

# First Torrance Men of 40th Division Returning Home

## KOREAN VETERANS RETURN

A widespread wave of relief and joy was felt throughout Torrance as reports came through this week that six local men were aboard the Navy transport Sgt. Sylvester Antolak when it arrived in Seattle Sunday from Korea.

Six other Torrance servicemen are expected within the next few weeks, according to Army sources.

The men, all members of California's 40th Division and most of them with the 578th, are being returned under the Army's new "phase out" system for National Guardsmen. Reactivation of the California National Guard is planned, it was revealed.

Local men aboard the Antolak were:

- Sfc. Charles C. Batte, 4033 W. 167th St.
- Cpl. William E. Hughes, 3708 W. 244th St., Waleria.
- Sgt. R. V. Thom, 25660 Marin-gold Ave., Harbor City.
- 1st Lt. R. S. Hamada, 1764 W. 165th St.
- M Sgt. Ben F. Pearson Jr., 1503 W. 214th St.
- Cpl. David L. Byrne, 2035 W. 240th St., Lomita.

Among those expected to return from Korea shortly are:

- Sgt. Norman P. Baker, 1518 Amapola St.
- Sfc. Raymond E. Paxton, 1301 Crenshaw Blvd.
- Sfc. William J. Campbell, 1434 El Prado.
- Sgt. Frank M. Elliott, 3717 W. 174th St.
- Sgt. Calvin E. Foster, 1630 W. 214th St.
- Sgt. Loren D. Steele, 1320 Cota Ave.

See Picture Below

## No Action Yet On Waleria Dump Plan

Plans for the county sanitary district to petition the Board of Supervisors to purchase the 400-acre decaite pit south of Waleria got no further than the planning stage this week.

No recommendation was presented at Tuesday's Board meeting, it was disclosed.

Supervisor Roger Jessup, a Torrance dairyman, had stated that he would recommend that the county purchase the site as a dump, according to informed sources.

The directors of the county sanitary district last week adopted a plan to develop the pit as a park, after it has been filled by noncombustible rubbish, which means 50 or 75 years from now, it was reported.

The excavation, which has been leased for 20 years as a sump to Ben Kazarian by the Palos Verdes Corp., is located west of Crenshaw Blvd. in the northerly part of Palos Verdes Hills.

### POWER OF WORDS

## Irked Thief Vents Wrath On 'Crime' Book

Apparently enraged at finding less than \$1.00 in the Waleria branch of the City Library, a burglar last week picked up a book titled "Men Against Crime" and hurled it the length of the library.

The burglary was discovered Monday morning, and reported to the police by City Librarian Mrs. D. Jamison.

Entry was gained by breaking a window and unlocking the door, Capt. E. Ashland of the Police Department said. He theorized that the heist was the work of juveniles.

## \$100,000 Store Unit Planned

A dozen types of small stores are included in the plans for a shopping center to be built on an 11½-acre site at 4024 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Plans for the development were approved last week by the city council, after they were submitted, with a front elevation panorama, by the builder, G. A. Bauman of Palos Verdes Estates.

Construction of the \$100,000 project is expected to begin within several months, it was indicated.

### Local Sewer to be Improved

The Denker Ave. Torrance Blvd. sewer district is slated for improvements, according to an order issued by the Los Angeles City Council, it was revealed recently.

The district will be assessed to pay the cost of the project, the city clerk's office reported.



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# PEOPLE'S WILL IGNORED AS SCHWAB MADE MAYOR

## Our Fourth Year

(An Editorial)

With this edition of the Torrance Press, your newspaper starts its fourth year of service to the community.

Newspaper folks always get a big thrill when the time comes to change the volume number on the date line of the front page, and we are no exception as we add another year: Volume IV, Number 1.

The publishers of the Torrance Press wish to thank their thousands and thousands of readers and advertisers for their wonderful support during the past years.

However, we know that to warrant this support, service to the community, complete news coverage and "results" to our advertisers must be our aim. We are proud to say that these three points have been foremost among our objectives, and it gives us satisfaction to note that steady growth has been the result.

As our advertising lineage has grown, we have reinvested the gain in added circulation, and we now serve more than 60,000 readers in Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Keystone, Shoestring Strip, Avalon Village and adjacent territory with guaranteed full coverage.

We are happy to note that most of our readers and advertisers take a possessive attitude toward the Torrance Press. They refer to it as "our newspaper." And that it is. The Torrance Press is "your newspaper"—for it is dedicated to service to you, to the community.

We welcome your suggestions, and we are grateful for your interest in the progress of the Torrance Press.

The constantly growing staff of the Torrance Press, the publishers, editors, advertising staff, circulation workers and the "Little Merchants" who distribute your newspaper to you each Thursday morning thank you one and all, and strive to serve you better this year as we grow with Torrance and contribute to its expansion.

### SHOULD BE BETTER

The fact that only 47 percent of the registered voters of Torrance went to the polls last Tuesday in the most important Torrance Municipal Election is unfortunate.

The campaign was well thought-out and well conducted, and should have warranted greater attention by the electorate.

The Torrance Press is happy to support Torrance Unified Taxpayers in its most important objective of creating a greater interest in registration of voters and in getting voters to the polls.

Nothing is more important to democracy and the American system of government than the secret ballot. However, the ballot, to do its job for freedom, must be USED not by 47 percent of the voters but by 100 percent. Let's do better next time.



CPL. DAVID L. BYRNE CPL. WILLIAM E. HUGHES SFC. RAYMOND E. PAXTON M/SGT. NORMAN BAKER SFC. WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL CPL. LOREN D. STEELE

## Education Board Campaign Opens

The campaign for election to the Board of Education of Torrance Unified School District started today as the filing date for candidates expired at 5 p.m. yesterday.

Terms of three board members expire, Mrs. Grace Wright and Carl D. Steele, members of the original board who are seeking their second full term in office, and Rollin Smith, veterinarian, who was appointed about two years ago to succeed Al Jackson who resigned when he left Torrance.

Mrs. Wright and Steele were elected on the first board in 1947 after Torrance withdrew from Los Angeles City School District upon adoption of the City Charter, for short terms. They were reelected for four-year terms in 1948.

Two other members of the original Board, Dr. Howard A. Wood and Evelyn Carr, were defeated in the 1950 election by Jackson and by W. H. Tolson, who surprised Torrance by winning election on a write-in campaign.

The fifth member of the present Board is Justice of the Peace John H. Shidler, elected two years ago for a full term after serving out the term of George Thatcher, member of the original Board. Should Judge Shidler be elected to the bench of the newly organized South Bay Municipal Court, he will be required to resign his office. This election is June 3, and remaining members of the Board will fill the vacancy.

Three potential candidates against the three incumbents are reported to be J. A. Beasley, prominent Waleria resident, Parent-Teacher Association and church leader and civic worker; Ross A. Sciarrotta, 1630 Beech St., teacher of government and U. S. History in Long Beach City College and Jefferson Junior High School, and the father of eight children ranging in age

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## Schwab Voices Appreciation For Election

Mayor Mervin Schwab yesterday asked the Torrance Press to express his appreciation to the voters of the city for electing him to the City Council on April 8.

Mayor Schwab said: "I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Torrance for their confidence as expressed by your vote in the election.

As your councilman, I shall endeavor to live up to all you have a right to expect from a public servant."

## Drale Rejected By Councilman Trio

By M. L. O.

The people of Torrance Tuesday, April 8, reelected Councilman Nick Drale by the highest vote ever given to a member of the Council, and elected his running mate, Victor E. Benstead. At the same time, the people repudiated the old City Council, rejecting the bid for reelection of two former councilmen.

The election was an endorsement of all that Councilman Drale had tried to do for his community during his first term in office.

It was an incident—a distinct statement of disfavor—of what the former "ruling four" had stood for in their tenure in office.

One man stood out alone in the voting of last week.

This man, Councilman Mervin Schwab, emerged the "balance of power," on a new City Council composed of two men overwhelmingly endorsed by the people of Torrance and two hold-over councilmen who had represented the point of view on the past Council.

Councilman Schwab had the choice of accepting the will of the people as represented by the outstanding vote received by Councilman Drale and Councilman Benstead, or of siding with the remaining representatives of the former Councilmanic regime which made such a poor showing in last week's balloting.

Councilman Drale was nominated for Mayor. He did not get the necessary support, and was defeated, with Councilman Schwab, Councilman W. Blount and Councilman H. Spelman voting against him.

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SAM LEVY this week revealed that a check for \$250 for the National Supply Company has been added to the building fund of the Torrance YWCA. See story on page seven.

## Construction Started on \$500,000 Tract

Construction will get under way this month on the first 45 homes of a new tract to be built between Sepulveda Blvd. and Seaside Ranchos.

Ranging in price from \$6400 to \$9112, the homes will have an average of slightly less than 900 square feet. Each dwelling will have two bedrooms. Total cost of this first group is \$359,900.

A second group of 35 will start construction early in May. This unit will have a total value of \$234,500. Many of the homes will be built with garages.

Allied Gardens, Inc., are the developers of the new tract. Contractors are Bollenbacher and Kelton, Inc.

## Chamber to Hear Report on Avalon-Keystone Zone Plan

A report on a plan for zoning the Avalon-Carson-Keystone area, which has been under study for 18 months, will be made to the Carson Chamber of Commerce by the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, Henry Blythe, Chamber president, announced today. The report and recommendations of the planning commission will be presented to the chamber of commerce at a meeting May 12, Blythe said.

Public interest in the zoning project has been high, Blythe said, and he invited all residents of the area to attend the meeting planned at the Lone Pine Inn at 7:30 p.m. to hear the report.

Blythe said the chamber of commerce has also been informed by J. C. Caldwell, chairman, that the citizens' water fact-finding committee has had its petitions, seeking an annexation election of the Keystone-Dominion area to the West Basin Water Association, accepted.

The election is expected to be held in the early part of June, Caldwell said.

William Bader, representing a local automobile agency, has been accepted for membership in the chamber of commerce, Blythe said.

## Fed-State Aid Sought for Civil Defense

State and federal aid for civil defense equipment will be sought by George Powell, assistant civil defense director, it was revealed at last Wednesday's council meeting.

The Council approved Powell's recommendation that application be made to both state and federal agencies to aid the purchase of a radio system valued at \$2,950, rescue equipment, including apparatus, valued at \$3,500, and three sirens to replace those on the fire station. The value of the new sirens is \$1,850.

The federal government would pay about half of this, Powell said. The state and city would each pay half the balance of the cost.

## Isen Thanks Voters for Fine Support

Albert Isen, lawyer and business man who ran fourth in last week's City Council election, polling 2077 votes, expressed his appreciation to the voters who supported his candidacy.

Isen was the "I" on the "BID for Better Government" ticket which waged an aggressive and clean campaign for Council with his running mates, Councilman Victor E. Benstead and Councilman Nick Drale, declared that he will continue to support good government in Torrance and will advance in every way the objectives of the "BID" ticket.

"I am very pleased with the response of the voters to my candidacy, and I want to thank every person who helped in the campaign and who voted for me," he said.

In the final canvass of the ballots by the old City Council Tuesday night, the official vote report on the election was:

- Councilman Nick Drale, 2679.
- Councilman Mervin Schwab, 2386.
- Councilman Victor E. Benstead 2208.
- Albert Isen, 2077.
- Ed Karlow, 1923.
- Jack White, 1847.
- Bob Haggard, 1365.
- George Downing, 696.

The total vote cast in the election was 5,168 out of a total registration of 11,008.

## Lion Liars Vie For Top Title

"If you think things grow big in your state, you ought to see the size of things where I'm from. Why, our apples grow so big, that we use the stems for telephone poles."

That's the type of yarn that will be spun by the best liars in Torrance when they bid for title of top liar in the Torrance Lions Club Tall Tale Contest next Tuesday night.

The Lyin'est Lion will receive a prize, according to club officials.

Also scheduled for Tuesday's meeting is the nomination of officers for the coming year, it was revealed.

## Longren Leases 1/4 Acre Site

A ten-year lease on a 100x100 ft. site to the Longren Aircraft Co. was approved by the Council at last week's adjourned regular meeting. Monthly rent for the property was set at \$40. The aircraft firm plans the immediate construction of a hangar there to conduct experimental aviation activities, it was revealed.

## Council Awards Bid for Pipe

A bid for 1,700 feet of pipe for a proposed water main extension along Sepulveda Blvd., was awarded to the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. by the City Council at last Wednesday's meeting. Their bid, the lowest of three received, was for \$3,705 per foot.

## RESULTS ASTONISH HOUSEWIFE

"Sold on the second call," reported Mrs. F. S. Selover, 2521 Border Ave., Torrance.

Mrs. Selover doesn't need to be sold on the quick results of PRESS Classifieds. Her small 75-cent classified proved to her that there's nothing to beat them if you have something to sell.

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