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Voters Approve Bond Proposals

POLICE, CITY BUILDINGS IN BIG MARGIN VICTORY

Plans for a spacious new city hall and police facility building, and a large municipal swimming pool will be on the drawing boards soon, as Torrance citizens gave their seal of approval to the proposal, Tuesday.

More than 25 per cent of the registered voters made the trip to the polls, a far greater participation than was expected by the political "experts."

Proposition No. 1, calling for expenditure of \$700,000 for a new city hall and police station, breezed through with light opposition — 4273 votes were cast in favor of the measure, 870 against.

The other issue, a proposed \$250,000 swimming pool, met with stiffer opposition, but still carried over the necessary two-third vote required on bond issues.

Official count showed 3857 "Yes" votes compared with 1277 "No" tallies.

Defeated Last Time

For the many citizens and civic bodies that united to campaign for the bonds, the victory was met with a great sigh of relief. A similar proposal was rejected by voters last April 13.

Mayor Nikolaos O. Drale, who with the city council, launched an all-out campaign to see that every Torrance resident was aware of the need for the improvements, issued this statement following the final tabulation:

"I know every member of the council joins with me in expressing our deepest thanks to all who worked so vigorously to make this victory possible. We especially want to thank the voters who have realized that our ever-

Kauffman Completes Purchase of Del Amo

Arrangements for purchase of the 360-acre Del Amo Estate, between Sepulveda and Torrance Bldvs., and Hawthorne Ave. and the Torrance boundaries, have been completed, officials of the Milton Kauffman Construction Co. announced this week.

The first unit of homes to go into the area will be some 1000 homes, officials indicated. Two schools, a park, and shopping center will be included in the area.

Federal Aid Received

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Plans for Guard Armory Revealed

Construction of a National Guard Armory for Torrance, near the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Cabrillo St., is expected to begin soon, according to Capt. Horton Smith, adjutant of the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion.

Word received from state headquarters in Sacramento

GOP Groups Gather for Night Rally

Republicans belonging to various GOP groups throughout the 68th Assembly District will gather in the banquet room of the Palms, 1925 W. Carson St., tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. for a 68th District candidates' rally and dinner, sponsored by the 68th District Republican Assembly.

Boris S. Woolley, president of the 68th District Republican Assembly, said that candidates to be present include Bob Finch, Republican candidate for Congress from the 17th District; Robert E. McDavid, Republican candidate for State Board of Equalization from the 4th District; Mildred Younger, Republican candidate for the State Senate, and John A. Wild, Republican candidate for the State Assembly from the 68th.

Other candidates for various state and national offices also have promised to be present or send representatives, Woolley said.

In addition to the 63rd District Republican Assembly, members of the following groups will participate, according to Woolley: Torrance Republican Club; Council of Republican Women of San Pedro; Wilmington Young Republicans and Lomita Republican Club.

Many Stolen Checks Now In Vicinity

Stolen payroll checks are flooding the surrounding areas and merchants are warned to be watchful for checks identified here by police officials as "hot."

Detective Sergeant Percy Bennett issued this list: Ninety checks, numbered 210 to 300, imprinted with H. L. Gillum Lathing Co., 11028 S. Spinnery Ave., Checks on yellow paper, with Security First National Bank emblem. Stolen Oct. 18.

Stolen from a dentist office, 220 blank personalized checks, numbered 181-400. All imprinted Ar. J. H. Gray, 44513 N. Sierra Hwy., Lancaster. Several have been passed in this area. Aircraft corporation identification card used by passer.

Checks imprinted "Kellers' Type Studio, 1119 S. LaBrea," taken in a recent burglary. All drawn on California Bank—270 stolen. Stolen checks imprinted "Bellin Motors, 1130 S. LaBrea." 100 checks missing, Security First National Bank emblem.

Thirty-four checks stolen, imprinted with "Richard Williamson's Plastering Contractor Co., 835 W. Manchester Ave." Checks numbered 1290-1291, 1317-1319, 1335-1340, 1346-1365 missing. Drawn on First State Bank of Lynwood.

Any person having information regarding these stolen checks should contact the police department, it was stated.

Driver Suffers Head Injuries in Accident

Murry Horowitz, 46, of Los Angeles, suffered severe head gashes and lacerations of the face in a traffic accident at Vermont Ave. and Lomita Blvd. Tuesday night. His head rammed through the windshield after the collision.

Driving the other auto was Boyce E. Anichut, 46, also of Los Angeles, according to Sheriff's deputies. Both cars were badly damaged.



ADVISORY GROUP... When citizens of El Nido district met this week to discuss the possibility of annexing to Torrance in order to insure better school facilities, George Morehart, left, Belvedere Mutual Water Co. president, Mrs. Gladys Ferguson, president of the Civic Association, and Roland K. Petrat, standing, El Nido School principal, were on hand to give information and advice. Little opposition was raised to the annexation proposal.

Smog-Making Committee Will Probe Problems Of Annexation

Backyard burning of trash may be a thing of the past within a year. The County Board of Supervisors Tuesday ordered the Air Pollution Control district to take action in stopping burning of 6000 tons of rubbish which are burned in open fires daily.

In an effort to meet the smog threat, the motion was introduced by Supervisor Roger Jessup. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn indicated that he had written a letter to Sen. Thomas Kuchel, urging that the federal government use its powers to get the automotive industry to perfect devices which would eliminate exhaust fumes from cars.

Opposition to the proposed annexation of the El Nido district to Torrance failed to develop in a meeting of the El Nido Civic Association, Monday night, as those present were almost unanimous in their approval of the move.

Citizens had become alarmed at the ever-increasing crowded school situation, and because the community is located outside of the city limits, the school board has been hesitant to plan permanent enlarged facilities.

Gladys Ferguson, president of the association, Roland K. Petrat, El Nido School principal, and George Morehart, president of the Belvedere Mutual Water Co., which serves the section, were on hand to tell the citizens the problems of annexation.

Flu Prevents Visit Here Of Candidate

Candidate Richard T. Graves, aspirant to the office of governor, was unable to attend a late hour supper-party in his honor, Tuesday, because of a serious illness.

Mrs. Ella Schwartz, of 3244 El Dorado, said she received a telegram from Graves explaining that he was bed ridden with the flu. He expressed his regrets that he could not be with the group.

Other leading local Democratic workers were present, including Paul Ziffren, California Democratic national committeeman.

'Good Neighbor' to Get Trophy at Y Breakfast; Champ Butler, Torrance Youth Band to Perform

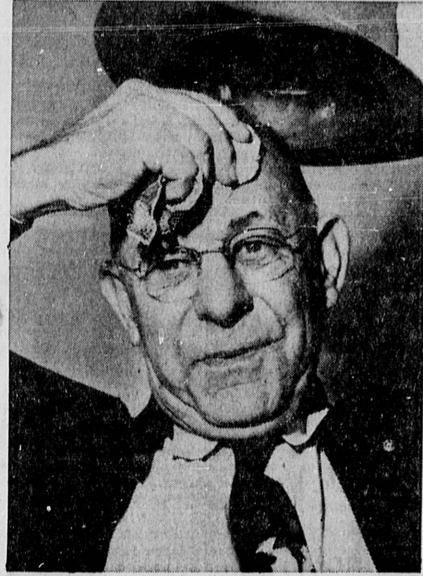
Final plans for the appearance of TV and radio star Champ Butler and other celebrities at the YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast Saturday morning at the Civic Auditorium are being completed.

Singer Butler and several other recording artists, as yet unannounced, will be present at the breakfast, at which a local person will receive a trophy as the year's best "Good Neighbor." The Torrance Area Youth Band will also perform. Food donated by local merchants will be served at the breakfast, with local chefs flipping pancakes.

Capitol Records has donated a number of records which will be given as prizes. The 48 men and eight women who have donated a gallon of blood to the Red Cross during their campaigns were nominated by the American Red Cross as "Good Neighbors" for a saving many lives." Although no group award can be made, these persons will be "honorary good neighbors," officials indicated. Mrs. Joseph J. Walker, of 22514 Gaycrest Ave., received a "Good Neighbor" nomination from Mrs. W. J. Herbst. Her work in aiding neighbors in time of trouble was praised by Mrs. Herbert.

Previously nominated for award were Harry Greene, of 1314 Beech Ave.; Mrs. William V. Boswell, of 2842 Onrado Ave.; Mrs. Vera C. Wright, of 18328 Roslin Ave.; Jack E. White, of 4308 W. 174th St.; Mrs. Clara L. Davis, of 18337 Roslin Ave., and Martha Grumm, of 17404 Korbium St.

The "Good Neighbor" will be selected by the committee headed by Sam Levy on the basis of the best letter sent in recommending him or her. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the YMCA. Tickets may be purchased from local merchants, or at the YMCA office.



WHEW... It wasn't the smog, the heat nor the fog that brought about this brow-wiping by Police Chief Willard Haslam; he's just relieved that Torrance voters okayed plans for a new police station in bonds approved Tuesday. Haslam's 47 men have been working in an area no larger than an average house. (Individual precinct tallies are on Page 5).

HULL SAYS

4th High School Is Possibility

Torrance's skyrocketing population is continuing to give the School Board headaches, as Superintendent J. H. Hull presented the possible need for two more schools not considered in original planning Tuesday night.

A fourth high school for the city, in addition to the three now contemplated, may be necessary within a few years, he declared. Figures indicate that by 1960, some 9000 students will be ready for high school he said, compared with 2000 attending today.

North Torrance High School is scheduled to be completed in September, 1955, and should help to relieve crowded conditions at Torrance High School, which is now on double session.

Board Has Problem Superintendent Hull pointed out that the board is plagued with the problem of which district needs either elementary or high schools worse. Making the problem more acute is a question of where the district can get funds to pay for the school building program, now going at full blast.

Work can be done on the site of South Torrance school he declared. Before final plans for the school are drawn, officials would like to see how North Tor-

rance High School facilities work out.

Another area in which an additional school may be needed in the western part of Hollywood Riviera, he declared. Riviera School and Pacific School, to be completed next year, will serve the area, but addition of housing tracts may well overcrowd these schools before long, he declared.

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Local Beauties Seek Grid Title

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WHO'LL BE QUEEN?... One of these eight lovelies will be named 1954 El Camino Grid Queen after elections to be held next Monday and Tuesday. Shown at - Pat Garrison and Ronnie Griffin, of Torrance; Sandra Forsyth, of Lawndale; Nancy Le Sanders, of Hawthorne; Bille MacLean, of Lawndale; Ellen Koehn, of Torrance; Carole Boylan, of Hawthorne, and Kay Linfield, of Inglewood. The ninth contestant, Dianne Mott, of Hawthorne, is not shown.