

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Fire Truck Deal Given Thorough Airing at Meet

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current of rumor and gossip which hinted at a "pay-off" in the fire truck deal, the mayor pointedly declared:

"Rumors have been flying around regarding the fire truck deal and members of the council. I haven't run them down regarding so-called 'graft.' But I've heard that since we negotiated for the truck, I made a donation to my church — and

Councilman Quotes Eastern Truck Prices

"You can buy fire trucks here for \$1 down and \$1 a week," stated James Hitchcock to his fellow municipal board members this week from Lynn, Mass. He was en route to Boston with Mrs. Hitchcock. A 30-day leave of absence was granted the councilman by the board Tuesday night.

some reports have even stated the amount I was supposed to have given. Well, I've kept a record of my church donations and if anyone is interested, I'll produce it.

Woman Voices Confidence. "This council has done everything in its power to keep the tax rate down. During the past six years the gross tax rate has not been increased and we intend to keep on operating on this economical, business-like basis," the mayor concluded.

Throughout the discussion, Abel J. Beach, 1213 Cota avenue, had enjoyed heckling the council with loud but brief comments. Now he stood up and spoke: "Have you gentlemen transacted public business as you would your private business? I don't believe you have. There are men on the council and connected with the city government who have given their time to the conduct of city business and others who can't see business for buncombe. I say the city was unbought on that truck deal."

It remained for a woman, Mrs. Addie Parks, to voice wholehearted support and confidence in the council. After Beach's pronouncement, she arose to declare: "I wish to express my absolute confidence in the council. You have done your best in this deal and I for one

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Voters Almost Evenly Divided As to Sexes

Men and women are divided almost equally in voting strength in Los Angeles county for the coming Nov. 7 special election.

There are 753,692 men and 756,562 women registered. Men lead in the Democratic ranks by 45,000, while women lead in the G.O.P. registration by approximately 45,000.

Gordon Farrar Killed in Car-Train Collision

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man," Rev. Porter said Tuesday. "He had good friends in him and I know he would have succeeded in his intentions to live a good, clean life. Mrs. Farrar was devoted to her husband and was helping him greatly. He is also survived by his parents who live in New Mexico."

MacIntosh, who told police he had picked up Farrar in Torrance and allowed him to drive the car, has charges of drunkenness and disturbing the peace pending against him here. He was arrested with his father, Fred D. MacIntosh, 65, on Sept. 5, following a disturbance at a local cafe. Both held not guilty to the charges and demanded jury trials. These were set but were postponed twice because the city attorney was absent and the MacIntoshes' counsel requested a delay. Police have no record of a formal date being fixed for the case now.

The body of Mr. Farrar was shipped to Lordsburg, New Mexico, last night for funeral services and interment, it was announced by Stone and Myers mortuary.

support you."

Raymond No Critic. Mrs. Parks received scattered applause and then Raymond took the floor again to assert: "I'm not criticizing the council or any member of it. I'm merely trying to help you out of what I believe to be a bad situation."

One-time fire chief Stevenson, visibly disturbed, took exception to Mayor Tolson's statement that the council had never indulged in secret sessions and attempted to prove something or other regarding salaries paid former chief and now Captain G. M. Calder and himself. But his statement was rather incoherent.

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HEADS OF ALONDRA PARK OWNERS' GROUP VOTE TO CONTINUE TAX STRIKE

Because the proposed refunding plan to clear the huge Alondra Park acquisition and improvement district of its pyramiding assessments under the Mattoon Act has not come before the main body, the executive committee of the Alondra Park Taxpayers' association voted here last night to continue the tax strike.

Fifteen members of the directing group attended the session held at the city council chamber. Mayor Colfax Bell of Redondo Beach presided because Mayor William H. Tolson, president of the association, was late in arriving, having attended the 20th anniversary dinner of St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

In moving to continue the tax strike which only affects the Mattoon Act assessments in the 9,876-acre district—Claude Hollick pointed out that this is not an opportune time to consider a refunding plan. He said the majority of the small property owners in the district have not been approached with the proposal and felt that they would be the ones to suffer most if direct liens are placed on their holdings.

Must Get Cities' Consent. Only one dissenting vote was heard when the vote was taken. Arthur Davies, one of the proponents of the refunding plan, cast this ballot. The committee also decided to call a general meeting of the whole association for Nov. 9 at 8 o'clock in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Those present at the meeting, which lasted until 10 o'clock last night, were Mayors Bell and Tolson, Judge Frank Carroll, Chester Daly, Roy Grover Hendricks, John Salm, P. E. Hennis, Carl G. Pursche, Mrs. Stella Haskell, Mrs. Hugo Gonner, Bert L. Cook, Claude Hollick and Ray Matson. Opponents to the refunding

proposal pointed out that before the petition for such a means to assessment relief can be acted upon by the county board of supervisors, consent must be given by all city councils whose jurisdiction extends into the Alondra Park district. Neither Mayor Bell of Redondo Beach nor Mayor Tolson of Torrance have indicated that they will recommend refunding to their councils.

CLAIMS PETITIONS GAINING SUPPORT

Secretary Pat MacDonnell of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, in a statement to The Herald this week, said that most of the large property owners in Alondra Park A. & I. (Mattoon Act) district have signed the petitions requesting the county to refund the area's tax load.

He stated that the signers include the Pacific Electric railway, Southern California Edison company, Columbia Broadcasting System (KNX), and the major banks. In no instance, MacDonnell continued, have the circulars of the petitions been denied by those approached for their endorsement of the plan.

Under the proposal, which was instituted by the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, the refunding is planned to reduce the outstanding debt by 50 percent (by obtaining a like amount from the county) and will result in lifting the odious Mattoon Act feature of pyramiding assessments, the Gardena civic worker declared.

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