



PICTURED ABOVE — Red Skelton, caught mingling in the crowds during the filming of his next picture. Scenes were filmed at 190th and Crenshaw with one of the recent housing developments as background. Co-starred with Skelton is Ann Miller.

VOTE FRIDAY For Board of Education

The Press urges all voters to go to the polls on Friday and vote for Board of Education.

If you want to register a protest against the present policies and politics of the Torrance school board, the Press suggests you vote for:

1. ALBERT L. JACKSON
2. JOHN A. SHIDLER

Make your choice between Evelyn Carr and Dr. Howard A. Wood, but if you don't want to vote for them, write in, in indelible pencil which will be provided to you by the election board:

WILLIAM H. TOLSON

Your vote will be valid.

Vote today in the Board of Education election. Polls are open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Complicated polling place instructions issued by the schools had many voters guessing this week as to where to vote, and for the convenience of readers, the Press here gives a breakdown of the area served by the various polling places:

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 1: For voters living from the center line of Yukon avenue, between 190th street and Redondo Beach boulevard, west to the Torrance city limits, but including El Nido. Polling place—Perry Elementary School, 1783 Prairie avenue.

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 2: For voters living from the center line of Yukon avenue, between 190th street and Redondo Beach boulevard and west to the Torrance city limits. Polling place—Patio, Higgins Brick Yard, 2217 West 174th street.

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 3: For voters living south of 190th street and west of the center line of Crenshaw boulevard, except the area west of Hawthorne boulevard and south of Sepulveda boulevard. Polling place—Fern Avenue school, 1311 Fern avenue.

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 4: For voters living within the area bounded by Hawthorne boulevard, Pacific Coast highway, Sepulveda boulevard, and the west city boundary. Polling place—Seaside Elementary school, 4651 Sharynne Lane.

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 5: For voters of WALTERIA, Pacific Hills, and other area south of Lomita boulevard and east of Hawthorne avenue. Polling place—Walteria Elementary school, 24209 Ward street.

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 6: For voters living in Hollywood Riviera and new tracts in that area. Polling place—716 Calle de Arboles.

SCHOOL ELECTION PRECINCT No. 7: For voters living east of the center line of Crenshaw boulevard, south of 190th street, including all of central and south Torrance. Polling place—Torrance High school, 2200 Carson street.

If in doubt about your place to vote, call the Board of Education. Telephone Torrance 2111.

Fourth Youth Band Parade Biggest In Local History

The biggest and finest parade ever to be witnessed in Torrance will take place Saturday with over 1500 participants from all over the state, according to James Van Dyck, head of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc. This is the third benefit parade sponsored by the Youth Band.

PARADE ROUTE

Parade forms at Del Amo and Cabrillo at 1:30 p. m. and starts promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Parade comes up Cabrillo to Sartori, up Sartori to Post, up Post to Cravens, up Cravens to Marcelina, and south down Marcelina and Arlington to Del Amo.

Reviewing stand will be on Cabrillo at Gramercy. Announcers will be on reviewing stand, corner of El Prado and Sartori, and corner of El Prado and Cravens.

Six hundred dollars in trophies and ribbons to be awarded at Civic Auditorium following parade.

There are 1500 participants in the parade, including 10 bands, 10 bands, 3 drum and bugle corps, 9 baton corps, California Centennials Float, three companies of Army troops, many equestrians and other miscellaneous units.

This is the "Fourth Annual Band Benefit Parade" sponsored by Torrance Area Youth Bands. "Cowboy Slim," KTTV television star will be grand marshal and Bob Haggard, Torrance mayor, will be honorary grand marshal.

Expect at least 25,000 people to witness parade, the largest in history of Torrance.



THE TURNER FAMILY—With \$100,000 in silver mounted on their Palomino horses, will lead the parade Saturday. From left to right are Carla Jean, Beatrice Fischer, Mrs. Jack Turner, Lilyan Fischer, and Mr. Jack Turner. The Turner family has ridden in the Pasadena Rose Parade for the past 14 years. Pictured above is Carolyn Knight, daughter of Lt. Gov. Goodwin Knight, who will ride in the parade next Saturday at 10 a.m.

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Hardy Retainer Sought

Snowballing from the indignation of a few students over the "resignation" of Miss Harriet Hardy as vice principal of Torrance High School, more than a score of petitions were in circulation in Torrance this week asking that Dr. J. Henry Hull resign as superintendent of schools, and that Miss Hardy be retained in her present position.

The petitions at first were in crude form, prepared by the students themselves, but as they were circulated, adults including many well-known and respected citizens made copies and began passing them among their friends for signatures.

Several hundred names are on the petitions at this writing, the Press was informed, and they will be filed with the new board of Education at its first meeting.

The petitions asking removal of Hull read:

"We, the undersigned, do hereby honorably petition the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District that Dr. J. H. Hull Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District be asked to resign, effective as of the end of this school term, and that a new superintendent of schools be employed at a reasonable salary."

The other petition reads: "We, the undersigned, do hereby honorably petition the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District that Miss Harriet Hardy, member of the Faculty of the Torrance High School, be retained for the year 1950-51, in her present capacity; and action taken at the regular Board of Education meeting held May 2, 1950, concerning Miss Hardy, be rescinded."

Miss Hardy said that she was unaware of the petitions in circulation until they were called to her attention by a group of students.

That neither set of petitions would be effective, being without legal status, was admitted. This is particularly true of Dr. Hull, since he is under contract with more than two years to run. His resignation would require the Board of Education to "buy" his contract at his full salary until July 1, 1952, or \$22,000 plus.

Employees Will Seek Wage Boost

Pay raises for city employees are to be asked of City Manager George Stevens and the city council, it was revealed by Sam J. Burland, international representative of the United Public Workers Union.

Burland said that the union's Local No. 360 has about 120 Torrance city employees within its membership. These are mostly bus drivers, maintenance workers, clerks and some firemen, he stated.

A wage survey now being undertaken by the union will determine the amount of the salary boosts to be asked and whether or not they will be "across the board" or just in some classifications, according to Burland.

A preliminary check of the Torrance wage scales with those of other cities in the area has shown some local classifications to be low, Burland stated.

The union's demands will probably be submitted to Stevens next week, Burland indicated.

Protest Walteria Dump Plan

Dicalite Pit For Refuse Held Danger

Opposition was growing this week to the establishment of a cut-and-cover dump on the dicalite mining property of Great Lakes Carbon Co., adjacent to Walteria. A request for establishment of the huge dump area will be subject to a hearing before the Regional Planning Commission zoning board in Los Angeles June 16. Ben Kazarian, owner of several dumps in this section of Los Angeles County, is the petitioner.

The opposition to the dump

Stevens Hits Dump Expansion

Purchase of ten acres on Plaza Del Amo at Border Ave., for the purpose of a dump remained at a standstill this week, according to reports from George W. Stevens, city manager. Negotiations are in process, but to date no action has been taken.

Two or more petitions from residents in that area, protesting the purchase for dump purposes, and requesting a park instead, have been "filed" for record, but apparently will not be considered by the city fathers in the purchase.

According to Stevens, his original request was for the purchase of a hole approximately two-and-one-half acres in size, and request did not include the whole ten acre parcel. "All I'm interested in," said Stevens, "is the hole in the ground. It must be filled sometime and we are the logical ones to fill it."

When asked who owned the land, Stevens reported that he had no knowledge of that but that the city was dealing through B. C. Buxton Real Estate firm.

Whether the city is being forced to buy the entire ten acres in order to acquire the "hole in the ground" has not been determined to date, but indications point to the fact that certain real estate interest may be forcing the purchase of the entire parcel.

Unique Combine At Kazan Motors

Unique merchandising is being displayed by the Kazan Motor Co., of 15019 S. Western, according to Pat Hanna, manager.

Well known dealers in the Used Car field, Kazan Motors have recently added Television to their list of salable items.

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Smith Asks That City Get Count

In the last minute effort to have the election contest directed by Victor E. Benstead against Willys Blount returned to Torrance by the Superior Court, City Attorney C. Douglass Smith, representing Blount this week filed a series of affidavits, a demurrer and answer to the lawsuit instituted by Attorney Albert Isen for Benstead. Benstead was defeated for City Council by Blount by a margin of six votes, April 11, and errors in counting of the ballots are alleged by Benstead.

According to Isen, Smith, on behalf of Blount, is relying on a section in the city charter which states that the city council shall determine contested elections of all city officials. "Nothing further is said regarding the matter in the whole city charter as to procedure, or time limitations, or the extent of authority of the council," Isen said. "We contend that it is too vague and ambiguous to have power. The provision is in conflict with State Constitution and Elections Code which give power to the Superior Court to determine election contests and recounts."

Smith is requesting the Superior Court on Friday to transcribe the proceedings to the city council for recount, claiming that jurisdiction is in the city council and that the matter already is pending as a result of a letter which the council "ordered filed." It is as a result of this "filing" that the lawsuit was instituted.

In event that the court overrules Smith's contentions, it will issue a citation directed to Blount for the recount before a judge of the Superior Court, Isen said.

"As long as the votes are thoroughly recounted, it seems there would be no difference where they are recounted," it was said, "but since the city council had an opportunity to order the recount, and instead pigeon-holed the matter, it might be possible that these legal maneuvers, if successful, would result in tabling the entire matter."

Need Capable Baby Sitter?

You want to take a trip but what will you do with the children?

Take a look at this note appearing in the want ads today under Classification No. 25.

65 Hear Report on Trip To State Convention

Sixty five members were in attendance at the Thursday meeting of the Halldale P.T.A. held at the Halldale school. Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, president, opened the meeting with a report on her trip to the state convention, giving several interesting highlights of the trip. Following her report, the president announced the student body and the Halldale P.T.A. will donate all the proceeds of the paper drive to be held Friday May 19, to the P.T.A. Health Center.

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Class Opens

The free adult social dance class, sponsored by the Torrance School of Adult Education and held at the Three Arts Studios each Tuesday and Thursday nights, has been re-opened for more students starting Tuesday, May 16.



BUNGLING MAY MOVE RECORD FLIGHT

Torrance may lose an opportunity to gain much valuable national publicity for its airport this week if Charles E. Soderstrom Jr., San Pedro Ford dealer, is forced by the airport operators for the city, Collins and Dietrich, to cancel his plans to take off on his proposed record-making non-stop coast-to-coast flight from Torrance Municipal Airport.

Soderstrom told the Press that he will take off from Los Angeles International Airport if arrangements cannot be made here.

"Since I keep my plane at 'I can see no reason why I should go to the international airport to take off, if the people of Torrance wanted me to take off here, I want to push the harbor area, and that is why, when I got the invitation from the merchants of Torrance to take off from Torrance I decided to do that."

"I have no quarrel with the airport operators, but because of their requirements, I maybe forced to change the original plans and take off from international airport."

Collins and Dietrich want a "hold harmless" agreement from Soderstrom, it was said but Soderstrom declared he cannot give this and that he is adequately covered with insurance. He said that normal insurance coverage of his own and the city's should take care of all risks involved in the take-off.

The operations manager of the International Airport said that all he wanted was a day's notice of the take-off, and that everything else would be taken care of without bother to Soderstrom.

Already the proposed flight of Soderstrom has gained national publicity, and Saturday as the extra tanks were installed for the flight by Acme Aircraft, representatives of the Times, the Examiner, the Mirror, the News-Pilot, Press-Telegram, as well as the Press and wire services were on hand.

Radio and television people also have expressed interest in the coming flight.

But, if municipal bungling occurs this may be lost to Torrance, and the well-meaning attempt of Soderstrom to publicize the city and its airport, while appreciated by the merchants will be history.

Voting will be all day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the following locations:

Precinct 1: Perry Elementary School, 17831 Prairie; Precinct 2: North Torrance Elementary, 17220 Casimir; Precinct 3: Fern Avenue Elementary, 1314 Fern Ave.; Precinct 4: Seaside Elementary, 4651 Sharynne Lane; Precinct 5: Walteria Elementary, 24209 Ward St.; Precinct 6: Residence, 716 Calle de Arboles; Precinct 7: Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St.

All candidates and incumbents will be running for the long term, which is a four year term.

Election results will be given Friday night, after the polls close, at the Press office. Call Torrance 1185.



Left to Right—Mayor Bob L. Haggard, Charles Soderstrom, and Bernard Lee of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, who listen intently to Soderstrom's description of his plane. The plane is the one which he will use for his non-stop flight across the country.