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# SCHOOL RACE ON FINAL LAP

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What is your opinion of Gov. Edmund G. Brown's four-year moratorium on the death penalty?" the Pennies Photographer asked.

Janice Peterson, Seal Beach:

"I'm in favor of the moratorium. Statistics have proven that capital punishment is not an effective deterrent against crime in other states, and I think we should find out what the effects are in California."

Lee Brazelton, Inglewood:

"It would be a very humane move. When there is capital punishment, there is always the chance of executing the wrong person. I feel Governor Brown's exceptions to the moratorium are solid, such as two-time murderers."

Phyllis Borden, La Crescenta:

"I feel the death penalty decreases certain crimes, so I am not in favor of the moratorium. Murders and sex crimes would increase if the bill was passed and death was not the maximum penalty."

Hazel Lindsay, Compton:

"Only in cases where the death penalty is carried out immediately am I in favor of it. When condemned men are forced to wait long periods of time, when I am in favor of the proposed moratorium."

Tom Odenerans, Inglewood:

"The punishment should fit the crime. I believe, so I am basically in favor of the death penalty. However, I think the moratorium would give us a good chance to see what effect the absence of it would have on the crime rate."

## Churches Celebrate On Easter

Traditional celebrations of Easter, commemorating the Resurrection of Christ, are under way in the city's churches today, climaxing a 40-day period of worship and fasting which led to the observance of Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday.

Observance for many began at sunrise today with worshipers greeting Easter dawn with prayers of thanksgiving.

OUTDOOR services were scheduled for Waleria Park and at Roosevelt Memorial Park in this area. Other sunrise services were scheduled at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wayfarer's Chapel, Christ the King Lutheran Church, and Ascension Lutheran Church.

Celebrations of mass in observance of Easter have been scheduled on an hourly basis at St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church, Nativity Catholic Church, and at St. Catherine Labourer Church.

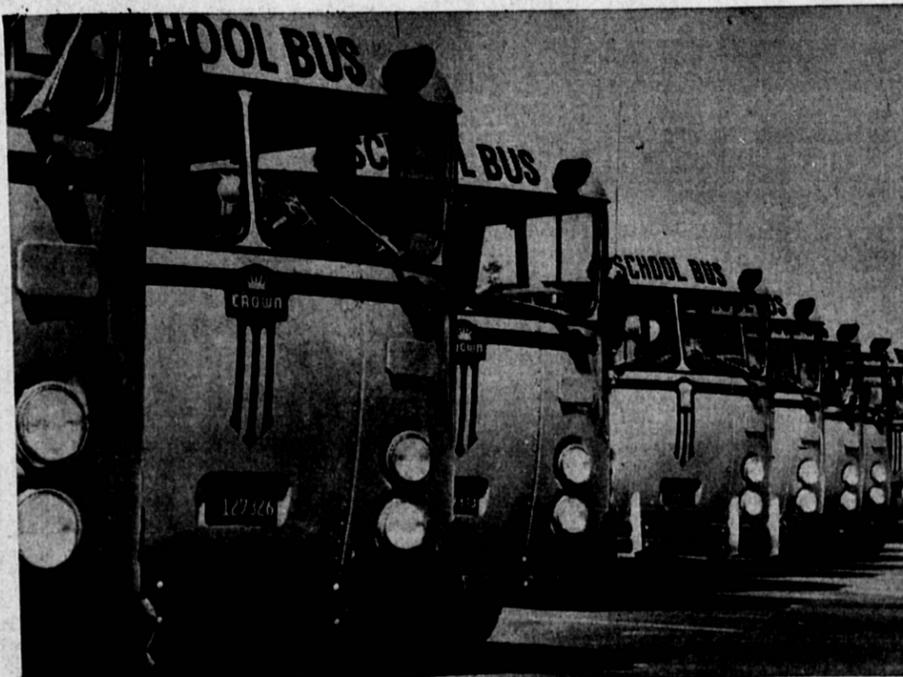
The Rev. Edward Goodell will preach at 10 a.m. services at the First Methodist Church and the pastor, the Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, will preach at the 8, 9, and 11 a.m. services on the topic, "He Is Risen."

SERVICES at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will include Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and Choral Eucharist and Easter message at 9 and 11 a.m. The Rev. Hugh R. Percy will bring the Easter message.

The Easter Festival will be celebrated at Ascension Lutheran Church at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and group baptism service has been scheduled at 12:15 p.m.

Pastor Daniel B. Weaver Jr. will speak on the topic, "The Greatest Victory," at the 11 a.m. services of the Del Amo Southern Baptist Church at the Masonic Lodge. Special Music will be presented by the choir.

THE REV. Harold N. Byrn, pastor of the Harbor City-Lomita Methodist Church will speak on the topic, "The Road to Emmaus," at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship services at the First Baptist Church will be held at 8, 9:15, 10:45 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. service when the Easter cantata, "The Crucifixion," will be presented. Easter worship services at the First Christian Church have been scheduled for 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. by the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, pastor.



PATIENT SERVANTS . . . Torrance School District buses have been setting in a serene atmosphere this week as some 30,000 youngsters were on spring vacation but the calmness will be broken bright and early tomorrow morning as the buses will again resume making their usual rounds picking up children who will be returning to school until June, except for the last remaining holiday, Memorial Day, May 30. (Herald Photo)

## 'I Was Scared'

# Police Nab 16-Year-Old After High Speed Chase

A 16-year-old Los Angeles youth was arrested on seven traffic counts early Friday morning after he allegedly tried to run a police car off the road.

He was booked on charges of excessive speed, not having a driver's license, reckless driving, running a boulevard stop, running a red light, unsafe turning movement, and driving a stolen car.

Police first observed the youth at Crenshaw and Artesia boulevards and chased him with red light and siren to Redondo Beach Boulevard and Almsworth Street where the chase ended when the youth lost control of the car while attempting to make a turn.

THE YOUTH jumped from his car and ran, but halted when ordered to do so by a

police officer who had drawn his revolver.

At Yukon Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard the youth entered the intersection against the red light and was traveling about 50 miles per hour when he broadsided his

car in a maneuver to miss hitting another car.

POLICE SAID he ran boulevard stop signs at Yukon and 171st Street and at Yukon and 168th Street during the chase. The youth told police he didn't

stop because he was scared. Later he said he lost control of his car and that it was an accident when he attempted to run the police unit off the road. He told police he had stolen the car earlier in the evening on south Main Street in Los Angeles.

The boy's mother told police he has been in trouble on numerous occasions and had been on probation.

# Registrar Retires At Harbor Hospital

The steady droning overhead suddenly changed to the sputtering and "coughing" of an aircraft motor in trouble.

The members of the embryonic staff of L. A. County's newly acquired Harbor General Hospital rushed outside, eyes skyward in time to see two white "mushrooms" against the blue plane falling.

In seconds, by order of J. E. Smits, administrator, a doctor and Mrs. Bernard Clark, now nursing director, were in an ambulance speeding to a field east of Vermont and south of Carson Street.

A THIRD member of the staff grabbed a chart and hurried to a "C" wing room set up for emergency admitting.

The third member was Mrs. Nell Jessup, registrar. The scene—Aug. 2, 1946—was vividly recalled by Mrs. Jessup as she gathered brief case and purse from her desk she was leaving for the last time, Friday.

Mrs. Jessup retires May 1, but has two weeks accumulated leave.

"THAT PLANE incident," she said, brought Harbor Gen-

eral Hospital its first emergency patient. It was the duty of those in the ambulance to bring in the plane's personnel, mine to record their histories.

"Fortunately, the pilot was not seriously injured. Nor was the co-pilot."

Since that date, Mrs. Jessup's chart domain grew to 267,000 patient charts filed in 7,000 lineal feet of shelving.

Her opening day—July 15, 1946—staff of one typist-clerk expanded to today's 66 in various categories and include her (Continued on Page 2)

# Bond Issue May Attract Extra Voters

Polls will be open at most city schools from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday as Torrance's 47,000 voters are given a chance to voice their selection for two of eight candidates seeking election to the Board of Education and to pass on a proposal to authorize \$8 million in bonds to finance additional facilities for the growing school population.

How many of the 47,000 make it to the polls is subject to debate, but most observers believe the all-out drive to gain approval of the bond issue which has been mapped out by Parent-Teacher Assn. officials and other groups may move one voter in four or five to visit his poll during the 12-hour balloting period.

BOARD SEATS at stake in Tuesday's voting are those now held by William C. Boswell and Dr. Kurt T. Shery. Both are seeking election to new terms, and if the vote is heavier than normal, they will be given the odds-on choice for victory.

Challenging are six candidates. They are George W. Brewster, senior research engineer for North American Aviation and president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce; K. Maureen Heaton, housewife and book store owner; L. Milton Isbell, real estate broker and former YMCA executive secretary; Dr. John McClure, general practitioner; Joseph Piatt, cost analyst for North American Aviation and member of the city's Youth Welfare Commission; and Pauline Watts, housewife and vice chairman of the Torrance Citizens Committee for South Bay College.

THE HERALD has recommended Dr. Kurt Shery and Mrs. Pauline (Polly) Watts as two candidates worthy of support in Tuesday's balloting. An editorial endorsement, made after study of the platforms and backgrounds of the various candidates, was published here Thursday.

In addition to selecting two members of the Board of Education, voters will be asked to pass on a proposal to authorize \$8 million in new bonds to finance construction of facilities for the city's growing student population.

The bond proposal has received the endorsement of the (Continued on Page 2)

## Candidates for School Board Under Spotlight

Thumbnail sketches and views of the eight candidates seeking election to the Board of Education are published today on Page 11. Material for the sketches and statements of the candidates' views were obtained from each of the candidates.

# Two Hurt In City Traffic

Minor injuries were suffered Wednesday by a motorist in a two-car collision at Inglewood Avenue and Towers Street.

Taken by ambulance to Little Company of Mary Hospital was Michael J. Hadley, 19, of 1606 Gramercy. Driver of the other car was Gracie Irene Webster, 27, Redondo Beach.

In a single-car crash Wednesday, Victoria Louise Thompson, 16, escaped injuries when her car went out of control and hit some trees, police said. The girl said she lost control of the vehicle while driving over sand in the street. The accident occurred at Bailey Drive just south of Hickman Drive.

A housewife, Mrs. Cleo Aileen Moss, 40, of 527 Calle Mayor, also escaped injury Thursday morning when the brakes failed on her car. To avoid entering the intersection at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway she ran up over the curb, across a lawn and ran into a garage at the home of Clarence Coleman, 5202 Calle Mayor.

# School Officials Urge Approval of Bond Issue

"Whether or not some of the schools will be able to avoid half sessions temporarily, even if we do pass the bonds, depends on the many factors that tend to slow up building and speed up enrollment increases," Board President Albert W. Charles said.

The district should have been under way on the planning of several classroom additions needed in various parts of the district. Had we had the money to begin planning last fall when the bond election failed by a narrow margin," said Charles, "we could have avoided half sessions. But there is now some doubt as to

whether we can keep ahead of the influx of students between now and next September."

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, added, "The lead time needed for planning and construction that we have lost since last September was vital in keeping ahead."

"We will, however, do everything in our power to keep off double sessions as long as possible—and to catch up as soon as possible," promised the superintendent and the Board president.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent, business, said, "The critical areas where classrooms are needed most are in the Waleria Lake bed, the Marble area, the Hickory, Carr, Wood, Hamilton, Anza, and Edison schools. Meadow Park, Newton, and Victor are also at or near capacity."

"Your School Board is economy minded! Torrance citizens are getting more building for the construction dollar than any other school district in the State of California," says Bert M. Lynn, vice president.

The district spokesman said that the architect is awaiting instructions to proceed with planning as soon as the bonds pass.

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