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Both Sides Tell Election Views

Councilman Willis G. Blount, who admitted that it was his vote which put the school election proposition on the April 10 ballot, told the approximately 120 guests at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting this week that he had changed his mind.

Under discussion at the meeting was Proposition No. 9 on the April ballot which calls for combining city and school elections. The city elections are now held on the second Tuesday in April each even year and the School Board elections are held on the third Friday in May of each even year. Most school elections throughout California are held at this time.

Blount's declaration that he had changed his mind on the issue came after Councilman Nick Draie spoke in opposition to the measure and Mrs. Herma Tillin spoke for the proposition.

"I personally am going to vote against the proposition—and I am going to urge all my friends to vote against it," Blount told members of the TEAC at the luncheon meeting.

(After voting to put the measure on the ballot last January Blount asked to go on record as saying "yes" on the issue because "it is my opinion that if the people of the City of Torrance are given the facts, they will vote the way they think best at the time of voting and therefore this question can be decided by the ballot.")

Free Cooking School Slated For Next Week

Final plans are being set for this week for the three-day free America district finals and the free Cook-O-Rama being sponsored here next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday under the joint sponsorship of the Torrance HERALD, Southern California Gas Co., Torrance Recreation Department, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Tenny Gray, gas company representative who is supervising the arrangements for the three-day event, said details of the Mrs. America finals for Torrance, including and the school city had been virtually completed, even to the naming of the judges.

The Benstead-Ilsen proposal has been opposed mainly on the grounds that it would require the school district to share the costs of the expensive city elections that taking away from available funds for school purposes, and would interfere with city and school issues in a single campaign.

Councilman Draie told the TEAC membership that he favored establishment of more frequent elections.

Chamber of Commerce board members voted this week to support ballot propositions but to oppose No. 9—the proposal to consolidate city and school elections.

Judging Wednesday

The judging on the stage of the Torrance Civic Auditorium next Wednesday evening will see the Mrs. America Cook-O-Rama which will be held on Thursday and Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Selection of the Torrance candidate will be completed here tonight.

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Judges for the final event next week are Mrs. Helen Goodrich, home economist for the University of California; Mrs. Betty Wilder, formerly a professional home economist, now a Rolling Hills resident; Miss Florence Hart, chairman of the same economics department of Redondo; Thelma High School; Miss Marilyn Jensen, supervisor of girls' and women's activities at the Torrance Recreation Department; and Mrs. Esther Bode, vice president of the Inglewood Unified School District.

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The free cooking classes, conducted by Mrs. Margie Brown, home economist for the Southern California Gas Co., will be held on Thursday and Friday under the co-sponsorship of the HERALD and the gas company.

Several entertainment features have been arranged by Miss Jensen to make the program attractive to all homemakers.

Mrs. Brown, who will conduct both afternoon classes, will concentrate her 1956 demonstrations on the new features offered in gas range cooking and also will demonstrate the new gas clothes dryers.

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Among the cooking features to be stressed will be roasting broiling and top burner temperature control advantages.

The cooking school is free, and in addition several valuable awards will be made on each of the two days with a major award at the end of the show being the recipient's choice of the gas range or display.

This HERALD-sponsored cooking school has proved popular in past years, so those making the arrangements have a tip: Make your plans now to attend, and there a few minutes early.

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HOSPITAL PLANS DETAILED . . . Shown here for the first time is an architect's rendering of the new Westway Hospital to be located on Torrance Blvd. west of Hawthorne Ave. in Torrance. Designed by Architect Herman Charles Light, the new 100-bed hospital will include two major and two minor surgeries, two delivery rooms, radiology, laboratory, and emergency rooms. Total investment will be about \$1 million. The first 60-bed unit is scheduled to be started next month, according to Howard S. Miller, developer of the hospital plan.

Chace Seeks Re-Election To Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Burton W. Chace today announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself as County Supervisor of the Fourth District in the June primaries. His announcement carried the endorsement of every mayor in the district as well as a host of civil and religious leaders.

Chace said he will file his nominating petition with County Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite tomorrow.

Endorsement of the Fourth District mayors is a repetition of the successful election in 1954 when he received the largest vote of any supervisor seeking re-election that year.

"Working together not only with these fine community heads but with all of our constituents, we have been able to accomplish a great many things during the past several years, and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the needs of the people in what I consider one of the finest districts of our great County," Chace said.

He pointed out the decentralization of County services into the communities, the reorganization of all Fourth District beach areas in the County, and the increasing of the County's share of beach funds which were accomplished through his office.

In adding his endorsement to Chace's intention to seek re-election, Mayor Albert Isen said:

Points to Record

"The large group here today speaks of the general interest in the schools and the democracy under which they are operated," he said.

"I think we're strictly democratic," he emphasized.

Following the discussion on the ballot proposal, Business Manager Sherman Waldrip presented a brief roundup of the school building progress and Miss Gertrude Burbage presented a demonstration of the use of phonics as presently employed in the schools for reading instruction.

Chace Files for Re-Election . . . Supervisor Burton W. Chace (right) signs for nomination petitions for re-election to post from Fourth District while Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite looks on. Chace's area includes Long Beach, Torrance, and Santa Monica.

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North High Gives Play

"Young April," the first senior play in the history of North High School, will be presented March 24 at Torrance High School auditorium.

Tickets will be on sale next week.

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Chamber Breakfast Meeting Set Tuesday

John Baird, Southern California Gas Co. representative, will address the Tuesday morning breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on the title, "Paraphrase to San Joaquin."

A well-informed speaker who has appeared here several times before service clubs, Baird will explain the intricate network of pipelines which bring natural gases to the Southland.

All candidates for the City Council election have been invited to attend, but a "no speech" rule applies, according to Chamber Manager Tom Watson.

'This is It,' Thug Says, Then Fires

Police rounded up an AWOL soldier from Fort Ord Tuesday in Compton and charged him with the cold-blooded shooting of Lowden M. Booth, 38, at his Lomita service station Monday in an unsuccessful robbery attempt.

The truant soldier, Donald Heten, 20, is awaiting further investigation of the shooting in the Lennox Sheriff's Station.

Booth was reported to be in "good" condition late yesterday at Torrance Memorial Hospital, where he was transferred after the shooting.

Sheriff's deputies said Booth was changing a tire in the rear of his station, at 2801 Pacific Coast Hwy., at about 8:50 p.m. when the suspect asked him for change for the telephone. When the victim opened the register to accommodate Heten, the robber said, "This is it." He then shot Booth in the lower right chest and the bullet emerged from his back.

Sunday Closing Policy Adopted By Auto Dealers

Torrance's auto dealers will observe their second Sabbath closing next Sunday as they join other new and used car dealers all over Southern California in a new policy of closing their showrooms on Sunday.

Sought for many years by leaders in the auto sales industry, the Sunday closing was established area-wide last Sunday for the first time in many years.

Officials of Retail Clerks Union Local 777 claimed credit for the closing, saying it climaxed a three-week organizing campaign carried on by the union.

Car License Traced

Heten then left, without taking any money, got in a waiting car and drove off with a companion. He confessed the robbery attempt and shooting Tuesday when captured, authorities said.

Witnesses at the scene memorized the license number of the get-away car and deputies traced the number to an auto belonging to Robert Morales, 16, of Norwalk. Morales was booked on suspicion of robbery.

Further investigation revealed the description of Heten's auto and also the description of another accomplice, Joe Duron, 29, of Compton. Police arrested both suspects later, charging Duron with attempted robbery and Heten with suspicion of attempted murder and armed robbery.

Tartar Band Given High Contest Mark

The Tartar Band of Torrance High School returned from the District Music Festival at Bell Gardens with top honors last Friday. All three judges gave them a superior rating on their prepared numbers and the sight-reading judge rated them the same.

These accomplishments send the Tartar Band on to the Regional Festival, which is to be held at Fullerton on April 13 and 14.

Other Robberies

Heten also told authorities they said he had participated in three other service station holdups in the county.

Booth was rushed to Hillside Emergency Hospital after the shooting by Wright's Ambulance before being taken to Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Pilot, Plane Owner Face Flying Charges

Police and CAA officials are planning charges against a pilot and the owner of a plane as a result of a "reckless flying" incident late Tuesday afternoon at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Officials expected a complaint to be issued today against James C. Stolness, of San Pedro, pilot of the small plane, and Joseph F. Marley, the craft's owner. Authorities said they were called to the airport on complaints about the plane and found the pilot had been drinking, but was not drunk.

NTCIA to Have Dance On Saturday Evening

The North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. will celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with a Cotton and Jeans Dance at 2117 W. 174th St.

A buffet lunch will be included in the admission price; for information call FR 2-0823.

Prominent Residents Join Good Government Drive

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