

# Watts and Shery Favored for School Board

(An Editorial)

Torrance voters will be called upon next Tuesday to elect two members to the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District.

Eight candidates for the two positions have offered themselves for this very important field of public service, thus giving patrons and taxpayers of the city's schools an unusually broad area of selection. This should encourage voters to turn out in greater numbers to exercise their freedom of choice. We hope they do.

The role of the board of education member has taken on new importance with the challenges to our school systems presented by these fast moving times. The Torrance schools are no exception. In fact, our school administrators have had to meet growth problems surpassed by few school districts in the entire United States.

Without presuming to tell voters how to vote in a school election, The Herald suggests the names of two of the eight candidates who appear to be well qualified to serve on the board during the next four

years. There are others who would make good board members, we are certain.

In Mrs. POLLY WATTS the voters have an opportunity to elect an outstanding woman who has demonstrated many times her keen and effective interest in the schools and in the civic and political life of the community. In the opinion of this newspaper she is one of the best qualified candidates ever to run for the school board and she is a mother of two children attending Torrance schools. The schools and the

community would be ably served by her election.

Dr. KURT T. SHERY, was appointed to a vacancy on the board and since has filled the position intelligently and effectively. In our opinion, Dr. Shery is qualified and deserves the opportunity to continue in service.

The election next Tuesday is important and it is to be hoped that Torrance voters turn out in numbers compatible with the importance of choosing two school board members and approving the \$8 million bond issue.

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# POLICE NAB BURGLARY RING

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

"What is your opinion of the trend toward young marriages? the Pennies Photographer asked young adults.

Myrrl Santy, Manhattan Beach:

"It definitely is not a good thing. People under the age of 21, as a general rule, have not had the chance to cope with responsibilities they will encounter in marriage. Divorce statistics back this up."

Pat Cairns, Los Angeles:

"Young marriages are almost certain to fail. In our day, the breadwinner must have a college education, and with a wife and possibly children, a man's chances of obtaining a higher education are much slimmer."

Jerry Elland, 4536 Carmelynn St.:

"I do not believe young marriages are more prevalent today than in any other age. If anything, I feel kids today are more conscious of the need for security before marriage. A higher rate of education has contributed to this."

Marge Quinn, 4016 Del Amo:

"The trend is bad for several reasons. There are not job opportunities for younger people that there were several years ago, and education is playing an increasingly important part in employment."

**Thrifty Drug Open Sunday**

A line at the base of a Thrifty Drug advertisement, on the front page of the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center special section, is in error.

For the convenience of the store's many customers it will be open Sunday as usual as will all other Thrifty Drug stores in the area.

**Forum Scheduled**

Candidates for election to the Board of Education will appear in a public forum tonight at the Victor School under the auspices of the All-American Young Republican Club.

## WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

A 68-year-old woman was killed Tuesday morning when she was struck by a car as she crossed Artesia Boulevard at Amie Avenue.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Tsuma Nakamura, 68, of 4220 Artesia Blvd. Police said driver of the car was Annette Downing, 30, of Westwood.

The body was taken to Stone and Meyers Mortuary where it was awaiting shipping to the Fukui Mortuary in Los Angeles. The accident happened about 8 a.m.

## New Offer On College Site Made

A new proposal for Santa Fe through its Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co. which would make either 100 acres or 120 acres of land available to the state for the South Bay College was revealed at the City Council meeting Tuesday night by Mayor Albert Isen.

In a letter to Mayor Isen, Vice President E. H. Farrar of CWOD said the 100-acre site (Continued on Page 9)



**VACATION PASTIME . . .** The problem of what to do during spring vacation was solved this week by two Torrance Elementary School students who mounted a raft and in Tom Sawyer style floated around a water filled field at Sepulveda Boulevard and Madrona Avenue. The students are Kenney McMullen, foreground, and Richard Swanson, both 13 years old.

(Herald Photo) Sepulveda Boulevard and Madrona Avenue. The students are Kenney McMullen, foreground, and Richard Swanson, both 13 years old.

## Four Facing Court Test, Fifth Freed

Torrance detectives reported Tuesday that they had solved at least 30 recent commercial burglaries in the Southwestern area. Five men were arrested over the weekend in Torrance and booked on suspicion of burglary.

Detectives James Bell and James Davis said the suspects are believed to be members of a gang that specialized in burglarizing small markets, service stations, and cafes in the area.

**POLICE** arrested the first three suspects Friday night. Officers Leslie L. Fletcher and Kevin Ellason stopped a slow-moving car in the downtown area and discovered what they identified as burglary tools. The officers arrested the men and booked them on suspicion of burglary.

The three men were identified as John Joseph Simonetti, 18, of Carson; John Perry McMaster, 18, of 23747 Eshelman Ave.; and John Frederick Stone, 20, also of Carson. The three implicated a fourth man, identified as Cecil Jerry Gaither, 19, who was later arrested at a Gardena motel and booked with the three other suspects.

**ALL FOUR** were arraigned Monday on burglary charges in the South Bay Municipal Court. Bail for the four was set at \$2,625 each.

A fifth man was also arrested Monday night at a Gardena motel and booked on suspicion of receiving stolen property. He was released when the District Attorney's office was notified. (Continued on Page 9)

## Douglas To Build New Jet

Douglas Aircraft Co. has announced plans to build a new commercial jet transport. The new plane will be known as the DC-9.

The new plans, announced this week by Chairman of the Board Donald W. Douglas, will mean an increase of some 6,000 at the company's Long Beach plant. About \$42 million will be added to the Douglas payroll.

The new plane will be a short range jet-powered airliner, capable of economical hauls over distances up to 1,100 miles. It will carry from 56 to 83 passengers, will be powered by twin jet engines located near the rear of the plane. It will have a maximum speed of 560 miles per hour.

Major work and assembly of the jetliner will be done at the Long Beach plant along with the DC-8 and DC-8F.

## School Board Election Campaign Nears Close

Election of two members to the Board of Education and approval or rejection of an \$8 million bond issue proposal will be put before the voters of Torrance next Tuesday in the regular school district elections.

Eight candidates are seeking one of the two seats at stake in the board race, two incumbents and six challengers. Seeking new terms in the post are William C. Boswell, elected in 1958, and Dr. Kurt C. Shery, appointed by the board in 1961.

**CHALLENGING** are George W. Brewster, K. Maureen Heaton, L. Milton Isbell, Dr. John McClure, Joseph Platt, and Pauline Watts.

Seven of the candidates have endorsed the bond election which is being held concurrently with the board race. Only Platt has spoken out against the bonds, saying the bonds are not necessary to finance needed school facilities.

Polls will be open at most of the city's schools from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, and results of the election should be available later that evening. Tabulation of the voting will be carried in the Thursday, April 18, HERALD.

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## RICHARD YATES NAMED CARRIER OF THE MONTH

Richard Yates, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Yates of 4433 Newton St., has been named carrier of the month by HERALD Circulation Manager Darrell Wescott.

"I'll be delivering the HERALD as long as I can, until I break an arm or something," the youth says. Richard has four brothers whom he believes aspire to be HERALD carrier boys.

Richard is in the sixth grade at St. Lawrence School where he is class president. He is an avid baseball player and plays the catcher position for the Pacific Coast Little League at Ryan Field. "Basketball and football are about the only other sports I like to play," the youth claims.

The HERALD booster also collects coins and has among his collection a 1913 "S" nickel which he believes is worth about \$11.

"Richard gives real good service to his customers and his route is done on time," Wescott said.



**RICHARD YATES**  
Carrier of Month



**OLYMPIC BOOSTERS . . .** Formation of a South Bay Committee for the Olympic Games was announced at a luncheon meeting yesterday at the Plush Horse. Bryan Hardwick, Palos Verdes advertising agency head, will lead the local group. Hardwick (left above) chats with Bill Schroeder (center) and Braven Dyer Jr. about the upcoming Coliseum Relays on May 17 which will attract track and field stars from America and abroad. Persons interested in the committee may contact Hardwick.