

James Burris

Funeral services for James Burris, who died Oct. 30, were conducted last Saturday with the Rev. Johnson of the San Pedro Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Burris, a resident of the area for 34 years, was born Feb. 9, 1900, in Union Town, Ky. He was retired from Conley Pacific Construction Co. of San Pedro.

Surviving Mr. Burris are his widow, Helen of Torrance; two sons, James E. of Torrance and Gilbert of Westminster; a daughter, Evelyn Murray of Paramount; two brothers; a sister; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Florence Ward

Funeral services for Florence Edith Ward, 2300 Ives Lane, Redondo Beach, were conducted this morning at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel by the Rev. Melvin James. Burial was in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Mrs. Ward, who died Saturday at a Torrance hospital, was born March 4, 1914, in

Benefit Set for EC Choir

A benefit concert by the "Grand Land Singers" will be presented Friday, Nov. 15 in the El Camino College auditorium at 8 p.m. with proceeds going to help finance the appearance of the ECC Chorale at the American Association of Junior Colleges' convention in Atlanta, Ga., in the spring.

Tickets are available for \$1 in the ECC bookstore.

Texas. She had lived in the area for seven years.

Surviving Mrs. Ward are her husband, Justin; a son, Justin Jr. of Redondo Beach; a brother, Robert Harless of Tehachapi; a sister, Lucia Veasy of Arizona; and five grandchildren.

Bjarne Ludwigsen

Funeral services for Bjarne Leander Ludwigsen, who died Saturday, will be conducted tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Ludwigsen, who was born July 8, 1907 in Bergen, Norway, had lived in the area for 27 years.

He is survived by his widow, Roxie M. of Palos Verdes Estates; three sons, William Parker of Wilmington, Robert W. Parker of Kingsberg, and Paul E. Parker of Torrance; a sister, Jenny Vetaas of Norway; two brothers, Finn and Berger, both in Norway; an uncle, Jerry Henderson of Glendale; and six grandchildren.

The Redondo Beach Masonic Lodge will officiate at the rites and burial will follow in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Audrey Brothers

Graveside services for Audrey Wayne Brothers, who died Nov. 1 at his Torrance home, were conducted Monday at Inglewood Park Cemetery with Halverson-Leavell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brothers, born Dec. 25, 1921, in Texas, had lived in the area for 20 years. His home was at 721 Pacific Lane.

He is survived by his mother, Ida Brothers of Inglewood, and a brother, Vermal of Los Angeles.

... Charter

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THE PROPOSED charter calls for a primary municipal election to be held 21 days before the general election, with the candidate winning the majority of the votes in the primary winning the election.

White also criticized the new provision that the city manager should be allowed to select department heads from among all eligible candidates on the exam list. He would rather require the manager to choose one from the top three candidates.

Speaking for the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Donald F. Mead complimented the committee for its many volunteer hours of productive work. She said that a League study of the charter had produced four main conclusions:

- Support of the council-manager plan for Torrance;
- Deletion of current illegal sections;
- The city treasurer should not be elected;
- And professional legal help should be obtained in preparing the charter.

Mrs. William Geisert, also of the League, said the Planning Commission should put greater emphasis on city planning.

PLANNING Commissioner Kenneth Uyeda commented that the city currently has a "very efficient, simple way of planning in Torrance," stating that planning in other parts of the country is suffering because city councils and planning

commissions have adopted master plans.

He said the current system offers little opportunity for graft and conflict of interest. Uyeda said he opposes the addition of a new appeals board or zoning board, to which developers could go for additional compromises. He favors retaining the City Council as the highest appeal on land use matters.

Lieutenant Charles Oates of the Torrance Police Officers Association objected to a city manager's having absolute power over department heads, particularly the police chief. A corrupt city manager, appointing a puppet chief, Oates said, could lead to "vice, gambling, and prostitution" that might take "years to clean up."

OATES SAID policemen want to work for career police leaders chosen on the merit system.

Oates also objected to the establishment of a Personnel Appeals Board because its "quasi-judicial powers" might make it a forerunner of a Police Review Board.

The police spokesman added that the city clerk and treasurer should be appointed by the City Council or elected, but not appointed by the city manager.

He also called for a city attorney elected by the people. Such an attorney, he said, would render more objective legal opinions and wouldn't be swayed by what the City Council wants him to present in his opinions.

Larry Bowman, chairman of the Charter Review Committee, noted that the current draft of the city charter is only tentative, and may undergo many revisions before a final draft is presented to the City Council. Approval of Torrance voters and the State Legislature are required before the charter is accepted.

... Police

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Sunyich said he "must give equal credit to each police chief in the area on this effort. Redondo Beach just happens to be processing the application."

Top priority will be given to the regional crime lab. A laboratory in this area, Sunyich said, will permit the processing of evidence and its subsequent certification much quicker. That work is now done for local cities by the Sheriff's Department on an "if available" priority basis, Sunyich said.

IMPROVEMENT of police communications also will be given a top priority it was noted. Under the present system, two radio frequencies are shared by area cities—Torrance and Gardena have one frequency and the second is used by El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach.

The third study will be directed at establishment of a criminal data information bank to provide all area police departments with modern electronic data processing equipment.

To qualify for the funds, area cities are in the process of forming a Criminal Justice Planning Association. Such a group, which would coordinate all programs in the area, is required for participating in the federal program.

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... Returns

(Continued from Page A-1) dine Anne Dowd, American Independent, polled 2,446 votes. Six precincts had not reported.

ASSEMBLYMAN Vincent Thomas of the 68th District was elected to his 14th consecutive term. Democrat Thomas polled 38,895 votes, compared with 21,478 for Republican challenger Paul Lookinland. Steve Anna, American Independent, received 1,732 votes.

And in the 25th State Senate District, Robert S. Stevens, a Republican, was re-elected. With 568 of 593 precincts reporting, Stevens had 139,140 votes to 66,380 for Democrat Joe Reichmann.

Torrance voters approved Proposition T, a school override tax measure which will keep the current tax ceiling of \$3.30 per \$100 assessed valuation in force for another five years. The tax issue received 36,338 "Yes" votes and 13,520 "No" votes with nearly all precincts reporting.

COUNTYWIDE returns gave Democrat Alan Cranston a victory over Dr. Max Rafferty in the race for the U. S. Senate. Cranston ap-

peared early this morning to have won the statewide balloting. With all but 105 of the county's precincts tabulated, Cranston had 1,305,241 to 1,193,345 for Dr. Rafferty.

Richard M. Nixon carried Los Angeles County in Presidential balloting. The count, with 105 precincts to be counted, was 1,225,854 for Nixon, 1,188,490 for Hubert Humphrey, and 146,690 for George C. Wallace. California appeared headed into the Nixon column, although the Republican was still short of the needed electoral votes to win the Presidency.

VOTERS in Los Angeles

County rejected the rapid transit measure, Proposition A. With 6,981 precincts reporting of a total 7,086, Proposition A had received 1,055,099 "Yes" votes and 1,303,025 "No" votes. The measure required a 60 per cent "Yes" vote for approval.

County voters, reflecting a trend throughout the state, also rejected Proposition 9, the Watson amendment, which would have limited property taxes to 1 per cent of market value. The measure got 1,024,570 "Yes" votes and 1,360,959 "No" votes. Proposition 1-A, the Legislature's tax relief proposal, was approved.

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