

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Harold E. Perry, Principal
Torrance High School
Mr. Bernard J. Strand, Principal
Torrance Elementary School
Miss Mary C. Waddell, Principal
Fern Avenue and Walteria Schools

Dear Sirs and Madam:

You have called attention to statements appearing in recent issue of the Torrance Herald and have requested that you be informed whether or not certain of these statements pertaining to tax receipts and school costs are correct, in order that you might answer the numerous inquiries that you are receiving from school patrons.

Accordingly, we have prepared the following informative data which we hope will answer these inquiries:

1. Q: Does the City of Torrance have an assessed valuation of \$27,000,000?

A: Yes. According to the 1944 Taxpayers Guide, which is an official publication of the County of Los Angeles and which is available to all taxpayers, the City of Torrance has an assessed valuation of \$27,000,000.

2. Q: Is this assessed valuation entirely within the Los Angeles City School District?

A: No. The Assessed valuation of the City of Torrance is distributed among three school districts approximately as follows:

Palos Verdes School District.....	\$ 1,000,000
Perry School District.....	4,800,000
Los Angeles School District.....	21,600,000
Total.....	\$27,400,000

3. Q: Will the Los Angeles City School District receive approximately \$600,000 in school taxes from the City of Torrance?

A: No. This year it will receive \$370,072.89 in taxes for elementary, high school, and junior college purposes. (This is based on the total Los Angeles City school tax rate of \$1.7085 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation applied to the above-mentioned assessed valuation of \$21,600,000.)

4. Q: Can this amount be used entirely for maintenance of schools?

A: No. \$55,949.56 of the total tax receipts must be used for principal and interest payments on bond issues. Withdrawal from the Los Angeles District would have little, if any, effect upon this portion of the tax levy as the Torrance area would continue to be obligated for payments on bonded indebtedness encumbered prior to withdrawal.

5. Q: How much of the school tax monies collected by the Los Angeles District from the City of Torrance can be used for the maintenance of schools?

A: \$314,123.33 for kindergarten, elementary, high school, and junior college purposes. (Total tax collections less collection made for bond obligations—See Items 3 and 4.)

6. Q: How much of this amount is for the maintenance of junior college classes?

A: \$6,909.78. However, the Los Angeles tax rate of \$0.00319 is the lowest junior college tax levy in the county of Los Angeles and withdrawal from the Los Angeles District could not possibly reduce the tax rate for junior college purposes below the Los Angeles rate.

7. Q: How much does the Los Angeles District spend annually for the maintenance of the junior-senior high school and the three elementary schools located in the City of Torrance?

A: During the 1943-44 school year, \$379,573.07 was spent in connection with the maintenance of the above-mentioned schools. Inasmuch as \$138,950.46 was received in State apportionments for pupil attendance in these schools, the net cost to the Los Angeles District was \$240,622.61.

8. Q: Does the Los Angeles District receive \$300,000 more in school taxes from the City of Torrance than is expended for the operation of the elementary and high schools in the City of Torrance?

A: Absolutely not, as can be seen by the following tabulation:

Total school tax accruing to Los Angeles City School District from the City of Torrance. (See Item 3)	\$370,072.89
Less:	
Portion of taxes which must be used for bond payments. (See Item 4)	\$55,949.56
Portion of taxes which must be used for junior college classes. (Item 6)	6,909.78
Amount of taxes raised for elementary and high school purposes, exclusive of bond payments.....	\$307,213.57
Less cost of maintaining elementary and high schools in the City of Torrance in excess of State apportionments. (See Item 7).....	240,622.61
Difference between tax receipts and expenditures.....	\$66,590.96

While the above tabulation indicates that the Los Angeles District receives approximately \$67,000 (NOT \$300,000) more in taxes from the City of Torrance than is expended on Torrance elementary and high schools, a portion of this amount is set aside in a Special Accumulative Building Fund for post-war construction which includes a cafeteria building for Torrance High School. Furthermore, there have been no deductions made for the education and transportation of physically handicapped pupils, the maintenance of evening school classes, and certain other special services which would be impossible for a small district to provide.

The figures contained in this letter are based upon data obtained from State, County and Board of Education publications which are available to anyone.

Under separate cover, I am sending to Mr. Perry, a copy of the 1944 Taxpayers Guide data on tax levies and assessed valuations, and a map showing the Torrance area and certain data pertaining to schools and school district boundaries.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) PAUL J. McMAHON
Interdistrict Agent.

(Editor's Note—In keeping with the policy of the Torrance Herald in giving equal opportunity to each side of any controversy to voice its views in the columns of this newspaper, we have printed the above letter which was brought to the office by Mrs. John R. Garner, representing local Parent-Teacher Associations. However, we reserve the right to make corrections, and call the attention of the reader to the fact that the Torrance Herald at no time has reported any claims that "the Los Angeles district receives \$300,000 more in school taxes from the City of Torrance than is expended for the operation of the elementary and high schools in the City of Torrance." The report was made, however, that the amount of taxes collected here plus the amount of state average daily attendance support to which Torrance is entitled on the basis of its a.d.a. will this year equal a sum in the neighborhood of \$300,000 in excess of the amount of money spent here.

(By the same token, we call the attention of the reader to the fact that the Los Angeles board of education, in its letter signed by Paul J. McMahon, has neglected to add to the \$66,590.96 difference between tax receipts and expenditures that the \$138,950.46 which the state has reported as Los Angeles for the operation of Torrance schools. This amount, \$138,950.46, added to the \$66,590.96 "difference" in the year just closed, 1943-44, amounted to \$205,541.42 which the Los Angeles schools received for Torrance school operation over and above the amount spent for operation of Torrance schools—based on Mr. McMahon's own figures. It is estimated that this figure, on the basis of increased average daily attendance, will approximate \$300,000 in the present fiscal year.

(Beyond this, the voters recently raised the state support for elementary schools to \$80 per a.d.a., which money Torrance would have to operate its own schools, in addition to its tax monies. Los Angeles will have the benefit of this fund if the schools remain under Los Angeles control.)

Nov. 27, 1944.

Editor, Torrance Herald:

Being a resident of this town for a long time and interested in civic affairs, I am wondering how a City Council that won't enforce its dog leash law, can't manage a \$20,000 bus system would be able to handle an independent school system. I am curious.

Thanking you,
MRS. OLGA M. DAVIS,
2312 Dominguez st.

(Editors Note—The Torrance Board of Education would be elected independently and function independently of the Torrance City Council, just as the Los Angeles City Council's functions are independent of Los Angeles Board of Education, which now runs the Torrance schools.)

Hospital Cases

Among those admitted to Torrance Memorial Hospital during the past week are the following:

Eugene H. Allen, 1442-A Ingracia ave.

John F. Dalton, 1815 Andrew ave.

Mrs. Clara Gray, 2107 Andrew ave.

Mrs. Ida Hussey, 1880 262nd st.

Andrew Sullivan, 2716 El Dorado ave.

Mrs. Iris Steffen, 1539 W. 214th st.

Virgil Wilson, 1300 W. 218th st.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

Public Notices

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION SHERIFF'S SALE

No. 488-538

Howard Supply Company, Plaintiff, vs. Koala Oil Company, a limited partnership, Defendant.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Superior Court, of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, wherein Howard Supply Company was Plaintiff, and Koala Oil Company, a limited partnership, was Defendant, upon a judgment rendered the 2nd day of December, A.D. 1943, for the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-seven & 62/100 (\$1,987.02) Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interest, I have levied upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant of, in and to the following described real estate, situate in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows:

Oil and gas leasehold interest and all rights of defendant in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 65 of Tract 588, in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 15, Page 128 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said county.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I will, on Monday, the 11th day of December, A.D. 1944, at 12 o'clock M. of that day, at the East Entrance to the Hall of Justice, city of and County of Los Angeles, sell at public auction, for lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1944.

E. W. BISCAIUZE,
Sheriff of Los Angeles County.

By R. W. CARTER,
Deputy Sheriff.

Oscar O. Sattinger,
Plaintiff's Attorney,
1016 So. Calif. Gas Bldg.,
M.I. 5181.

Nov. 18-23-30-Dec. 7

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Torrance, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., on Monday, December 11, 1944, for the following purpose:

To consider the petition of Fred H. Michler to construct a garage-house on the south 50 ft. of Lot 6, Block 22, Tract 2761, at the rear of their residence at 1608 Iris Avenue, and to rent same for residential purposes. This property is now in an A-1 (Agricultural) Zone, which prohibits more than one residence on a lot of this size.

Your personal appearance, or written approval or disapproval, is requested.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION,
Tom F. McGuire, Chairman.
Nov. 30.

STORKatorial

Among those born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week are children of the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cobb,
1822 W. 216th st., a boy, born Nov. 26 at 11:50 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Carlton,
2164 Torrance blvd., a girl, born Nov. 23 at 11:24 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howard Turman, 1021 Cravens ave., a girl, born Nov. 28 at 3:39 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Wasay, 1848 W. 190th st., a boy, born Nov. 29 at 1:04 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Yancey, 1487 219th st., a girl, born Nov. 28 at 10:10 p. m.

Public Notices

NOTICE INVITING BIDS ON WATER DEPARTMENT MATERIALS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, will receive sealed bids for furnishing said City with various materials for use in the Water Department of said City. The materials above referred to consist of cast iron pipe.

Full and complete lists of each and all materials required are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance and are designated as Section 1 material for the City of Torrance Water Department, according to Specifications No. W-14-1944, and said Section 1 on file is hereby referred to and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Copies of said Section No. 1 may be obtained free by interested persons upon application to the office of the City Clerk, in the City Hall of the City of Torrance, in said City.

The quantity shown in said Section 1 is an estimate only and the City reserves the right to purchase more or less (within reasonable limits) pipe than the amount specified in said Section 1 at the unit bid price.

The said pipe above referred to must be furnished in accordance with and must conform to the requirements of "Specifications No. W-14-1944, Torrance, California," for pipe, heretofore approved by the City Council of said City, now on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, open to public inspection, hereby referred to and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Copies of said Specifications may be obtained free on application to the City Clerk at his office.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or bidder's bond, or cash deposit, in the sum of at least 10% of the amount bid and payable to the City of Torrance, California. The check, bond or deposit of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to said City in the event that such bidder, after being awarded the contract, fails to either furnish the materials bid upon or enter into, the required contract and furnish the necessary bond for faithful performance in the sum of 25% of the total contract price, within ten days after written notice of award, or within such extension of said period as the City Council may grant.

All bidders should acquaint themselves with the provisions of all laws of United States of America and of the State of California relating to contracts of this nature as the successful bidder, so far as he is lawfully required so to do, must observe and abide by all the provisions of such laws. All of said laws are hereby referred to and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

Bidders, in bidding, should state whether or not California State Sales Tax or Use Tax is or is not included in the price bid. In the absence of any statement to this effect, it will be assumed that any such tax is included in the bid price.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and any item or items of any bid.

The City Council reserves the right to take all bids under consideration for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after date of opening thereof.

All bids hereunder must be sealed, marked "Bid on Water Department Materials" and must be either mailed or delivered so as to be in the hands of the City Clerk of the said City at or before the hour of 7:45 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, December 26, 1944, at which time in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of said City, all bids received will be opened, examined and publicly declared by said City Council.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of said City and is dated this 28th day of November, 1944.

A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance, Calif.

Nov. 30-Dec. 7

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