

## Majority of Council Members to be Chosen At Polls Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, April 11, is municipal election day in Torrance. The only issue at stake is the election of three members to the city council, but the three men chosen will constitute a majority of the municipal governing body for the next four years.

In many respects the campaign conducted by the ten candidates in the field is unique in the history of local politics. There has been none of the customary bombastic exchange of charges and counter-charges which so often characterized local elections in the past. Whether this omission, or the fact that folks are just too busy with wartime activities is the cause, the fact remains that little interest seems to have been taken in the election by voters, and as a result a light vote is anticipated.

This lack of interest is also reflected in the registration. While the population of Torrance is larger than at any time in its history only 3,675 residents took the trouble to qualify themselves for voting at next Tuesday's election—almost a thousand short of the number registered for the April election two years ago. The present population of Torrance is estimated at 14,000.

Civic-minded voters, however, point out that in many respects Tuesday's election is one of the most important ever held here, as the members of the new council will be charged with the responsibility of guiding the affairs of the city through the critical post-war days, assuming that the war will be over before another four years have passed.

### Ten in Race

There are ten candidates, and the three receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. In the order of their appearance on the ballot, the candidates are:

**Lawrence V. Babcock**, incumbent, clerk at the National Supply Co., 2023 Gramercy ave.

**Fred Findley**, steelworker at Columbia Steel Co., 2121 Gramercy ave.

**Charles Merton Gilbert**, pipefitter at the Lummus Co., 2607 Sonoma ave.

**Joel Hagberg**, truck driver for the city street department, Walteria.

**Tom F. McGuire**, incumbent mayor, personnel manager of the National Supply Co., 1411 Beech ave.

**Durward D. Palmer**, crane operator at National Supply Co., 1747 Gramercy ave.

**George V. Powell**, incumbent, school custodian, 2116 Gramercy ave.

**Robert Paul Stonecker**, mechanic, Walteria.

**George P. Thatcher**, salesman, Walteria.

**William H. Tolson**, former mayor and member of the city council for six years, now engaged in the insurance and truck sales business, 903 Beech ave.

Hold-over members of the city council are James E. Hitchcock and Nick H. Cucci, whose terms expire in April, 1946.

Returns at Herald Following its usual custom, returns of the election will be tabulated by the Herald and bulletins posted at this newspaper office, 1336 El Prado. Results of the election will also be given to those telephoning the Herald office—phone 44—Tuesday night.

### SAVED FROM SURF

Ruth Meyer, 17, of Lomita, was among 15 persons rescued from the surf at Hermosa Beach Wednesday by life guards. A crowd estimated at 25,000 people visited the beach city that day.

**Here Is Where Votes Will be Cast Tuesday**  
City Clerk A. H. Bartlett has announced the numbers and location of polling places for Tuesday's municipal election as follows, the polls to be open between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m.:  
Precinct No. 1, 18002 Prairie ave.; 2, 2576 El Dorado st.; 3, 716 Border ave.; 4, 1743 Andrew ave.; 5, 1322 Engraeda ave.; 6, 2305, Apt. A, Torrance blvd.; 7, 1145 Annapolis ave.; 8, 1731 Arlington ave.; 9, 2030 Arlington ave.; 10, 23019 Narbonne ave.; 11, 2717 W. Carson ave.; 12, 22504 Ocean ave., Walteria; 13, 917 Cota ave.; 14, 1417 Doting ave.; 15, Hotel Citing Room, 1913 Cabrillo ave.; 16, Recreation Center, 24459 Park st., Walteria; 17, 1307 Portola ave.



**HERO'S AWARDS . . .** Charles Whittington of Torrance, a Navy medical corpsman, was wounded by a Japanese bullet while rescuing a wounded Marine in the South Pacific. For his heroism he has been awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and has been promoted to pharmacist, 3 c.

Charles Whittington of 1430 W. 221st st. recently saved the life of a wounded Marine at Cape Gloucester, risking his own by crawling to him under the fire of Jap snipers. This act of heroism was reported in a recent issue of the Herald.

Now word has come from the Navy department that Whittington, who himself was wounded while dragging the Marine to safety, has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star, and in addition has been raised to the rating of pharmacist, third class. He is in the Navy medical corps, attached to a Marine unit.

Young Whittington left his studies in the Torrance High school two years ago this June to go into the Navy.

From a hospital in New Guinea he wrote a letter to his parents in which he said he hoped to be back in action within a week, so he probably is at the front again by this time. He said his wound left a bad scar, but added: "Scars will never hurt you; the important thing is good health."

## Big Season at Beaches Seen

With the addition of three major beaches to its supervision, Los Angeles county anticipates an all-time record attendance during the six months summer season starting April 1, of approximately 20,000,000 persons at seashore sports under its jurisdiction, according to Supervisor Oscar Hauge, chairman of the board's recreation department committee.

In the past year Will Rogers State Beach, Santa Monica State Beach and Manhattan State Beach have been placed under county operation and control. In addition, the county will operate as it did last year Manhattan city Beach, El Porto County Beach, Hermosa City Beach, Redondo City Beach, Redondo County Beach and Castle Rock Beach.

## Special Blood Bank Days Arranged for Columbia Employees

Paul Findley of the Columbia Steel Company, chairman of the war activities committee, today announced plans have been completed for two special Red Cross blood bank donation days for Columbia employees—May 5 and 8. Approximately 400 employees are expected to be eligible to give a pint of blood apiece.

Carl Benner is chairman in charge of the blood bank undertaking. Cards will be distributed to all Columbia employees in the next few days so those who are willing and able to be donors may sign up. Transportation from the plant to the Civic Auditorium, where the Red Cross mobile unit will be stationed on the two days, will be arranged.

Sign-up cards will be distributed to Columbia Steel employees in the near future for pledges to the allied war relief fund.

## Churches Will Conduct Special Easter Services

While men are dying all over the world for, among other principles, the right to worship as they please, Easter Sunday this year will bring to a Christian world saddened by war its everlasting message of hope as signified by the Resurrection.

Torrance and Lomita churches along with thousands of others throughout the world are observing Holy Week with special services and on Easter Sunday many beautiful musical programs will feature the observance, with augmented choirs, vocal and instrumental numbers.

**Sunrise Services**  
Sunrise services Sunday morning will, as usual, be held in the open at a number of places throughout the Southland and are expected to attract large attendances, as in past years, despite gasoline rationing. The OPA has ruled that it is permissible to use gasoline to travel to sunrise services.

**Tomorrow, Good Friday**, local stores and business houses will be open, but all city offices will close between 12 noon and 3 p. m.

**Joint Good Friday services** under the auspices of the Torrance Ministerial Assn. at the Methodist church between 12 noon and 3 p. m.

Under the auspices of the Torrance Ministerial Assn., Protestant churches of Torrance will join in an Easter sunrise service at the Municipal park, starting at 6:30 a. m.

Congregations of a score of Assembly of God churches in this area will unite in sunrise services above Harbor Hills, off Western ave., beginning at 6 o'clock.

The men who are patients in the Torrance Army Station Hospital heard a program of special music by the junior chorists of St. Andrew's Episcopal church last Sunday.

At military posts throughout the country and abroad chaplains will hold Easter observances. Chaplains and pastors in general report that the horrors of war have brought about a closer tie to religion than ever before existed, both on the part of the fighting men and the people at home.

**Battlefield Prayers**  
Numerous accounts have filtered back from the fronts where violent death strikes suddenly on men turning to prayer before and during battle—and before death seals the lips of the mortally wounded. Chaplains report their religious services, often held within range of enemy guns and planes and with makeshift altars, attract the great majority of men able to attend.

One of the first contacts returning veterans seek at home is with the church, pastors say. For these reasons and because of the obvious and tangible need for the faith and courage inspired eternally by Easter, the day this year will carry greater import than ordinarily.

## Still Possible To Register for Primary Election

Today is the last day to register for the May 16 state primary election and for the accommodation of local voters, the city clerk's office in the Torrance city hall will remain open until 9 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Charlotte Broadbent, a deputy registrar, announced she will receive registrations at her home, 927 Arlington ave., Apartment 6, until midnight.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett today estimated approximately 3,900 persons will have qualified to vote at the primary when registrars close tonight, Sec. 300.

Torrance people have registered since the close of the books for next Tuesday's city councilman election, for which 3,675 qualified.

The registrations are predominantly Democratic, Bartlett added.

**Senon Chavez Is Reported Missing**  
A dispatch from Washington Wednesday reported Tech. Sgt. Senon S. Chavez, whose address was given as 22906 Meyer st. in the Keystone district, missing in action in the European war theater. His mother is Mrs. Pablo Chavez.

Senon attended the Torrance schools.

## Torrance Post-war Plan Committee Organized

Organization of the Torrance Civic Post-war Planning committee was effected at a meeting Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce attended by representatives of local industrial plants, merchants and others. Chapman Wentworth, Longren Aircraft general manager, was unanimously elected as chairman and Philip Van Dyke was named co-chairman.

An executive committee consisting of one official from each of the major industrial plants, one representing the merchants and one the general public, is in process of being formed. Among appointments already announced by Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the planning committee, are: The Rev. and Mrs. Paul M. Wheeler, child welfare; Police Chief J. H. Stroh, safety; Hillman R. Lee, merchants; William H. Tolson, transportation.

**Program Explained**  
LeRoy D. Owen of Los Angeles, executive director of the Committee for Economic Development in Los Angeles and Orange counties, addressed Monday's gathering and explained the work of his organization, which has formulated working plans for industry in post-war conversion. These plans have been adopted by some of the nation's largest industrial concerns, he said, and by civic groups in many cities.

The services of this committee are available without cost, he said.

Owen stressed the importance of planning now for employment opportunities after the war. He said the choice is squarely up to industry and business between jobs for the able bodied persons engaged in war work and the returning war veterans or a dole—which he characterized as strictly un-American.

**Job Survey Urged**  
Owen recommended as one of the first steps in such a program a survey now of the number of persons employed in industry in each locality and an estimate of how many will be

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needed 24 hours a day.

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## Funeral Held for Cave-In Victim

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Pueblo Catholic church for Ysobel Garcia, 10, who lost his life Sunday when a "foxhole" he had dug in the side of a sand bank near his home caved in on him. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ysobel Garcia of Route 1, Box 1489, near Madrona and Torrance blvd.

The boy, a native of Culver City, was dead when his father, after 20 minutes of frantic digging in the loose sand, recovered the body. Firemen Fred Bever and R. E. Moffitt worked over the boy for some time with a pulmotor.

Ysobel is survived by the following brothers and sisters, in addition to his parents: Richard, Pedro, Josephine, Caminia, Rosa, Ernestine, Jessie and Lupe. The funeral was in charge of Stone & Myers and interment was in Pacific Crest cemetery.

**Herald Employee Becomes a Father, Also 1-A Same Day**  
Facts such as a couple dozen more Jap ships being sunk, Charlie Chaplin being acquitted and the sun coming up as usual meant nothing or less Tuesday for Bill Walsh, composing room. For he became a father for the second time on that morning.

But when he returned home from a visit to the hospital his thoughts returned to material matters. A letter from his draft board was awaiting him. Yeah . . . he was reclassified to 1-A and now, part of the time he's humming "Rockabye Baby" and part of the time he's whistling reveille.

The baby, a girl, has been named Marilyn Jo. She has a brother, Russell Glenn, now 19 months old.

Yes, Walsh is handing out the cigars.

## Rental Ceiling Violations Case Ends In Compromise

Damage actions brought against S. G. and Anna Koch, operators of the Mayfair Apartments in this city, charging violations of the OPA rental ceilings, have been compromised, after several days of litigation in the court of Justice Frank Carrell at Gardena.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch settled with the plaintiff tenants on a basis of 60 percent of the possible penalties had the court action gone against them. They agreed to pay \$1,275 to the claimants, who numbered five.

Attorney G. M. Bumpus of Gardena represented the plaintiffs and the Office of Price Administration was represented by counsel.

## Time-and-Half For Firemen on Emergency Call

Torrance city firemen who are called for active duty during their time off hereafter will be compensated at the rate of time and a half for hours worked, the city council decided at an adjourned meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The council, after hearing representatives of the fire department and the CIO, with which the city employees' local union No. 360 is affiliated, adopted a motion abolishing the practice of the so-called "cover-up" which has in the past made it compulsory for at least one man of the off-duty platoon to report to the station for standby duty during the progress of a fire.

The motion was introduced jointly by Councilmen James E. Hitchcock and George V. Powell and was adopted unanimously. A letter was ordered sent to Fire Chief John E. McMaster informing him of the council's action.

**May Leave City**  
An hour's discussion by the council, representatives of the fire department and the employees' union boiled down to the understanding that firemen not on active duty at their station are free to leave the city and to spend their days off as they desire, although technically they are subject to call in time of need 24 hours a day.

Representing the department was Capt. J. J. Benner. Appearing for the employees' union was A. E. Treloar, president. Kenneth C. Beight, CIO president for the Los Angeles area, supported the contention of the firemen that they should not be required to respond for "cover-up" duty every time the fire siren sounds, but that when a man is called by the chief on his time off, he should receive time and a half.

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## Local Highway Plans Studied

Six improvement projects eligible for state funds and for construction as an after-war effort were received by the board of supervisors Tuesday from the city of Torrance and referred to the county road commissioner for study and inclusion in his post-war project file, according to Supervisor Oscar Hauge.

The improvements are: reconstruction of curbs, gutters, culverts and paving on Torrance blvd., Western to Elm aves., at a cost of \$100,000; grading and surfacing of Crenshaw blvd., Redondo blvd. to 190th st., \$28,000; grading and surfacing of Hawthorne ave., Redondo Beach blvd. to 190th st., \$46,000; widening of Western ave. through Torrance; grading and paving of Plaza del Amo from Western ave. to Madrid ave., \$75,000, and grading and paving of Sepulveda blvd. west to Hawthorne blvd., at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

**Too Many Fours Not Good Omen, Says GOPster**  
Last Tuesday in hurriedly scribbling a memo on a friend's desk the Herald editor used the abbreviated date line — 4-4-44 — requesting the friend to call the Herald office—phone 44.

The friend, being an ardent and New Dealer, was worried. He replied, "That's too many 4's. Hope it doesn't least a 4th-coming 4th term. God 4bid!"

**Your Blood Donors Now in 'Gallon Club'**  
Four persons qualified for the "Gallon Club" of Red Cross blood bank donors when the small mobile unit was in Torrance last Thursday. They are William H. Tolson, Bessie Paour, Ruth Parsons and Dorothy Casalegna.

In all, 192 pints of blood, to be transformed into plasma to be sent to the war fronts, were collected here.

The large mobile unit will be in this city Friday, April 25, between 3 and 7 p. m., and the Torrance quota of donors for that occasion is announced as 400.

## Final \$500 Required To Put Torrance Red Cross War Fund Over

Torrance today faced the crucial test of whether subscriptions to the Red Cross War Fund would reach the total of \$18,000 set as the city's quota. Mrs. Lola Hoover, local chairman of the residential and individual campaign, said that as of Tuesday night, collections in this division were approximately \$17,500 short of the goal. However, strenuous last minute efforts by solicitors and collections taken at the two theatres last night were expected to swell the figure.

**On Air Tonight**  
The showdown comes tonight when the list of cities in the Los Angeles area which have reached their objectives will be announced over radio station KFWB. "We want Torrance on that list by all means," Mrs. Hoover said.

Hillman Lee, chairman of the institution division canvass, said today he has no doubt that the quota of \$10,000 will be subscribed. However, since collections are made by payroll deductions, reports are slow in coming in to headquarters.

Last week's list credited the employees of the Martin Tool and Die plant with donations of \$9. This figure should have been \$49.

For the week up to Tuesday night \$3,886.83 had been added to the previously announced figure.

**Doughnuts Donated**  
Mrs. Hoover took occasion today to point out that doughnuts and coffee which are served to inductees by the Red Cross come out of specific contributions and not from the war fund. The doughnuts are furnished without cost by Alma's Pastry Shop, 1925 Carson st., she said.

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