

Candidates Prepare

Smell of Election Time Is in the Air

The first faint bugle sounds of next Spring's elections were heard throughout Torrance this week and all of the political war horses pricked their ears and stamped nervously in their pastures.

Candidates for this and that political office began trying on campaign issues like new coats . . . and discarding the ones that didn't fit.

Candidates for public office have become very conscious of approaching elections and, aware that any statement with a point is bound to antagonize someone, will be very cagy about what they say.

STATEMENTS

Long sonorous statements will become the order of the day, weaving their way through the points of the discourse but never, never touching one.

And election time is still six months away!

This early start on the campaigning season is surely bound to slow down . . . to erupt again after the first of the year . . . for no old campaigner is going to fire his big guns this early in the battle.

And no campaigner is going to reveal the planks of his platform this early in the season and give his opponents a chance to say "me too."

"If Winter comes, can election time . . . er . . . Spring be far behind."

Letters

EDITOR'S NOTE: In order that Mr. Ryan know that the press does print both sides of any question, and not only publishes, but encourages letters from readers whose viewpoints may differ from our own, we use his letter exactly as received.

Dear Sir:

After reading your editorial about the Marble rezoning I agree more than ever that what Jack Parr says about Editors They all are just a bunch of self-seeking sanctimonious hypocrites.

You'll probably snow some of the idiots but you don't snow me. There is only one thing your interested in because you practice yellow

journalism, so you can charge more for ads and have more of them from the stores that come in. Factories don't buy ad space only furnish jobs.

You rave on about Sales Tax. That's like a guy taking a hand out of one pocket and putting it in the other pocket.

One week you go all out for free enterprise the next week you go on how wonderful the sales tax is. If the state hadn't taken it away from the people they would have still had it. What you should be doing is going all out against the tax.

I know you'll be to gutless to run this letter in your letters to the editor column because you practice yellow

Security-First National Notes Record Quarter

Security-First National Bank's total resources, deposits and loans at the end of the 3rd quarter of 1961 reached all-time highs, Lloyd L. Austin, president, reported today.

Total resources for the period ended September 30 were \$3,760,601,021, up 8.5 per cent over the comparable 1960 figure of \$3,465,723,554.

Total deposits were \$3,434,186,232, and increase of \$275,940,565 over the September, 1960 total.

Loans less reserves rose 3.5 per cent to \$1,678,673,322 from the September, 1960 figure of \$1,620,915,355.

Net operating earnings after taxes for the first nine months of 1961 were \$20,606,117, equal to \$2.87 per share, against \$21,722,888, or \$3.03 per share a year ago.

Total capital funds were 267,653,277 against \$252,274,625 a year ago.

Tax Refunds

Increasing numbers of California's pleasure boat owners apparently are becoming aware of their entitlement to gasoline tax refunds, State Controller Alan Cranston said today.

Cranston reported that 8,127 claims were filed for tax refunds on gasoline used for pleasure boating during the 1960-61 fiscal year. Fuel tax refunds paid in this category during the past fiscal year amounted to \$187,449.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO PEACE OFFICERS

District Attorney William B. McKesson, as president of the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association, announced that Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown was guest speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Peace Officers Association, which was hosted by the Southern California Juvenile Officers Association, at the Los Angeles Police Academy at 12 o'clock noon today.

R. C. Chace, president of Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association has just announced the total amount for the dividend payment, quarter ending September 30, 1961. The figure hits \$339,646.12, which is the highest quarterly dividend in the history of the association to be distributed to account holders. Assets for Marina Federal presently stand at \$40,000,000.

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Robert B. Ryan



CHAMBER BANQUET—Final plans are underway for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet to be held next Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the South High School Cafeteria. Left to right are Russ Cameron, Chairman Ralph Morris, and Dean Sears.

Steel Company Will Market \$400 Fallout Shelter; Civil Defense Approves Plans

A nationwide steel corporation is offering the public complete fallout shelter service at a cost of less than \$400. The pioneer and leading designer and builder of underground structures and pre-engineered buildings revealed it has developed a line of quality-built shelters ranging from a simple basement unit selling for less than \$400 to a spacious underground shelter providing what civil defense describes as "almost absolute protection."

The Armco Steel Company's decision to design and produce a full line of shelters was in response to recent strong urging by Civil Defense officials for heavy industry to upgrade shelter construction and reduce costs by applying its comprehensive design and production know-how.

Armco said it will mass produce the units in more than 40 fabricating plants and offer reliable installation through an extensive network of specialized contractor-builders.

Low cost of the new shelters is made possible by fabricating them of steel components now mass produced by the company for its line of pre-engineered steel buildings and corrugated steel pipe and drainage structures. Designs are the result of many years of shelter development work by Armco's subsidiary, Armco Drainage & Metal Products, Inc., with both civilian and military agencies. AD&MP has developed and built thousands of steel ammunition storage enclosures, and in recent years was awarded a number of contracts by the Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies to develop corrugated steel blast and fallout shelters.

BASEMENT SHELTER

The company's basement shelter, which can double as an auxiliary living area, is made of steel-panel walls and ceiling filled with sand. It will be purchased as a package of components for under \$400 and can be assembled by the home owner, or turned

over to contractor at an additional cost of about \$200-\$300.

Its 9 by 10-foot area and 6-foot 2-inch height provide adequate space for eight persons, and size and proportions can be modified by various combinations of standard parts. When built in a basement corner, it requires only two walls, plus a baffle at the entrance to block radiation.

The low cost of the basement shelter is made possible through the use of economical "Stellox" panels, standard mass-produced lightweight units developed by Armco for its line of pre-engineered steel buildings. These 16-inch wide ribbed panels are extremely strong for their weight and are easily framed together by simple corrosion-resistant galvanized interlocking. Their smooth surfaces can be painted to make an attractive room that doubles as den, shop or recreation area.

The shelter is erected by first nailing steel-channel base plates to the floor. Special nails are provided.

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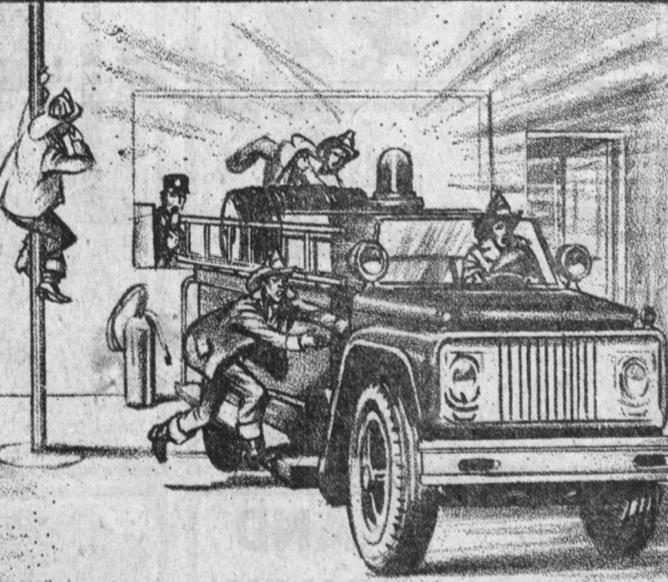
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