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# ISEN WINS FIRST VOTE FOR MAYOR

## A Penny for your Thoughts

With satellites and charges flying, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked this question:

"In the light of the controversy which has raged since the Sputniks were launched, do you feel that the criticism of the schools and education are justified? Why?"

Mrs. Carlene Champion, 1342 W. 223rd St., housewife:  
"I don't think much of the schools nowadays. They don't teach as much as they should and not as many subjects. I'm going to transfer my children to parochial school."

Lynn Baker, 1820 Torrance Blvd., electric furnace operator:  
"A good part of it is justified. There is a big difference in the schools back East. Some are a grade ahead. There should be some changes made."

Mrs. Mary Cordes, 3338 Newton St., employment interviewer:  
"I think that the schools are doing a fine job, when you stop to consider the time they have allotted and all the children they have to take care of."

D. C. Howen, 330B Calle Miramar, aircraft writer:  
"I'm definitely from the old 3 R's system and I believe in that kind of teaching. I think that the new ideas which are being presented are definitely worth listening to."

Mrs. Deborah Adams, 23203 Meyler St., housewife:  
"I think the schools are too lenient today. They should clamp down on the students and make them study. Compared to the schools back East, some of the California schools are slipshod."

## Inquest Set For Localite

A coroner's inquest will be held April 17, 9 a.m., in the Hall of Justice concerning the recent death of Mrs. Priscilla Young of Wilmington. The 37-year-old mother of four children died March 31 at the home of a friend, Mrs. Mary Strong, 56, of 2216 W. 236th St. An autopsy report showed the woman died following an abortion. She also had a cardiac condition, doctors said.

## Seven in Race for Schools

Five more hats were tossed this week into what may be the liveliest race for the Torrance School Board in several years. Filing for places on the ballot in the May 16 election ends April 18.

New aspirants for the two posts on the School Board are two unsuccessful candidates in the 1956 election, William C. Boswell, 2842 Onrado, head of publications at North American Aircraft, and Dr. Donald G. Cortum, 333 Calle de Andaluca; Cecil Sampson, 4210 Carmen St., and Edward S. Ryon, 815 Calle de Arboles, teachers in Los Angeles and Palos Verdes, respectively, and E. Ray Walker, 4907 Reese Rd., Standard Oil employe.

The two incumbent board members, Charlton A. Mewborn, 205 Via Riviera, attorney, and Clinton C. Cooke, 16216 Wilton Pl., superintendent of fabrications at National Supply, previously had filed for re-election. Mewborn was elected to the board in 1954, while Cooke was appointed to fill a vacancy in 1957.

In 1956, Boswell and Dr. Cortum ran on platforms calling for a stronger academic program in the schools.

## Registrar of Voters Closes Shop Tonight

With the city election a thing of the past, officials of the registrar's office reminded voters of still another election. Deadline for registering to vote in the June 3 primaries is midnight today.

Residents who should register include those who did not vote either in the primary or the general election in 1956; newcomers who have lived in the state one year or more and in Los Angeles county a minimum of 90 days; persons who have changed their names or addresses since last registering; persons who have become of age and have not registered. Those who have changed their partisan or non-partisan status also must re-register.

A registrar of voters will be on duty today in the Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.



PLANT OFFICIALS . . . Douglas P. Baldwin (seated) was named plant manager for American-Standard this week to succeed the late L. N. Gill who died while on a trip to Europe. Lowell A. Bunnell, who flew here Tuesday from New Orleans, will succeed Baldwin as superintendent of manufacturing. (Herald Photo)



NEW EL CAMINO PREXY . . . Happy over the selection of a new president for El Camino College are Dr. Forrest G. Murdock, who will retire as president this summer; College Trustee Jack Dabbs, Torrance; and Dr. Stuart Marsee, who appointment as president was announced yesterday. Dr. Marsee has been assistant superintendent of schools in Pasadena. (Herald Photo)

## Dr. Stuart Marsee New President of El Camino

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee was named yesterday to succeed Forrest G. Murdock as president of El Camino College.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Seymour Rayer, president of the college board of trustees, following a special meeting of the board. Dr. Marsee, assistant superintendent of the Pasadena City Schools, will become president and superintendent on Aug. 1, when President Murdock will retire. He will serve on the El Camino campus as associate superintendent during July.

Has Three Children  
A native son of Gardiner, Ore., the president-elect is 40 years of age. He and his wife, Audrey Belfield Marsee, are the parents of three sons — Frederick, 16; Jeffrey, 8, and Wayne, 5.

## Torrance High Schools Rated With Leaders in the Nation

Results of a survey comparing Torrance high schools with outstanding high schools throughout the United States were revealed yesterday by David S. Thayer, assistant chairman of the Science Education Council and author of the survey. The council is a newly-formed group of interested persons which has been studying Torrance schools for several months.

Thayer cited three factors which the survey indicated are present in better schools — the importance of selecting students for classes on the basis of ability, a strong academic background for teachers, and the role of citizens in formulating educational policy.

He said 21 high schools in various parts of the country, selected on the basis of the outstanding performance of their students in 1957 Merit Scholarship competition, participated in the survey. Each school had 20 or more students in the finals. The two Torrance high schools had only one student in the finals, Thayer said. "In fairness to the Torrance school system, it should be stated that the district is only 12 years old and its rapid expansion during this period has hampered development of a strong academic program," he said.

## Blount Leads Council Vote

Mayor Albert Isen pledged yesterday to "continue to work for the welfare of our wonderful city," after complete but unofficial returns from Tuesday's municipal election gave him a 1700-vote margin over Councilman Nick Drale in the race to be the city's first elected mayor.

Joining him on the new seven-man city council are two new members, George A. Bradford and J. A. Beasley. Willys G. Blount, only incumbent councilman seeking re-election, headed the field of 15 council candidates in the voting with Bradford running a strong second and Beasley third.

The new council line-up, in roll call order, will be Beasley, Victor Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Robert Jahn, and Isen.

Running fourth to Beasley in the council race was George Vico, who polled 3573 votes.

Trailing the field was Richard Wilson, who was preparing yesterday afternoon to protest the tally which gave him 980 votes.

"Something must be wrong somewhere," he said.

Mayor Isen was obviously jubilant at the results of the Tuesday voting which showed him winning by substantial margins in North Torrance, West Torrance, and South Torrance. He lost the downtown Torrance vote to Drale — including his own precinct.

Isen carried 103 precincts, while Drale won in 49.

In the race for city clerk, Albert Bartlett made a clean sweep, winning every precinct while piling up a landslide victory over Herma Tillim and Barney Miller. Although Miller had been disqualified last week, he polled more than 2000 votes.

Harriet Leech was returned to the city treasurer's office in another sweeping vote which gave her every precinct but one — that of her opponent Frank Hunter.

Defeat of the park bond issue was overwhelming with the measure failing by a thousand votes to gain a majority. A two-thirds majority is needed to pass a bond issue.

The council met last night for the last time as a five-man body. Next Tuesday's meeting will be convened by the old council, the ballots canvassed, and Bradford and Beasley will then be seated after administration of oaths.



ALBERT ISEN . . . Keeps Top Post



WILLYS G. BLOUNT . . . Wins in a Walk



GEORGE A. BRADFORD . . . Added to Council



J. A. BEASLEY . . . Completes Council

## Election Returns

Complete but unofficial returns from 152 of 152 precincts in Tuesday's municipal election:

FOR MAYOR  
Albert Isen . . . . . 7973  
Nick Drale . . . . . 6272  
Walter G. Ryan . . . . . 731  
Dearl Craft . . . . . 296

FOR COUNCIL  
Willys G. Blount . . . . . 6938  
George A. Bradford . . . . . 5009  
J. A. Beasley . . . . . 4400  
George Vico . . . . . 3573  
Virgil Hancock . . . . . 3214  
David Figueredo . . . . . 3090  
Clifford Peterson . . . . . 3082  
Richard Hogue . . . . . 2626  
James Thompson . . . . . 2315  
Thirvin Fleetwood . . . . . 1901  
Muri Reeves . . . . . 1836  
Thomas Abrams . . . . . 1693  
Albert Hinz . . . . . 1204  
Alexander Mazza . . . . . 1119  
Richard Wilson . . . . . 980

FOR CITY CLERK  
Albert H. Bartlett . . . . . 8963  
Herma Tillim . . . . . 3013  
Barney Miller . . . . . 2384

FOR CITY TREASURER  
Harriet Leech . . . . . 10,877  
Frank Hunter . . . . . 3,477

FOR PARK BONDS  
Yes . . . . . 6852  
No . . . . . 7862

Voting: 15,440 out of 35,570.  
Percentage: 43.4.

## Officers Nab Five Wanted For Burglary

Two 18-year-olds were arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court yesterday on charges of burglarizing a local shoe store.

In addition, three juveniles also implicated in the burglary are in custody of Los Angeles police and will be prosecuted for forgery, officers said.

Larry Melton and Ralph Stewart and the three juveniles, all of Los Angeles, allegedly entered the shoe store April 2 and stole payroll checks, according to Sgt. Mickey Fischer and Ralph Walker, of the Torrance detective squad.

The quintet also is accused of stealing payroll checks and a check protector from a Los Angeles firm.

The juveniles were apprehended by University Division detectives when one of the youths attempted to pass a check in a supermarket.

The market clerk recognized the check as stolen and trailed the youth to a poolhall on Main St. and then notified police.

## Judge Mosk to Speak At Demo Club Dance

Judge Stanley Mosk will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday at the North Torrance Democratic Club's "Sweep the State in '58" dance at the Higgins Brick Patio, on 174th St., just east of Casimir.

## Rivets Reports

Except for a little early morning fog, today should be a bright, sunny day, according to Rivets, the HERALD weather dog. Latest showers, which ended Monday, dumped an additional 1.29 inches of rain on the city, bring the season's total to 21.66 inches. Highs and lows included Sunday (63-44); Monday (63-45); Tuesday (70-43); and Wednesday (72-49).



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## Man Injured in Fall

Ben Alderete, 2378 W. 239th St., suffered possible back injuries, a broken leg and other injuries Monday when he tumbled off his home's roof and fell to the pavement. Alderete was taken to Harbor General Hospital.