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APPEAL ON ANNEXATION ORDERED

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of California's primary system which this year permits you to vote for only Vice President Nixon as a Republican presidential nominee, or for Governor Brown and Pension Promoter George McLain as Democratic nominees?"

Answering were:
Mrs. Beverly Jenison, 1629 W. 213th St., housewife:
"I don't think it's fair. It makes it much too limited. They should have others, too, who might be as well qualified, from outside California, like some of these others we are always reading about."

Mrs. Mary Kelsey, 1920 Andreo Ave., housewife:
"I think we are very fortunate to have presidential nominee candidates living in our own state but I do think we should have a popular candidate voted for by the people rather than so limited a choice and we should be able to write in the names of those in parties other than that which the voter is registered in. This way we don't have much choice."

Mrs. Diane Shepherd, 3615 W. 226th St., housewife:
"I really don't understand what it is all about but I do believe that I like the old system better when I could vote for whoever I wanted and wasn't limited like it is now. There are so many angles to politics that it's hard for the average person to keep up with them all."

Mrs. J. R. Gossard, 3603 W. 226th St., housewife:
"I think it will give a stronger vote. It won't be brokered up among so many candidates this way. In my own case, I like this year's system... but I would like to know why there aren't candidates from other areas also. Why is it limited to California residents only?"

Mrs. Gloria Smeal, 21322 Grant Ave., housewife:
"I don't think it is fair. They should have candidates from both parties. This way it's too limited in the primaries especially. I think they should have more candidates so there's more of a selection to choose from."

Rubbish Changes Ordered

Beginning July 1, Torrance residents may forget that old chore of separating cans from combustible rubbish, the city council voted this week.

And, there is a chance—although a slight one—that the residents may forget about watching for the city's huge yellow packer trucks stopping beside the house to pick up the papers and grass clippings which have been accumulating for a week.

GETTING ITS TEETH into the rubbish problem in earnest Tuesday, the council voted to ask for bids from private contractors on costs of picking up garbage, combustible, and non-combustible rubbish throughout the city on a one and five-year basis.

"We may have been spending a lot of the city's money for many years," Councilman Willys Blount said when he proposed the bid call. "Here's a chance to find out what we can do with the rubbish problem."

MAYOR ALBERT Isen, saying he was never against listening to proposals, was frankly skeptical about getting into the municipal vs. private collection of rubbish. "I just can't vote to let private operators in here for one year on a low bid, and then after we get rid of all of our equipment and facilities, have the prices of private collection skyrocket," he said.

The council voted to call for sealed bids with Blount, George Bradford, George Vico, and Isen swinging the vote over the opposition of J. A. Beasley, Victor Bensstead, and Nickolas O. Drale.

IN ANY EVENT, residents will start mixing all combustible and non-combustible trash on July 1. Contracts for picking up non-combustible trash (cans and bottles) will expire June 30 and the city will add this to the regular combustible trash pick up service it has operated for many years.

The addition of non-combustible trash can be handled without adding to the city's equipment or personnel, Wade Peebles, director of public works, told the council.

HE ADDED, however, that the budget will call for new packer trucks and personnel to handle the new home and commercial areas of the city. "We would need these if the city didn't pick up the non-combustible trash," he said.

City residents are charged \$1 a month for the trash pick up service.

Council Shuts Eyes Ping-Pong Fallouts

If it suddenly starts to rain ping-pong balls here next week, don't blame the city council—they voted this week to ignore it.

Acting on a request by the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce for permission to drop ping-pong balls from an airplane here on June 2, the council first turned down a motion that it be denied, and finally voted to file the matter without action.

According to the Retail



SALUTING HAHN... Mrs. Margaret Clark, president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., presents a plaque from her group to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn during a testimonial for him at El Camino College Tuesday evening. Officials and civic leaders from the southwest county area gathered to salute the supervisor. (Herald Photo)

Area Civic Leaders Salute Kenny Hahn

A stirring tribute to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's outstanding public service to the people of the Gardena Valley, Centinela Valley and Torrance was accorded Tuesday evening as 300 public officials, civic and community leaders attended a testimonial dinner in his honor at the El Camino College cafeteria.

More than a dozen plaques of recognition and official scrolls were presented to Supervisor Hahn during the course of the fast-moving program, emceed by Dick Fitzgerald, secretary-manager, Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

FOLLOWING the pledge of allegiance, led by Fitzgerald, the invocation was given by Reverend William K. Schatz, Seaside Community Evangelical and Reformed Church, Torrance.

Recognition was extended to a number of distinguished guests including Councilman George Vico, Nickolas O. Drale and J. A. Beasley of Torrance; Torrance City Manager George Stevens, Hawthorne Councilman Hugh Cunningham, and Charles Welton, secretary-manager, Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce.

DR. STUART Marsee, presi-

IN A BRIEF response, Hahn thanked those extending recognition to him and to the guests.

"This gives me a very warm feeling. I feel that I am a lucky man. I am doing the work I like to do, and I love the people I serve. I am proud that the people of my district are the kind who make America strong and secure," he declared.

Benediction at the close of the program was pronounced by Father Max Villanueva, St. Catherine Labourer Catholic Church.

The city attorney also advised the council, "not to get into it."

Bid to Take Lomita Area Kept Alive

Annexation of a 12-acre parcel of Lomita at the southeast corner of Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw will not be halted without a struggle, the city council indicated here this week.

After hearing Assistant City Atty. Robert K. Dower explain that a Superior Court ruling issued Friday nullified the city's annexation of the parcel, the council voted to authorize an appeal of the decision.

Two councilmen, Willys Blount and George Bradford, voted against the appeal.

FRIDAY'S decision, handed down by Superior Judge Eugene P. Fay in the Inglewood Superior Court, held the plaintiffs, Eugene and Katherine Capel, owners of part of the annexed property, that their protests should have been considered.

The council had ignored the protest on the grounds that the Capels were not shown as owners of the land on the last assessment rolls (March 1959).

THE COUNCIL voted 5-2 to authorize the appeal after Attorney Dower explained that the cost would be very slight as far as the city was concerned.

He said the decision of Judge Fay hinged on a close question of law and that the case might set precedent for future annexations.

Opposition to the annexation included about half of the property owners involved as well as powerful Lomita groups, who raised funds throughout the community to take the Torrance action into court.

Rites Held For Early City Leader

Funeral services for George G. Probert, pioneer oil field equipment expert, were held yesterday at St. Helen's church in Southgate. He died Sunday at Costa Mesa hospital in Newport Beach at the age of 81 after a long period of illness.

The father of George Probert, prominent Torrance pharmacist, he came to Torrance in 1913 from his native state of Ohio, to become associated with the Union Tool Co., forerunner of the present National Supply Co. In 1921 he became superintendent of the Emsco Derrick and Equipment Co. and served that company until his retirement in 1949.

Well known in early Torrance, Mr. Probert was one of the few members of the Torrance Volunteer fire department when its equipment consisted of a two-wheel hose cart.

Surviving, in addition to the widow Cecilia and son George are two daughters, Mrs. Frank Schope of Newport Beach and Kathryn Ashe of Whittier. A second son preceded him in death.

Schools to Close For Memorial Day

Torrance schools will be closed next Monday, May 30, as part of the annual Memorial Day observances.

This will be the last holiday of the school year, which will end June 17. Summer school will begin on June 20, and run through July 29.



A PROBLEM... Police Chief Percy Bennett has a problem this week. The trophy picked up by the Torrance Mounted Police as the best local entry in Saturday's Armed Forces Day Parade here turned out to be too large for the station's already crowded trophy case. "I guess we'll just have to build on to the case," Bennett sighed. (Herald Photo)

Local School Board Backs Bond Proposal

"Proposition 2," a measure on the June primary ballot which would provide an additional \$300 million in bonds for building new schools throughout California, has been officially endorsed by the Torrance Board of Education.

The bond funds would be used to provide building loans to districts with high rates of growth. In endorsing the measure, the Torrance board noted that the local district has received more than \$4 million in building loans since local voters authorized taking part in the program in 1956. Since then, 12 new elementary schools have been built.

Channel Project Bid Opening Set

Construction bids for the permanent widening and improvement of Dominguez channel between Redondo Beach and Compton blvds. will be opened by engineers of the County Flood Control District Friday morning Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced yesterday.

Project is the fourth in a series of major improvements to the important flood control channel which will ultimately improve it between 120th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. downstream to Vermont Ave. south of Artesia Blvd.

Hite Warns Voters on Write-Ins

Write-in votes for Presidential delegates will NOT be counted in the Presidential Primary Election on June 7th, warns Benjamin S. Hite, County Registrar of Voters.

Since 1940, California election law has not provided for a write-in space for the office, and precinct boards have been instructed not to count any write-in votes for delegates, Hite said.

SAFETY WARNING ISSUED FOR HOLIDAY WEEK END

"Bring 'em back alive," Police Chief Percy Bennett asked Torrance area motorists yesterday as he issued a warning about traffic on the holiday weekend.

Last year 309 traffic deaths were reported over the Memorial Day holiday, 30 of them in California, he reported.

He was joined in the plea by other California law enforcement officials.

"In an effort to reduce the number of traffic accidents, the Sheriff's Department will put a special traffic enforcement detail into the field," Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess stated.



"Why, what's the hurry folks?"