

Torrance Herald Cook-O-Rama Opens Thursday

CITY CLERK UNOPPOSED FOR NINTH TERM, ONE CANDIDATE CHALLENGED

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WHEELS UP . . . One little girl was shaken up and got a fast ride to Harbor General Hospital Thursday noon when these autos collided at 219th St. and Harvard. Drivers escaped injury.

School Bond Vote Tuesday

Polls To Be Open All Day Tuesday

Voters of Torrance will be asked Tuesday to approve a \$3,000,000 bond issue that will provide classrooms for their children. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 9, from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. at 11 locations—The Perry, Carr, North Torrance, Madrona, Greenwood, Walteria, Wood, Seaside, Riviera, and Torrance Elementary Schools and at Torrance High School.

The Industries Tax Committee, representing the industries of Torrance, which will pay most of the bill for the new schools, has urged that voters vote "yes" on the bond issue.

The bond issue must obtain a two-thirds majority vote to pass. In a two-thirds majority vote, for every "no" vote there must be two "yes" votes cast. If only one vote, for example, 200 of these votes must be "yes" to approve the bonds.

If approved, the bonds will help relieve the following strained situations in the Torrance Unified School District:

- a) Out of 7820 Elementary school students, almost 2500 are on double sessions.
- b) A total of 78 additional classrooms are needed to house the anticipated 9647 elementary students that will flood Torrance schools next year, and those 78 plus 124 more classrooms will be needed in 1955-56, according to the Board of Education.
- c) The school district now has 194 classrooms and money for 54 additional classrooms that are on the planning boards or in some stage of construction. A total of 272 classrooms will be needed next year and 396 in 1955-56. There is no money available to plan or start any more than 54 classrooms until the bonds are approved.
- The Board proposes to pay off the \$3,000,000 in bonds over a 20-year period, and will retire \$1,000,000 of them the first year. This will cost the average resident of Torrance, with an assessed valuation of \$2500, about \$3 per year, or less than a penny a day.
- Even with the money from the bonds, Federal aid will still be needed to complete the job of building classrooms and schools to keep up with the population here, which has doubled since 1950.

According to Al Posner, administrative assistant to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull, the following schools have the following number of children on double sessions:

Carr, 187; Crenshaw, 318; North Torrance, 136; Perry, 335; El Nido, 34; Riviera, 243; Seaside, 504; and Walteria, 712. This is a total of 2460.

It is estimated that there will be 1800 kindergarten pupils here in 1955, 2000 in 1956 and 2300 in total of 272 classrooms will be needed.

Eight Candidates Filed for Council

City Clerk Albert H. Bartlett, seeking his ninth four-year term in office, will have no opposition this year for the first time in many years.

As the deadline for filing nominations for the April 13 election passed Thursday noon, at least two candidates for every office but his had filed for a place on the ballot.

Last Council candidate to file was Robert F. Evans, of 6107 Sharynne Lane. His nomination brought the unofficial list of Council candidates to eight.

Qualification of one candidate was challenged Friday, and City Attorney James Hall said yesterday that he would rule on the matter tomorrow.

Challenged was Thirvin D. Fleetwood, a gas company service man of 3637 W. 132nd St. City Hall sources said he had been challenged on the basis that he hadn't lived in Torrance for a year.

Last nomination filed was that of Mrs. Arene C. Dean, of 1443 Post Ave., who will seek election to the office of City Treasurer. She will oppose Mrs. Harriett Leech, of 1550 Marcelina, incumbent in the office.

With the closing of the nominations last Thursday, the complete unofficial roster of candidates now stands like this:

FOR CITY COUNCIL:

(Two Vacancies)

Willys G. Blount (incumbent)

Francis W. Burk

Robert F. Evans

Thirvin D. Fleetwood

Alvin K. Hill

Albert Isen

Hermes Tillam

Jack E. White

FOR CITY TREASURER:

Harriett Leech (incumbent)

Arene C. Dean

FOR CITY CLERK:

A. H. Bartlett (incumbent)

Completion of the ballot is expected soon. City Clerk Bartlett said Friday. Still to be adopted are resolutions placing the four bond measures on the ballot.



HEADQUARTERS OPENED . . . King-Thomas headquarters, local center of the campaign to re-elect Congressman Cecil R. King and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, opened this week at 1405 Sartori Ave., next to the Torrance Theater. Putting up the signs are Irene Fraser (on chair), secretary of Torrance Democrats, Inc., and Mrs. Ella Schwartz. The headquarters will be open every day.

Hearing on Leasing Bill Set Wednesday

City Attorney James Hall will fly to Sacramento Wednesday to appear during the evening before a committee studying the city's request for extension of the leasing power from 25 to 50 years, he said yesterday.

The city's request to have new legislation on the matter was included on the call for special session of the Legislature which is running concurrently with the bi-annual budget session.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who succeeded in getting the bill on the governor's list of special session items, notified Hall that the committee would hold hearings on the bill beginning at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

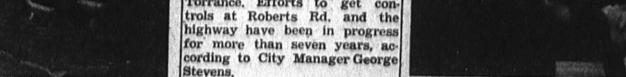
While in Sacramento, Hall will discuss also the need for traffic controls along the length of Pacific Coast Hwy. through Torrance. Efforts to get controls at Roberts Rd. and the highway have been in progress for more than seven years, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Polling Place Told

Residents who received a post card from the Registrar of Voters designating their polling place as "Torrance School," should vote at Torrance Elementary School, the Board of Education advised.

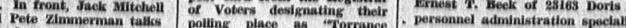
HONORED . . .

PFC Robert H. Beck (right) of Torrance, is congratulated by Colonel Niels I. Poulsen, Camp Schimmel-pfennig commander, after being named Soldier of the Month for the 60th Signal Battalion in Japan. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Beck of 25163 Doris Way, the 23-year-soldier is a personnel administration specialist in Headquarters Company of the battalion. He entered the Army in November 1952 and arrived overseas last June from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Beck is a 1952 graduate of UCLA.



DRAGGIN' WAGON . . .

Members of the "Shuffers," a local car club, worked night and day for the past two weeks to prepare their competition car for a two-day drag race meet this weekend in Bakersfield. The '48 Mercury motor in their machine has been clocked at 138 m.p.h., runs on alcohol. Members of the club shown working on the car are (left to right, rear) Jim Barum, Roy Waller, club president, and Jack Grub. In front, Jack Mitchell peers at the full race motor, Bill Mehan is in the driver's seat and Pete Zimmerman talks to him through the window. The "Shuffers," who have been organized for about eight months, meet every Monday night at Grub's home, 1621 Acacia. Requirements for membership are that you be out of school and own a '46 or later model car.



WEATHER

Low clouds this morning with increasing cloudiness this afternoon, and little change in temperature.

Cook-O-Rama Set To Open Thursday

Two-Day School Of Cookery Set

Hints for "Easy Entertaining" and "Specialty of the House" recipes will spark this year's Cook-O-Rama, modern school of gas cookery to be sponsored by the Torrance Herald, Southern California Gas Co., and Jim Dandy Market next Thursday and Friday, Mar. 11 and 12, at the Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado.

Maxine Howe, noted home economist, will conduct the two-hour culinary lessons, free to the public, from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. each day.

On Thursday, the "Easy Entertaining" skit will feature main dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including individual breakfast casseroles; sour cream macaroni-and-cheese; leg of lamb with roast potatoes; ginger-lime molded salad; and lemon chiffon pie.

Friday's menu will feature veal scallopini, green peas Lorraine, and thrice-baked cream cheese pie.

As an added attraction for the men, Bren McCormick, master of ceremonies, will show how he makes with a steak and broiler when he throws a stag party at home. Also to be pre-

South Bay Stars To Perform For Cooking School

Providing entertainment for the Herald Cooking School Thursday and Friday in the Civic Auditorium will be Joan George and Jim Boyd, both of whom have played starring roles in South Bay Civic Light Opera Association musicals in the past year.

The talented pair will sing from 1 to 1:30 p. m. when the Cooking School starts.

Pretty blonde Joan George, who lives at 2454 Torrance Blvd. with her husband and family, found time out from her career as a housewife to take the female comedy lead in the musical "Bloomer Girl," staged in the South Bay in October, and became one of the hits of the show. She will sing musical comedy hits for the Cooking School.

Boyd's professional singing career was interrupted by a recent stint in the Army. His first singing role after his discharge was the lead in "Kiss Me Kate," last show produced by the South Bay group.

Boyd played the part of Fred Graham, temperamental Broadway star, in the show, lending his smooth baritone voice to the Cole Porter hits "So In Love," "Were Thine that Spec-

THS Thespians Choose Play for Pasadena Tourney

The comedy "Why I Am A Bachelor," has been chosen as Torrance High School's entry in the 21st annual Pasadena Playhouse One-Act Play Tournament March 23 and 24.

Faculty member Von Hershey is directing the show. More than 30 high schools and 350 students from all over California are expected to take part in the two-day affair.

Prizes include the Governor Knight award, scholarships to the Playhouse College of Theatre Arts, professional make-up kits and other articles of stage equipment. Nightly awards will be made for the best actor, best actress and best production.

Ten plays will be presented on each day of the tourney, which is open to the public at a nominal charge. Performances begin at 1:30 p. m. daily and continue until about 6 p. m., when players and audience break for dinner and resume at 7:30 p. m.



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