

Timetable on Elections Given for City Voters

Torrance's biennial scramble for representation on the city council got under way officially last Thursday when the nomination period for candidates opened for the April 8 election.

The nomination period, during which time candidates may be nominated by petition signed by not less than five voters, continues until 12 noon, Feb. 13.

Deadline for changing registrations also is Feb. 13, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

At stake in the April 8 election will be the council posts now held by Albert Isen and Willys Blount, the additional seat authorized by the charter amendment approved last October, and the new elective office of mayor. After the smoke clears election day, the city will have a seven-man council, one of the seven being elected to serve as mayor.

Also on the line for the voters this year will be the offices of city clerk and city treasurer.

Now serving in those offices are City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and City Treasurer Harriet V. Leach.

Absentee ballot application may be made to the city clerk between March 19 and April 3. "War voters" may apply earlier.

A voter confined to a hospital, sanatorium, or nursery home and unable to go to the polls because of an illness or disability incurred after April 3 may apply for an absentee ballot on election day, Bartlett said.

Five Invited To Meetings About Youth

Five Torrance leaders have been included among those invited to the California Conference on Youth Participation in Community Affairs, Feb. 11 and 12, in Sacramento, it was announced this week.

Included among the Los Angeles County delegates invited by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight were Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Dale M. Harter, principal of North High School; W. Bruce Magner, principal of South High School; Rev. William Schatz, pastor, Seaside Community Church; and Mrs. Herma Tillim, former recreation commissioner and active in youth work.

In calling the convention, Governor Knight said "We will explore fully the broadening of opportunities for youths and advancing their general well-being and fitness."

General chairman of the conference will be George Hjelte, general manager of the Los Angeles city recreation and parks department.

April Opening Date Slated By Coleman

The Coleman Engineering Co. will open its new Torrance research plant early in April, company officials said yesterday.

The \$815,000 plant on Madonna Ave just south of Torrance Blvd., will employ about 320 persons. The firm will move its facilities from Culver City about March 28, with opening here set about April 2.

Most of the employees at the Culver City plant will be transferred to Torrance, although some additional people may be added here, officials reported.

The plant includes a laboratory and a combination engineering and administration building.

An open house will be held later, but no date was given.

The firm also has offices in Ohio, Washington, D. C., and Florida.

Professor to Join Local Firm's Staff

The advertising and public relations firm of John Popovich and Associates, 1733 Border Ave., announced that Dr. L. C. Hardy has joined its political staff.

Dr. Hardy received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1952. Since that time he has been active in the political and social sciences.

John Popovich, president of the firm, announced that his firm is now negotiating to handle the campaigns for several candidates on the state and local level.

Seven Narbonne Students With Choral Group

Seven students from Narbonne High School's glee club and a capella choir passed the audition required for membership in the All-Southern California Conference Chorus, which will sing at the national convention of the Music Educators National Conference, to be held in March at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

These seven will rehearse on Sunday afternoons under various conductors. They will then sing at the concert under the direction of Dr. Charles Hirt, head of the choral department at University of Southern California, and Dr. Howard Harrison of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y.

The students are Susan Marchant, Glenda White, Robin Ryland, Valerie Hyde, Marilyn Miller, Amber Inman, and Gene Benfer.

NHS Students Hear Pianist At Assembly

Frederic Sjobiarn, nationally known pianist presented a concert to the student body of North High School recently.

Highlights of his presentation were popular medleys of the latest songs. They included "The Chances Are April Love will turn Raunchy in the Jailhouse" and "I'm Available for Silhouettes with a Special Angel to Send Me." The program also included a medley of four from Gershwin, "American in Paris," "Rhapsody in Blue," "Slaughter on 10th Avenue," and "The Warsaw Concerto."

Other selections included "Laura," "The Saber Dance," "Stardust" and "Claire de Lune." He played an encore of "Till the End of Time."

Sjobiarn (pronounced "Shobairn") presented his first concert at the age of seven. He studied at the University of Southern California, Northwestern University, the Kansas City Conservatory and the American Conservatory.

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