

Policeman

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John Stroh had to say to the charges: "All of the men leaving the department are getting better jobs at more money. Whitaker is now a supervisor at National Supply, Gooler is rejoining a Los Angeles firm at more money."
Benton will work for a local garage as a mechanic when he leaves the Police Department.
Holmes will become a California Highway Patrol officer.
SON DRIVES POLICE CAR
"As for the charges that my son drives a police car to and from work," said Stroh, "it's true, but the facts have been distorted."
Stroh explained that as Chief of Police he is entitled to drive a police car home.
"However," said Stroh, "we're short of police cars; so my son, who lives with me, drives the car to work at 7 p. m. at night and returns it to me at 3 a. m. in the morning—at the end of his shift—so I can have it in the morning."
As far as men complaining about night work, Stroh had this to say:
"If I break a man in as a traffic officer, I can't afford to

Founders' Day

The Torrance Council Parent-Teachers Association is holding its annual Founders' Day meeting on February 19, at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia.

Dennee

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Lloyd Dennee; his wife, Maxine; and store manager, James Nicola.

TELEVISION SET

Besides the television set, four door prizes were given away to members of the audience. These included a steam iron, a toaster, and a clock radio—all general electric items and a Sunbeam Mixer.
Manager Nicola reported that more than 1,000 applicants entered the contest.
"We had to hire three girls to process the typing of letters to the contestants," Nicola revealed.

switch him around. It just isn't sound from an administrative standpoint. Then too, there are only so many day-jobs to go around."

Physician from Torrance Will Preside at Meet

Dr. Kurt T. Shery of Torrance will serve as one of the chairmen for the third annual Chest Disease Symposium, to be held Feb. 21 and 22 at the Los Angeles County Medical Association Building, 1925 Wilshire Blvd.
Shery, who came to Torrance in 1947 and has been associated with the Torrance Medical Group since that time in the practice of obstetrics and general surgery, is a graduate of Albertus University Medical School, located in Konigsberg, Germany.
He practiced in New York from 1934 to 1936 and then in the U. S. Army for six years.

Planners

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knew that Longren was there." He further pointed out that Longren paved the lot to eliminate previous complaints that too many cars were parking in the street.
Similar sentiments were expressed by other planners at the meeting.

Miller said that he wasn't too happy about the situation either. "I sold the property for residential," he said. "It's about high time that the Planning Commission employed a policing agent to prevent future inroads on residential areas."

Planning members agreed that an investigator was badly needed by the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other business taken up was setting up an M-1 zone between Arlington Ave. and Western Ave. and lying north and south of 203rd St. Only exception would be a piece of property across the street from the Mayfair Dairy—the exact size of the dairy—which would be zoned A-1.
A request by A. H. Champion for permission to build a private garage and storage building at the rear of his home, located at 1304 Hickory Ave., was denied.

H. T. Davis had requested permission to build a house at the rear of his present dwelling, located at 2152 235th St. in an A-1 zone, which would have 480 square feet of floor area. He was at the meeting and agreed to attempt to meet the minimum requirement of 500 feet.

Benstead, Isen and Drale Run

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Councilman Drale continued, "We want economy, and we should have economy."

"We have twice as many individual taxpayers (new home owners) in Torrance now as we had four years ago, when I first was elected to the City Council.

"I am tired of seeing them kicked around, their wants and needs denied and their pleas for economy rejected."

"The little taxpayers, or the average home owner, of Torrance pays from \$150 to \$200 a year to run the City of Torrance. He pays additional sums for schools and county government. He should have his say, and we are going to see that he gets it."

"LITTLE FELLOW"

"He should have the municipal services for which he is being taxed."

"He should be given just as much consideration as the big taxpayers, and more too, because the little fellow lives here."

"To me, the average home owner is not a 'little fellow', however. He is 'the boss.' What he needs, I want to see him get in municipal government, recreation, health, fire and police protection. I want to see him get all this economically as possible. It can be done. We have the money. Let's spend it wisely."

"I am very happy to have the opportunity to run on a ticket with two such outstanding citizens as Vic Benstead and Albert Isen. I know that they feel the same as I do—that they want to give Torrance a good, honest and economical government."

"I ask all my friends to support the 'BID for Better Government' ticket."

ALBERT ISEN

This is to be a campaign of issues, not personalities.

None of the three candidates on this ticket have any personal reasons or ambitions to be City Councilmen. However, Councilman Nick Drale has been unable to get support for constructive issues while sitting alone on the 4 to 1 City Council. All he has been able to accomplish has been through the alertness of Torrance Press in informing the people as to what is going on and exerting pressure thereby when the attempts made to foist arbitrary and unprogressive measures on the community were defeated or when measures for the GOOD of the community were offered.

During the past several years, I have been called upon to devote my time from my practice in order to help Victor E. Benstead and Councilman Drale cope with these situations. I had to fight every inch of the way in Superior Court against the "combine" to force the recount of ballots in the last election; a situation which should have been

graciously agreed upon in the interest of good sportsmanship and democracy. On at least two occasions it became necessary to fight parking meters, the last one calling for the preparation and circulation of referendum petitions to stop four who had adopted an ordinance calling for the installation of parking meters in Torrance.

Although I have lived in Torrance since 1914, having gone through the Torrance schools, having seen the town incorporated in 1922, and having watched with interest the working of every City Council and Councilmen from the beginning, I have come to the abiding conviction that the present City Council is the poorest in our history. Torrance has grown and prospered in spite of the ruling politicians.

If anything is to be accomplished for the welfare of the people at large, the next four years is the time. Councilman Drale has invited Benstead and me to run with him on a ticket to assure BETTER GOVERNMENT for Torrance. We will see to it that there are no nuisance taxes — rubbish and collection — no parking meters — a proper expenditure of the city's funds—a constructive and realistic recreation program — a better bus line serving all the people—elimination of dumps constituting health menace — more attention to the needs of residents of the new tracts of Torrance.

These are only a few of the things which I am interested in, upon which I have definite opinions, and in the past have occupied my time and attention in civic activity which I believe was for the benefit of all of us. These are things which need the attention of a good, progressive City Council — things on which the present City Council has failed to act.

Since I am interested in all of these things anyway, I am willing to make the sacrifice of additional time by serving on the City Council and attempting to bring about a government to suit the needs of ALL OF THE PEOPLE of Torrance. This is the reason that I have accepted the invitation to become a candidate in the April Municipal election, as

Taxing Problem To Be Answered

A. J. Jensen, deputy collector of Internal Revenue, reported to the Torrance Press today that he will help taxpayers with the making out their individual Federal income tax forms Feb. 18 and 19.

"I'll be available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on these two days," Jensen said.

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I have tried to make clear that the three of us have known each other, worked together, and think together for the good of Torrance. Therefore, we will run together, be elected together, and constitute the NEW MAJORITY on the City Council. This is the only way that anything worthwhile can be accomplished.

BID for Better Government.
Benstead, Isen, Drale.

VIC. BENSTEAD

I have lived in the City of Torrance since 1922, and in those years, I have seen Torrance grow from a lean patch to its present size.

I have watched the City Council's maneuvers throughout these years and I am positive that the present Council is not a Council which represents the people of Torrance.

I am very happy to have been asked to run for the office of City Council of the City of Torrance by a large number of persons whom I have known throughout the years. I also am very happy to be associated with Councilman Nick Drale and Albert Isen, as co-candidates for these offices.

I am opposed to the manner in which the present Council is holding their secret meetings, behind closed doors of the City Hall. There are many issues discussed within those four walls which are decided upon and become "law" before the people of Torrance are aware of their consideration by the ruling four.

There are many issues which have come before the City Council which the City Council has ignored, and which have had the support of the Council, such as:

- 1—Better bus system.
- 2—The menace of gravel pits.
- 3—The unsolved city dump catastrophe.
- 4—The neglected recreation program of Torrance. (Rubbish tax).
- 5—More intelligent handling of the moneys of the taxpayers to the end that the tax rate might be reduced.
- 6—Sensible approach to the parking problem without the "parking meter tax."

For better city government we must elect at least a three-man majority on the City Council. I have every faith that Mr. Isen, Mr. Drale and I can and will give you the kind of government you deserve and will appreciate.

There are many other problems and issues which could be discussed as the campaign progresses. We realize that the people of Torrance are disgusted with the present ruling majority, and want a change.

We will give the people a change for the BETTER.
We ask you, join with us in our BID for better government; Benstead, Isen, Drale.

Pacific Hills

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women. He also invited the group to the Business Men's meeting of Waiteria to be held at the Fish Shanty.

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Precinct 33, Robert W. White, 3817 Crickshaw boulevard.
Precinct 34, Mrs. Anne E. Collins, 17 25 Crenshaw boulevard.
Precinct 35, Mrs. Evelyn Glick, 3223 W. 118th street.

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