

Filing for Nomination Papers Near

Four councilmanic posts will be "up for grabs" at the April elections and the air of municipal politics is already beginning to permeate the city.

At least two new faces will be found on the city's seven man council following the election. Sources close to one candidate have rumored that he will not run for office again because of ill health while Councilman Willys Blount has already

announced his intention of running for the office of Mayor.

Mayor Albert Isen has indicated that he will run for the office as an incumbent although he has not yet made a formal announcement.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, a Torrance insurance man, has not announced his intention of running for reelection although close friends feel that the formal an-

nouncement may be made in a few days.

January is traditionally the time for announcing candidacy for office while campaigns start slowly in February, gain momentum during the intervening months, reaching a peak in the last days before election.

FINAL DAY FEB. 15

Final day for filing nominating papers for candidates in the April 10 municipal election will be Feb. 15, it

was reported last week by the office of the city clerk. Clerk will begin accepting the papers on January 25.

Offices of mayor, three councilmen, city clerk and city treasurer will be listed on the ballot. A large number of contenders for each of the six positions are expected to file.

To date only two candidates for office have indicated that they will be contending for office. Blount

who announced in mid December that he would campaign for the position of mayor, has served on the council for 12 years. He has been especially active in the development of Torrance streets as a member of the council's transportation committee and spearheaded the drive to expand facilities at the Torrance municipal airport. As a member of the city's Airport Commission he is one of the authors of

the revenue bond proposal which will allow expansion and development of the air terminal without cost to the taxpayers.

CLERK'S POST

Only other contender who has announced that she will seek office in April is Torrance realtor Rose Craig, who will campaign for the office of city clerk. Active in Chamber of Commerce work, charity campaigns and in the program of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Real-

tors, Mrs. Craig reported that she expects to wage a hard fought campaign for the office.

"A free-swinging, no-holds-barred election may be expected in April with a good selection of well-qualified candidates vying for every seat," Councilman Beasley reported last night.

"With good strong candidates, with well balanced platforms, the final winners are bound to be... the people of Torrance!"

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OFFICERS LOSE FIGHT TO SAVE LIFE

AFTER DEATH TRY

Man Dies on Arrival at Local Hospital

Torrance officers and ambulance attendants struggled valiantly yesterday afternoon to save the life of a gunshot victim and then lost the fight as the victim reached the hospital.

Dead of an apparently self-inflicted wound was Robert Sherry Southall, 34, of 21005 Donora St., who was discovered sprawled on a bed by his wife, Myrel, also 34, when she returned from a shopping trip. A tiny 6.35 mm Belgian automatic pistol was found nearby.

Officers who answered the call reported that the bullet had struck the victim squarely in the chest. Noting that the man's body was still warm the officers felt for, and detected, a faint pulse. Immediately calling an ambulance with a resuscitator unit the officers and attendants raced the victim to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

However, upon arrival it was discovered by physicians that the man had died on the way.

Southall was an employee of a local aircraft plant. No suicide note was found in the apartment.

Realtor to Run for City Clerk's Post

Rose Craig, well-known Torrance realtor, last night became the first candidate for the city clerk's post to throw her hat into the ring.

Although several potential candidates have expressed their intention to run for the post no one has, to date, filed.

Mrs. Craig, a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, was a 1960 nominee for the title, "Woman of the Year" and for the Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" award.

She has served as state director to the California Real Estate Association, was 1961 secretary of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of its Community Planning Committee and has served as chairman of staff aides of the local branch of the Red Cross. She is past president of the women's division of the realty board and is past secretary of the local Business and Professional Women.

Mrs. Craig makes her home with her husband, Andrew, at 4110 Carmen Ave., Torrance. The couple are the parents of a married daughter, Mrs. James J. Lynch, 1851 Reynosa Drive, Torrance.

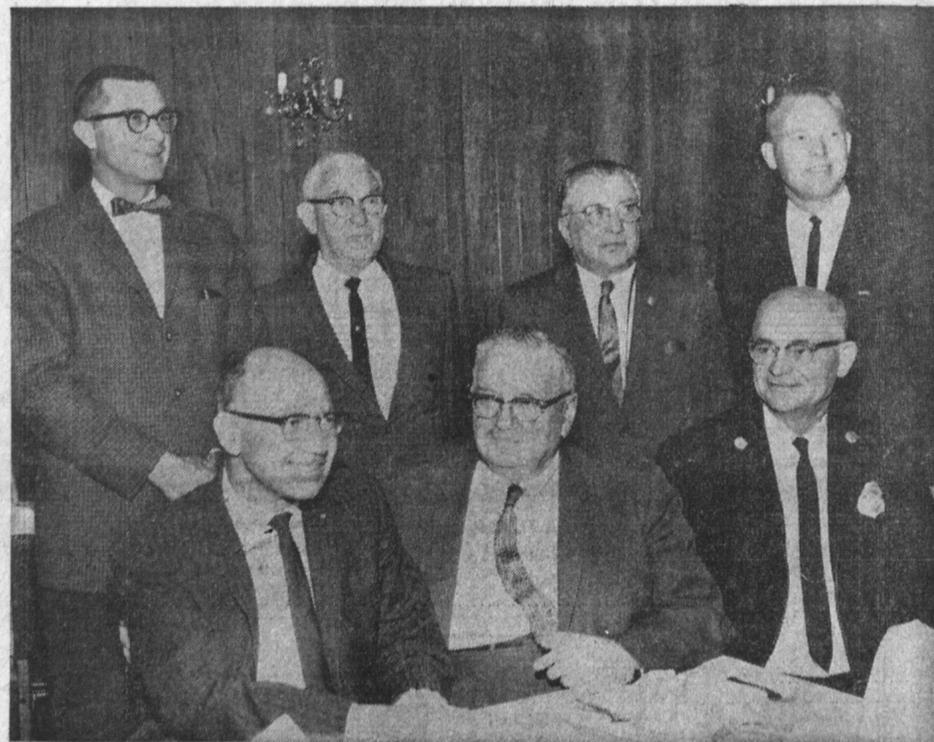


ROSE CRAIG
Realtor to Run

Man Injured As Car Hits MTA Bus

A 42-year old San Pedro man was seriously injured Monday when his pickup truck and a Metropolitan Transit Authority bus collided in Carson.

Hazen Deering, 28711 Enrose Ave., San Pedro, had apparently failed to halt for a stop sign at Carson St. and Vermont Ave., according to California Highway Patrolmen.



TORRANCE "FACELIFTERS"—Members of the Downtown Torrance Redevelopment Committee, dedicated to the elimination of commercial bottlenecks in the business center of the city, met Monday noon at the Palms Restaurant. Meeting was the first in a series of discussions aimed at "revitalizing" the downtown area. Shown during the discussions are, seated, Mayor Albert Isen, William Tolson, chairman, and J. J. Benner, fire chief. Standing, City Manager Wade Peebles, Sam Levy, Abe Robinson and George Post.

Downtown Torrance Redevelopment Committee Outlines Multi-Phase Program, Selects Three New Members

Torrance will have a new face—a more attractive face—if the Downtown Torrance Redevelopment Committee can bring their plans into effect.

The committee, which met Monday for lunch at the Palms Restaurant, endorsed such measures as remodeling some buildings, demolition of others, recruitment of more and bigger retail stores and the construction of parking lots.

Chairman of the committee is Wm. Tolson, who was appointed last week by Mayor Albert Isen. Guests of the committee who met with Tolson were City Manager Wade Peebles; Fire Chief, J. J. Benner and Mayor Isen. Also present at the meeting were members Abe Robinson, Sam Levy, and George Post.

According to Tolson, three more businessmen George Binder, Louis Schlanger and Jerry Scott, will be added to the group.

Last Rites Held

Last rites were held in Santa Ana Monday for former Torrance Mayor Robert John Deininger who died Thursday night in an Orange County sanitarium. Deininger, who came to Torrance in 1919 as an employee of the Dominguez Land Corp., had the distinction of being the first city clerk of Torrance.



CONTROVERSIAL SCENE—Councilmen last night agreed to modify plans for the cut-through at Carson Park after nearby residents pointed out the difficulties of previous plans. In what one councilman described as an example of "grassroots" politics, the meeting was adjourned while city officials and residents gathered around a map and finally agreed upon a solution. Final plan... El Prado, Manuel and old Carson streets will be one-way, while Watson St. will be a two-way street. Council also agreed to eliminate "planter" boxes near parking areas.

Riviera Man Dead As Truck Crashes Into Ravine

A ravine near Beverly Hills and the wreckage of his truck told the tragic story of a Torrance fireman's last fire call, Sunday.

According to police, Robert L. Gillies, 44, of 231 Paseo de Granada, and his partner were on their way to answer a fire call on San Ysidro Drive when their truck went off the narrow dirt road and plunged them into the ravine.

Gillies' partner, Reginald D. Duffin, 36, of VanNuys was found unconscious and in serious condition two hours after the fatal plunge.

Torrance Demos Slate Saturday Dinner-Dance

North Torrance Democratic Club will hold the First White House Anniversary dance and a reception honoring Assemblyman Clayton Dills Saturday night. Special guest for the evening will be Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Dills will present a brief address as part of the evening program.

Program will be held at Higgins Brick Patio, 2217 W. 174th St. at 8:30 p.m.



"DON'T WANT TO GO"—A. W. Brothers, 21 Pacific Lane, shown above as he was forcibly placed in the ambulance, was vehemently opposed to being taken to the hospital after a two car crash yesterday. Accident took place near Del Amo and Hawthorne when car driven by Brothers hit another driven by John H. Billings of Buena Park. Brothers then tried to leave the scene by backing down the street before officers arrived. After treatment for minor injuries he was booked on drunk driving and for driving without a license.