

OUTSIDERS MOVE TO BLOCK WRESTLING BOUTS HERE

Eight Candidates to Vie For Two Council Posts

Posters, election cards and dodgers began making their appearance about town this week, following the deadline last Thursday for filing Council candidates' petitions.

The race narrowed to a field of eight candidates, with the filing of declarations to run by two last-minute registrants.

A. J. Patronsky, 740 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, a salesman; and Carl S. Mirabella, 17220 Wilkie avenue, a boiler-maker.

Other candidates to seek the two councilmanic posts left vacant by Mayor J. Hugh Sherry Jr. and Councilman A. L. Jackson, both of whom "scratched" themselves from the race, include the following who

is Way, Seaside Ranchos, salesman; Willys G. Blount, The race for treasurer turned into a two-party race with the late filing of Charles B. Mitchell, 1323 Madrid avenue, service station manager. He will run against Mrs. Margaret Folger, 2027 1/2 Anacapa avenue, incumbent.

For city clerk it is a two-way go-between A. H. Bartlett, 1618 Amapola avenue, incumbent, and Robert E. "Bui" Lee, 1314 Date avenue, a forman at Mayfair Creamery.

Due to space limitations candidates' statements will appear next week.



V. E. "VIC" BENSTEAD
... Council Candidate —Photo Arts Studio



A. J. PATRONSKY
... For Council —Herald Photo



FRANK SCHMIDT
... On Council Ballot —Kenneth Beer photo



CARL MIRABELLA
... Seeks Council Post —Herald Photo



CHARLES B. MITCHELL
... For Treasurer —Dick Lee Photo

Today's Weather
Mostly cloudy today and tomorrow, but no rain in the immediate vicinity. Some small patches of fog are expected early each day with later intermittent sunshine. Highest temperature today expected to be about 64 degrees.

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Swimming Pool Scratched Off Ballot; Bus Line Issue Clouded

Optimist Fight To Stage Youth Benefit Bouts

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Herald Sports Editor

Out-of-town wrestling promoters are robbing Torrance youngsters of a chance to "keep off the streets."

They are also attempting to stop a sizable donation from going to the March of Dimes.

Further, one promoter expressed doubt that the Optimist Club here "would be beneficial to the game."

Tweed Jolly, Optimist president and Delbert Vaughn, chairman of the club's wrestling promotion committee, revealed this week that owners of the Wilmington Bowl and Long Beach Wrestling Arena had filed protests with the State Athletic Commission to prevent wrestling bouts from being staged in Torrance. The Optimist Club had not even had a chance to file an application with the commission.

Proceeds of the Torrance matches were planned by the club to aid the local March of Dimes campaign first. Then other charities and children's projects, including a woodworking shop, were to benefit from the proceeds of the bouts.

Although Ernest O. Steffen, promoter of Wilmington Bowl wrestling, wrote to the commission that he doubted that a service club such as the Optimists, would be "beneficial to the game," William Smith, assistant chief inspector of the Athletic Commission in Los Angeles, said there was no altruism behind Steffen's protest—only dollars.

Smith also discounted the contention of Harry Rubin, Long Beach wrestling promoter, that the harbor area has sufficient wrestling arenas. Smith said there are only two arenas at Wilmington and Long Beach. The nearest in any other direction are the Southwest Arena at 53rd street and Western avenue, and one in Ocean Park.

Staying completely neutral, Smith said Steffen's argument that service clubs are not "beneficial to the game" could be viewed from the fact that the American Legion has long sponsored wrestling in Los Angeles, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Lancaster has been sponsoring wrestling matches for some time.

Steffen also complained there is not now enough wrestling talent "to go around among the clubs" which are at present in operation.

Delbert Vaughn, who learned of the protests when he called the commission to make an appointment to discuss the Optimists' plans, said Rubin's protest that Long Beach has a

Gamblers Have Foot in Door Says C of C Board

Voicing unanimous disapproval of Amendment Number Nine, the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday took a strong stand against the passage of the Charter Amendment labeling the change as the "opening wedge for gambling games."

The Amendment, one of 14 to be voted on by the people of

Doubt Expressed Over Legality Of Propositions

The City Council drew a line through Proposition No. 1 to scratch the swimming pool issue from the April ballot and simultaneously placed a large question mark after the proposition to sell the bus lines.

The proposition to place before the electorate a \$250,000 bond issue to finance the construction of a swimming pool was scratched from the ballot when it was declared that certain legal requirements had not been met before the issue was placed on the ballot.

Councilman Bob L. Haggard, who proposed both issues, made the motion to have them removed from the ballot.

"The people believe they are to vote for the construction of a swimming pool. I am informed no bond-purchasing agent would buy the bonds because of an unanticipated legal snag which occurred in the haste to put the issue before the people. I have been informed the same condition exists relative to the bus line sale. If this is true, it would be an unnecessary expense and misleading to the people to let them think they are voting for or against the sale of the bus lines. I am informed by the City Attorney that the vote on the sale of the bus lines will be merely informative, for the guidance of the City Council," Councilman Haggard explained.

City Attorney C. Douglass Smith agreed that the swim-

Little White Lie Who Could Tell This Ebbing Teenage Girl the Real Truth

Hope that an incurably ill Walteria girl can spend her last few remaining days at home with her loved ones hinged today on kind-hearted assistance from the family's many friends and sympathizers.

Fifteen-year-old Hettie Yoes, the most unfortunate member of an unlucky family, is in Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, for what she thinks is minor medical attention.

"She doesn't know she's going to die—that she hasn't got a chance," her mother said today, choking back the tears.

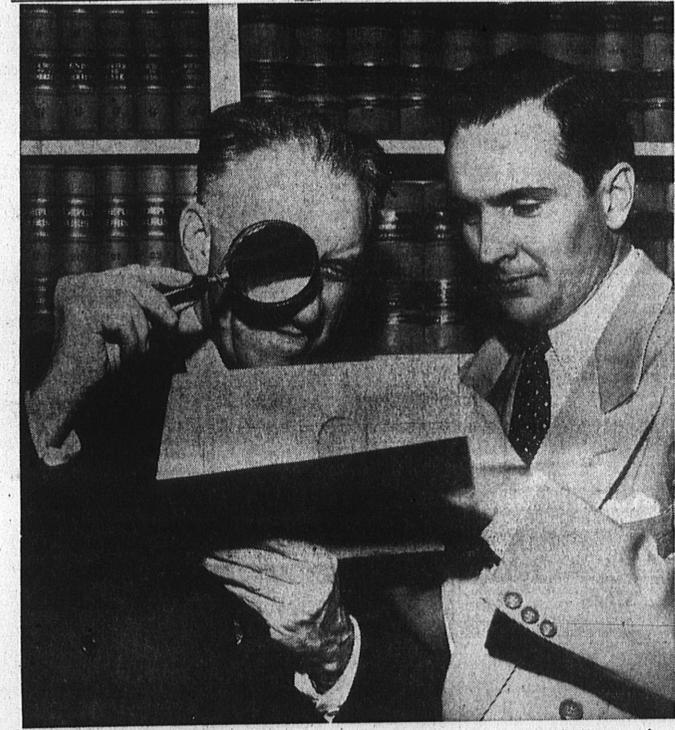
A typically healthy Torrance High teenager only a few months ago, Hettie is stricken with cancer of the lungs, a hopeless case.

The ailment requires a multitude of blood transfusions, special medicine, and X-Ray treatments, and her mother, Mrs. Margaret Martin, of 24461 Madison street, has no idea where the money is going to come from.

Mrs. Martin's husband, an oil worker, has arthritis and has been unable to work for the past eight months while Hettie's treatment has drained away the family's resources.

Hearing of their plight, local residents and organizations are banding together to ease the financial burden. Blood has been donated, food contributed, and funds sent. The Walteria Business Association, the P.T.A., the Pandora Club, the Red Cross and the American Cancer Society have all contributed all they can.

But more is needed to bring Hettie home, where her last days can be made bearable.



PETTIT IN CLEAR . . . Even a magnifying glass perusal of the fine print in Paul Pettit's \$100,000 contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates doesn't reveal to Lefty's father, George Pettit, anything wrong as charged this week by the New York Herald Tribune. Pettit's attorney Boris Woolley, right, says, "There's nothing in the world they can do to the boy except give him another \$100,000, perhaps." That would be in case Paul's contract was found illegal. But Pettit's dad says: "We don't want another \$100,000. Paul wants to pitch for the Pirates." And off to the Pirates' farm team, the New Orleans Pelicans, this week went Paul to pitch there a season before joining the big leaguers in 1951.

Rites Held for Columbia Hospital Plan Organizer

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for John Henry Hanks, organizer and manager of the Columbia Steel Employees Hospital Plan, Inc., who was killed in an auto crash last Thursday.

Hanks, full time manager of the hospital plan boasting 1000 members, was killed in a crash nine miles south of King City, California.

He was returning from a business trip to Sacramento with his wife, Mrs. Geneva Hanks and his 12-year-old son, Robert Ray Hanks.

Mrs. Hanks and son Robert

TARTAR ART STUDENTS WIN AWARD

Certificates of Merit have been awarded to Bill Kennedy, Eric Gatley, Zola Bellwood and Mary Ridge, students of Torrance High School, for their outstanding art work on display now through Saturday, March 11, in the 1950 Southern California Scholastic Art Exhibition at Bullock's Downtown.

This exhibition of junior and senior high school art work, co-sponsored by Scholastic Magazine and Bullock's, is one of 42 new being held throughout the nation. A national exhibition will be held at the Carnegie Fine Art Galleries, Pittsburgh in May.



JOHN HANKS
... Crash Victim

were treated at the King City hospital for cuts and bruises; Hanks died at the hospital 44 hours after the accident.

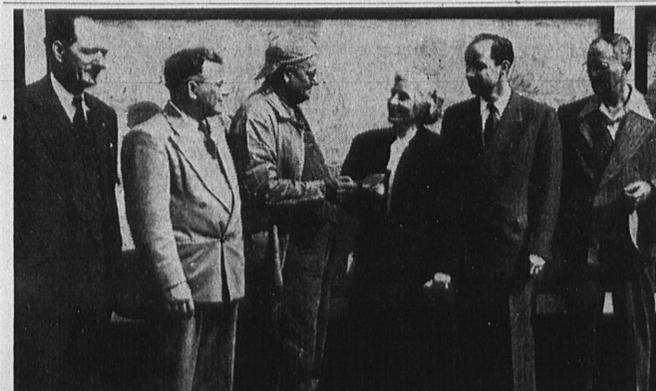
Sheriff's deputies said that Hanks' auto was struck while making a sweeping turn by another auto, which they said was speeding at approximately 80 miles per hour at the time of the crash.

Hanks joined Columbia Steel in 1933 as a worker in the rolling mill. In 1937 he helped organize the Hospital Plan and in October of 1947 he left Columbia to accept full-time management of the local organization.

The services were conducted by Rev. Paul Wenske of the First Lutheran Church, Interment was in the Angeles Abbey Mausoleum in Compton. The services were conducted at the Stone and Myers Chapel.

Surviving also are two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Emma Hornback, 909-B Savaria avenue, and Mrs. Dolores Puffer of El Segundo.

Serving as pallbearers were Ray Hall, Houston; Hall, Rockville Hall, and Loyal Hall, all brothers-in-law of the late insurance executive and Wather Puffer and Roger Hornback, both sons-in-law.



LEAD THE PARADE . . . Members of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 114, moved right to the head of the March of Dimes this week with the presentation of a check for \$783.01 to Dimes Chairman Mrs. Clara Conner. The entire sum was solicited by workers at Columbia Steel. On hand for the occasion were (left to right) Alex McJannet, president of the union; V. E. Benstead, assistant chairman of the plant drive; Frank W. Smith, chairman of the union's March of Dimes committee; Mrs. Conner; Don Hyde, representing the company, and Carl Steele, union official.—Herald photo.

Recreation Head Suggests Pool, Parks for City

Acquisition of a 30-acre site at Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards and the construction of a swimming pool were two of the recommendations presented to the City Council Tuesday night by Ferdinand A. Bahr, recreation specialist, for the California State Recreation Commission.

Bahr's report, an extensive survey of the recreational facilities in Torrance and Lomita, included recommendations that the city acquire park lands adjacent to the North Torrance and Seaside Ranchos Schools.

He also urged the development of Fern Avenue Park and Waleria, and El Retiro Park. He said the park areas should include lighted tennis courts, and softball fields, picnic areas, recreation buildings, all-purpose athletic court areas, and children's play areas.