

Thirteen Candidates Seeking School Posts

The Press-Herald today publishes information on each of the 13 active candidates for the three seats on the Torrance Unified School District's board of education at stake in the April 20 election, and on the two candidates seeking to represent Torrance (Ward 5) on the El Camino College board of trustees. The information was obtained by the Press-Herald through personal interviews with each of the candidates and through material supplied by the candidates.

of the board, was first elected in 1961. A resident of Torrance for the past 20 years, he served on the city's Planning Commission before election to the school board.

A graduate of Alfred University in New York, Lynn holds a degree in ceramic engineering. He formerly owned Lynn Brick Works and is now active in civic, welfare, and youth activities, as well as commercial building.

He is past board chairman of the Torrance Family YWCA and served on the executive committee of the Western Regional Little League Tournament. Lynn is active in Little League, numerous charity drives, and youth activities.

Lynn and his wife, "Chic," are parents of two sons, Bart, 12, is attending Fern-Greenwood School, and Brian, 16, is a student at Torrance High. The family lives at 1208 Greenwood Ave.

A charter member of the Torrance City of Hope chapter, Lynn also serves on the Little Company of Mary Hospital Advisory Board and the Harbor Area Welfare Board. He also is active in the United Jewish Welfare drive, the Board of Catholic Maritime Clubs, and the Elks.

He lists his twin goals as "Challenge the potential of every child and a better education for a reasonable tax dollar." Lynn adds, "For four years the parent-taxpayer voice has been heeded. My vote has shown consistency, integrity, conviction, business acumen, and resourcefulness."

An accountant, Bishop was educated at the University of Illinois and Roosevelt College in Chicago. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Bishop and his wife, Barbara, are parents of three children and expect a fourth child shortly. Joy, 8, and Nina, 6, attend Victor Elementary School. Kevin is 3. The family resides at 20707 Anza Ave.

A member of the Victor School PTA, Bishop also is active in the Anti-Defamation League.

He advocates the development of a system which would make year-around use of school plants and staffs. Bishop also believes a pilot program of "circuit" teaching should be tried in the Torrance schools and advocates the use of state-financed closed circuit television in the classroom.

Such measures, he believes, "would help to ease the shortage of teachers and classrooms."

Mrs. Miller, who has lived in her present home for 15 years, has three children. Mrs. Lorraine Wilcox, the mother of two; Mrs. Virginia McCarthy; and Robert, a second grader at Rolling Hills Country Day School.

The need for more women on the school board has prompted Mrs. Miller to seek election, she reports. "My daughters are grown and married and my time could be devoted to the needs of our schools," she added.

Mrs. Miller was raised and educated in Chicago and came to California with her husband, Robert, following World War II. They came to Torrance from the Gardena area.

University in New York. Dr. Sacks came to California in 1952. He received his medical degree at the California College of Medicine and is now practicing as a physician and surgeon in Torrance.

A resident of Torrance since 1961, Dr. Sacks previously lived in West Los Angeles. He and his wife, Myra, are parents of a 4-year-old daughter, Tracy, and a 6-year-old son, David. The family resides at 5005 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Dr. Sacks is the physician for the Torrance Pop Warner football program and served the Mar Vista Pop Warner program in the same capacity while living in West Los Angeles. He is a member of the Lions Club and chairman of the Anti-Defamation League committee. He currently is a nominee for the presidency of the B'nai B'rith chapter.

Dr. Sacks advocates the grouping of students by scholastic ability in order to "make most effective use of teachers." He believes teachers would be more effective if their classes were grouped by the students' ability "rather than the basic three-levels."



DR. RICHARD SULLIVANT

tion, a member of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and the Torrance Kiwanis Club. Dr. Sullivant also is chief of medical services for the Torrance Civil Defense.

Dr. Sullivant and his wife, Sidney Marie, are parents of three children. Their daughter, Sybil Leslie, is 7 and a student at Howard Wood School. Richard Jr. is 5 and Charles is 3 years of age. The family makes its home at 2263 W. 231st St.

"Our school administration has long been the envy of most other districts," Dr. Sullivant says. "The board must offer constructive guidance and support to maintain a constant progression of excellence."

ceived his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California.

A former member of the San Diego State College Alumni Association board, Williams served as general chairman for homecoming activities. He is a member of



H. ARCH WILLIAMS JR.

the California Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, and the American Accounting Association.

A veteran of World War II, Williams was in the Army and served three years in Europe. He also is a member of the board of directors of the California Weightlifting Association.

He and his wife, Eve, has a three-year-old daughter, Pam. The family resides at 2502 Highcliff Drive. Williams believes the "controlship function" of the board is important. "The next board will spend about \$80 million in the next four years," he says, "we need a man who understands the numbers and what they stand for."

El Camino



JACK N. DABBS

Jack Dabbs

Jack N. Dabbs, president of the El Camino College Board of Trustees, is seeking re-election to a fourth term in the April 20 election. Dabbs has represented Torrance on the board since 1954.

Dabbs, 50, is now manager of a motion picture theater. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as an instructor in the U.S. Army Security Agency.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Dabbs settled in California in 1935. He has resided in Torrance for the past 27 years.

DABBS SAYS the El Camino College district is one of the few in the state which has not increased its tax rate in the past 10 years. "Even though we are not a wealthy district, we have maintained an excellence of education that has earned a nationwide reputation," he says.

"To have earned the reputation we enjoy, in a district of average wealth, has required very careful use of the tax dollars, and a very judicious balance of expenditures," he adds.

Dabbs says he is basing his campaign on his own record of accomplishment during his three terms on the board.

He and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of three children, Janice, 23, Stephen, 19, and Marilyn, 16. The family resides at 1640 Juniper Ave.



JOHN G. L. CRAIN

John G. Crain

Industrial consultant John G. L. Crain, 50, is opposing Jack N. Dabbs in the only contested race for a seat on the El Camino College Board of Trustees. The contest between Crain and Dabbs is for the Torrance seat.

In his campaign, Crain has said the wage scale at the college has fallen to 21st of 27 Southern California junior colleges while building has continued. El Camino wage scales rank 38th among the 63 junior colleges in the state.

Crain has promised a complete review of the distribution of tax monies for building and instruction costs if elected to the board.

A RESIDENT of Torrance for the past 13 years, Crain makes his home at 3753 W. 171st St. He and his wife, Clair, are parents of two sons, Lawrence, 23, and Clifford, 20.

A member of the American Industrial Development Council, Crain deals in problems of freight traffic, public warehousing, plant site location, and industrial real estate. He is a member of the Torrance Masonic Lodge 447, Los Angeles Scottish Rite Bodies, Transportation Shrine Club, and the Pacific Shippers Advisory Board.

Crain is a past president of the North Torrance Civic Association and was recently appointed to the Torrance Auditorium Advisory Committee.



WILLIAM J. HANSON

Hanson

"I'm running for re-election because I think we've made some fine improvements in the last four years and I want to work to preserve these things and continue to build on the sound foundation," William J. "Bill" Hanson says.

Hanson, a former president of the local board, is one of two incumbents among the 13 candidates for the Torrance Board of Education.

A former school teacher, he holds a general secondary credential and has taught chemistry at Los Angeles City College. Hanson currently is laboratory director for the Dow Chemical Co.'s Torrance facility.

Born in Canada, Hanson came to California in 1922 with his parents. He attended elementary school in the Watsonville area and was graduated from Hollister High School. He received his teaching degree from UCLA.

A past president of the American Chemical Society and the Riviera Homeowners Association, Hanson served on the city's Library Commission before his election to the Board of Education in 1951.

Hanson and his wife, Carolyn, are parents of three children, Frank, Charles, and Irene. The oldest two children are South High School graduates. The family has resided at 327 Paseo de Gracia since 1953.

His chief concerns during the next four years are to improve the counseling and guidance programs and to emphasize courses in economics and American business. Continued emphasis on reading and a "balanced program for vocational students" is needed, Hanson adds.



BERT M. LYNN

Lynn

"I stand for local control and a strong lay governing board which sets your public school policies," Bert M. Lynn, incumbent member of the Board of Education, says in his campaign for a second four-year term.

Lynn, a former president



ADOLPH BIALECKI

Bialecki

"My primary objective is to help develop and appraise educational policies which will provide the best quality education at reasonable costs," Adolph "Ed" Bialecki says.

Bialecki, a research engineer at North American Aviations Space and Information Systems Division, is one of 13 candidates now campaigning for one of three available seats on the Torrance Board of Education.

Educated at Yale University, Bialecki holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in chemical engineering. He also taught chemistry in the evening division of Mitchell College, New London, Conn., for three years.

A member of the Parkway School PTA, Bialecki is active in Little League and Torrance YMCA. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. His wife, Irene, is a member of the Parkway PTA board and the Bishop Montgomery High School board.

He is the father of five children, Linda, 18, and Terese, 16, attend Bishop Montgomery High School. Hugh, 12, Clark, 8, and Matthew, 6, are attending classes at Parkway Elementary School. The family resides at 424 Avenida de Jose.

Bialecki also advocates improved counseling services. He is "enthusiastic and hopeful" for a vocational high school and believes in "the importance of being alert against creeping federal control of education."

Bishop

Support for state and federal programs which will provide needed funds for the Torrance schools has been expressed by Joseph E. Bishop in his campaign for a seat on the Board of Education.

Bishop, 33, has lived in Torrance for the past year. He first came to California in 1957 from his native Chicago, Ill., and has lived in Los Angeles County since that time.



WILLIAM A. GOODMAN

Goodman

Improvements in communication and cost controls, and an "uninterrupted educational program" have been cited as major needs in Torrance by William A. Goodman in his campaign for the Board of Education.

Goodman, a former teacher now doing consultant work for industry, has resided in Torrance for the past two years. He taught at Hillside School for about 18 months before he resigned early this year. In addition to consultant work for industry, he is now engaged in educational research for the Mare Monte Foundation.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Los Angeles State College and was awarded a master of science degree in education by the University of Southern California. He currently is studying for a doctorate in education at USC.

A member of the California Teachers Association and the National Education, Goodman also is a member of the Audio-Visual Education Association. He taught for three years.

Married, he is the father of four children, Mark, 11, Jan, 9, and Warren, 7, are students at Parkway School. Gina is 5 years old. The family resides at 201 Via la Soledad.



MRS. VIRGINIA MILLER

Mrs. Miller

The need for an objective method of measuring the quality of teaching has been outlined by Mrs. Virginia Miller, 1027 Patronella Ave., as one of the areas in which she would work if elected to the Board of Education.

"We need to do something here," she said. "The present administration is more interested in plant than in the product," she charged.



MICHAEL H. MOORE

Moore

The use of automated teaching and grading systems and the continued development of a comprehensive high school curriculum are the chief goals of Michael H. Moore in his campaign for the Torrance Board of Education.

Moore, 33, was born in Tulsa, Okla., and moved to Lomita in 1943. He is a graduate of Narbonne High School and has lived in Torrance since 1961. Moore attended El Camino College and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at UCLA. He also attended the UCLA School of Law.

A veteran of the Army, he served in Germany from 1954 to 1956. He and his wife are parents of three children, Deborah, 10, and Kelly, 7, are students at Torrance Elementary School. Julie, who is 5, will begin kindergarten in the fall.

Moore and his family reside at 2513 Apple Ave. He currently is engaged in private business.

"I believe a better education at no greater cost can be obtained by gradually replacing mother-her grouping and lock-step methods with better utilization of teachers and students," Moore says, "and by providing teachers with the leverage of modern educational tools."



LESTER L. SACKS

Sacks

Dr. Lester L. Sacks has called for "a concentrated effort in the first through seventh grades" to prepare youngsters for high school. Dr. Sacks is one of 13 candidates in the April 20 election for members of the Torrance Board of Education.

A graduate of Long Island

Meet the Candidates night will be held this evening at 8 in the Torrance Recreation Center (behind the city plunge) under the sponsorship of the Torrance League of Women Voters. Each of the candidates has agreed to attend.



MRS. BEVERLY SCHWARTZ

Mrs. Schwartz

The need for an average parent on the Torrance Board of Education has been given as the prime reason for her candidacy by Mrs. Beverly Schwartz. Mrs. Schwartz, 33, says the "average citizen does not have a voice on the board."

The mother of four children, Mrs. Schwartz is active in the Hamilton School PTA and Footlight Theater. She also participates in Girl Scout activities and in the annual United Crusade campaign.

Her husband, Arthur J. Schwartz, is an engineer for North American Aviation's Space and Information Systems Division. The Schwartzes are parents of four children, Kerry, 11, and Kristy, 9, attend Hamilton School. Craig is 5½ and Kathy will celebrate her second birthday soon.

Educated at Washington High School in Los Angeles and UCLA, Mrs. Schwartz has lived in Torrance for the past nine years. The family home is 3131 W. 180th Place.

Her chief goals, if elected, include heavy emphasis on improving the reading program, a reduction in class sizes, and the use of "materials which will challenge each child's ability." She also says she "would like to see shop courses that provide actual preparation for trades rather than hobby shops."

A Sunday school teacher, she also has taught nursery school classes. Mrs. Schwartz and her husband have attended meetings of the board regularly during the past year.

Sullivant

Dr. Richard A. Sullivant has called for "unified action" by the Torrance Board of Education in his campaign for one of three available seats on the board.

A general practitioner, Dr. Sullivant, 38, has lived in Torrance for about eight years. He currently is chief of the medical staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Educated in Southern California, Dr. Sullivant attended San Diego State College and earned his bachelor's degree and a certificate of teacher training at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School.

He is president of the Torrance Dental Health Associa-



LAWRENCE E. TOWNSEND

Townsend

"Keep the fundamentals—particularly reading—highest on our educational priority list," Lawrence E. Townsend has declared in his campaign for a seat on the Torrance Board of Education.

Townsend, 34, is a member of the city's Civil Service Commission and a representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He has served as chairman of the Civil Service Commission for the past two years and is a member of the Public Personnel Association.

A Navy veteran, Townsend and his wife, Shirley, are parents of three children. All three, Dale, 14, Lashli, 12, and Lauren, 10, attend Hamilton Elementary School. The family resides at 18407 Manhattan Place.

A member of the Torrance PTA, the Community Baptist Church, and the Crossroads Masonic Lodge 696, Townsend has resided in Torrance for the past nine years. His wife is active in PTA work and presently serves as recording secretary for the Hamilton PTA.

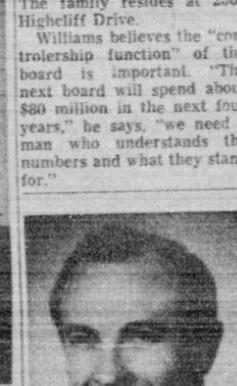
Townsend favors "the use of federal funds to support specific educational programs with full local control," and believes teachers' salaries must be maintained to attract good teachers.

"Mass curriculum and mass instruction techniques are not only outmoded, they also waste money and limit the enjoyment of learning," he says. A reduction in class size is particularly important, he adds.

Williams

"Cutting costs and eliminating waste is like weeding a garden—you have to do it and do it again," says H. Arch Williams Jr. in his campaign for election to the Torrance Board of Education.

Williams, a certified public accountant, has lived in Torrance since 1959. The 39-year-old native son was born in San Diego and came to Torrance from Los Angeles. He attended San Diego State College and UCLA. He re-



DONALD E. WILSON

Wilson

A four-point program to provide student and teacher incentives has been listed by Donald E. Wilson in his quest for one of three open seats on the Torrance Board of Education.

Wilson lists his major objectives as a need to "provide an educational program that assists students in finding a real purpose in life," emphasis on higher cultural and moral standards, an improved counseling program "that meets the individual student's needs," and an incentive program which will encourage teachers to "continue professional growth and status."

Currently professor of education and assistant director of Teacher Education at the University of Southern California, Wilson also serves as a consultant to several Southern California school districts.

Wilson holds a doctorate in education from UCLA. He has taught school in Colorado and in Los Angeles. He was head of the education department and dean of students at Chapman College. He served as director of elementary student teaching at San Diego State College until he joined the faculty at the University of Southern California in 1954.

Wilson and his wife, Alva, are parents of three children. Pamela, 18, was a finalist in the Miss Torrance contest this year. Donna, 14, and Mike, 11, attend school in Torrance. The family home is at 17022 Kornblum Ave.

A veteran of World War II, Wilson served in the Navy. He is an ordained minister and is active on the Los Angeles County Commission on Alcoholism. He also is a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Lions Club.