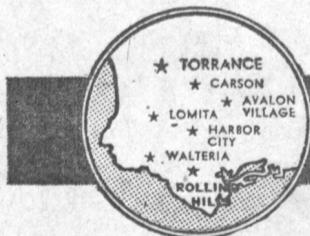


# Local Merchants Host Easter Egg Hunt

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**WIN ENDORSEMENT**—Torrance Interested Parents Association, (TIP) Sunday morning announced that the group would endorse three candidates for the April 18 school board election. Candidates to be supported by the organization will be Albert Charles,

owner of a consulting firm, Bert Lynn, Torrance businessman, and William Hanson, local chemist. The trio of candidates are shown as they are congratulated by John Crowley, far left, chairman of the association.

### T.I.P. Endorses Slate of Three Board Candidates

T.I.P., Torrance Interested Parents, early this week endorsed a slate of three candidates for the board of education. Candidates will run for the three seats vacated by incumbents in the April 18 election.

Slate will consist of Bert Lynn, Torrance businessman, William Hanson, local chemist, and Albert W. Charles, owner of a consulting firm.

Charles lists as his qualifications for the office his 12 years of administrative experience with local industry, his standing as a lecturer at a local university, and graduate training in taxation and fiscal policy in preparation for a doctorate in economics.

**CURRENT POLICY**  
Reporting his stand on current educational policies in Torrance district, he stated:

"Our school board should be of sufficient caliber to review all proposed expenditures before they are placed in the budget, and have a good idea whether the expenditures will further the goal of the Torrance school system. It should also encourage the recruitment of the best teaching talent available and



ALBERT W. CHARLES  
... Board Candidate

actively encourage teacher participation in establishing effective curricula.

"The school board should also make sure that the superintendent of schools understands the difference between administration and policy making, and the board should see that policies are administered in the spirit intended."

Charles is married and has two children in the Torrance school district.

### Local Campaign For RC Reaches Half-Way Point

Women of the Torrance Red Cross door-to-door campaign have reached one-half of their \$4,750 quota, and now need only to make a final push, according to Mrs. Helen Lackey chairman of the local residential volunteers.

Fred Mill, over-all Torrance chairman, believes "the ladies have been doing a fine job, and now have only to keep up the good work."

The residential division is one of three divisions aiming at a total goal of \$11,500 in Torrance. The other two divisions are the business solicitation under the direction of Mrs. Mary Pagnac, and the commerce and industry campaign which is being directed by Wally Haas.

Several local women, who are working as section leaders, have already reached their individual quotas. They are Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, Mrs. Barbara Kehl, Mrs. Wilma Brown, Mrs. Rosemary Flacy, Mrs. Dolores Bruiger, Mrs. Madeline Zaborowski, Mrs. Mary Gerard, Mrs. Alice Foote, Mrs. Evelyn Hamblin, Mrs. Dorothy Ford, Valda Wilkins, and Mrs. Pat Peters.

### Candidates Will Speak to Local Homeowner Ass'n.

Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association this week invited all candidates for the Torrance School Board to attend its public meeting on April 3. The meeting will be held at Parkway Elementary School, 200 Via Riviera, and will begin promptly at 8 a.m.

All candidates have been asked to discuss topics from their platform in the first part of the program. Following this there will be a period for questions from the audience.

Everyone, whether a resident of Hollywood Riviera or not, is invited to attend to become better acquainted with the school board candidates and the issues involved. Refreshments will be served.

### State Allocates Sales Tax Funds

Sixty million dollars of local sales and use tax revenues were distributed to California cities during the first quarter of 1961, it was reported this week.

South Bay cities receiving a share of the funds were: Torrance, \$352,064; Gardena, \$123,357; Manhattan Beach, \$60,679; Palos Verdes Estates, \$7,171; Redondo Beach, \$226,357; and Rolling Hills Estates, \$6,744.

Combined cities and counties that had contracted for state administration of their one percent local sales taxes before October 1, 1960, received advance payments of \$54,700,000 in February and final payments of \$5,700,000 in March.

Cities received more than three-fourths of the total allocation in the first quarter. Counties shared nearly 15 percent and the combined city and county of San Francisco received 7.5 percent. The county of Los Angeles received \$1,882,347.

# Councilmen Delay Naming Manager

## Reject Four Proposals for Naming Successor to Post

Expected wrangling over who would be the next city manager of Torrance opened Tuesday evening when city councilmen made, and rejected, four proposals for naming an administrative head.

Furor erupted after an unusually calm council session when Councilman George Bradford moved that Wade Peebles, public works director, be named as city manager as of July 1, effective resignation date of George Stevens, present city manager. Motion was

promptly seconded by Councilman Victor Benstead.

Amid charges that a councilmanic faction was trying to "steamroller" the appointment, Councilman Nickolas Drale offered a substitute motion that the office be declared open after July 1 and that the interim be used to interview qualified candidates for the post. Motion was promptly seconded by Councilman J. A. Beasley.

Mayor Albert Isen then pointed out that budget ses-

sions were in the offing and that Stevens' successor should be a part of them. He then made a substitute motion to the substitute motion and moved that a new manager be selected within 30 days so that he could get the "feel" of the office before taking over.

An amendment to change the time limit to 60 days was added to this proposal and the vote was called.

For the 60-day proposal, 4-3, opposed.

For the 30-day proposal, 4-3, opposed.

For the proposal to hold a wide open examination for qualified candidates, 4-3, opposed.

For the proposal to immediately name Peebles to the office, 3-3 tie, Councilman George Vico abstaining.

Each of the councilmen pointed out that Peebles was probably the best qualified man for the job but some felt that other candidates should be queried. Vico reported that he would take at least a week before making a decision.



**BREAKFAST SESSION**—Members and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce met this week at the Masonic Hall for a social program welcoming seven new business firms to the community. Firms, all a part of the expanding Del Amo

Shopping Center, were welcomed by prominent business and civic leaders, headed by Mayor Albert Isen and Chamber president William Shawger. [See story on Page A-3].

### ALL AGES INVITED . . .

## Downtown Merchants Will Sponsor Park Egg Hunts

The Easter Bunny will come hippety-hopping to Torrance's El Prado Park on Saturday, loaded with goodies for his young admirers.

His visitation is the highlight of the Easter egg hunt sponsored annually by the Torrance Downtown Merchants Association, the Torrance Adult Center and the Torrance Recreation Department. This year's festival is slated for 11 a.m. at the Cravens Avenue end of the park.

All children 10 years of age and under may participate and there will be separate hunts for different age groups. They'll seek paper eggs which may be turned in for the candy variety in the bunny's basket.

Visits by the rabbit are scheduled also during festivals at Paradise Park, 1 p.m. Thursday; Torrance Park, 2 p.m. Thursday; Seaside Playground, 2 p.m. Thursday; Waveria Park, 10 a.m. Saturday; McMaster Park, 1 p.m. Saturday, and El Retiro Park, 2 p.m. Saturday.

Each will have Easter egg hunts and games.

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**CONSTRUCTION START**—Official groundbreaking for the impressive new J.J. Newberry Company facility in Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center was held yesterday morning. Shown lifting the first spadeful of earth at the site are James Bower, co-developer of the center; G. E. McPeak, vice presi-

dent and West Coast division manager; Albert Levitt, co-developer; Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, and S. L. Evanco, district superintendent for the firm. Completion date for the building has been set for mid-September.



**PRETTY BUNNY**—Charming Judy Wolf enacts the role of the Easter bunny as she prepares a basket of goodies for youngsters who'll gather at El Prado Park at 11 a.m. Saturday for the annual egg hunt sponsored by the Torrance Downtown Merchants Association, the Torrance Adult Club and the Torrance Recreation Department.