

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR, TORRANCE HERALD:

The Torrance Parents' Association desires to present a few salient facts in support of its campaign to secure the establishment of an Independent, Unified School District in the City of Torrance.

1. YOUR TAX DOLLAR. The cost of operating our school system, three six year elementary schools and one six year combined junior and senior high school, exclusive of payments to defray bonded indebtedness and administrative cost, has for the past six years averaged \$281,000 per year—or a total of \$1,686,000. The monies received by the Los Angeles city school system for the last six years has averaged \$478,000 per year—or a total of \$2,868,000. The difference is \$1,182,000 per year—or a total of \$1,182,000. In six years, Torrance in tax monies and state support for its school children, has paid Los Angeles city \$1,182,000 more than it has cost to run the Torrance schools, exclusive of bonded indebtedness retirement and administrative costs which amount to slightly more than \$50,000 per year. How much more than this amount that Los Angeles has collected from or on behalf of Torrance over and above the money spent here, in 10 years, 15 years, or 20 years, is being determined, and it will amount to several millions of dollars. This present year alone, with increased state support of elementary schools voted at the last election and with a 10 cent increase in the Los Angeles school tax rate, coupled with an approximate \$5,000,000 increase in assessment valuation, Los Angeles will be able to collect from Torrance almost \$300,000 more than it will spend here.

2. WHAT TORRANCE NEEDS THAT THIS MONEY COULD HAVE PROVIDED. A badly needed new elementary school could have been provided with a small portion of that money; a new separate junior high school could have been provided with a small portion of that \$1,182,000 overpayment to Los Angeles; a separate boys' gym and additional high school classrooms and a cafeteria could have been provided with a small portion of that sum; tennis courts, badly needed shops, a swimming pool, adequate girls locker rooms and gym facilities could have been provided. Day nurseries, kindergartens, recreation facilities, an after school supervised playground program could have been provided—all these things within reach of us for that money overpaid to Los Angeles; money belonging in Torrance spent elsewhere in Los Angeles county for children other than our own.

3. WHEN IS THE PROPER TIME TO WITHDRAW FROM LOS ANGELES CITY SCHOOLS? The proper time is NOW! before we pour additional millions into the greedy coffers of Los Angeles city politics; before they saddle us with additional millions of dollars in bonded indebtedness to build schools for other cities when Torrance gets nothing. Now our share of bonded indebtedness, questionable as it is about our obligation to pay it, is only \$56,000 per year. When materials again are available for school buildings this will rise sharply to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Let us spend this money for our own schools, for our own children. Now is the time to act.

4. WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE THERE TO HAVING OUR OWN SCHOOLS, ASIDE FROM THE FINANCIAL ANGLE? These may be enumerated briefly, or they could be the subject of volumes. As a matter of fact, volumes have been written in favor of decentralized control. Torrance schools are no exception. **CULTURE:** If we have our own schools, we would take community pride in them. We would pack the grandstands at football games; we would have sell-out performances at dramatic, musical and scholastic events; the schools would be a part of the community, and the community would be a part of the schools; the common interest would be mutual—to the benefit of our children and to our community. Our teachers would be a part of our community. They would live here. The teachers would take an interest in the community; and the community would take an interest in the teachers and in the problems involving the children. **ENTIRETY:** By operation of a local controlled and elected Board of Education, independent of municipal government of Los Angeles or Torrance, the people of Torrance would have an instant voice in affairs not a distant one. The Torrance Board of Education would be responsible for four or five schools, and these alone; we would be paying for these schools and electing independently our citizens to operate them; this board would pick our teachers according to State Standards and they would be a part of our community; Torrance would not be just a small, minute part of a tremendous school district as it is now in the Los Angeles system, with virtually no voice in the control of its schools; Torrance would have its own schools; Torrance voters would elect their own board of education; when they would want the use of the gymnasium or the auditorium, they would get permission immediately—not wait for weeks, and then fail to get it as is the case now. **RECREATION:** With control of our own schools, the facilities of the gymnasium, athletic fields, the auditorium would be available for community events and for after school controlled recreation programs where our children could go and get instructive recreation diversion. Adult groups would have the facilities of the athletic departments as well; supervision would be available for both adult and youth groups. **VOCATIONAL TRAINING:** With our own school system, it would be possible to institute vocational training programs to fit the needs of the community which is largely industrial. We would have auto shops, machine shops, sheet metal shops, wood shops, print shops, electrical shops, and others with complete courses—not just hap-hazard, half-year courses as now prevail. Despite requests from our citizens to Los Angeles, nothing has been done to remedy this situation. **NIGHT CLASSES:** With our own schools, a complete adult education program could be established for the people of Torrance, such as are carried on in other communities. Hundreds of local adults attend classes in neighboring cities in order to secure desired subjects. **ATTENDANCE:** With our own schools, with our teachers living in the community, the problem of attendance, conduct en route to and from schools, school nursing and required medical attention, would be solved automatically. We would know of problems instantly as they arise and prevent them from getting out of control.

5. LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION. Members of the Torrance Board of Education will be elected by the people of Torrance at school elections held for that purpose. They are governed by the California Education Code. The Education Code provides for qualifications of teachers and administrators of our schools, and none can be hired who does not meet the requirements for certification of the State Department of Education and the Education Code. Torrance has every advantage in the selection of teachers that Los Angeles or any other district in California has, and Torrance can pick its own teachers—from the same pool supplied by the State of California. The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools would exercise the same control over Torrance schools as it does over Los Angeles schools, and actively participate in the selection of persons to fill teaching and administrative positions. It is their responsibility to determine that the persons selected to teach school in Torrance or in Los Angeles or in any other community fulfill the qualifications of the State. But Torrance, a smaller district, will have a chance to be more independent in its careful selection of teachers than Los Angeles, with its massive, bulky district.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION. Torrance school district will have at its disposal the finest school administrators in the United States from which to pick a superintendent of schools. Torrance will have the time to consult Columbia University, Harvard, Yale, University of California or any other state to find the best man qualified to handle this important position. And he will be a part of Torrance, and Torrance will know him, consult with him, advise with him. His job will be the most important one in Torrance civil life, and the best man will be selected.

7. EASE OF OPERATION. Los Angeles Board of Educa-

tion must think in terms of hundreds of schools and thousands of teachers and tens of thousands of children. Torrance Board of Education will think in terms of four or five schools, two score teachers and two to three thousand children. They are our children, yours and mine, brother John's and cousin Mary's, your neighbors' children. They will get the attention of your Torrance Board of Education. Today, the Los Angeles city school system not only takes our money almost twice over what it costs to run our schools, but it must give its attention to the districts which need it the most. The favored districts come first; Torrance is at the bottom of the list, and has been for years. Naturally Los Angeles thinks of Los Angeles schools first; not the schools of another city. Torrance is not even represented, except in a distant, vague relationship, on the Los Angeles school board. Why should Torrance be allowed to continue such an arrangement to its disadvantage, especially since the State Department of Education desires smaller, unified districts, and especially since Torrance has the assessed valuation, some \$27,000,000, to own and operate the finest school system in the United States and still save the taxpayers money. Why should we not have the best? We are paying for it, and getting the worst. NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

TORRANCE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION,
By Mrs. Evelyn Carr, Chairman
W. E. Walton,
Chairman Research Committee,
Mrs. Myra Beeman,
Chairman Organizations Committee,
Mrs. Rene Bartlett,
Membership Secretary,
Mrs. Irene Lewis,
Recording Secretary,
Mrs. Maxine Fetherolf,
Research Committee,
Mrs. Ethel Derouin,
Research Committee.

Moose Lodge Tells of Plans For New Hall

Postwar plans of the Torrance Moose Lodge to erect a \$250,000 fireproof, cement block, three story clubhouse and business structure on a lot recently acquired at Craven's ave. and Torrance blvd. have been revealed by James Barker, the lodge's secretary.

Barker, who plans to resign as secretary to enter the armed forces, said that plans have already been drawn by a Long Beach firm of architects for an attractive Moose clubhouse, equipped with a large meeting hall and dance pavilion, bowling alleys, with offices, and roof garden.

The lodge, started in September, 1943, with 17 members now has a total of 380 members.

Barker said that at the rate new members are coming into the lodge new quarters are going to be necessary as soon after the war as materials of a prewar quality are available.

The new structure will comprise of three stories and a full basement. On the first floor will be an arcade facing Torrance blvd. with stores rentals on each side, a large ballroom will be in the rear of these.

The basement will consist of three lanes of bowling alleys, pool tables, cocktail lounge and a rumorm room.

On the third floor will be the lodge rooms and an outdoor patio.

On the roof there will be "The Sky Room," for members and their families. The Sky Room will be equipped with a bar.

Slonecker Heads Civil Service Commission

R. P. Slonecker has been named chairman of the Torrance City Civil Service Commission, it was announced Tuesday.

The City Council named A. L. Elder to both the five man and three man boards, to fill the unexpired terms of the late H. B. Dunn.

"Public Notices"

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS FICTITIOUS FIRM NAME

THE UNDERSIGNED do hereby certify that they are conducting a honing business at 2119 Abalone Avenue, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the fictitious firm name of NOR-MANDE HONING COMPANY and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names and addresses are as follows, to wit:

Robert R. Rumbould, Rte. 1, Box, 60, Westminster, Orange County, Calif.
George E. Knowlton, 195 N. Oakland, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Calif.

WITNESSE their hand this 23rd day of February, 1945.

ROBERT R. RUMBOULD,
GEORGE E. KNOWLTON,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

ON THIS 23rd day of Feb. A. D. 1945, before me Anita S. King, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Robert R. Rumbould and George E. Knowlton known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the said

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

ANITA S. KING,
Notary Public in and for Said County and State.
My Commission Expires Dec. 25, 1945.

MAR 18-15-22.

NOTICE OF SALE OF STOCK IN BULK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 3440 of the Civil Code of the State of California, that DAVIS ANAST intends to sell to CHARLES W. COOPER and ALLINE B. COOPER, husband and wife, as joint tenants all that certain personal property consisting generally of all stock in trade, fixtures, equipment and good will of a certain restaurant business, known as Busy Bee Cafe belonging to said Davis Anast and located at 1401 Sartori Street, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and that the purchase price thereof will be paid, on Friday, the ninth day of March, 1945, at Torrance National Bank, City of Torrance, Calif., County of Los Angeles, State of California, at 10 o'clock A. M. That the address of said vendor is 1401 Sartori Street, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and the address of said vendee is 712 Pacific Lane, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated February 26, 1945.
DAVIS ANAST
Vendor
and/or
CHAS. W. COOPER
ALLINE B. COOPER

Mar. 1.

City Pension Plan Wins Big Approval Vote

City employees have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a state retirement fund plan, a report to the City Council Tuesday night said. Firemen and police were 100 per cent in favor of the plan, and of the miscellaneous employees, 46 were in favor of the plan and 15 against. Thirty-three did not vote.

The plan calls for contributions by both the city and the employees amounting to, from about \$10 to \$25 a month each, with the retirement age fixed at 65 years. Termination of employment or death would result in the employee or his estate receiving all money paid in with interest.

The matter has delayed action on the matter, having not decided whether it will act by ordinance or by calling an election on the subject.

"Public Notices"

Feb. 28, 1945.

CITY OF TORRANCE, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, City of Torrance, California, until 8:00 o'clock, p. m., on March 13, 1945, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing the following equipment:

One (1) only 600 gal. two-wheel, trailer-type, asphalt maintenance distributor, having the following specifications:

I STANDARD EQUIPMENT:

(1) Tank: Specify size and shape of tank; size and type of manhole; size of overflow pipe and clean-out plug.

(2) Strainers: Specify size of strainers, size of perforations, location of all strainers, and whether accessible for cleaning.

(3) Heat Flues: Specify type of fire tubes and manner of support.

(4) Burners: Specify type and number of burners, temperature developed, fuel required, and whether removable and equipped with hose for exterior heating.

(5) Fuel Tank and Pump: Specify capacity, pressure and type.

(6) Engine: Specify make, model, cylinders, horse power and speed. Also, type of gear reduction, and clutch assembly.

(7) Pump: Specify type, size, suction and discharge sizes, capacity and speed.

(8) Spray Bar: Specify type, spacing of nozzles, and whether fixed or adjustable; also additional cost for completely circulating bar.

(9) Hand Spray: Specify type and length of flexible hose, nozzle and shut-off valve.

(10) Thermometer: Specify type, location and temperature range.

(11) Wheels: Specify type and size.

II AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT:

(Specify additional cost for each of the following additional items of equipment.)

(1) Tank Insulation. Specify type, thickness, etc.

(2) Individual Nozzle Shut-off: Specify type, length, spacing of nozzles, etc. for gang operated spray bar; both full circulating and not full circulating.

(3) Reverse suction on bar.

(4) Fifth wheel tachometer.

(5) Pump tachometer.

(6) Loading hose: Specify type, size, etc.

(7) Vertical and lateral spray bar adjustment.

(8) Mechanical trailer brakes. Specify make and type.

(9) Pressure gauge for asphalt pump.

(10) Measuring stick.

(11) Tank level gauge.

Specify earliest date and point of delivery; and also specify cash discounts.

Copies of specifications may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Torrance, California.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to take all bids under advisement for a period of not to exceed thirty days after date of opening thereof.

This notice is hereby given by order of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, and is dated this 13th day of February, 1945.

CITY OF TORRANCE
By A. H. Bartlett,
City Clerk.

CLASSIFIED ADS

RATES INFORMATION

ALL CLASSIFIED ADS RUN IN 10TH TORRANCE HERALD, LOMITA, HERBET CITY AND ADJACENT AREAS.

ONE CENT PER WORD PER LINE PER DAY.

PREPAID CASH PRICES

(Add 10% to prices below for ads not paid for in time of placing copy)

15 Words... \$4.50 15.00 15.00 15.00

20 Words... \$5.00 15.00 15.00 15.00

25 Words... \$5.50 15.00 15.00 15.00

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