

# Mayor Names City Committees

## CHAIRMEN OF LAW BODIES APPOINTED

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab this week appointed five important standing committees of the City Council.

Presiding over the finance committee himself, he will be assisted by Councilmen Nick Draie and Willys Blount. Councilmen Harvey Spelman and Victor Benstead will serve as alternates on this body, which has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to accounting, auditing, disbursing city funds, city records, ordinances, franchises, legal procedure, and the water department.

Benstead was appointed chairman of the park and recreation committee, consisting also of Schwab and Spelman. This division has charge of all matters pertaining to public parks and recreation. The Park and Recreation Departments of the city are under the jurisdiction of this board.

A committee entitled inspection, auditorium, transportation and public library will be headed by Blount, with the aid of Spelman and Benstead. The Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Custodial Departments, the Public Library, and the Municipal Bus Lines, are under the authority of this group, which also supervises permits for gas and electricity.

Spelman will sit as chairman on the police and fire committee. Draie and Blount will serve on this body, which has jurisdiction over the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, deputies, City Judge and health officer.

The street, sewer, and garbage committee will be headed by Draie, with the assistance of Benstead and Schwab. The Engineering and Street departments, city painting, and city garage will be under the authority of this division.

## Car Service Available to Voters June 3

To aid in getting the voters to the polls in the Avalon-Carson district, teachers from the Wilmington Junior High School have volunteered to provide transportation to voters needing it in this Tuesday's elections.

Transportation will be gladly furnished between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m., a spokesman for the teachers said. Persons desiring to take advantage of the service, are urged to call Terminal 4-4625 after 3 p.m. and leave their name and address.

Polls in the Avalon-Carson area are as follows:  
 Res. 21345 S. Figueroa.  
 Res. 21730 S. Figueroa.  
 School, 185 E. Carson St.  
 Res. 1133 W. 225th St.  
 Club House, 127 E. 220th St.

## Business Firms Back Blood Drive

Because of the urgent need of civilian donations of blood for the armed service, local manufacturers, business firms, and professional men and women have joined in making an educational campaign to assist in the collection of blood from this area.

The appeal for donors will be made in a series of announcements made in this newspaper during the coming weeks, urging the public to fill out and send in the front page coupon for the visit of the American Red Cross Mobile blood unit.

The Press urges its readers to call attention of friends and neighbors to these announcements.

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# JUNE 3 ELECTION HOLDS INTENSE INTEREST HERE

## 'Get Out the Vote' Campaign Waged

Next Tuesday, June 3, is state primary election day in all California as well as in Torrance. Holding the greatest interest locally are the campaigns for election of United States Senator, Representative in Congress and Delegates to the National Convention of Democratic and Republican parties.

Re-election of U. S. Senator W. F. Knowland will be assumed by his nomination by both parties, and he heads the ballot for this office. Other candidates: Clinton D. McKinnon, of San Diego, and Arthur W. Watwood, of Compton, on the Democratic ticket, and McKinnon and Robert Adams, of South Gate, on the Republican ticket.

While being vigorously opposed by Robert H. Finch for election to Congress from the 17th District, Rep. Cecil R. King seeks re-election to office. A member of the Democratic party he cross-filed, opposing him on the Democratic ticket are Finch, attorney and U. S. Marine officer, now finishing a tour of duty, and Mae Baxter, of Hawthorne. On the Republican ticket, Bob Finch appears as the only candidate officially endorsed by the Republican Factfinding Committee.

However, also on the ballot are King, Mrs. Baxter, Weaver Jones and Lou Skeel.

**PRESIDENTIAL**  
 The election of Delegates to the National Conventions shares an intense interest. Backers of General Dwight Eisenhower do not have a slate of delegates on the ballot, but they ask "Ike" supporters to vote for the Warren delegation on the Republican ticket, headed by Senators Knowland and Richard Nixon. The other delegation

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IN HOT RACE—Republican Bob Finch, (right) attorney and Marine Corps officer, the only candidate officially endorsed by the Republican Fact-Finding committee, gives Rep. Cecil R. King, left, a stiff race for nomination to office next Tuesday.

## Union Officials Support Candidacy of Bob Finch

Personal endorsement of Bob Finch, the only official Republican candidate for Congress from the 17th District at next Tuesday's primary election, was made yesterday by Charles Brenner, port agent for the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and Captain R. E. Perry, representative of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, both A. F. of L. unions.

"We've got to clean house in Washington," Brenner declared, "and I think that Bob Finch has the knowledge, experience and ability to do his part as far as the 17th Congressional District is concerned."

"This waterfront situation is a mess," he continued, "and the only way to break the influence of Harry Bridges and the Communists is to have a complete change in Washington."

Finch declared that his investigation had revealed that Communists infest the waterfront here, with government blessing, in defiance of an Executive screening order.

"The Bridges group and the Communists are holding hands with officials in the government and the Coast Guard appears unable to do anything about it," he said.

"The threatened ship-tie-up on the Pacific Coast is due to the alliance between Bridges and government officials," he declared.

## Small Property Owners League Endorses Harby

The Small Property Owners League, Mr. Henry Weber, President, announces its endorsement of Councilman Harold Harby for supervisor of the Fourth District.

Mr. Weber says: "Councilman Harby merits the support of all property owners for his stand on public housing. We must support him every way."

## Car Stripping Decline Noted

A sharp decline in the number of car stripping complaints has been noted recently by the Torrance Police department.

According to Det. Ernest Ashton, a number of recent arrests of juvenile boys for stealing auto accessories is the principle reason for the decline.

He added that local industrial plants have aided the department's drive to reduce this crime by increasing their security forces.

Private citizens are helping by locking their cars and parking in well-lighted areas, he further said.

## Stores Closed Tomorrow

Tomorrow will mark the observance of Memorial Day in Torrance and throughout the nation. Also called Decoration Day, this holiday was originally established to honor the dead of the Civil War. Now victims of the Spanish-American War and the First and Second World Wars are also commemorated on this day.

The Torrance Press will join with banks, schools, governmental agencies, and most stores and markets in closing tomorrow in observance of this national holiday. Business will be resumed as usual on Saturday.



INSTALLED—Newly-installed Torrance Education Association President David Lepkowsky (left) accepts the congratulations of (left to right) Joe Brandon, out-going president, Lester Foster, past president, and Earl Eckert, principal of Seaside School. The ceremony took place Saturday evening at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

## Council Ices Hot Row Over Zone Variance

A variance violation that was debated hotly at last week's Planning Commission meeting, was put on ice by the City Council after a hearing at Tuesday's Council meeting.

City Planners after erroneously issuing a permit for an addition to the medical center at Torrance Blvd. and Acacia St. requested the Council to take action against the builders, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lynn, on the grounds first stated by Planning Commission Secretary Earl Lloyd as protests from the neighbors and reduced off-street parking space, then as a violation of a zoning variance granted when the original building was erected.

The Council pitched the hot coal around for a while, before deferring a decision until further study had been made, and the opinion of City Attorney James Hall had been returned.

The Planners contend that Lynn violated conditions of the original variance when he extended the building and curtailed existing parking facilities.

Lynn, addressing the Council, stated that he acted in good faith, proceeding only after a permit had been issued by the City of Torrance.

Further, he claimed that none

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## Santa Fe Ave. Link Opened By Ray Darby

Before civic leaders of three communities, County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, officially opened the extension of Santa Fe Avenue in a colorful ceremony Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

County Supervisor Darby cut a gay ribbon stretched across Santa Fe Avenue at the intersection with Del Amo Blvd., at the conclusion of the ceremonies and the first automobile moved across the new two-mile length of road to Artesia boulevard.

The new four-lane highway, stretching across the reinforced bridge over the Compton creek, is another step in the completion of the master plan of modern roadways of the County of Los Angeles, Supervisor Darby said.

Mayor Burton Chase of Long Beach, acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced Supervisor Darby along with other civic leaders.

Others taking part in the ceremony were Wallace Reynolds, Harbor District Chamber of Commerce secretary; D. W. Campbell, secretary-manager of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce; and William Jenner, secretary-manager of the Compton Chamber of Commerce.

The key link, Supervisor said, will eventually be widened into a right-of-way width of 100 feet.

## GET OUT THE VOTE (An Editorial)

Never before in the recollection of many political observers has such pre-election bi-partisan and non-partisan activity been displayed as is evident in the primary campaign which ends June 3.

Most of it is directed to "getting out the vote." In Torrance, Paul Loranger, president of the Kiwanis Club, heads the Ballot Battalion, a non-partisan effort, and he will be at work with his majors, captains and lieutenants and others all day next Tuesday "getting out the vote."

Last week, the Torrance Press editorially supported a move to combine the school election with municipal or state primary elections in the future. This is in the interest of "getting out the vote"—getting a real expression of the people on school matters. "Getting out the vote" is Democracy. What goes on behind the curtains of the voting booth is no one's business but yours.

However, the only way to protect that right of the secret ballot is to MAKE USE OF IT. Get out and vote.

That the people are ready for such a move, and will respond is indicated by some of the questions being asked by voters.

For example: "Can a Democrat vote for Senator Knowland?" Of course. Under the rights guaranteed candidates in California, Senator Knowland, a Republican, and all other principal candidates cross-filed on both tickets.

Rep. Cecil R. King, who is a Democrat, cross-filed on the Republican ticket. In turn, his chief opponent, Robert H. Finch, a Republican, cross-filed on the Democratic ticket. It is being done in California.

Another question: "Can I write in Gen. Eisenhower's name on the ballot?" Absolutely NOT. You will disqualify that portion of the ballot if you do. If you want to support General Eisenhower, vote for the Warren delegation on the ballot, urge the Eisenhower Volunteers representing the General's interests in California. Nor can you "write in" Senator Taff's name for the same reason.

On the other hand, the Senator Kefauver delegation is in plain sight on the ballot, and you know just how to vote for him.

The fact that these questions, among hundreds of others, are being asked indicates a great interest in the campaign, and the Torrance Press urges all to "get out and vote" next Tuesday.

Use your ballot, the key to Democracy.

## Committees Set to Revamp City Recreation Commission

Plans for a complete overhaul of the city Recreation dept. were formulated last week, when the Recreation dept. met with the City Council, City Manager George Stevens and City Attorney James Hall at the Alondra Country Club for dinner Tuesday.

Recreation Director Frank Carpenter announced that three committees were formed to handle various problems of the reorganization. An ordinance committee composed of Councilman Willys Blount, chairman, and J. A. Beasley and Marvin Goetsch, recreation commission members, will study existing city ordinances covering operation of the department. A new ordinance based on their study will be devised and submitted to the City Council. The new ruling will establish how commission members will be appointed, and the length of their appointment. It was suggested that a seven-man recreation

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## Realtor Tour Property Here

The second Torrance-Lomita Realty Caravan toured properties listed with the Multiple Listing Service last Tuesday.

Eight properties on sale now were inspected by 13 member realtors.

Realtors included in Tuesday's trip were Bert Smith, R. D. McEwen, O. B. Brehman, G. E. Empey, Hans P. Norby, Elva Conrad, G. M. Earle, Gerald Alter, Jack Clayton, P. B. Clayton, Maxine Di Cristina, Georgia Marlow, and Peterson.



RAYMOND V. DARBY  
 Supervisor of Fourth District for seven years and public official for 25 years, seeks return to important office.



HAROLD HARBY  
 City Councilman of Los Angeles asks for seat held by Ray Darby as Fourth District Los Angeles County Supervisor.



GRAYDON F. BEEKS  
 Candidate for Supervisor, Fourth District, making a stiff race for election to office held by Supervisor Ray Darby.



JOHN A. SHIDLER  
 Justice of the Peace Seeks Election as Judge of Municipal Court of South Bay District, Office No. 1.



WALTER N. ANDERSON  
 Attorney and Prosecutor of Manhattan Beach asks election to office of Judge of Municipal Court, Office No. 1.



OTTO B. WILLETT  
 Judge of the City Court of Torrance is candidate for Office No. 2, Municipal Court, South Bay.



COLLAMER A. BRIDGE  
 Asking election to the newly formed Municipal Bench of the South Bay Municipal Court, Office No. 2.



D. CLIFFORD HIGGINS  
 Beach city judge asking election to Office No. 2 of the new South Bay Municipal Court.

"Don't Let Yourself Down—Be Sure and Vote June 3rd"

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