

'Brisk' Turnout for Nominating Papers



INCUMBENT FILES — Harriet V. Leech, 1681 Gramercy Ave., is shown Friday as she accepts nominating papers from Deputy City Clerk Gale Whitacre. Unusually large turnout was noted at the close of the first day as candidates swarmed into the office

to announce their candidacy for three councilmanic positions, as well as the posts of mayor, city clerk and city treasurer. One of the largest rosters of candidates in the history of Torrance is expected to file by closing date of February 5.

Business was brisk in the Torrance City Clerk's office Friday as prospective candidates for city offices in the April 10 municipal election took out nominating papers.

At least three sets of papers were issued for the office of mayor, reported acting city clerk Gale Whitacre. Mayor Albert Isen, incumbent to the office, took out two sets of papers, one for councilman and one for

mayor. Councilman Willys Blount, expected to be the chief opponent of Isen for the post, also took out two sets of papers.

Mrs. R. Pat Hogue, 4630 Toucan St., took out one set of papers, for the mayor's post, in the name of her husband.

CITY COUNCIL

Taking out nominating papers for the position of city councilman were Ste-

wart E. (Bud) Rose, 3326 Newton St.; John J. Barton, 4160 Via Lado; Mrs. Eva Bisou, 4914 Halison; and James Cicchini, 3002 El Dorado.

Several more candidates, including only incumbent who has indicated he'll run again, councilman J. A. Beasley, are expected to take out papers early next week.

CITY CLERK

Papers for the position of

city clerk were taken out by George Morehart, 18520 Kingsdale; Charles Deck, 20513 Toluca Ave.; Mrs. Rose Craig, 4110 Carmen; and Mrs. Herma Tillum, 3211 W. 166th St.

Mrs. Tillum became the first person to file when she returned the completed papers shortly after noon Friday.

Taking out papers for the position of city treasurer

were the incumbent, Harriet V. Leech, 1681 Gramercy Ave.; and Fred Spangler, 5210 Carmen St.

City clerk's office began issuance of nominating papers at noon Thursday. Final date for filing the papers will be 12 noon Feb. 5.

Interested viewers indicated that an unusually large turnout of candidates is expected for each of the vacant city posts.

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LOCAL MAN CONFESSES LB TERROR BOMBINGS

'Revenge and Thrills' Given As Motives

A Torrance area man has confessed to last week's terror bombings in Long Beach and, with a companion, has been booked at the LB police station.

Perry Joe Hensley, 22, of 21909 S. Avalon, and Richard Frank Lester, 20, of Long Beach, confessed that they blew up two homes and an automobile for "revenge and thrills," stated arresting officers.

A fourth bombing Friday in a Seal Beach alley took place after the pair were in custody, officers said. Search will continue for the perpetrator of the Seal Beach explosion.

Hensley, who is married and the father of two children, told deceives that they decided to blow up the house of a former landlord who had refused to return a cleaning deposit when he moved. This explosion took place on January 19.

NOT HURT

Explosion number two took place last Monday, this time at the home of a former landlady of Lester's. Blast destroyed a corner of the house but did not injure an elderly man asleep in the room.

Third explosion destroyed an automobile belonging to a former friend who had broken with the duo when he married.

Investigation of the incidents were handled by Lt. Charles Novothy of the "Crimes against persons" division, and Sgt. John Cowan

of the Juvenile Bureau.

Novothy said that the two were employed by the Le Bleu Sanitation Company of Harbor City as a driver and helper. He said that they admitted purchasing gunpowder in Torrance, Long Beach and Costa Mesa surplus and sporting goods stores. Pipe to be used as containers for the bombs was stolen from the company where they worked and the weapons were assembled in the office where they worked.

The two confessed setting off several explosions in fields nearby to determine the amount of explosive needed in the containers.

Bombs left over after the three Long Beach blasts were thrown into a slough, they said.

Complaints against Hensley and Lester will be sought tomorrow, Novothy said, and they will probably be arraigned Tuesday.



RESCUED — Mario Pena, San Pedro, was buried alive in a midweek accident at a Hollywood Riviera construction site. Frantic co-workers uncovered his head so that he could breathe until extricated. Right, Pena is led away, shaken but safe, for a hospital checkup.

Worker Buried by Cave-in; Found Alive by Friends

The slithering sound of moving earth... and a local construction worker was buried alive on a Hollywood Riviera site in a mid-week accident.

Frantic efforts of co-workers uncovered the man's head before he died, kept the space clear until re-extricated.

Mario Pena, of San Pedro, credited a large boulder jutting from the side of the excavation with saving his life. A pocket was formed under the rock and he was able to breathe into this until rescuers reached him.

Accident occurred at the new Safeway Store site, 1848 Elena Ave., according to Kent Anderson, foreman for the E. W. Hahn Construction Co., in charge of the project.



OPENS CAMPAIGN . . . Civic Leader Files For City Clerk Post

Herma Tillim, prominent civic leader, Friday announced that she will be a candidate for city clerk in the coming, April 10, municipal election.

Mrs. Tillim because interested in civic and community projects shortly after moving to Torrance and in the past 10 years has served the community in many ways, especially in youth and adult recreation activities. She is a former member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, having served as chairman 1956-1957. In 1957 she received the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" award in the civic and cultural division. In 1961 she received an award from the National Recreation Association for outstanding contribution to the recreation movement in America. She was instrumental in acquiring a donation of land for a 7 1/2 acre park site for the City of Torrance.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

She is a charter member and first vice president of



HERMA TILLIM
... Clerk Candidate

Pilot International of Torrance, has been a member for 10 years of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association holding various offices and positions on the Board, and has been a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club since 1952.

Torrance Lions Get \$5000 For Local Charities

Torrance Lions Club has received \$5,000 from the Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach, to be used in support of its favorite charities. William King, a member of the Torrance Lions Club and the board of directors of the strip, accepted the check for Torrance.

Lions Drag Strip is non-profit organization, sponsored by nine harbor area Lions Clubs. According to Rich Harrell, president of the board of directors of the strip. "The success of the strip in 1961, our most successful year, has made it possible to take \$45,000 out of the operating fund to divide among the sponsoring clubs."

Regular Meeting

Next regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will be held Feb. 5, 12 noon, at the Masonic Hall, 2326 Cabrillo.

Members will discuss school construction reports and instructional materials used in teaching. North High's string orchestra will provide entertainment.



VOLUNTEERS FOR SAFETY — Torrance fireman Don Holz lends a hand at Hamilton School's Bike Rodeo last week. Firemen aided school's PTA with its bike safety program, scoring the youngsters as they went through the course. Above, with Mrs. Edith Leitch

of the parent-teacher group, he gives a big passing mark to Anthony Grasso, 13, a student at the school. Program is a part of the city-wide bike safety project sponsored by the Torrance Police Department.

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