

Editorial On Housing Prompts Quick Action

By Grover C. Whyte

Acting promptly on the suggestion made by this newspaper last week, directors of the Chamber of Commerce met in special session the following day to discuss ways and means for attracting increased home building.

A new housing committee was appointed, headed by Director A. H. Silligo, with W. E. Bowen, Acting City Engineer, Glenn M. Jain and Grover C. Whyte as members. It was announced that additional members will be named on this committee as the need for broadening the work develops. An early meeting of the housing committee is planned to map a general plan for attacking the problem.

In the meantime, Chairman Silligo and Chamber Secretary L. J. Gilmeister have contacted a number of large scale home builders in other Southland communities with the thought of ascertaining what requirements are needed to induce such builders to invest in Torrance.

The public reaction to the movement initiated by The Herald has been most gratifying. Not for years has there been such a favorable response to any community need, and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made to push the program along rapidly. In the meantime, The Herald will welcome any suggestions that its readers may wish to express, either privately to the editor or preferably in contributed articles that may be published. However, it should be kept in mind that constructive criticisms are most helpful. Mere fault finding without offering any plausible method of solution will accomplish nothing. Let's have your ideas.

Harbor Chambers Want County to Back State Highway Improvements

Disapproval of the highways in the southern end of the county which the board of supervisors is being asked to recommend for improvement by the state highway department during the next biennium was voiced this week by the Harbor Districts Chambers of Commerce.

Principal contention of the harbor group is that state funds should be expended on state highways, and not on such important cross-county arteries as Imperial highway and Century boulevard, for example, neither of which are in the state's system as yet. Minor disagreement among members of the group occurred at its last meeting.

Artesia street is recommended for completion across the county in the state's 1941-43 biennium budget, in the list of highways submitted to the board of supervisors by the regional planning commission and the county road commissioner. Ingewood members of the group at the harbor group's last meeting favored the improvement of Hawthorne boulevard and a connection with the Cahuenga Pass freeway.

Start on a proposed Ingewood freeway, paralleling the Los Angeles railway line at least as far easterly as Crenshaw boulevard, was favored by some of the Ingewood members. Other members of the harbor group are insisting upon the completion of Western avenue along the easterly edge of Torrance, to a connection with the southerly end of the project built several years ago with the aid of federal aid funds.

Still others favor the expenditure of more state funds inside cities, as well as in unincorporated territory. The original list of recommended projects included no highways within cities. County supervisors have not yet passed on the projects recommended to do so following the election.

Police to Get Graphic Camera

On Councilman George V. Powell's recommendation, the city council purchased a 4 by 5 Speed Graphic camera, complete with flash-gun, synchronized Compur shutter and carrying case for the use of the police department. The photographic equipment is identical with that used by The Herald for local news pictures.

MARCH OF RIMES

UNWELCOME MAIL—By H. F. NOAKE

The first of every month there comes a most unwelcome batch of mail, queer envelopes with window panes, in each a brief but costly tale. Not one contains a word of cheer nor is a kindly thought expressed, just cold reminders something's due, which leaves the stoutest heart depressed. Here's one that has to do with gas, nine dollars! What an awful price; but then of course it gave us heat, and cooked the food and made the ice. Comes one from the infernal pest, the bill for light gives me the cramps; outrageous but of course it beats those smoky, smelly coal oil lamps. Another bill for fifty bucks, installment ten for our sedan; it's tough but most folks couldn't ride unless there was a payment plan. And so they come twelve times each year, those bills that makes us toil and sweat, 'twas ever thus, 'twill ever be, you've got to pay, for what you get.



NOAKE

Asbury Through With Trying to Start Bus Service

Rejection of the State Railroad Commission's "certificate of convenience" to allow the firm to operate a bus system between Waltham, Lomita, Torrance and Gardena only to 116th street and decision not to attempt any further effort to launch the private carrier system linking this area with Los Angeles was announced Tuesday by the Asbury Rapid Transit System.

"We're thru with trying to solve the transportation problems of Torrance and Gardena," Don C. Campbell, manager of the firm, informed The Herald yesterday. "Any further negotiations will have to be made by parties other than ourselves."

Asked what is the present status of the bus system as it pertains to Torrance, Campbell stated: "We're still renting buses to the city of Torrance for its municipal service from Waltham and Lomita thru to our Los Angeles terminal or I believe we are." He said that copies of the Asbury rejection of the commission's permission to operate on a curtailed service basis—now directly into the heart of Los Angeles—had been sent to "all interested parties."

In addition to the city of Torrance, one of the most "interested parties" is the city of Gardena which has fought Asbury's efforts to establish a thru bus route from this city, Waltham and Lomita thru Gardena to Los Angeles. Gardena contended that Asbury inflicted too severe competition with its own municipal buses.

An informal meeting of the city council is scheduled for tonight to confer with A. T. Porterfield of 4418 182nd street in El Nido regarding the latter's proposition to institute a Torrance-Los Angeles bus system.

Net loss to the city of Torrance since instituting the municipally operated bus service to Los Angeles last Jan. 25 to Aug. 1, has been \$2,896.50, according to figures released by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett today.

Total revenue from the municipally operated buses leased from the Asbury Transportation System during this seven months' period has been \$7,538.55 and total expense has been \$10,435.05, an average loss of around \$400 per month, according to city records.

At a special meeting of the Gardena city council Tuesday night, Councilman Earl Jacobs, manager of transportation for that municipality, was authorized to investigate the possibility of purchasing more modern buses than Gardena now has in operation.

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How They Voted In This Area

The following tabulation of Tuesday's in votes given candidates not listed on the primary election returns are complete but regular ballots. unofficial. They do not include many write-

FOR SUPERVISOR

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Hauge	1,052	633	73
Fletcher	219	139	21
Bogue	161	129	23
Allen	156	108	25
Baldwin	148	101	14
Gilbert	120	35	16
Wingo	58	38	5
Mettert	23	24	4
Oldfield	23	7	6
Mellen	21	13	1

FOR CONGRESS

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Geyer (D)	357	649	104
Colder (D)	390	318	61
Tighe (D)	121	71	8

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Dockweiler	861	609	81
Fitts	827	467	66
Taplin	231	154	32
Bonelli	219	170	29
Kegley	48	21	5
Jones	47	31	5
Brown	23	21	3
Savay	20	10	6

FOR STATE ASSEMBLY

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
O'Toole	489	171	49
Pomeroy	261	272	19
Fremger	227	50	21
V. Thomas	141	67	9
McGovern	122	111	22
Rawls	109	104	10
S. Thomas	38	80	12
Boro	36	78	5
Smith	34	53	5
Nall	25	66	9

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Adler (D)	640	491	77
Arnold (D)	675	336	67
MacDonald (D)	556	373	70
Halstead (D)	545	430	56
Casey (D)	525	371	62
Johnson (D)	513	365	63
Hillyer (D)	481	422	59
Minor (D)	392	182	34
Gadys (D)	376	197	35
Harrison (D)	284	174	35
McDonald (D)	282	228	32
Petrie (D)	295	224	41
Reaves (D)	285	303	43
Bertelson (D)	232	212	18
Foster (D)	208	197	25

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Metcalfe (R)	359	181	23
Haley (R)	347	182	22
Garrettson (R)	332	179	19
Baycraft (R)	331	188	19
Rippy (R)	11	0	1

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	Tor.	Lom.	E. Tor.
Johnson (D)	712	47	56
Patterson (D)	323	8	49
Ford (D)	303	23	45
Yorty (D)	101	4	11
Meredith (D)	37	2	8
Otto (D)	19	0	8

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His body was found by a 14-year-old boy, the son of Mrs. Eva Wolverson, who observed Mr. Rollman pull off to the side of the road and stop his car. The boy did not go near the machine until nearly two hours later when he saw the body. Torrance police were summoned but it was apparent that he had been dead for two hours. The ignition key was still on but the car's motor was not running. Mr. Rollman formerly operated a grocery store at Narbonne and 233rd street but had sold his interest about two years ago.

Mr. Rollman, who came to Lomita in 1922 and bought the Bannan grocery store on Narbonne near their home, retired three years ago. He was a native of Vincennes, Ind., and worked in a St. Louis steel foundry for 20 years before coming to California about 21 years ago. Those who survive him are his devoted wife, Anna Margaret; a daughter, Mrs. Samuel Rogers of Long Beach, and a brother, Edward C. Rollman of Los Angeles.

Funeral service will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at Stone and Myers' chapel in Torrance with Rev. John E. Orr of Lomita officiating. Interment will follow at Ingewood cemetery.

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Office No. 2			
Gould	1,402	909	134
Office No. 3			
Schauer	1,363	883	137
Office No. 4			
Erick	1,401	915	155