

CITY GOES TO POLLS TUESDAY

33,318 Voters Eligible Here

Tuesday will be election day in Torrance, when 33,318 voters will be eligible to decide the fate of two bond issues and two amendments to the city charter. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

At stake are \$3,000,000 recreation bond issue and a \$1,000,000 airport expansion bond issue. Voters also will decide on a seven-man council and popularly-elected mayor, and a provision that the airport bonds be paid off by airport revenues, backed up by the city, if these are not enough.

Two-Thirds Vote

The two bond issues require a two-thirds vote, but the amendments need only a simple majority. The amendment relating to the airport would have no effect if the bond issue failed to pass, however.

The recreation bond issue would cost the average taxpayer about \$4.50 per year.

City leaders have urged the passage of the recreation bond issue so that the city can get sites for new parks before prices increase more than they already have. Ten pieces of property have been proposed for purchase.

Of the \$3 million total, \$1 million would be spent for developing park sites which the city now owns—with 13 parks recommended for improvements.

Improve Airport

Funds from the airport bond issue would be used to improve the Torrance Airport. Civic leaders claim that an improved airport would attract industry, provide a site for draining Walteria Lake, and qualify the area for federal funds in acquiring land for an airport approach.

The money would be used to buy land west of the present property for safer landing operations, officials say. If it is acquired now, the government would help pay for the total cost.

No Cost

Taxpayers would have to pay nothing toward the retirement of these bonds, since airport revenues would be used.

An increased city council has been urged by civic leaders to allow for better representation for the vital work here.

Supervisor Hapy

County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who made an appearance before the Commission in August also on behalf of the Harbor Freeway, was happy with Friday's announcement.

"I think that this is a great victory for the motoring public, as the extension of the Harbor Freeway will be of tremendous benefit to all of Southern California," he said.

Hahn said he had been assured by Frank B. Durkee, State Director of Public Works and chairman of the Highway Commission, that the Harbor Freeway project would be approved.

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Police Believe Burglary Ring Smashed With Arrest of Four

With the arrest of four men, Torrance police brought an end to a suspected burglary ring which has looted firms from Apple Valley to San Pedro.

In addition, several thousand dollars worth of stolen property has been recovered.

Local detectives yesterday announced three of the four men will be held on two counts of burglary in this city.

Arrested while attempting to burglarize the Ozark Bar-B-Que restaurant in Walteria were Larry R. Cook, 19, of Lawndale; Gary G. Tippens,

18, of Compton; and Ronald D. Cline, 19, of Hawthorne.

Caught by Owner

The three were taken into custody by Officers Melvin Bennett and Russ Culverhouse when the owner of the cafe, John Stretch, saw the group in the act of entering the building and phoned police.

A fourth suspect later quizzed and then released to San Bernardino police was Leroy M. Langston, 19.

Investigating officers Lt. Ted Morris, Miles Hamilton and Wally Nitz uncovered stolen property at the suspect's houses and in their cars amounting to more than \$2000. The arrested trio also has been accused of breaking into coin machines.

Property Recovered

Included in the recovered property were cigarette lighters, liquor, machinists' tools, tape recorder, television set, luggage, binoculars, movie camera, and men's clothing.

Cline, who is now on probation following charges of stealing an automobile, is being held in lieu of \$2500 bail. Bond on Tippens and Cook has been set at \$1500.

According to Lt. Morris, police in Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino, San Pedro, Downey, Los Angeles, and Lennox want to question the suspects for burglaries committed in those areas.



Erbeta. Explaining the need for funds at the right is Mrs. C. W. Moore while band members Bill Colby and Carole Moore look on.



SEEKING AID FOR BAND . . . Getting a head start on the door-to-door campaign for funds to send the Torrance Area Youth Band to Chicago in December are these band members and backers who are calling on Mrs. Eugene

Band to Get Aid In Drive

Car Clubbers Join Youth Band Drive

After the appearance of the Torrance Area Youth Band on the National Broadcasting Co. KRCA-TV (Channel 4) at 5:30 p.m. today, hundreds of local citizens and 80 members of the Torrance Car Club will ring doorbells to raise money to send the concert organization to the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago.

Members of the Youth Band Citizens Committee intend to go over the top in their quest for funds, according to Postmistress Clara Conner, campaign chairman.

One of Eight

"After all, the Youth Band was one of eight groups out of the entire United States and Canada to be invited and the only one west of the Mississippi," Mrs. Conner asserted, "and it's up to us to show them the community is proud of them."

She went on to say it takes \$250 to send one musician, and there are 82 in the band. Thousands of dollars have already been raised by the members themselves and their parents.

The National Broadcasting Co. has provided video time for the youth organization as a special salute to their being chosen to represent the Western States at the annual convention of music teachers of Central America. Movie and television actress Rosemary DeCamp, of Torrance will act as mistress-of-ceremonies.

For Chicago Trip

Money collected will be used to fly the entire membership to the Windy City on Dec. 15, house and feed them while there, and return them Dec. 22. Several engagements have been booked in the Chicago area, along with the concert appearance before the 5000 delegates to the clinic.

Mayor Albert Isen has proclaimed this week of Oct. 27 to Nov. 3 as "Torrance Area Youth Band Week" with the hope that the band will meet its goal.

In addition to providing regular instruction and performance opportunity for hundreds of youngsters.

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Highway Group Okays Funds for Area Freeways

Funds to construct the Harbor Freeway to a point south of 190th St. and to acquire right of way for the San Diego Freeway between Los Angeles International Airport and the Harbor Freeway east of Torrance are included in the record \$483,571,783 state highway budget adopted in Sacramento Friday.

Funds for the Harbor Freeway project total about \$8,700,000, and will construct the five-mile section between 124th St. and 190th St. Construction now is in progress between 92nd St. and 124th St.

Approximately \$9 million was allocated for right of way purchases for the San Diego project.

Allocation Hailed
Councilman Nicholas O. Drale, chairman of the Inter-

City Highway Committee's subcommittee for the San Diego Freeway hailed the news yesterday that funds had been allocated for the project. Drale and other members of the ICHC went to Sacramento last August to appear before the State Highway Commission during their budget hearings to press demands for the appropriation.

"I'm tickled that the Inter-City group was successful in bringing to the attention of the state the urgency of the freeway situation in this part of the Southland," Drale said yesterday. "It looks like our work has brought some results."

Time Lag Cut

Drale pointed out that the original schedule called for construction on the San Diego Freeway in about 10 years.

"We seem to have cut that down to about three years instead of 10," he said.

The next step for the state is to complete acquisition of the right of way, finish the plans and engineering, and begin construction. Much of the right of way through Torrance was purchased several years ago before home developments in the area made the costs much higher.

Crosses Torrance

The San Diego Freeway will enter north Torrance at about Prairie Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd., swing eastward south of 182nd St., and go on east across the Harbor Freeway near the present intersection of 190th St. and Figueroa. A major interchange is planned at that point.

Wilburn E. Baker, chairman of the Inter-City Highway Committee, said the State Highway Commission gave the area "everything we asked for."

He said he had heard first of the allocation from Commissioner Robert McClure, whom he credited with gaining the support of the rest of the

Father McGuinness Assigned To Lynwood Catholic Church



REV. PATRICK J. MCGUINNESS
... Reassigned to Lynwood Parish

The Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Nativity here the past 13 years, has been reassigned as pastor of St. Emydius Catholic Church in Lynwood, it was announced this week.

Assigned to the Nativity parish was the Rev. Joseph McArdle, a native of California, and, at present, pastor of the Church of the Assumption in East Los Angeles. Announcement of the changes was made by J. Francis Cardinal McIntyre, and was brought on by the sudden death of the Rev. Charles J. O'Carroll, the Lynwood pastor, about two weeks ago.

Father McGuinness, who came to the local church in 1944, has seen the membership grow from 1200 to 7000. During that time, the church and rectory have been enlarged and a convent and an eight-classroom school constructed. The auxiliary Church of St. Joseph in Pueblo has also been remodeled and new property purchased.

At the present time, construction is under way for another eight-classroom addition on the Nativity Parochial

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A Penny for your Thoughts

With Caryl Chessman's pleas for his life claiming headlines recently, the HERALD's inquiring photographer posed this question:

"What is your opinion of capital punishment? Do you believe it serves to prevent crime?"

Henry Halverson, 1223 Cravens Ave., mortician:

"There's nothing wrong with capital punishment, if the person is guilty. People who are guilty of crimes punishable by death don't merit being wards of the state for the rest of their lives. I definitely think it is a deterrent to crime."

Harry Van Bellechem, 2071 W. 162nd St., recreation director:

"I don't believe in capital punishment because people are victims of fate — inherited traits and environment. Education is a better answer to the problem. In Denmark, they use both education and medical treatment, with much more success than we do."

Helen Elliott, 1457 W. 228th St., housewife:

"I don't believe in capital punishment. A life sentence is much better. Criminals should be punished, but I do not think anybody has the right to take a life. That comes from God."

Ginny Sandstrom, 1514 Madrid Ave., Torrance High senior:

"I think capital punishment does prevent crime. Life means so much to a man that if he thought he might be killed, he would think twice before he committed a crime."

Lorna Hall, 1718 W. 236th St., El Camino College student:

"Capital punishment is effective, I think. Crimes are prevented by the threat, since self-preservation is one of the most important instincts and freedom is what everybody wants."

Rivets Reports

Today should be warm and sunny, with the area getting rid of some of the clouds which have darkened the skies, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog. The mercury hit 90 Friday, to end the cool spell.

Highs and lows for the week included Thursday (79-50); Friday (90-55); and Saturday (80-61).



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