

GOP Candidate Outlines New Program for Harbor

Joe Blatchford, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th District, has called for a five-point federal program to give the Los Angeles Harbor "a new voice, a new program, and a new life."

Speaking at the opening of his Wilmington campaign headquarters last weekend, the young candidate said the residents and industries have contributed too much to the United States to now be ignored by the federal government.

Blatchford, who lives in San Pedro, said his election would give the Harbor its first "real representative" in more than 25 years. "I live here; my wife was born here," he noted. "Our relatives, all of Yugoslav extraction, have had a large stake in this area for many years."

"I give you my pledge tonight," he said, "that I will work in Washington to meet these needs of our area, needs that must be met if we are to regain our proper place in the nation."

These payments are usually provided for sons and daughters between the ages of 18 and 26. Mort Webster, manager of the VA regional office in Los Angeles, said, "The program is intended for education beyond the secondary school level, he said, but there are some exceptions. Marriage does not bar this benefit."

AN ELIGIBLE person may receive up to 36 months of schooling—or the equivalent of 36 months if enrolled part time. Monthly payments are lower if the enrollment is for less than full time and no payment is authorized for less than half time.

Schooling Benefits Explained

The Veterans Administration will pay up to \$230 a month to help educate each son and daughter of a deceased veteran who died in service or of a service-connected disability or one who has been totally and permanently disabled as a result of honorable service.

Eligible people of legal age may file their own application for this program with a Veterans Administration Office, Webster said. For minor children, the parent or guardian must file, he added.

SPECIAL restorative training may be provided to young men or women unable to pursue an education because of some physical or mental disability. It consists of training such as speech and voice correction, lip-reading, Braille reading and writing, and the like. More than 125,000 students have been helped in the program since 1956 when it was established.

Brokerage Firm Sets Opening

Shearson, Hammill & Co. will open its Del Amo Financial Center branch about Dec. 1, it was announced by Thomas S. Green, vice president of the New York Stock Exchange member firm.

Shearson will occupy the upper level of one of the circular pavilion buildings. According to Green, the new 8,000-square-foot office will have complete customer facilities including a board room and the latest electronic equipment. The branch will have 65 employees with Green as resident manager. Temporary quarters have been taken on the 12th floor of Union Bank Tower.

Shearson becomes the third stock brokerage firm at Del Amo Financial Center. Bateman Eichler, Hill Richards, Inc., and E. F. Hutton & Co. are now open.

The company, headquartered in New York City, has 60 offices. Del Amo will be its 12th Southern California branch.

Supervisors Commemorate Mrs. Shidler

County Supervisors, on the motion of Burton W. Chace, have honored the memory of a pioneer Torrance resident who died last week.

The board adjourned its meeting Aug. 20 in memory of Mrs. Mina Martha Shidler, mother of Superior Court Judge John A. Shidler.

"Mrs. Shidler lived in Torrance for 45 years and was one of the community's most respected citizens," Supervisor Chace said.

BLATCHFORD'S five proposals are:
 • Restoration of the fishing industry, which "has been allowed to decline by government inaction on important research towards new equipment and when our boats are seized in open seas."
 • Restoration of the fishing Merchant Marine, which Blatchford noted has been allowed to fall to 6th place in size and 14th in number of ships built annually.
 • Establishment of a "College-of-the-Sea" in the Harbor to serve as the base for research and training in ocean-related science and industry.
 • Creation of "a genuine and scandal-free World Trade Center," utilizing the vast facilities on Terminal Island.
 • A return to Harbor com-

THE WILMINGTON headquarters, Blatchford's third so far in the 17th Congressional District, will be directed by a local committee of five businessmen—Hal Ezell and Carlos Villalobos, co-chairmen, and Alfredo Pacheco, Raul S. Cardona and Manuel Gonzales Jr.

The headquarters, at 1037 Avalon Blvd., was opened by more than 100 supporters who took the opportunity to meet Blatchford and his wife, Winnie.

Blatchford's other headquarters are located at 787 9th St. in San Pedro and 3931 Artesia Blvd. in Torrance.

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