

Boswell, Cooke Win Election to School Board Posts

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Council Launches Probe into 'Free Ride' for City Officials

Outspoken Critic, Defender Of School Policy Score Win

William C. Boswell, most outspoken critic of educational standards, and Clinton B. Cooke, incumbent defender of present policies, were elected to the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday.

Boswell, 39, head of technical publications at North American Aviation, received the largest number of votes among the nine candidates competing for the two posts.

Robert H. Ellis, 34, who also ran on a platform of raising academic standards, came in a close third, followed by incumbent Charlton A. Mewborn and Dr. Don Cortum.

Thanks Supporters
"I appreciate the confidence that the voters placed in my platform and what I stand for," Boswell declared. "I will do everything possible to carry out my platform and make Torrance schools institutions to which we can point with pride."

Cooke is general superintendent of the National Supply Company and holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas. Appointed two years ago, he won his first election.

Boswell and Cooke will join Mrs. Grace Wright, W. A. Garabrant and Joseph Arnold, hold-over members of the board.

Room for Improvement
Boswell credited his victory with the statement that:

"It appears that the majority felt there is room for definite improvements in the existing curriculum and confirms the need for further investigation into the existing program and methods."

Following Cortum in the number of votes gained were John M. Merrill, Edwin S. Ryan II, Cecil Sampson and E. Ray Walker.

Ryan and Sampson are both school teachers.

Although voting was considerably heavier than two years ago when a 9 per cent vote was turned out, only 4219 or 12 per cent of the 36,000 eligible voters went to the polls Tuesday.

WINS ART HONOR
Grace Connert, a Torrance High School student, won an honorable mention award in the National Scholastic Arts Award.



William C. Boswell



Clinton B. Cooke

How They Voted

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| Boswell | 1866 |
| Cooke | 1411 |
| Ellis | 1324 |
| Mewborn | 1189 |
| Cortum | 1166 |
| Merrill | 406 |
| Ryan | 392 |
| Sampson | 215 |
| Walker | 212 |

Freeway Charges Revealed

Torrance and the South Bay area are being "short changed" when it comes to freeway construction.

That was the assertion of Councilman J. A. Beasley when he told the Council Tuesday that he has heard "some form of deal was made, and it hasn't been denied."

"There are almost 500,000 people in this area and no prospect of any immediate construction. We should wage some form of protest," Beasley said.

He said he will present a definite program for Council action at a later date.

Beasley said he has learned that funds will be detoured from the budget for freeway construction in the South Bay area and will be used in other parts of the county.

Two freeways, the San Diego and Harbor, are to be built through Torrance eventually.

Babysitter Search Proves Easy with Torrance Press Ad

Search for a babysitter came to a speedy conclusion for Mrs. William Disario of 4215 W. Carson st. after she inserted a classified ad in the Torrance Press.

"I was swamped with calls from applicants," she said.

She is now checking the references of job candidates before she makes her final selection.

You, too, can have prompt results if you call a Torrance Press ad-taker at FA 8-2345, and let her help you with your problem.

Arrest Clears Number of Torrance Safe Burglaries

Arrest of a Lomita man who is out on bail on a previous burglary charge, has cleared up a number of Torrance safe burglaries.

Allen La-Var Cox, 28, of 25301 Cypress ave., was arrested by a special team of investigators who had him under surveillance for nine days before they nabbed him as he moved a trailer load of allegedly stolen merchandise out of his home.

Hank Porter, assistant police chief, and Det. Ralph Walker said with Cox's arrest they have cleared up three safe burglaries, and the burglaries at the Grand Central Market in Lomita, and the Phyllis Moore Dance Studio in Torrance.

Clear Burglaries
The investigators said they have cleared up safe burglaries at the Farmer's Insurance office and the Howard Percy Real Estate office in Torrance and one from a Hermosa Beach restaurant.

The assistant chief took charge of a special safe theft detail assigned following a rash of safe burglaries in Torrance.



DEATH ON STREET—Deputy Sheriff W. D. English examines covered body of Victor Truman Jones, 43, who shot himself after firing a shot at a Hollywood Riviera woman while she worked in a flower shop on Pacific Coast hwy.

Male Stripper Sought Here

Torrance police today were hunting a man with the unwelcome urge to remove his pants in public.

A young Hollywood woman said the man, about 30 years old, followed her down the street Monday evening until she reached the Torrance Municipal Bus Depot at Cravens and Cabrillo.

When she sat down in the empty bus, the man sat down across from her and took off his trousers, and then bolted out of the bus and down an alley.

A short time before, a 15-year-old girl said she saw him take off his pants while she was sitting in a car for her boy friend to leave the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Couple Injured as Auto Lands in Ditch, Flips

A Los Angeles couple was seriously injured when their auto hit a ditch and flipped over Saturday night, police reported.

Salvatore Taddeo, 50, of 1238 W. 107th st., Los Angeles, and his wife, Helen, 49, were taken to Harbor General Hospital after their car ran into the ditch beside Crenshaw blvd. near the Nike base.

In another accident, Shirley Bette Shaffer, 31, of 2319 Huntington lane, Redondo Beach, suffered a cut mouth when her car was smashed into a parked vehicle on Entradero st., officers said.

Airport Row Stirs Debate

Airport Manager Jack Egan will be called by the City Council Tuesday in a probe to determine if city officials get free plane parking privileges at Torrance Municipal Airport.

He will be summoned as a result of smoldering controversy between two councilmen whether a plane allegedly owned by a member of the Airport Commission has free parking privileges on the city-owned portion of the field.

Councilman J. A. Beasley said he had made an investigation and found that no official receives free tie-down rental, at least not since the city took over operation of the airport.

Has Evidence
Councilman Willys Blount, who had raised the original question, said that he could produce a letter and a photo in evidence that a plane which he said he was told belongs to the commissioner has been parked at the airport rent-free.

"I was told that he never paid a nickel to the city. If the plane is not the property of the commissioner, I will personally apologize to him," Blount said.

Beasley conceded that his investigation did not include the period when the airport was managed by a private firm.

Plane Owner
Under questioning by Mayor Albert Isen, Blount said that it had been "rumored" that the plane in question belongs to Malcolm Neal.

Blount later said that he had not accused anyone, but that he had asked the question, "Is free tie-down at the airport a special privilege of an airport commissioner?"

Beasley charged that "you owe it to the city of Torrance to produce evidence so that he can be removed from the commission."

The Council ordered Egan and his secretary to appear at the meeting Tuesday so that the matter can be investigated.

BABY DIES

Danda Bissalon, 1 month, died Sunday, apparently as result of suffocation possibly caused by a piece of cellophane covering her nose and mouth.

Frank Wagner, Mrs. Luther's brother, said that Jones had bothered his sister with phone calls at home and that she was afraid of him.

After the first shot, Mrs. Luther hastily retreated behind the counter.

Trujillo Aide Pays Fine, Dodges into Waiting Cab

Publicity-shy Victor Jose Sued, 29-year-old secretary to Dominican playboy Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr., made a carefully prepared get-away from the Torrance Municipal Court House after he was fined on a drunk driving charge Monday.

The defendant, whose Beverly Hills attorney submitted the case on the police report, was found guilty by Judge John A. Shidler, who ordered him to pay a \$263 fine, but did not send him to jail.

While the lawyer was counting out the money to the court clerk, his client sprinted out of the rear door of the court house and was hustled off by a waiting cab.

Enters Car
The taxi whisked him four blocks away where Sued, a handsome, husky Latin, hopped into his 1958 Cadillac for the second stage of his get-away.

Sued, whose boss has dated some of Hollywood's most beautiful actresses while on sick leave from military training at Fort Leavenworth, was arrested by two Torrance policemen last Friday morning.

Officers R. H. Rozanson and Philip Wilson stopped Sued at Hawthorne and Redondo Beach blvds. after they had followed him for a mile. The policemen said that the defendant's auto was traveling at slow speed, but weaving erratically.

Got Lost
Sued said he got lost on his way to the Dominican Republic's consulate, after visiting friends in San Pedro.

He was released from jail four hours later by Adolfo Camarena, consul general of the Dominican Republic, who insisted his countryman enjoys diplomatic immunity.

The U. S. State Department, however, ruled that Sued does not have immunity and must face court action.

Sued slipped into court two days before he was due for arraignment Wednesday.

His boss, Lieutenant General Trujillo, head of the Dominican Air Force, has been the target of Congressional criticism over his lavish gifts to Hollywood actresses whom he has showered with gifts of expensive cars and furs.

Trujillo denied that the gifts were paid for with U. S. foreign aid. A spokesman for his father, the dictator of the island republic, said that young Trujillo receives a \$50,000 a month allowance.

Judge Shidler told Sued that because of his high position, he could have given him a five-day jail sentence, but suspended it because it was his first offense in California.



CHAMP DRIVER—Wayne Branum, seated behind wheel, proudly looks at trophy he won for becoming the state school bus driving champion for the second year. He was presented trophy for winning the highest score in grueling driving tests.

Torrance Bus Driver Wins State Championship for Second Time

Wayne Branum, 44, Torrance Unified School District bus driver, is the state school bus champion driver for the second consecutive year.

Branum won the championship after he received the highest score in a road test held for both Northern and Southern California contestants.

He has been a driver for the school district for the past five years and take care of North High School and Arlington Elementary School routes.

He is also one of three district drivers who take students on field trips.

On an average day, Branum chucks up 100 miles in his bus. Before he joined the district, he was a truck driver for 12 years.

In order to win the championship, Branum defeated 144 drivers in Southern California and his score was better than that of 166 others who competed in the northern division.

Ceramics Lost in Fire of House

An early morning blaze caused more than \$1000 damage to a hobby room and numerous ceramic figurines in the home of Mrs. Della Curtis, of 17020 Faldale ave., Sunday.

Mrs. Curtis was not at home when the fire was discovered by several youths who passed by the address.

The hobby room was located in an addition to the home. Smoke damage was reported in the house.

Special Memorial Tribute to Loved Ones Offered by Press

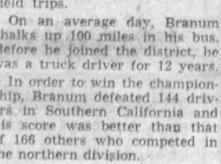
In observance of Memorial Day, the Torrance Press will offer families who have lost loved ones an opportunity to pay a special In Memoriam tribute on Thursday, May 29.

Those who would like to remember their departed are invited to insert their names in a special page, by phone or in person, at the special rate of \$1.50 per inch.

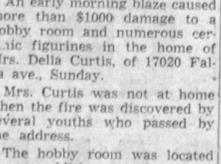
A number of verses are available at the Torrance Press main office, 1406 Cravens ave., to be used in conjunction with the memorial tributes.

Deadline will be Tuesday, May 27, at 3 p. m. Classified ad-takers will be able to assist you by calling FA 8-2345.

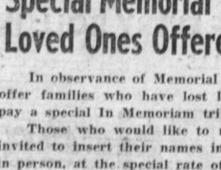
Tender tributes of remembrance to loved ones may be inserted in the Torrance Press on birthdays and anniversaries throughout the year.



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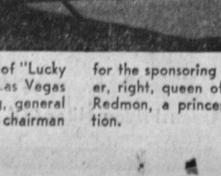
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Torrance Air Race June 7-8

Saturday will be the deadline for entering the "Lucky Seven" cross country handicap air race from Torrance to Las Vegas.

Sponsored by the South Bay and El Segundo Exchange Clubs, the race will be held June 7 and 8 with winners to be honored at a banquet June 14 at Club Alondra.

Forty private and student pilots will take off from Torrance Municipal Airport at 1 p. m. June 7 and return the following day.

Planes must be post war models with between 65 and 300 horsepower engines, and must conform structurally and mechanically.

Handicapping will be used to put all planes on absolute parity. The point of the race is to make as many miles per hour as possible in relation to par speed, but top prizes will not be awarded if excess fuel is used.

Planes must be brought to the airport not later than noon June 6 and they will be impounded until race time.

Holders of commercial licenses will be eligible provided they can show evidence they have not flown for hire within 90 days prior to the race day.

Library Pact OK'd by Council

Contract for construction of a library in El Retiro Park was awarded Tuesday to Jack K. Tanner on his low bid of \$24,293.

A name plaque and sign will cost another \$353.

The bid was considerably below the estimate of \$31,000. "Might as well go first class on this," Mayor Albert Isen suggested when the Council debated whether to order the plaque which will bear their names.

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