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CHANGES BADGES . . . Cadet Stephen J. Packard, first to complete the Torrance Police Department's cadet training program, swaps his cadet badge for the official Torrance police badge during ceremonies at the station Friday. On the left is Lt. Donald Nash who has supervised the program and on the right is Chief Walter R. Koenig, originator of the cadet system. Packard will become a sworn policeman on Wednesday. (See Mailbox on A-4). (Press-Herald Photo)

Residents Stand Pat Against Housing Code

Two File For Seats On Board

Two persons have filed papers to become candidates for the Torrance Board of Education.

Voters will select two members of the board at an election scheduled for April 18.

Papers have been filed by Jim Peters of 3747 W. 168th St. and John Kirby of 1812 Plaza Del Amo. Kirby listed his occupation an anti-narcotics educator. Peters gave no occupation.

DEADLINE for filing papers to become a candidate is March 3. Paul Mackey, a consultant for the Torrance Unified School District, said. Mackey said the papers must be in the office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools by 5 p.m. March 3.

Applications may be obtained from the County Superintendent's Office, Division of Elections, 155 W. Washington Blvd., or at the administrative offices of the Torrance school district, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

THERE IS no filing fee, Mackey said, but candidates who wish to submit statements of qualifications for distribution to voters with the sample ballots will be required to pay for the printing and mailing costs. A deposit of \$5 per 1,000 registered voters — about \$255 in Torrance — will be required.

The terms of Dr. Kurt T. Shery and Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts will expire in May. Although neither had filed papers as of Friday afternoon, both Dr. Shery and Mrs. Watts are expected to seek re-election to the board.



FAIR AWARDS . . . William Zecher, principal of Seaside Elementary School, presents awards to Michael Carnahan, a sixth grader, and Eileen Pollock, a seventh grader, following judging in the school's Academic Fair. Michael won first prize in the middle grade art category and Eileen was judged the winner of the upper grade social science category.

Election On Plan Demanded

A referendum on the city's plans to make a house-to-house inspection for building code compliance to qualify for federal urban renewal funds was urged this week by residents of a North Torrance area selected for the first visits from the inspection team.

At a meeting between homeowners representatives and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement Thursday evening, the homeowners stood fast on their demands that the city seek ways to call off the inspectors.

THE MEETING had been called at the suggestion of the City Council which delayed the forced inspection code in an effort to ease the opposition to the plan.

Much of the opposition has stemmed from those basically opposed to urban renewal, city officials have said.

Edward Kessler, 4170 W. 172nd St., acting as chairman of the North Torrance homeowners, told members of the citizens committee that this group was interested in alternatives to the forced inspection. The Uniform Housing Code, source of the dispute, was called a "bad law" by Kessler.

SEVERAL residents told the Press-Herald after the meeting that nothing had been settled. Most seemed convinced that a referendum on the ordinance would be the only way to keep the inspectors out of their homes.

A meeting of the North Torrance area residents has been called for Monday evening at 7:30 at Madison Ele. (See HOUSING on A-3)

PARADE SCHEDULED

City Plans Giant Salute to Scouts

More than 5,000 Scouts will march down Torrance Boulevard Saturday, Feb. 4, in one of the nation's largest observances of Boy Scout Week.

Charles Cederlof, public relations manager for Glendale Federal Savings and general chairman of the Parade Steering Committee, said the Scouts will be joined by as many as 15 high school, military, and youth bands.

Present for the huge parade will be mayors of many South Bay cities, county Board of Supervisors, and Scouting Executives of the Los Angeles Area Scout Council.

"World of Good Turns" will be the parade theme for which Scouts have prepared a number of floats and displays.

The parade scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., will last about 90 minutes. Cederlof said. Visiting dignitaries will be guests at a pre-parade breakfast at La Casita on the plaza of the Torrance Del Amo Shopping Center.

Last year's parade drew 7,000 participants and an audience estimated at 25,000 persons.

Assisting Cederlof is vice chairman Harry B. Gorman of Del Amo Properties Co. Gorman is a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance Kiwanis, Westchester Elks, and Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

PARADE committee chairmen include; David Halstead of Spraker and Halstead, finance; Bill Cibrowski of the Torrance city manager's office, city liaison; Dr. Robert Morton of the Torrance

schools, bands; Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department, traffic control, and Col. Paul Noel of Los Alamitos Air Station, military liaison.

Others are Ted Green of Ted Green Chevrolet, automobiles; Joe Doss of Mayfair Creameries, announcers; Howard Weichsel of Bullock's Realty Corp., breakfast; Ken Roberts, boy scout liaison, and John Heidt of Union Bank, special guests.

Guy Saleme is the publicity chairman for the parade. Jack Gardner of Great Lakes Properties and Gene Alfred of Harvey Aluminum are vice chairmen.

Projects of more than 200 students at Seaside Elementary School were displayed in the school cafeteria during the school's second annual academic fair.

Included in the displays were entries in the fields of language arts and reading, social science, and arts and music. Science projects will be exhibited later in the year at the school science fair.

Awards were presented in each of the categories to winners in the primary, middle, and upper grades.

Winners included: Language arts: primary — Cathy Chaput and Charles Powell, first place; Bruce Thompson and Steve Sanchez, second; Julie Komar and Marilyn Rawa, third; middle — Dan Daniels and Leon Wier, first. Joette Mizrahi, Jeanne Opalka, Nona Reynolds, Janice Hall, and Kevin Callahan, second; and Doretta Moe, Craig Dunn, John Brennan and Janet Luchfeld, third; upper — Marcia Nelson and Eileen Pollock, first; Mike Tilley, second; and De Ina Waggoner, third.

Social science: primary — room 22, Scott-Sorensen, and Brian Bubach, first; Rodney Hupe, Room 18, second; and Steve Gregory and Deborah Spadoni, third, middle — Tod Hakenson, Wendy Miller, John Heyning, and Mark Darata, first; Peggy Ford and Gail Nelson, second; Teres Maidment, Craig Schmitt and (See AWARDS on A-3)

Classrooms Cleared in Bomb Hoax

Classrooms at Arlington School were emptied about 3 p.m. Thursday after a woman caller told the school nurse a bomb at the school would go off at 3:30 p.m.

Police said Mrs. Muriel Cassidy, the school nurse, received the telephone call shortly before 3 p.m. Mrs. Cassidy told officers the woman told her, "There's a bomb planted on the school grounds and it will go off at 3:30 p.m. today."

Mrs. Cassidy said she notified the principal of the school, who cleared all classrooms and called police.

A search of the school buildings and grounds by police officers and Torrance firemen failed to turn up any evidence of a bomb.



ARMED FORCES DAY PLANS . . . Representatives of the five branches of the Armed Forces take a coffee break during a session held here Thursday to plan for the May 20 Armed Forces Day Parade. From the left are Cmdr. Sidney Rudin, commander of the Santa Monica Naval Reserve Center; Lt. Col. Harvey

Stockwell, Senior Army instructor, Long Beach Unified School District ROTC; City Clerk Vernon W. Coil; Major James L. Chatman, 414th Fighter Group, Oxnard AFB; Maj. William F. Sheehan, Naval ROTC, USC; and Lt. James Monahan, 11th Coast Guard District, Long Beach. (Press-Herald Photo)

Seaside Academic Fair Winners Receive Awards

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Pick Owens To Head Area Organization

J. Walker Owens, general manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been elected president of the Southern California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Owens has been a member of the 200-member organization since he took over the management of the Torrance Chamber four years ago. He has been a chamber executive since 1939.

Other officers include John Regan of Pasadena, first vice president; Jack Barnett of Newport Harbor, second vice president; and Bob Sweany of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer.

Business Survey Under Way

A survey to forecast the business outlook for Torrance in 1967 is currently being conducted by the Chamber of Commerce. Utilizing a questionnaire which has been sent to a wide cross section of the business community, the Chamber will compile a statistical report which it hopes will indicate clearly this year's business trends, President Don Hyde said. Covered in the questionnaire are areas of employment, sales income, and sales area. Businessmen also are asked to comment on prices, employment, and wages in their own firms.

Library Friends Win Backing

Members of the West Torrance Lions Club became one of the first Torrance service clubs to join the newly organized Torrance Friends of the Library Thursday when the club's board of directors approved a gift of \$50 to assist the group in its program on behalf of the city's libraries. President George Swade announced approval of the gift after Mrs. Shirley Foote, who as elected interim president of the library backers, addressed the regular meeting of the group. Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, former assistant city manager, arranged the program and introduced Mrs. Foote.

Minister Sentencing Set

The Rev. C. T. Walberg, 61, and the Rev. Wayne Davidson, 38, will return on Feb. 10 for probation and sentence hearings following their conviction this week on charges of violating the State Corporate Securities Act. The Rev. Mr. Walberg was convicted of 10 violations and the Rev. Mr. Davidson with 9 in connection with a plan to purchase the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel to use as a home for senior citizens. The two men were accused of getting more than \$500,000 from church followers. The maximum fine on the charges is \$5,000. The jail term is 1 to 10 years.