

JACK DABBS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BALLOT BATTALION

★ We Are Americans By Just One Vote

Dear son:

Your letter arrived just a few minutes ago. I thought I would answer it while your mother is getting dressed to go vote. Your remark about your one vote not counting much interests me.

I wonder, son, if you knew that just one vote has had a lot to do with the history of this country for which you are now fighting.

Thomas Jefferson was elected President by one vote in the electoral college.

Another President, John Quincy Adams, went to the White House by just one such vote.

When Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President by one vote, his election was contested. It went to the electoral college. Again he won by one vote!

The man who cast that one vote for Hayes was a congressman from Indiana, a lawyer who was elected to Congress by one vote. That one vote, the congressman figured, was cast by a client of his back in his hometown who insisted on being taken to vote although he was desperately ill.

Did you know son that this great state of ours, your own California, won statehood by just one vote. Idaho, Texas, Oregon and Washington also won statehood by just a single vote.

That means that all the people living in all those states are Americans—by just one vote. That includes you, you know.

But this one-vote business comes even closer to home than that. Your older brother went into the service during the last war by just one vote. It was by just one vote that the draft act of World War II passed the House of Representatives.

Your one vote does count, you see, my boy.

Your mother is ready now, so I guess we will go vote. I've turned in your absentee ballot.

Your mother sends her love and says to write soon.

As always,
DAD



JACK DABBS
... Ballot Battalion Commander

Dabbs Elected Chairman of Ballot Battalion

Jack Dabbs, chairman of the successful 1951 one-day Community Chest drive, was elected chairman of the Ballot Battalion at a meeting held in the City Hall Wednesday night.

Named co-chairman of the "Get-Out-the-Vote" group was W. E. Bowen, president of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc.

Dabbs, general manager of three Torrance Theaters, succeeds Paul Loranger who has been serving as temporary chairman and has led the effort to get a large turnout at the polls on Tuesday.

The Ballot Battalion consisting of representatives of a score of local organizations has three objectives:

1. To conduct community-wide campaigns to register every eligible voter.
2. To assist the general public in obtaining the views of all candidates, and the principles for which they stand.
3. To sponsor non-partisan, Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns on a community-wide basis, utilizing all available media and community leadership in promoting such campaigns.

Art, Flower, Hobby Show Set To Open Here Friday Evening

Entries were flooding the desks of officials for the coming Art, Flower and Hobby Show to be held in the Civic Auditorium here next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Minot Rugg, president of the sponsoring Torrance Terrace Garden Club.

On tap for the show are such items as charcoal sketches, photographs, miniature flower arrangements, arrangements by men, children, and hobbies of every description.

Classification open include flower arrangements, specimen blooms, potted plants, rare and unusual plants, dish gardens, terrariums, corsages, shadow boxes, commercial arrangements, floor displays and displays of florists, commercial, and clubs and organizations.

Hobby exhibits include cakes, ceramics and plater craft, china painting, collections, copper craft, crepe paper art, lamps, fancy work, leather work, models, rugs, textile painting, holdery, weaving, woodcraft and hobbies by children.

To be sure no one is missed, the show officials have set up a classification to be known as "This and That" to include everything not listed on their official program.

A section on art displays will

King, Darby Face Stiff Contest

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Hot Contest Seen For Local Voters

Although Tuesday's election is a presidential primary, community interest is waxing heaviest in the lower levels.

While extensive campaigning is being conducted by all candidates, the most active campaigns seem to concern the election of a congressman, a supervisor and a judge for the new South Bay Municipal Court.

Extremely active in the community has been the campaign for Representative in Congress for the 17th District. Heading the list of five candidates is incumbent Cecil R. King, who has cross filed and hopes to win out in the primaries. Making a strong bid for the office is the Republican challenger, Robert Finch, an Inglewood attorney. On the slate also is Torrance's own candidate, Weaver H. Jones. Lou C. Skeel and Mae Baxter are also candidates. Jones and Skeel have filed on the Democratic ticket, while King, Finch, and Baxter have filed on both tickets.

Another active campaign has been waged by the supporters of Raymond V. Darby, supervisor of the Fourth District. They are hopeful of returning Darby to office in the primaries. He has seven candidates opposing him including Glenn Anderson, businessman; Graydon F. Beeks, public relations counselor; Harold Harby, Councilman for the City of Los Angeles; Arthur E. Hill, insurance executive; Leonard J. McMullen, auditor; Ernest A. Stewart, tax economist; and Kirk White, automobile dealer.

One of the hottest, and somewhat confusing campaigns has been that for the office of judge of the two new offices of the South Bay Municipal Court in the City of Torrance has more than doubled.

Local voters will cast their ballots at 45 polling places in the city. There are 43 precincts, largest in the history of Torrance, with two precincts having two polling places.

include oil paintings, water colors, pencil sketches, charcoal drawings, pictorial photographs and pictures by children.

The exhibits will be open to the public Friday, June 5 from 5 to 9 p.m., on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., and on Sunday from 12 noon until 9 p.m.

All exhibits must be in place by Friday noon, officials say. Names of the exhibitors will not be allowed on the exhibits until after the judging, which will begin at 1 p.m. Friday.

Visitors will be admitted to the show free, and there will be no registration fees for exhibitors.

'Party House' Uncovered

POLICE RAID NIPS TEENAGERS' FLING

Police Arrest Chaperone On Drunk Charge

An alleged "party house" for teen-age drinking parties chaperoned only by a young looking 28-year-old man who purchased the liquor for the underage boy and girl guests was believed uncovered Thursday night, by Torrance police.

Acting on a tip from a neighbor who complained of a noisy necking party going on several doors away, officers said they found a bottle-littered house in a new North Torrance housing tract and saw from twenty to thirty teenagers milling around in front of the house.

The chaperone was not at home.

Police officers A. Winkler and Eugene Erbetta staked out on the location and soon took into custody a thin, young suspect who later was found to be 28 years of age. He was booked in city jail on a drunk charge and for investigation of possibly contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Thirty Redondo and Torrance high school students were questioned by officers, who were told that the chaperone, who they believed to be 20 or 21 years old, had contacted them at a Redondo drive-in and invited them to attend a party.

He allegedly collected several dollars from the student guests with which he purchased the beer and whiskey.

Inside the house, half-full and empty liquor bottles and shredded pieces of paper were seen



BOMBS AWAY . . . Vic Chatten, inventor of a new air raid warning device, watches as his warning bomb (arrow) blasts off toward the 1000-foot level where it explodes with a signal which can be heard for miles. Test was made this week.

Be Be the Cat Hails 21st Year at Polls

Be Be the cat is a fine American. She has been going to the polls every election day for 21 years.

This year her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Addis Thomas, 22401 Ocean Ave., are going to let her vote. Last month Be Be pussy-footed her way up to a bowl of special cat food to celebrate her 21st birthday.

Ever since Mrs. Thomas became an election inspector—that was back in 1927—Be Be has had a strange affection for election materials. At each election time when the supplies arrive Be Be just can't seem to wait to find a spot atop the pile on which to perch herself as a self-appointed sentry.

Be Be is a home-loving cat and never leaves the Thomas household, except on election day. Then she follows her mistress to the polls and takes up a vigil from the time the polls open until all the ballots are counted and the election

over. Then she saunters back to her own pillow in a wicker chair on the patio. And there she stays until next election.

New Crenshaw Stretch Opened For Holidays

Cars Friday started rolling over another stretch of Crenshaw Blvd., a mile-long three lane highway running from the Torrance city boundary south of Pacific Coast Hwy. to Palos Verdes Drive North in the Palos Verdes Hills.

The 42-foot wide highway was constructed by the County Road Department and prisoners working out of Road Camp 7, located in the nearby hills. The road widens to 60 feet where it intersects with Palos Verdes Drive North.

Arrangements are going forward for construction of the flight strip northward to Crenshaw's present dead end at Sepulveda Blvd. The section from Lomita Blvd. to the coast highway is to be completed by the end of the year, it was stated.

Chatten's 'Bomb' Sends Officers Into the Hills

Inventor Vic Chatten created quite a ruckus over the Hollywood Hills Thursday afternoon when he touched off an aerial bomb to demonstrate his new air raid warning device.

Judging from the reactions, Chatten, who lives at 1567 W. 215th St., achieved success.

Police switchboards, newspapers, and radio stations were

swamped with calls all asking: "What was that tremendous explosion we just heard?"

Police didn't know either, but they had heard it.

Chatten fired two "Alert" bombs and two "All Clear" bombs. The "Alert" bomb screams to an altitude of 1000 feet and there pops open. Seconds later the bomb lets go with what Chatten describes as:

"A tremendous triple Ka-W-H-O-M-B. Ka-W-H-O-M-B. Ka-W-H-O-M-B!"

Minutes later, up the winding road of Mt. Lee where the demonstration was held, came six fire engines, four police cars and a cordon of motorcycle officers—all searching for the cause of the mystery blast.

Wife of one of the officials of Civil Defense for whom the demonstration was held, said she heard the blast from her kitchen—more than 6½ miles away.

Scores of persons in busy Hollywood and on the other side of the hill in San Fernando were still looking toward the scene of the blast 30 minutes after the discharge.

The inventor scoffs at sirens as a means of alerting the public and dreamed up his aerial bomb shooter-upper when he witnessed the ineffectiveness of a recent siren-air horn demonstration.

Witnessing the firing were several Torrance officials. Making the trip were City Manager George W. Stevens, George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for the city, and Dick Folken, chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the Red Cross.

Chatten has promised to install three of his devices in Torrance for \$1800. The city has been considering sirens which will cost \$30,000 to blanket the city.

If Torrance installs the system it will be the first city in the nation to use the method.

Life Magazine has indicated an interest in Chatten's method and will "cover" a public demonstration if it is held in Los Angeles.

The alerting system is not the first idea to come off Chatten's drawing board. He has invented a score of devices and machines including a \$30,000, 10-ton beach cleaning machine now in use on nearby beaches.

His wife, Louise, is a telephone supervisor in the Lomita office.



CAN VOTE NOW . . . Be Be, who just turned 21, is all set and waiting to vote in Tuesday's election. She lists her party affiliation as a Democrat.

Woman Killed In Holiday Traffic

A San Dimas woman was killed and several other persons injured in a two car collision on Redondo Beach Blvd. just west of Hawthorne Ave., Friday evening, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Bernice Thompson, 35, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, police said.