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Library Issue, School Board Seats on Ballot

Light Turnout Predicted for City Balloting

A \$2,350,000 municipal library bond issue and two seats on the Torrance Board of Education will be on a municipal ballot here Tuesday.

Seven candidates, including both incumbents, are seeking the board positions. Voter turnout is expected to be light, City Clerk Vernon W. Coil has said.

SEEKING new terms to the Board of Education are Dr. Kurt T. Shery, a Torrance physician first appointed to the board in 1961, and Mrs. Pauline (Polly) Watts, who was elected to the board in 1963.

The two incumbents are being challenged by five candidates. They include: John R. Abshire, an engineering aide of 19905 Anza Ave.; Arnold Katz, a contract administrator of 22803 Fern Ave.; John D. Kirby, an anti-narcotics educator of 1812 Plaza del Amo; Jim Peters, a quality control engineer; and John Toffle-

THE MUNICIPAL library bond issue, if approved by a two-thirds majority of votes cast Tuesday, will provide funds for books, a new central library, a new branch library, and additions to five existing branch libraries. The city will establish its own municipal library system July 1, 1968, when the current county contract expires. The county has refused to renew the contract arrangement which has been in effect. Under the contract, Torrance owns all buildings but contracts with the county for both books and personnel. THE BOND issue has been endorsed by numerous community organizations. The Press-Herald has urged a "Yes" vote. There has been no organized opposition to the bond issue. Torrance councilmen have indicated they will repay the bond without increasing the total general fund tax rate if it is approved. Polls will be open Tuesday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

\$30 Million Issued in New Building Permits

Total valuation of all building permits in the city of Torrance for 1966 amounted to \$29,881,000, Security First National Bank's newest "Survey of Building and Real Estate Activity in the 14 Southern California Counties of California," shows.

Myron H. Eidsmoe, manager of Security Bank's Torrance branch, said that during the past year permits were issued for a total of 7,181 family dwelling units in the city. Included in this figure are 3,761 single dwellings and 1,487 multiple units. The bank's study, with numerous tabulations documented.

ing the Southland's construction industry, is of interest to persons in real estate, representatives of building and construction industries, architects and developers. Southern California's activity in the construction industry for 1966 was estimated at \$3.5 billion, 15 per cent below the 1965 volume and 22 per cent less than in the peak year of 1963. "In sharp contrast to the buoyant conditions evident in most sectors of Southern California's economy, the building and construction industry last year experienced its lowest level of activity since 1958," Security Bank's report noted.

Marine Private Slain

Marine Pfc. Bernardino Gonzales Jr., whose wife lives at 20404 Anza Ave., was one of six Southern California servicemen reported killed in Vietnam by a Defense Department announcement this week. Details of the serviceman's death were not announced. Private Gonzales was the 14th Torrance area serviceman whose death has been reported here in the past 20 months. It was the ninth reported in 1967.

School Board to Meet

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow for their regular meeting in the district's administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. The regular board meeting will be preceded by a half-hour informal session with representatives of the school district's Negotiating Council. The session will be devoted to a discussion of the council's role in the district and to an analysis of a salary proposal submitted by the Torrance Education Association.

Councilmen Plan Session

Torrance City Councilmen will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for their regular session. Chief item on the agenda is the second reading of an ordinance which approves and adopts the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project. The ordinance was adopted at its first reading last week following a public hearing which lasted for more than four and one-half hours.



CAPT. ROBERT D. EAGLET Gets Medals

Silver Star Awarded to Combat Hero

A 33-year-old Torrance Air Force captain who made his way on foot and alone through enemy territory in Vietnam to direct air support for a surrounded American platoon has been awarded the Silver Star and three other major decorations.

Capt. Robert D. Eaglet, a 12-year veteran of the Air Force now assigned to the Air Force Systems Command Space Systems Division in El Segundo, was honored for combat heroism at ceremonies held in El Segundo. General James Ferguson, commander of the Air Force Systems Command, presented the decorations.

CAPTAIN Eaglet received the Silver Star — the Air Force's third highest award for gallantry — and the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with a "Valor" Device, and the Air Medal with 24 oak leaf clusters.

The clusters represent a total of more than 500 missions and 1,000 hours as a ground and airborne forward air controller in which he directed fighter and bomber strikes both on foot and from an unarmored light plane.

The captain was cited for his heroism in directing air strikes against enemy positions in an action in which 300 Viet Cong were killed. THE CITATION, accompanying the Silver Star commended Captain Eaglet for "Crossing wide areas of open territory alone under heavy hostile fire to join and assist a beleaguered platoon. From this and successive positions close to enemy forces, he directed air strikes while returning fire at close quarters with his rifle. "After continuous flare ship illumination which he directed all night, four hostile companies were annihilated. By his gallantry and his devotion to duty, Captain Eaglet has reflected great credit upon himself, the Air Force, and his country."

THE CAPTAIN'S wife, Sally, and their daughters, Suzanne, 7, and Allison, 6, were present for the ceremonies. In Vietnam, Captain Eaglet was assigned to the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron on duty with the U.S. Army's "First Team" 1st U.S. Air Cavalry Division.

Appeals Board Referee Will Speak Thursday

"Current Trend in Industrial Accident Cases" will be the topic of Gordon Winbigler Thursday at the dinner meeting of the Harbor Bar Association. Winbigler is the presiding referee of the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board for Southern California.

Traffic Victim Critical

A Fresno man injured Friday morning in a traffic accident here remains in critical condition at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Robert White, 36, was taken to the hospital shortly after 10 a.m. Friday when the car which he was driving and a car driven by Daniel McAleece, 29, of 16915 Spinning Ave., collided.

Police said the crash occurred on Crenshaw Boulevard at 181st Street.

White reportedly was driving west across Crenshaw Boulevard McAleece was driving north on Crenshaw Boulevard.

White was thrown from his vehicle in the crash. He sustained head injuries, it was reported. McAleece was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment and released.

Pellet Gun Fired Into Teen Crowd

Four persons were injured Friday evening when they were struck by pellets from a pellet gun while attending a party in the Walteria area.

Police said three girls and one boy were hit by the pellets while attending a party at the home of Helen L. Marrs, 32, at 2803 Winlock Drive.

The extent of the injuries was not known, police said, because all four injured youths had left the scene when they arrived.

Police said several youths were attending the party when six boys—all about 13 or 14 years of age—approached a back fence and began talking with a group of youngsters. Mrs. Marrs' son, William reportedly asked the boys to leave and was told to "Shut up or we'll shoot you."

A short time later, the youths apparently fired the pellet gun into the backyard, hitting three girls and one boy.

Named Finalist

Torrance High School senior Mary L. Boughen has been named a finalist in the competition for the University of California Berkeley Alumni Scholarship. A total of \$3,000 in awards will be made to winners.

Top Science Fair Winners Announced

Winners in the second annual Torrance Unified School District High School Science Fair were announced Friday night. The two-day event was held at Torrance High School. The fair, which featured outstanding science projects of students from the four district high schools, included displays in the physical, biological and research sciences. In the individual physical science category, Frank Willem won first place, while Jeff Palmer and Stephen Pearl-

ston took second and third places. All three students are from West High. Charles Brashear and Ken Swift teamed together for first place in the group division of the physical sciences. Also from West High were second place winners, Stephen Bunch and William Fraser. Dan Whelan and Jerry Pretorius of West won third place. First place winner in the individual biological science project was Jerry Jackson

LOSS TOTALS \$2,000

Burglars Hit Three Houses

Two color television sets and more than \$400 in cash were taken in three major burglaries reported to Torrance police yesterday.

The total loss was estimated at nearly \$2,000. Police said the first of the burglaries occurred sometime

Trio Held In School Burglary

Three persons have been arrested by Torrance police in connection with an attempted burglary at South High School early Thursday.

Police said two of the suspects were arrested at South High by officers investigating a burglary alarm just after midnight Thursday. The third suspect was arrested in Inglewood later Friday.

Arrested on suspicion of burglary were: Leonard Gordon Johnson II, 23, of Hermosa Beach; Joseph Donald Fanello, 18, of Santa Ana; and Larry Franklin Williams, 21, of Hermosa Beach.

Johnson and Fanello were arrested early Thursday at South High, officers said. Williams was arrested in Inglewood Friday.

The trio is accused of breaking into the administration building at South High School.

between 1 and 4 a.m. Friday at the home of Leo Zeller, 4106 Lenore St. A tackle box containing \$340 in cash was taken by a burglar who removed the screen on an unlocked window, then reached through the window and opened an adjacent door, police said.

ANOTHER \$100 in cash, a color television set, and a camera were taken from the home of Joseph S. Murphy at 19504 Entradero St. The theft was discovered by Geraldine Murphy when she returned to the house about 7 p.m. Friday, police said, and found the front door standing open.

Police said a screen had been removed from a rear window by the burglars.

Two television sets, several pieces of furniture, and clothing were taken from the home of Harvey E. Cunningham, 43, at 18205 Purche Ave. Friday evening.

CUNNINGHAM told police he was at work when the theft occurred between 6 p.m. and midnight. A roommate also was away from the house, he said.

Police said the burglars broke a glass window in a door in order to gain entry to the house.

A color television set, a portable television, a desk, tables and lamps, and an undetermined amount of clothing was taken, it was reported. Cunningham told officers the loss amounted to nearly \$1,200.



WATER CHECK... Chamber member Bob Vroman tests to see if the water is okay for waders as he chats with Supervisor Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn following a luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here Thursday at which the two officials were special guests. Standing at the right is Howard Weichsel, chairman of the Chambers membership committee. (Press-Herald Photo)



KIWANIS OFFICIAL HERE... Maurice Gladman (second from right), governor of the California-Hawaii-Nevada district of Kiwanis International, gets some help holding up a gift presented Tuesday during a visit to clubs in Division 19 of the district. The gavel (one of three in existence) was presented by the Inglewood Kiwanis Club. With Gladman are (from left) H. Ted Olson, Division 19 lieutenant governor (and owner of one of the other two big gavels); Ross Haigh, president of the host Southwest Torrance club; and H. M. Heimbaugh, Kiwanis International treasurer. Gladman told Kiwanians attending the meeting they "have a responsibility to be heard" and "need to get involved in things which are of concern to all of us." (Press-Herald Photo)