

DEAR EDITOR....

1000 NAME PETITION

Editor,
Torrance Press

It was brought to my attention that the signature of my 14 year old daughter was on the "one thousand name roll of residents and taxpayers of Lomita" in favor of incorporation. I also found out that copies of this list of names was printed and sent by mail to the residents of Lomita.

After investigating further, I found that she had signed this petition. She told me that the gentleman informed her that it was just a poll on who was against annexation. She informed the solicitor that she was not of age, but he assured her that it was perfectly all right for her to sign as this was just a poll of opinions.

After making very certain of my facts I then called Mr. Chandler, chairman for the incorporation attempt. I explained what had happened and demanded a retraction of my daughter's name from the list. He apologized but said there was nothing he could do about it. He even suggested that maybe it was someone else by the same name. I continued to insist that the name be removed. He finally said that he would check and see what, if anything, could be done. He said I could expect a call.

The next day a Mr. Herner (paid professional promoter for incorporation hired by the Lomita group headed by Chandler) called while I was out and informed my daughter that there was nothing he could do since there was nothing illegal about the incident. When I came home I called him immediately. He told me exactly the same thing but I assured him that the names of children had no business on the list and I wanted her withdrawn immediately or that I would see to it personally that the people of Lomita knew that it was not supposed to be there.

He refused to retract the name publicly, therefore, I felt it necessary to let the people of Lomita know that my daughter is not the only minor on this list of names. And if the people of Lomita who are against incorporation have not checked his list, then I strongly urge them to do so. Who knows, maybe their name is on this so-called "1000 name poll."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stanley Pawlicki.

Lomita Incorporation

Editor,
Torrance Press

I would like to answer the letter published by your paper October 3, and signed by L. E. Ross, Chairman, Committee Opposing Incorporation, Lomita Civic League.

This letter is typical of the publicity put out by the opposition to incorporation of Lomita. They give no facts, whatever, to compare with the figures suggested by those of the Chamber of Commerce Committee for Incorporation—only slurs such as "tactics borrowed from Communists," etc.

The Chamber Committee for incorporation published a set of expected revenues and costs by which to operate the proposed City of Lomita. Their only answer to those figures is that "it can't be done" and that we are using "a lot of phoney campaign promises."

As a candidate for the council of the proposed city of Lomita, I do not use a "ghost writer." All are my own words and I am not "paid by scoundrels" or anyone else.

The information placed before the voters of Lomita by the Committee for Incorporation is authentic. It is available to our opposition as well as ourselves. Our proposed revenues and costs can be verified by the state and county offices. Our opposition has gone to those agencies and found that they are more than correct. The revenues are higher than our estimates and the costs are lower. That is why they do not come

up with any figures to compare with ours.

Mr. Ross objected to our candidates asking a minister to "swear us in" as members of the Committee for Incorporation. He objected to my Bible quotations. I am going to give another one or two: (Proverbs 24:29) "Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me; I will render to the man according to his work," and in Luke 6:31, Jesus Christ said "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." All 12 candidates for incorporation are God fearing men. They welcome the interest of the clergy and all church-minded people. I am not one of those who believes that the church and state should be separated.

Our Constitution of the U.S. is based upon the Bible. It is my "Book of Rules." I try to abide by it in all my dealings and, if elected, will continue to do so. I believe that the objectives of the Committee for Incorporation are not out of line with that set of rules. They are as well made up as mortal man can do. We would like to keep the campaign to the facts and true statements as nearly as we know how. I suggest that those who disagree with us do the same. If Mr. Ross will do that, I would be happy to know him as a friend even though we disagree on a subject.

Sincerely yours,
B. Kenneth Gibson

The Editor,
Torrance Press.

Dear Sir:
Lomita would cease to be subject to the County zoning ordinance at the moment of incorporation. It would be unzoned from that hour until the Lomita City Council might enact a zoning ordinance. Then, every parcel of land in Lomita would be at the mercy of a three man majority of a five man council. Non-conforming uses recognized by the county plan would have no protection whatever. No person could plan with confidence, because the power of a city council is arbitrary, and absolute unless appeal is taken to the courts.

I challenge anyone to name five candidates for city council of Lomita whose wisdom is sufficient to fit them for absolute power over land uses in Lomita. HOME RUIN would stalk close behind the delusion of "home rule." Lomita would be better off to remain unzoned than to have its zoning become political patronage, with variances obtained by "seeing the boys."

The county plan is not perfect. It came too late, but it does protect non-conforming uses, and it does provide an honest, orderly method of obtaining relief through variances, with the matter subject to review.

Stupid personal insults are being hurled by pro-incorporation partisans at those who oppose incorporation, saying, "You opposed zoning, etc." Many intelligent persons believed it was too late to zone Lomita fairly. All people should realize that jerry-built zoning by amateurs would be disastrous.

Very truly yours,
May W. Ross.

Open Letter

Editor,
Torrance Press

This is an open letter to Mrs. Dessie Meyers reply to her of Lomita recent form letter "challenging" me and 12 candidates for city council to a public debate on the issue of incorporation.

There are 13 candidates running for city council. Why didn't you include the 13th candidate in your challenge?

One of the oldest tricks in the political book, is to invite your opponents to a "rigged" meeting for the purpose of heckling them.

If that is the motivating factor in your "challenge", then let's construct a purpose would be served by such a meeting; for it is very apparent that your organization has already

Local Man Graduate of CD Course

Owen W. Rutz, 23714 Cypress, has received a graduation certificate from the Los Angeles Civil Defense and Disaster corps for completion of an intensive 32-hour basic and light-rescue training course.

The training course, conducted by the Los Angeles City Board of Public Works at their Chavez Ravine Rescue Training Center, is designed to teach the basic procedures of emergency rescue to volunteer civil defense workers, governmental employees and personnel of various local business and industrial firms.

Rutz, who is employed with the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation Hyperion, received instructions in fire and panic control, first aid, stretcher lashing, horizontal and vertical lowering, search and tagging of casualties and knot tying.

Graduation exercises included a realistic test, under simulated bombing conditions, of the knowledge gained from the course.

Lecture Series to Continue

The dynamic and popular speaker, Dr. Barney Katz, clinical and child psychologist, held the interest of 500 people Monday evening when he discussed "Popular Misconceptions in Child Training." This was the first lecture in a series of four to be held at Torrance High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings during October. The topics for the remaining lectures in the series are: Oct. 14, Causes of Personality Maladjustment, Oct. 21, Modern Methods of Child Discipline, and Oct. 28, Helping Your Child Develop Successfully.

The series of lectures is sponsored by the Torrance Evening High school with the cooperation of the Torrance Council of Parent Teachers Associations. Free admission tickets may be obtained in the Adult Education Office at Torrance High school or at the door. The lectures give County Institute credit to teachers.

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made up its mind on the subject and doesn't want to be "confused with the real facts".

The Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee for Incorporation feels that each voter's decision on the question of incorporation should be carefully weighed in the quiet of his own conscience, not under the false stimulation of an emotionalism aroused by "name calling" and oratory.

Therefore, it has been, and still is, our purpose to provide each voter in the community (not just a relatively small handful at a single meeting) with ALL of the facts, fully documented and authenticated, about incorporation.

You and your group have already been provided with every piece of information we have disseminated, and you will certainly receive everything we distribute in the future. For reasons best known to yourself, you have chosen to question these facts. That is your right and privilege, but we suggest that you carry on your own campaign against incorporation in any manner you deem fit, and we will do likewise. The voters will decide whom they want to believe on October 29th.

Meanwhile, and referring to the fact that various councilmanic candidates have signed a pledge agreeing to "give due and fair consideration to all sides of every public issue," I suggest that you arrange to meet with the candidates personally and give them your views.

I have no authority to speak or act for any of the candidates; and I would not attempt to exercise any such authority. Therefore, when I received your form letter, I solicited their views. Twelve of them have authorized me to state in their behalf that they will be happy to meet with you personally, either individually or in a group, and give serious and courteous attention to anything and everything you have to say for their edification on the subject of incorporation.

If and when such a meeting is held, so that there may be no dispute about exactly what is said and what transpired, a notarized transcript of the proceedings will be taken and copies furnished to the newspapers and everyone in attendance.

If you feel this suggestion merits your serious consideration, I will be happy to pursue it with you further, and in complete detail at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Linden H. Chandler, Chairman
Civic Committee FOR Incorporation.

Urge 'Mass' Liaison in Planning Highways

Joseph E. Havenner, president of the National Institute of Traffic Engineers, declared today that highways of the future could become obsolete even before they are completed—unless there is "mass co-ordination" in the planning stage.

Havenner, who is director of engineering and technical services for the Automobile Club of Southern California, said at a press conference that the numerous complexities that confront builders of the recently launched Federal highway program can only be solved by "mass co-ordination" among highway and traffic engineers, the automotive industry, psychologists, economists, sociologists, law enforcement agencies and business people.

"Just one factor—the width of the future passenger car, for example, could be enough to reduce the efficiency of tomorrow's highways," he said. "If road builders do not plan for it."

The size, weight and maneuverability of the future motor vehicle will also have to be anticipated if the highways of 1975 are to be safe, efficient and economical, Havenner noted.

An initial step toward better liaison was established last week in Detroit when the ITE



RESULTS OF FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN
Adding up the results of fund raising drive for Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital are (left to right) Dr. Otto Frantzych of Gardena, Dr. Wall, marking up board, Dr. John P. Hutchins of Wilmington, Dr. Chesley R. Rouske of Torrance, Director Vernon Walker of Wilmington and Lomita, auditor for the drive and Dr. Paul Yates of Hermosa Beach.

SC Freshmen Honored at Convocation

In recognition of outstanding scholastic records made during the University of Southern California 150 freshmen were honored at a special Honors-At-Entrance convocation held on the campus Wednesday.

Receiving certificates in honor of the occasion will be freshmen students from Torrance, including Robert Taylor, 109 E. 216th street; William Strohm, 2408 Cabrillo; Ikuko Kato, 18357 Crenshaw Blvd.

Attending the ceremonies will be university officials, deans, members of the faculty senate, and representatives of national honorary and professional scholarship societies.

Dr. A. S. Raubenheimer, educational vice president, and Larry Sipes, president of the student body of SC, will take part in the event to be presided over by Chaplain Clinton A. Neyman, acting dean of students.

Dr. Ross N. Berkes, president of the SC chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, will give the address.

Driving Hints for Motorists

With the change back to standard time, dusk is again occurring at the time when most of us are ready to drive home from work, is a reminder released today by the California Highway Patrol.

"The hazards of dusk with its low visibility coupled with the peak traffic hours tends to increase the possibility of driver and pedestrian involvement in traffic accidents," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "Extreme caution and positive adherence to traffic rules and regulations is a must at these times."

"Everyone can help prevent traffic accidents during the early evening hours by following a few simple rules," Caldwell stated. He listed the rules as follows:

1. Use headlights, not parking lights, as driving lights.
2. Allow extra time to avoid driving at unsafe speeds.
3. Drivers, watch for pedestrians, and pedestrians, keep alert for cars.
4. Drive in the right hand lane on multiple lane highways when driving slower than the normal flow of traffic.
5. Be ready for any emergency that may occur on the roadway ahead.

Dollars for Democrats Drive Set

Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12 will be Dollars for Democrats, days. This is a nationwide fund raising campaign sponsored by the Democratic Party, and held annually.

Mrs. Rene Dean, 1443 Post st., State Committee Woman for the Democratic Party is appealing for volunteers to ring 100 doorbells during the Dollars for Democrat days.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this cause may do so by calling FA 8-6936.

Look for 'Look'

For ten days last spring, a reporter-photographer team from Look Magazine poked into every corner of Torrance activity and took thousands of photos of the All-American City and its people.

The results of their work will appear in the November 25 issue of the magazine which goes on sale November 12, Mayor Albert Isen reported this week.

Hospital Drive For \$343,000

A "kick-off banquet" designed to launch a final 40-day drive to raise \$343,000 for construction of a 50-bed, \$943,000 Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital will be held Friday night at the Redondo Beach Elks club starting at 7:30 p.m., it was announced yesterday by Dr. Merle Boyce of Redondo Beach, banquet chairman.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of San Pedro, honorary fund drive chairman will be guest of honor at the affair. Invited guests will include civic leaders and city officials of all communities in the Bay-Harbor area, as well as Supervisor Burton Chase, Los Angeles City Council President John Gibson and others.

With more than half of the needed money raised during an "advance gift" phase, the fund drive is scheduled to be stepped up during the final 40-day period. Dr. George Wall, of San Pedro, fund drive chairman, pointed out that a participating share for the area must be raised before Dec. 9 to enable the area to secure a \$594,882 grant of State and Federal Tax money allocated to the Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital under Hull-Burton Funds.

More than 100 people are expected to attend the Friday night banquet, Dr. Boyce reported.

Highway Patrol Urged to Inspect Private Buses

In strongly worded telegram to California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bernard Caldwell, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn recently urged the Highway Patrol immediately exercise its police powers to inspect all private buses being used to transport school children.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that while all public school buses are inspected by the Highway Patrol, no such inspection is made of private school buses... by either the Highway Patrol or the State Public Utilities Commission.

In his telegram to Caldwell, Supervisor Hahn declared that "under the police powers granted to the California Highway Patrol by the State Legislature, it would seem that you have full authority to immediately inspect all school buses in California whether public, parochial, private or chartered."

All public school buses are now inspected by the Highway Patrol, but there is no official inspection of private school buses.

"All children should have the same protection under the law," Supervisor Hahn emphasized.

Parents who send their children to Parochial, Christian, Lutheran, Hebrew or any type of private school are entitled to the same protection as those whose children attend the public schools, he continued.

"There should be no loopholes whereby different state agencies, due to red tape or misunderstanding, fail to protect the children of California riding in school buses whether they be public school buses or parochial school buses," Supervisor Hahn warned.

The telegram pointed out that the recent accident which has resulted in the death of six children and serious injuries to 24 others had involved a private school bus which had not been inspected by the Highway Patrol, and that the Los Angeles Police Department's preliminary investigation indicated that brake failure had been a factor in the accident.

Chamber Sponsors

City Manager George Stevens will conduct a discussion on the issues facing Torrance voters at the membership breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, October 15 at the YWCA Building.

FIRE PREVENTION IS A YEAR 'ROUND JOB

Careless smoking and housekeeping habits cause one home fire every minute, according to J. B. Cadwell, claim manager for Allstate Insurance company, who urges all homeowners to remain "fire conscious" as National Fire Prevention Week, ends on October 12.

A conscientious attitude when smoking, proper storage of flammable materials and regular removal of rubbish from the house will prevent the majority of home fires, he advises.

Each year 450,000 American homes are destroyed by fire, Cadwell says, representing an economic loss of one-quarter billion dollars. Of the 10,600 lives lost last year due to fire, approximately 7500 victims died in home fires and 38 per cent of these were children.

Calling adults more responsible for fires than children, he explained that grownups lack awareness of the fire threat. It is their negligence in smoking and in storing articles that causes most fires, not children playing with matches as popularly believed.

Cadwell points out that most fires start in kitchens and living rooms, with bedrooms and basements next in order. While smoking and matches cause the greatest number of fires, electrical causes and defective heating equipment produce greater property loss.

To stop fires before they start, he offers the following pointers recommended by the National Fire Protection Association:

1. Disposal of all rubbish regularly, particularly from the
2. attic, basement, closets, garage and yard.
3. Put tobacco ashes, cigarette butts and used matches in ashtrays only. Don't smoke if you're drowsy.
4. Periodically check all electric cords, particularly extensions and attachments to appliances, and replace those which are frayed.
5. Never use flammable liquids like gasoline for cleaning clothes or kerosene for starting fires.
6. Make sure oily mops are hung up and oily rags kept in a tightly closed can or thrown away after use.
7. Smokepipes, furnaces and stoves should be situated far enough away from walls, ceilings, furniture and curtains.
8. Always screen the front of a fireplace when a fire is going and keep all objects away that might catch fire.
9. If you have a gas stove or gas heater and smell gas in the house, call the gas company immediately and refrain from smoking or lighting matches.
10. Don't overload an electric circuit by plugging several appliances into the same socket at the same time.
11. Keep matches, lighters, irons and electric work tools out of reach of children.



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Mrs. Jane Rye, principal of the Lomita school, as chairman of the Speakers Bureau for the 1957-'58 Community Chest fund-raising campaign meets map out program plans with Jay A. Robinson, Harbor Area chairman for the campaign.