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BILL EVANS QUITS COUNCIL CONTEST; 15 LEFT IN FIELD

Retirement Pay Periled He Says

G. S. "Bill" Evans, 1229 Beech Ave., announced his withdrawal as a Council candidate in the April elections here Saturday. He said his election would jeopardize the retirement pension he now draws as a retired Torrance police sergeant. Evans was among the first to file for the Council race, saying at the time that he felt his years with the city would qualify him to serve as a Councilman.

"I deeply regret the disappointment my withdrawal may bring to those persons who believe in me and have offered to support my candidacy," Evans told the HERALD Saturday. He has reached no decision on whom he will support in the race, he said.

Tried to Get Opinion. Evans said he made several efforts to determine the effect of statutes on his eligibility with regard to the retirement pay he now receives.

Barlett said registration for the April election is the highest ever in Torrance.

The new registration figure, completed last week by County Registrar of Voters Ben S. Hite, shows a growth of more than 4000 voters here since the 1954 municipal elections when 17,072 qualified for the election.

The figure also represents a growth of more than 15,000 voters here in the past 10 years.

Registrations for the city elections since 1946 were:

1946	5,236
1948	5,538
1950	8,640
1952	11,008
1954	17,072
1955	21,857

No breakdown on political affiliations of the city's registered voters has been compiled yet, Barlett said. This is done by Hite's office and will be reported when available.

Film Offered Free

A new color film on the South Bay area, entitled "Breeding Along the Bay" is being offered for free showings at luncheons and business meetings and for general entertainment by the Riviera Productions Co., producers.

For information call: Frontier 5-4592.

AT CRESTLINE
Enjoying the snow sports at Crestline last week end were Frank Parker, Jack Hanna and Ray Duden of Harbor City.

Dental Health Week Observed Here This Week

Dental Health Week, stressing "It's the brushing that counts" in emphasizing dental health conservation, will be observed here March 5-8 under the auspices of the Council on Dental Health of the Third District of the Los Angeles County Dental Society.

Dr. Stanley Challis, community chairman for Torrance, urged local support of Dental Health Week by citing American Dental Association statistics that reveal the average 16 year old has seven decayed teeth and, by the time he is 21, five of them are lost.

"Fortunately," he said, "this can be prevented by simple precautions that include a nourishing diet low in refined carbohydrates, good oral hygiene such as frequent, thorough brushings, and early, periodic care."



G. S. "BILL" EVANS
Quits Council Race

Shidler Seeks Superior Court

Judge John A. Shidler of South Bay Municipal Court has filed declaration of intention to run for Office 28 of the Superior Court in the June primaries, a post also sought by Fletcher Bowron, former Los Angeles mayor.

Judge Shidler, former president of the Torrance Board of Education, has been a judge in Los Angeles County since 1944 with the exception of three and one-half years in the Army during World War II. He and Mrs. Shidler, the charming Rosemary DeCamp of television and screen, live in southwest Torrance.

On Many Benches
During the past 10 years, Judge Shidler has been assigned to sit pro tempore in various courts of the County at the direction of the Judicial Council of California. Between 1946 and 1950 he presided in Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, San Pedro, Van Nuys, Inglewood, Santa Monica, Compton, and in other Southern communities. During this time and the time he spent as Justice of the old Gardens Justice Court and the South Bay Municipal Court, Judge Shidler has presided in criminal jury, civil jury, traffic, small claims, and in all specialized fields of Municipal Court.

During 1955 alone, according to reports of the California Judicial Council, Judge Shidler heard 445 pleadings in his court. He also conducted 575 felony preliminary hearings of misdemeanor trials and 52 jury trials.

Here As Youth
Shidler was born in York, Neb., in 1911 but moved to the Torrance area as a youth. His family was among the Torrance pioneers. He was graduated from Redondo High School, Stanford University, and the Loyola College of Law.

Prior to becoming a judge, Shidler maintained law offices in Torrance and had extensive experience as a trial lawyer before Superior Court, Juries in Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Santa Ana.

"I trust the voters will decide that I have the experience, health, and patience to hear and decide the problems of my fellow men at the Superior Court level," Shidler said when filing for the office.

Girl Injured When Struck by Car Thursday

A 12-year-old Torrance girl is in Harbor General Hospital with a fractured leg as a result of being hit by a car here Thursday. The girl, 174th St. and Arlington Ave.,

Francine Brown, 12, of 2115 W. 174th St. was taken to the hospital after she was hit by a car driven by Violet White, 42, of 3230 W. 160th St., at the intersection. The driver was not held.

Hospital authorities say the young girl's condition is fair. A spectacular car-train collision resulted in only minor injuries suffered by the car's driver, James J. Gomez, 46, of 1642 W. 214th St., Thursday night.

Police reports indicate that Gomez's car slammed into a gondola car of a slow-moving freight at 213th St. and Bow Ave. just before 8 p.m., Thursday. He was taken to a private physician for treatment.

Train officials said the cars were being switched and the train was moving at only two miles per hour. Traffic mishap: Richard Vandenberg, 34, of 140 Palms Verde Blvd., was slightly hurt when his car and an auto driven by David Kelly, 23, of Redondo, were involved in a wreck early Friday morning at Whitehorn and Torrance Blives.

The injured driver was taken to a physician for treatment.

Torrance Represented At YWCA Neighborhood Meet

Region opened the meeting with the keynote address on "A Task for a Century," in speaking of the job ahead for the YWCA she said that as an organization, "We will get along fine if we aren't too tired or too scared just thinking about the prospect of 100 years."

Presiding the opening session, the Volunteer Personnel committee of the Harbor Association were responsible for the opening coffee hour. Those assisting were Meses, Carl Taylor, Earl Smith, Arthur Kent, Harold McDonald, Almas Hurley, C. R. Halpenny, Arnold Ecklund, Elsa Morris and Otis Blackstone.

The afternoon session was devoted to discussion groups to consider the task of the YWCA during the next three years.

Those attending from this association were: Meses, Marion Young, Charles Rodriguez, Almas Hurley, A. E. Palmer, Minnie Solomon, Walter Silence, Lee Stamps, Kenneth Clutter, Margaret Wilson, Earl Smith, Harold McDonald, William R. Sher, Loraine Harper, C. R. Halpenny, Arthur Kent, Howard Full, Arnold Ecklund, Earl Taylor, Otis Blackstone, Mary Michel, and Elsa Morris, and Misses Eleanor Hawkins and Marian Patout.



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Hit-Run Driver Sought After Car Strikes Man

Police were continuing their investigation into a hit and run accident here last Monday, in which a 61-year-old pedestrian was struck by a car that witnesses said sped off without offering help to the victim.

Andrew C. Wade, 66, of 1210 El Prado, was injured when struck by a car that jumped the curb at El Prado and Sartori Ave. Reports of the mishap indicate the victim suffered back injuries and scratches. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Witnesses told investigating officers that a man in his 50s was driving the hit and run car. They said the car went about a foot over the curb and hit Wade while he was standing on the sidewalk. The driver apparently stayed at the scene for a few minutes, then left, police were told.

The driver also was accompanied by a woman passenger in the car.

Police are checking on the license plate number, which was obtained by witnesses. Bystanders and the victim also said they could identify the violators.

Woman Reports Theft Of Radio From Auto

Dorothy P. Whitman, of Redondo, reported to sheriff's deputies Thursday that someone broke into her car and took a radio worth \$25 while the auto was parked in the college parking lot, at 16007 Crenshaw Blvd.

Permits Pass \$11 Million Mark for '56

Torrance has compiled a phenomenal total of \$11,664,557 worth of new construction permits so far in 1956, records of the building department revealed Friday.

Senior Clerk Walters C. Bradford reported that February permits in Torrance reached \$4,955,361 or nearly three times the permits issued in February, 1955.

Total permits issued in the first two months of 1955 amounted to \$5,575,478, Bradford's records show.

Most of the 1956 permits have been for residential development, although several industrial permits were included in the total.

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION PLAN

Heta Harris, 4124 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance, stamps one of the hundreds of suggestions submitted for Douglas Aircraft's Employee Suggestion Plan. More than 2300 ideas were submitted during 1955 at the El Segundo Division of the plant.

PROMOTED AT NATIONAL... Appointment of Glenn C. Merley to the position of plant manager of the National Supply Co. here effective March 1, has been announced by J. D. Spelding, works manager of the Torrance plant. In his new position, Merley will be in charge of the manufacturing departments of the Torrance plant, one of six owned and operated by National Supply Co.

\$18,299 Given YMCA in Drive

The Torrance YMCA is over its quota in the 1956 current support campaign, it was announced here last week by General Chairman Sam Levy.

The 1956 goal, set at \$17,000, was designed to provide minimum services to the local YMCA including a full time manager, part time program director, and a full time stenographer.

Volunteers had raised a total of \$18,299 for this purpose by the time of the final report meeting last Wednesday night, Levy announced.

Industry Gives \$10,000
The industrial section of the drive under the chairmanship of C. C. Morgan raised \$19,228. The quota for the section was \$10,000.

Volunteers in the commercial section under the chairmanship of Eddie Raphael and Paul Diamond raised \$3804, topping their \$3000 quota.

Professional contributions totaled \$2037 to put Dr. John Beeman's section over its \$3000 goal.

And the field organization led by Mrs. Edward R. L. Schwartz, raised \$1230 to top its \$1000 goal.

Levy Grateful
"It is certainly gratifying to see all divisions of the campaign go over the top," Levy said. "To all the volunteers who worked on the 1956 campaign, Levy said, "Thanks a million."

Ralph Morris, president of the YMCA board of managers, said the results are remarkable due to "the generosity of the people, business concerns, and industries of this community."

Morris urged volunteers to continue the "mop-up" campaign to secure all possible contribution. Money received over the annual budget requirements will be used to rehabilitate the YMCA building at Plaza del Amo and Arlington, he said.

Local Men Held After Beatings

March 15 is the date set for the arraignment of two local men who were arrested recently by sheriff's deputies on charges they kidnapped and beat a man and two boys on Feb. 21.

Royal O. Bailey, 20, of 21936 Main St., and Robert Ramos, 24, of 304 E. 290th St., are being held in county jail on the charges, authorities reported.

Officials said they arrested the pair when they found them struggling with Bruce Morgan, 23, of Inglewood, on a street near that city.

Morgan told authorities he was picked up and robbed by the pair, then beaten. He said he finally lapsed into unconsciousness while the suspects were driving him around in their car.

Two 14-year-old Hawthorne boys were then picked up by the suspects, according to authorities. The teenagers told officials they were beaten, too, but managed to break away.

Ramos is being held on \$5000 bail, while Bailey is held on \$2500 bond.