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VOTE-GETTERS . . . Pretty Margaret Davis perplexedly ponders the political potentialities of candidates Lee Mortenson, at left, and Dan Mayers, who seek the job of Torrance High School student body president. Elections for president as well as other student jobs are set for Tuesday.

'Politicos' Prepare For THS Campaign

It's not Ike, Taft or Kefauver that are holding the interest at Torrance High School, but Mayers and Mortenson who this week launch into an all-out back-slapping, hand-shaking campaign.

Dan Mayers and Lee Mortenson are candidates for the number one student job at the local high school, student body president, and along with some 45 other hopefuls make up the slate of 1952-53 officers which will be elected Tuesday.

Posters, placards and election gimmicks of all types started to make their appearance in hallways and schoolrooms Friday afternoon, but tomorrow all out vote getting is supposed to start on every political front.

Others seeking office are Jim Crain and Gene Davis, vice president; Berl Jones and Luddy Popovich, boys court judge; Suzie Benard, Lois Phelps and Janet Poh, girls court judge; Sally Cordes, Bonnie Rae March and Marcia Wright, commissioner of records.

Bill Oehlert, commissioner of athletics; Charles Connell, Carol Chapman and Bob Hopkins, commissioner of group control; Joan Stephens, commissioner of finance; Babs Hazard, Mickey Van DeVenter and Ignacia Vidale, commissioner of activities; Sally Hickman, Janice Knox and Bonnie Steele, commissioner of publications; Lynn Lorenz, commissioner of entertainment.

Candidates for Boys League offices are:
 Dave Forcier and Sid Staxrud, president; Harold Holmes and Tom Vanderpool, vice-president; Lloyd Finch and Orland Mattie, secretary-treasurer.

Running for Girls League offices are:
 Patsy Shaw, president; Pat Garrison, vice-president; Marie Hiebert and Jeanne Whitten, secretary; Mary Sue Basley, Sally Hayakawa and Sylvia Reed, treasurer; and Eileen Dawning, Mary Ann Shearer, Pat Merritt, Ignacia Vidal and Norma Quine, historian-reporter.

They Knew We Were Comin' So They Baked Some Cakes

An open house of cake decorating displays will be held on Thursday evening, May 29 in room 112 of Torrance High School from 7:30 to 9:30.

A wide variety of adult students' work will be on display including cakes of different seasons and occasions. Some very simple cakes and tarts will be on hand as well as elaborate ones. In addition to the display there will be several demonstrations by Meta C. Betts, instructor of the class, and by the students.

Opportunity will be given to both children and adults to see actual cake decorating as it will be carried out in the free adult classes to be held from June 23 to July 31.

Decorated little cakes will be given to visitors.

Jobs Waiting Here for 616, Official Says

The manhunt is still on around 1628 Cravens Ave. it was reported to the Herald yesterday. A report from Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the State Employment Service office located here, stated that her office is now seeking 616 persons to fill jobs on file at the office.

"Your recent news items have been instrumental in bringing many applicants into the office," Mrs. Ellis told a Herald reporter.

She said the job openings currently listed with that office include the following:

Professional and managerial (men and women) for credit and collection manager, production manager, assistant manager retail establishment, junior chemist, registered nurses, draftsmen (18).

Salespeople (men and women) for auto, real estate, women's wear, household appliances (19).

Clerical (men and women) for bookkeepers, typists, stenographers, key punch operators, account clerks, shipping clerks (19).

Service occupations (women) for waitresses, car hops, beauty operators, cooks, practical nurses, housekeepers, child care and a couple for housekeeper and gardener (41).

Industrial (women) for power machine operators and shirt press operators (6).

Skilled and semi-skilled (men only) for turret lathe operators, fitters, machinists, layout men, milling machine operators, engine lathe operators, electricians, squeeze molders, grinding operators, gagers, extrusion hand formers, roll turners, molders, sheet metal men, automatic screw machine operators, precision inspectors, coremakers, electric bridge crane operators, jig and fixture men, aircraft assemblers, furniture upholsterers, auto mechanics, motor analysts, body men, and drivers (313).

Various skilled laborers (men only—must be 18 or over) (200). The only part-time jobs available at the present time are for a stenographer and a beauty operator.

CITY PETITIONS COURT TO O.K. WATER BONDS

Boys Ransack, Set Fire to House of Family on Trip

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Police Nab \$60,000 Payroll Check Faker

The career of a get-rich-quick phony-check writer who netted nearly \$2000 in two days from the tills of local merchants last September, was believed brought to a sudden halt last week as Santa Cruz sheriff's men jailed a man and confiscated a small printing press, it was learned yesterday.

Police said that the check artist had advanced his "business" into a \$60,000 enterprise—all done with the aid of payroll checks printed with the names of fictitious factories and firms.

Detained by Santa Cruz authorities on a long list of forgery counts is a suspect identified as Emmet Stanley Rush according to information received by Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett, Torrance Police Department.

Bennett said that Rush blew into Torrance last September 29 and over the week-end spread around a flock of checks supposedly issued by the Ryan Tool and Die Corp., 1801 Torrance Blvd., a non-existent factory. All of the rubber checks, each written for \$104.36, was made out to "J. G. Downs."

Roll warrant, Rush's checks were carefully signed, typed and "insured" by use of a mechanical check-writing instrument.

Graduation lists for El Camino College released yesterday reveal that 23 students from this area will participate in the college's commencement exercises to be held on the campus June 13.

The commencement, which will be held in the college stadium, will be open to the public, officials say. Families and friends of the graduating class have been given a special invitation by the college to attend the ceremonies.

Those graduating from this area include:

Betty Lynn Brannum, 1803 Gramercy Ave.
 Robert L. Chambers, 2325 El Dorado St.
 Joan M. Demont, 2317 Sonoma St.
 William B. Dominguez, 2015 Arlington Ave.
 Patricia Elliott, 2512 W. Carson St.
 Warren M. Ellis, Gramercy Ave.
 Eric B. Gately, 3408 W. 155th Pl.
 Walter S. Hillier, 1617 Arlington Ave.
 Janell M. Holle, 17017 Falda Ave.
 Paul H. Hutton, 703 Cota.
 Rita E. Kennedy, 5314 Reese Rd.
 Gerald K. Lynch, 1604 Juniper.
 John F. McDouglck, 1511 Chancery.
 Joan M. Melvin, 3767 W. 242nd St.
 Birtha T. Olson, 2422 Neese Ave.
 Alexander Pavluk, 818 Portola Ave.
 Robert H. Pooler, 22216 Huber Ave.
 Mary M. Ruckle, 2320 W. 188th St.
 Clarence T. Schebler, 1805 Annapolis.
 Phyllis J. Shearer, 2516 Gramercy Ave.
 Stephen Silkotch, 1749 W. 283rd St.
 Richard H. Singleton, 1808 Bogina Ave.
 William H. Wernett Jr., 1515 Beech Ave.

Sgt. Muhleck Back
 Sgt. R. A. Muhleck, 922 Sartori Ave., was among 928 Marine and Navy veterans scheduled to dock yesterday at the Oakland Naval Supply Center. They were to arrive on the transport Gen. John Pope.

EMETT S. RUSH
 . . . No more checks

The following Tuesday, when the worthless notes entered the bank clearing house, the suspect and his blond female accomplice were not to be found. Bennett said that the woman still has not been located.

Rush pleaded guilty to three counts of forgery, a felony, in a Santa Cruz court. Police here, with Ingelwood, will file three forgery complaints, it was learned.

Printed as neatly as any pay-

Employment Interviewer
 An employment interviewer from the Hughes Aircraft Co. will be at the Employment Office here all day tomorrow, it was announced yesterday. He is seeking 150 experienced men-

operators, cooks, practical nurses, housekeepers, child care and a couple for housekeeper and gardener (41).

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SALVAGE WORK . . . Torrance firemen Charles Robinson, wearing mask, and Ed Polston brave the smoke and heat to carry out portions of a burning mattress from a house at 229th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Fire was set by two small boys who earlier had ransacked the house. Owners were away on vacation.

Juveniles Ransack, Set Fire to House

Petitions to remand to Juvenile Court two small boys who admittedly ransacked and then set fire to a Pennsylvania Ave. house and later ignited several fires in a nearby grassy field will be filed in Los Angeles Superior Court this week, Sgt. D. C. Cook, Torrance Police Department juvenile officer, said yesterday.

The boys, 7 and 8 years old, will be slated to appear before a juvenile referee with their parents as soon as the petition has been accepted, it was stated.

Police said the lads entered the home of Leonard Cole, 2410 W. 229th St., Wednesday evening and set fire to one bedroom. The Coles had been away on vacation for nearly a week.

At some earlier date, officials reported, the lads ransacked the small frame house, tearing up bed clothing, emptying the contents of drawers throughout the house and piling furniture on top of beds.

Firemen, who were working two blocks away to extinguish a grass fire at 227th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., received a radio call to respond to the house fire and arrived before the flames did much damage.

Damage was confined to bed and articles of clothing, which had been strewn around the small sleeping room.

Firemen from two engine companies, directed by Acting Chief Gordon Northington and Capt. Gene Walker, quickly snuffed out all of the fires.

Superior Court Asked to O.K. Water Expansion

First big slash at the red tape tying up the \$2,000,000 water bond package was taken Thursday when City Attorney James Hall filed a petition for a writ of mandamus in Superior Court asking that the court order City Treasurer Harriett V. Leech to sign the bonds and interest coupons.

Red tape ensnaring the bond package dates back to 1933 when a Torrance land owner filed suit against the city seeking to void the action setting up the Municipal Improvement District No. 1, the city's first water district.

The suit (Wilcox vs. City of Torrance) was based on the assertion by Wilcox that the district, which comprised only a part of Torrance, would eventually add all of Torrance. It was the contention of the plaintiff that the revenue received in water fees and taxes from the district would be used to benefit others not in the district.

Courts at that time held that there was no evidence of such a possibility, either implied or inferred, and the State Supreme Court sustained the verdict. However, some of the dicta (opinions issued by a judge which have no bearing on the case being heard) created some uncertainties about the use of revenues from one district to pay off the bonds of another district.

"To clarify this uncertainty is the primary reason we are filing this mandamus suit against the city treasurer," Hall said yesterday.

Thursday's action started two weeks ago in the City Council when Mrs. Leech submitted a letter stating her refusal to sign the bonds and interest coupons after the council had adopted a resolution fixing the interest rates on the bonds.

The council then directed the city attorney to start legal proceedings to obtain a court order to require the city treasurer to sign the bonds.

In her letter to the council Mrs. Leech said that she refused to sign the bonds for three reasons:

1. The newly-created Municipal Water District No. 3 would include all of Municipal Improvement District Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and other areas.

2. That the consolidation of the three existing districts into one district (MWD No. 3) would make the districts inseparable and impossible to distinguish the revenues.

3. As a result of Ordinance 589 (which created the water department and established the rates for the new district) revenue derived from improvements acquired or constructed would be used to pay principal and interest of bonds of others contrary to the Supreme Court decision (in dicta) on Wilcox vs. City of Torrance in 1933.

Her objection is that funds derived from the areas which are included in the new MWD No. 3 would be used to pay off outstanding bonds of the other three districts which total \$461,000. MWD No. 1 has \$165 outstanding, MWD No. 2 has \$140,000, and MWD No. 3 has \$156,000.

The suit filed Thursday is to be contested on friendly grounds in an effort to get all of the questions settled judicially so the city can go ahead with the expansion of the water district. Plans for the 10,000,000-gallon reservoir in South Torrance and another reservoir in North Torrance arrived home Friday.

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