

## Civil Service Provides Political Sounding Board at Council Meet

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ried a permit. Isen also invited the council to work with the city of Gardena on a cooperative plan for bus service.

His second point concerned the status of volunteer firemen, whom he pictured as "risking their lives for a measly \$7.50 per month." He declared that the volunteers or "call" men should have the privilege of taking civil service examinations for permanent jobs and receive a preferred rating for the training they have already received. Although he insisted on the council recommending this preference to the Civil Service Board and Councilman George V. Powell agreed with him, Mayor Tolson declined to "dictate" to the Board in such a manner.

### Raps "Secret Sessions"

By this time the attorney was warmed up and he launched into a discussion of civil service in general and the Monday night meeting of the council, Civil Service Board and city employees in particular.

"I am very much in favor of any type of civil service," he began. "I understand there is some talk of starting civil service for all city employees in Torrance. This was discussed, I am told, at a secret session Monday night. I believe our citizens should be let in on these discussions. One of them, Mr. Prewett came and stayed at that meeting but he was given to understand he was not welcome. A new civil service ordinance was proposed months ago to apply to monthly salaried employees, including the city judge and city attorney, but not to the hourly paid men.

"I believe it is being revived now and politically inspired to perpetuate the men now in office. A fair civil service ordinance based on merit is fine but the examinations should be open to all physically qualified. I feel the public is entitled to enough consideration to receive notice of any meetings in which this matter is discussed and council sessions should not be secret at any time.

"Your deliberations should be open to all who want to listen, we want to hear you argue pro and con on civic matters and not settle all your problems in conferences before the regular meetings begin." The Civil Service Board should be chosen carefully and if the ordinance needs remodeling, it may be better to have the board elected by the people instead of being appointed," Isen said.

**Mayor Defends Board**

In replying to the attorney, Mayor Tolson recalled early deliberations regarding the transportation problem and indicated that Gardena and Torrance may soon come to "work hand-in-hand on a permanent set-up for bus service."

Regarding the civil service matter, the mayor declared he was "heartily in accord" with Isen regarding some preferential basis for volunteer firemen who may seek permanent positions thru civil service examinations. He pointed out the Civil Service Board has full power in setting up rules and regulations applying to municipal jobs under its jurisdiction and said the Board "has intimated to me it

intends to stand pat on its rule regarding age of 21 to the U. S. Army recruiting limit for the current examination.

"I won't dictate to the Board although I'm in favor of raising the age limit," Tolson continued. "But I'm not telling the Board what to do or putting the Board on the spot."

### Suggests 5-Man Board

Councilman James Hitchcock interjected that the Civil Service Board was now working on a new ordinance and declared "the public will have plenty of time to study it before it is adopted." He said he was willing to abide by the Board's rules.

Ben Hannebrink, Jr., asked for the information, told Mayor Tolson there were eight volunteer firemen and six over the age set by the Board. Councilman Tom McGuire engaged Isen in heated argument when he said he was not in favor of telling the Board what it should do. He declared the Board has spent much time studying what's best to do in civil service and questioned: "Why this last minute effort to overthrow its work? You have had plenty of opportunities months ago to bring this up," he told Isen.

Councilman George V. Powell suggested increasing the Civil Service Board to five men, one

to be named by city employees, one to represent organized labor and the remainder to be appointed by the mayor.

### Employees Asked Parley

Countering Isen's intimation that the Monday night parley was held for "political purposes," Mayor Tolson said the session was called "at the request of the city employees." Isen said he did not say it was for political reasons. As for Prewett being asked to leave the meeting, Tolson said such an invitation came from one of the city employees and "so far as we sit as a council, anyone is welcome to attend our meetings."

The mayor denied a statement that the parley was to "force a civil service ordinance through" and Councilman McGuire pointed out "we were trying to arrive at an agreement as to what the city employees wanted in regard to a new civil service ordinance. We were called in as their employees to find out what they wanted. It was the employees' own privilege to request Mr. Prewett to leave."

At this point Prewett took the floor and began a lengthy statement concerning his experiences with civil service, Navy, Federal and state promotion requirements and so forth. The council took no action regarding any part of the discussion.

## CIVIL SERVICE RULINGS ARE EXPLAINED BY BOARD HEAD

The following explanatory statement of the policies of the Civil Service Board was given The Herald yesterday by J. O. Bishop, chairman of the board:

"Ordinance 249 gives the Civil Service Board the right to formulate rules and regulations. Furthermore it provides that every appointee must possess qualifications prescribed by the Board which shall not be inferior to those required of recruits for the U. S. Army. Another section regarding the organization of the Fire department provides for an assistant chief, captains, engineers, auto firemen, mechanics, fire alarm operators, inspectors, hosemen, laddermen and other employees as the city council may, from time to time, prescribe.

"In view of the fact that both the Fire and Police departments are becoming somewhat overburdened by elderly men, the Civil Service Board, after lengthy consideration and in view of the general efficiency of the departments and the interest of taxpayers rather than the consideration of a few individuals, decided it would be well to establish definite age limits.

### Quotes L. A. Rule

"Upon communication with recruiting officers for the U. S. Army it was learned that while in an emergency the Army might recruit men up to 45 years of age, it has not been done for several years and they are now recruiting men between 18 and 35. The ordinance, however, states that appointees must be qualified voters and 21 years of age, thereby establishing the low limit. The upper limit of 32 years for applicants was decided upon. This still makes it possible for a man 35 years or there-

abouts to be accepted—in this way:

"He might be just under 32 years of age and take the examination and if qualified, placed on the eligible list for two years before being appointed at the age of approximately 34. He would be on probation for six months and shortly thereafter would be considered 35 years of age by any insurance actuary.

"In support of this contention it will be cited that the Board is still tolerant of the upper age limit. In Los Angeles the limit is 27 years and executives of the Los Angeles Fire department contend that a fireman is not usually well qualified until he has had 10 years' experience. Therefore, if a man is nearly 35 when placed on the department he would be near 45 before he would be considered competent. At that age he would begin to lose efficiency due to physical losses.

### Call Men Not Requisitioned

"It is understood that the principal complaint against the Board has been from certain 'call men' on the Fire Department and it will be further pointed out that the original rules and regulations do not take into consideration all the possible positions under the ordinance. Under Rule Three, which has been in effect ever since the Civil Service ordinance became effective, provisions are made for only assistant chief, captain, engineer or auto fireman.

"Under Rule Nine, which has never been altered, it becomes necessary for the chief of the Fire department to requisition certification of such men as he needs. In this respect, recognition of 'call men' has never been made therefore the Board has



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never taken them into consideration. Their expression of desire to take the examinations indicates they do not consider themselves within the classified service.

"Furthermore, it is pertinent to notice that two years ago these same men were on the 'call list' and did not attempt to file for examinations. Some of them by their own admission could not pass a medical examination as now conducted." Bishop's statement concludes.

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## Want Ad Rhymes Winners Announced

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The rhyme: "When dialing your favorite program Does static bother you? If so, consult De Bra—yes, man!"

**Fourth Prize Winner**  
Dorothy Hall, 1015½ Cota avenue, will please call at the Herald-News office for two tickets to the Torrance theatre.

**ED THOMPSON SAYS:**  
The soundest reason why you should buy your car at Home is Because We Stand Squarely Behind every used car we sell.

**Each Car is Checked:**  
• for Safety  
• for Tires  
• for Reconditioning  
• for Price

**AUTHORIZED CHEVROLET DEALER**  
1600 California Ave., Tor. 592

The rhyme: "Looking for safety in a car? One that's attractive and will go far? Make your family's future bright; See Ed Thompson—he treats you right."

**Miss Hall:** Ed Thompson will gladly give you a discount on any used car you might select at his lot. Just ask for Mr. McMillan, used car manager.

**Fifth Prize Winner**  
William M. Bennett, Cota avenue, will kindly call at the Herald-News office for two tickets to the Torrance theatre.

**The ad:**  
"TIRE SALE  
Standard Firestone  
600x16 (Exchange)  
FIRESTONE  
Auto Supply & Service Stores  
"CHAVENS & MARCELINA  
The rhyme:  
"You volunteers who must suddenly get to fires,

Should certainly be riding on Firestone Tires: And, use batteries and accessories offered in this sale. In fact, everybody who is smart will profit by this sale." Mr. Bennett, your rhyme is a little too long. Watch length in the future. By the way, if you'll call on Don Miller, manager at Firestone's he will be glad to give you a discount on any purchase you may make there this week. Show him this story and establish your identity.

**RHYMES RULES**  
Read these few simple rules:  
1. Write a four-line rhyme based on some classified advertisement which appears on the regular classified pages of The Herald and News. Your verse must concern some particular ad—not classified ads in general. (Be sure to see rule No. 5.)

2. Write on but one side of the paper, and be sure to paste a clipped copy of the advertisement about which you write on the same side of the sheet—preferably above the rhyme.

3. Date each rhyme you send in.

4. Print your name and address in full and mail your verses to the "Classified Ad Rhymes Contest Editor," Herald-News Office, Torrance, Calif.

5. You may write more than one rhyme at a time (as many as there are ads if you wish) but each one must be on a separate sheet of paper and on a different ad each time. You may write each week on the same ad, if you desire.

All simple rules to be guided by aren't they? Please be careful and observe them thoroughly in order that an otherwise worthy poem is not discarded. If you don't win the first time, you may be next. Read each week's criticisms for guidance.

Now let's get started. Turn to the next to the last page in this paper and select any or all of the classified ads for your study. Get everyone in the family to help you. Or, as many of you in each

## 125 at District Legion Meet Here

More than 125 Legionnaires attended the 19th district Commanders' and Adjutants' dinner meeting at the Legion hall here last night. They represented most of the 30 posts in the district, which comprises the entire southwestern section of the county. Tracy C. Hicks of Bell, district commander, presided at the meeting following the dinner which was in charge of Ed Bird of this city.

family who feel they can write are welcome to enter the contest. Only Herald-News employees and relatives are barred from competition.

## Oil Venture Near Harbor City Is Holding Interest

Nearing the 2,000 feet level the Vesta Petroleum well, Palos Verdes No. 1, located just north of the Wilmington Airport on Figueroa, has been but little delayed by the heavy storms and oil men are watching with interest this first well on a new structure.

The company intends to go down about 5,000 feet and with 80 acres under lease at this point if the first well is successful, further forest of oil derricks will soon change the appearance of the southeast of Harbor City.

## A&P Food Stores

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**Sliced Bacon** 1-lb. **13¢** • 1-pound **25¢**  
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**Skinned Hams** Hormel's Dairy Brand **19¢**  
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**Shankless Picnics** READY—COOKED **17¢**  
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**Chickens** FANCY, FRESH-DRESSED, COLORED **25¢**  
ROASTERS or FRYERS. 2½-3 lbs. avg.

**Hen Turkeys** FANCY FRESH KILLED, PRIME **24¢**  
YOUNG—10 to 12 lbs. over 22 lb. (ALL SIZES)

**Link Sausage** ARMOUR'S STAR or CUDAHY'S **10¢**  
WILSON'S CERTIFIED PURE PORK LINK SAUSAGE, 1-lb. ctns., 19¢

**Pure Lard** . . . 2 ctns. **15¢**  
Cudahy's Rex, (1-lb. carton, 8¢)

**Pork Roast** Whole or **13¢**  
Finest Quality Eastern Shoulder

**Bacon** SLICED **10¢** 2-pkgs. **19¢**  
Rash Cedar Valley, Morrell's Pride

**Spare Ribs** Lean, Meaty **13¢**  
U. S. Gov't Inspected & Graded

**Piece Bacon** Or Part **15¢**  
Fancy Eastern Hickory-Smoked

**Bacon Squares** . . . **9¢**  
Fresh Sole . . . **14¢**

**Barracuda** Fresh Sliced **12¢**  
N.Y. Oysters Size **12¢**

**Cottage Cheese** 15¢  
Kraft—Full Cream

**Salt Pork** . . . **11¢**  
Fancy Eastern

**Boiling Beef** Plate Rib **9¢**  
Fillet of Sea Bass . . . **21¢**

**Potatoes** U. S. No. 1 **10 lbs. 19¢**  
Avocados . . . 2 for **17¢**

**Banana Squash** . . . **1¢**  
Calavo Fuerte—Large Size

**Apples** Winesap 6 lbs. **25¢** Broccoli Fancy Northern 2 lbs. **13¢**

## LENTEN SPECIALS

**Tomatoes** IONA BRAND . . . 3 No. 2 **25¢**

**Tillamook Cheese** . . . lb. **22¢**

**Rancho Soups** ASS'T 4 10-oz. **19¢**

**Spaghetti** ANN PAGE PREPARED . . . 3 No. 1 **19¢**

**Iona Flour** 24-lb. **67¢**

**Corn Meal** Ace-Hi 5-lb. **15¢**

**Brown Bread** B&M can **13¢**

**Evans Honey** . . . qt. **29¢**

**Potatoes** Zaccate 3 No. 2 **25¢**

**Corn** Del Monte 2 No. 2 **19¢**

**Pineapple** Del Monte 2 No. 2 **16¢**

**Grd. Chocolate** 1-lb. **27¢**

**Crackers** . . . 1-lb. **14¢**

**Pickles** Bread & Butter pt. **15¢**

**Cracker Meal** 10-oz. **10¢**

**Super Suds** 22-ounce **24¢**

**Powow** Cleanser 3 cans **25¢**

**Sal Soda** Holly 2½-lb. **9¢**

**Laundry Soap** WHITE KING 4 reg. **12¢**

**Tuna** A&P White 2 No. 2 **25¢**

**Spaghetti** . . . 2 cans **15¢**

**Macaroni** Franco-American **9¢**

**Sardines** Ann Page 6 No. 1 **6¢**

**Asparagus Tips** No. 1 **22¢**

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