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BOARD CANDIDATES RAP SCHOOLS

A Penny for your Thoughts

As Torrance police rounded up juveniles who were staying out too late, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked: "Do you believe that strict enforcement of the city's curfew laws will make for less juvenile delinquency?"

Irene Pasquale, 17031 Crenshaw Blvd., toy assembler: "I think strict enforcement is good. Parents would keep better control of their children if they knew that the laws were going to be enforced."

Anthony Sicuranzo, 2703 Cabrillo Ave., grocery clerk: "If we could spend the time trying to understand our children rather than setting up stricter rules, it would be better. Making the rules stricter will only lead to rebellion."

Edward H. Blum, 1405 Border Ave., garage owner: "Curfew laws should keep the teenagers out of places they don't belong. Under stricter laws, they would be less apt to get into trouble. Parents should be held more responsible for their children."

Barbara Mayfield, Brea, housewife: "There should be strict enforcement of curfew and traffic laws. I think that this would teach the children much more respect for the law."

Ken Miller, 22510 Marjorie Ave., real estate salesman: "I think it would help both the teenagers and the city as a whole. If they knew there was a curfew that was going to be enforced, it would make for many less problems in the long run."

Tom Christiansen, 1002 Ave. F, shoe repairman: "If the kids understand that they are going to be picked up, they will get home on time and be less likely to get into trouble. If parents understand this too, the teenagers probably won't be out."

One Injured

Kenneth Williamson, 25, 2224 Cabrillo Ave., was treated for minor injuries Tuesday following an accident at Plaza Del Amo and Arlington Ave. Drivers of the two cars were uninjured. They were Walt Edward Boyer, 20, of 1918 W. 220th St.; and Harold D. Holmes, 38, of 23217 Falena Ave.



OFFICIALS MEET . . . State Controller Robert Kirkwood (second from right) chats with newly elected Councilman George Bradford following his appearance before the Torrance Optimist Club this week. At the left are Bob Tolson, who introduced Kirkwood, and Optimist President Hal Massie. (Herald Photo)

Great Future for California Seen By Controller Kirkwood

California has added the equivalent of a city of 40,000 each month for the past 18 years, State Controller Robert Kirkwood told members of the Torrance Optimist Club this week. "And the best information available from experts in the field indicate that this tremendous growth rate will continue until at least 1970," he said. Appearing before the club at its regular meeting Monday, Kirkwood emphasized that the state government had kept abreast of this tremendous growth without a tax rate increase. Despite this, it has been able to meet the ordinary expenditures of government and undertake a mammoth construction program, he said.



STEEL EXHIBIT . . . Dale Harter, principal of North High School, accepts an exhibit showing the steps in steel production from Fred C. Todd Jr., manager of the Bethlehem Pacific Structural Steel Fabricating Works in Torrance. The exhibit includes samples of the raw materials which go into steel.

Candidates To Appear In Riviera

All candidates for the board of education election May 20 have been invited to appear before members of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn., Monday night, May 5, it was announced yesterday. The meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Riviera School Cafeteria, 345 Via Colusa, has been set up so each candidate appearing there will have about two minutes to introduce himself and outline his qualifications for the board, and then about five minutes to express his views on the academic and business aspects of the school administration. Invitations to the candidates were put in the mail this week.

Fire Service Day Slated On Saturday

Open house will be held Saturday at all four Torrance fire stations, as part of the National Fire Service Day observance officially proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen. It also will be observed throughout the state. Open house and guided tours through the stations will be conducted from 10 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. "Sparky" comic books will be given to youngsters attending, with instructions on fire safety and descriptions of what the fire department does. The four stations are located at Carson and Crenshaw, Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy., 242nd and N. Ice Ave., and 174th and Yukon Ave.

Seven Men Give Views On System

Seven of the nine school board candidates spoke out at a "Town Hall" meeting in Walteria, Tuesday night, in tones ranging from guarded remarks on minor points in administration of Torrance schools to open criticism of the administration and the board of education. Missing from the panel were the two incumbents, C. A. Mewborn and Clinton Cooke. It was reported at the meeting that both called before the meeting and said they could not attend. Speaking out sharply against the administration were William C. Boswell and Dr. Don Cortum, both candidates for election two years ago. "I haven't climbed on the 'Sputnik' bandwagon," Boswell told the crowd of more than 100 persons.

Only One Change

"Anyone who cares to can look up my campaign platform of last election. It has changed in only one aspect: I am no longer naive enough to believe that the self-perpetuating board and the opinionated administration are going to be unseated by guarded criticism." Later in response to a question from the floor, Boswell said he did not believe any important changes could be made in academic emphasis under the present administration. His stand was backed strongly by Dr. Cortum, who stated the responsibility of the board of education was to direct and control the curriculum "instead of turning it over to an educationist."

Shift Emphasis

Robert Ellis said it was time to shift the emphasis of the district from building to academic achievement. "Society is going to make more exacting demands on our children, and we should provide them with a broad basic education to prepare them to meet those demands," Ellis said. "Two teachers seeking election to the board, Edwin S. Ryon and Cecil Sampson, emphasized that a school board must be sympathetic to the teachers, who are the basis of all education. "As a teacher, I know the weaknesses and strengths of schools, and believe I could make a definite contribution here," Ryon said. He is a teacher in the Palos Verdes schools. Sampson, who teaches in the Los Angeles schools, stressed his belief that the shortcomings of the system in Torrance are the responsibility of the board—not the administration. Both denied that a conflict of interests would exist if they, as teachers, were elected to the board. The meeting was called by the recently formed Science Education Council.

Court Delays Murder Case

Preliminary hearing for Mary E. Strong, 56, of 2216 W. 236th St., on charges of second degree murder in connection with an illegal abortion was postponed until May 9 on motion of the prosecution here yesterday. The hearing, scheduled for the Torrance branch of the South Bay Municipal Court yesterday, was delayed when a principal witness was unable to be present because of prior court commitments. Mrs. Strong, in the meantime is free on \$5000 bail.

Grass, Not Master Plans, Sought at Parks

Grass, not master plans, are what is needed at the undeveloped park sites at the present time, the Torrance Recreation Commission decided at its last meeting. After hearing Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem report that the most of developing master plans for Guensers, Los Arboles, LaRomeria, Paradise, Kaufman Sump, and Civic Center Parks would be about \$12,050, the commissioners decided that grass is needed now and that master plans can come later. Commissioner Milton Sippel said that grass should be planted so that the parks could be used as playground until complete development of the areas can be made.



FRIENDSHIP TOUR . . . Thirty happy Torrance residents shown above boarding Pan American Airways at the start of a nine day "Friendship Tour" to Mexico City, Acapulco, Taxco and other points of interest. The group, headed by Chairman J. H. Paget, returned Saturday evening.

Dairymen Map Fight In Ouster Actions

Torrance dairymen are not going to leave town without a fight. That was the word this week as operators of the city's 11 dairies began a series of meetings to organize an opposition to the city council action in initiating an ouster move last week. "Some of us have been here a long time and have many thousands of dollars invested in property and herds," one dairyman told the HERALD yesterday. He indicated that the city may face a tougher fight than it did in moving out the hog ranchers last year. Protests over dairy operations began piling up here in recent years as subdividers moved building crews in and erected homes around the long-established dairy farms—many of the homes actually abutting dairy property. Protests of many of the homeowners centered around charges that they were told by tract salesmen that the dairies were leaving—in some cases they reported they were informed the departure of the dairies was a matter of weeks, or months at the most. The council last week instructed City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to begin action to outlaw dairy operation within the city limits.

Malicious Mischief

A furniture manufacturing plant at 316 Arlington Ave., reported Monday burglars had entered the building stealing and damaging equipment.

Carson Group Slates Meet Next Tuesday

The Carson Civic Betterment Assn. will meet at the White Junior High School, 220th and Figueroa Sts., next Tuesday at 8 p.m. Due to rainy weather and a small attendance at the April meeting, several items of business were postponed to May. Up-to-date reports will be made about parks and libraries. Ray R. Wetzel, president, has received word that several projects of the association have been approved or under investigation. The widening of Sepulveda Blvd. from Normandie Ave. to Main St. is now being studied. An effort is being made to get a definite date for installation of the traffic light at 234th and Figueroa Sts. The light has been approved, but the details have not been worked out between the county and the state highway department, as of last report. John McDonnell will be the guest speaker at the May meeting, and members of the County Road Dept. and the engineers office have promised to be present at the June meeting.

Burglars Hit Trailer

Burglars broke into a trailer parked in the construction area at Jefferson School, police reported Monday.

Rivets Reports

Prospects are for mostly clear weather today, with night, morning and evening fog, according to RIVETS H E R A L D weather dog. There's a 29 per cent possibility of rain. High and temperatures included Sunday (74-50); Monday (73-53); Tuesday (71-54); and Wednesday (71-55).

