



THATCHER RUNNING . . .
George P. Thatcher, Sales engineer, is seeking reelection to the Board of Education in Torrance April 13. He is one of the five original members of the board, picked last March. Three terms are expiring.

5,338 Voters Qualified For City Election

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Charter amendments and propositions to be passed upon by the voters.

The candidates for the City Council number 14, and they are:

- Bronson C. Buxton, incumbent.
- George W. Downing.
- Nicholas O. Drake.
- Jonathan L. Dummer.
- James A. Evans.
- Charles M. Gilbert, incumbent.

- Bob L. Haggard.
- William E. King.
- Franklin M. Krekow.
- Todd V. Long.
- George C. Powell.
- William H. Tolson, incumbent.

- Ralph M. Watson.
 - James W. Way.
- The candidates for the Board of Education number five, and they are:

- Stanley W. Briggs.
- Albert Isen.
- Carl D. Steele, incumbent.
- George P. Thatcher, incumbent.

Grace Wright, incumbent.

The amendments to the City Charter include:

No. 1, requiring that the elections for the Board of Education be separated from the city elections.

No. 2, Provides for permanent establishment of the City Manager form of government in Torrance.

No. 3, Asks for permanent elimination of "draw poker" and such games in Torrance, to prevent the establishment of gambling halls such as exist in Gardena and Torrance.

The ordinances to be voted upon include one to eliminate the \$50 a month pay to members of the City Council, and one to allow removal of members of the Police and Fire departments for cause.

According to City Clerk Bartlett, any voter who expects to be absent from his election precinct or who will be unable to vote therein at the municipal election of April 13 may file in person or by mail a written application for an absentee voter ballot, between the dates of March 24 and April 6. The application must be signed by the applicant, show the residence of the applicant and make clear to the clerk the applicant's right to a ballot, according to Bartlett.

Unlike previous elections, Bartlett said, the ballots must be received in his office not later than one hour prior to the closing of the polls, that is 6 p.m. on April 13, 1948, to be counted in the official returns.

The clerk said that copies of the charter amendments and measures to be voted upon at the election are now on file in the office of the clerk, in the City Hall, Torrance.

Naturalist Shows Animal Movies To Walteria

Mr. J. H. Allen, naturalist and lecturer, spoke to the Walteria Elementary School children last week about the importance of conservation of our wild life. He showed motion pictures he had taken and told stories about the wild animals whose pictures were shown.

"Animals are disappearing rapidly as man encroaches upon their ranges and hunts them for sport and/or profit," he said. "Examples are the bison, antelope, beaver, elk and many others."

There are only five animals out of a hundred that are predators and kill other animals for food, he told the school children. These many times perform a service to man as they kill the sick and diseased animals. They keep the animal colony strong by this process. Students were asked never to kill hawks, owls, or skunks. "Of course everyone knows that skunks smell funny," he said, "but they are worth one hundred and fifty dollars a year to the farmer in the amount of rodents and bugs that they eat." The owls and hawks are very valuable to the farmer in keeping down the destructive rodents such as rats, mice, gophers, squirrels, etc.

Rats, the speaker said, are increasing by the thousands and are very destructive. They eat 100 pounds of grain a year apiece and waste much more. The rat also carries Typhus Fever and the dread Bubonic Plague that has killed more people than all the wars of history.

"Never, never touch a dead rat," Allen warned, "as the flea that carries these diseases may bite you."

"The hope for conservation of wild life lies with the children," he said, "because they love animals as friends."

DARK HOUR

The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.—Horace Greeley



WILL SERVE AGAIN . . .
Carl D. Steele, prominent labor leader here, is one of the candidates for Board of Education in Torrance at the April 13 elections. Five candidates are offering themselves for three offices to be vacated.

MEN WANT PURPOSE

What men want is not talent; it is purpose. In other words, not the power to achieve, but the will to labor.—Bulwer-Lytton

School Board Puts Bond Plan Before People

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total of 15 units in each school. The expansion of Fern Avenue School will embody 5 classrooms, one kindergarten, cafeteria, and an office at a cost of \$169,344. It is intended that \$20,000 be allotted to Torrance Elementary School for a new kitchen and supplies to convert the present auditorium into a cafeteria. It is estimated that the cost of enlarging Perry Avenue school will be approximately \$50,764.

The High School development will see \$50,000 going to furnish practical arts equipment, including elaborate mechanical training shops for the boys and home making equipment for the girls; \$75,000 for a cafeteria, and \$50,000 for an administrative unit.

The all-over program is based on an estimated increase of 1,627 students over the present total of 2,072.

Col. Isbell Visits Here

Chaplain Jefferson Isbell, Colonel, U.S. Army, retired, now is visiting with his son Milton Isbell, Y.M.C.A. executive secretary, at his home, 1516 Beech avenue, Torrance.

Chaplain Isbell has spent 31 years in the U.S. Army and has been a member of the Central Texas Conference, (Methodist church) 39 years.

He retired from active duty on Feb. 27 of this year.

During the war, Chaplain Isbell served as senior chaplain at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Be faithful at the temple gate of conscience, wakefully guard it; then thou wilt know when the thief cometh.—Mary Baker Eddy

Tweed Jolly New Agent

Tweed Jolly has opened the district agent's office of Farmers Insurance Group at 2325 Torrance boulevard, it was announced this week. The district includes Torrance, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita and San Pedro.

All material damage claims, involving automobiles and trucks, originating in the area of the several cities, will be handled in the Torrance office, District Agent Jolly said.

Before coming to Torrance, Jolly was in the real estate and insurance business in El Centro for 12 years.

Tarkington's 75 Percent Airport Contract Opposed

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the airport, on Weston property. Senness would give the city 25 percent of all tied-up fees; 3 percent of the return to operators of air training programs; 2 cents on each gallon of gasoline sold; and 2 to 3 percent of the return from aircraft service and maintenance income on the field.

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