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Beverly Wins Easily In Assembly Runoff

New Assemblyman Takes Seat Monday

Republican Robert G. Beverly, who has been serving as Manhattan Beach's mayor, will trade his post for a Sacramento desk as the result of Tuesday's runoff election in the 46th Assembly District.

Beverly, who won the Re-

publican nomination last month in a field of six, won a landslide victory over Redondo Beach Councilman J. O. Lee Solomon, the Democratic candidate, in yesterday's light balloting.

COMPLETE unofficial tally, including absentee ballots, was 23,334 for Beverly and 7,546 for Solomon.

The election was called to find a successor to Charles E. Chapel, member of the Assembly since 1951, who died suddenly in Sacramento in January. Beverly will be sworn in as an Assemblyman in Sacramento on Monday.

The new Assemblyman defeated Chapel's widow, Dorothy, and Torrance attorney Boris S. Woolley to win the Republican nomination in the April primary. Beverly had run second to Chapel in primary balloting last June.

Speaker Hits New Sign Law

A proposed change in regulations governing business signs in Torrance "will affect at least 90 per cent of the present businessmen in the community," a sign industry spokesman told the South Torrance Lions Club this morning.

Jerry Jackson, director of public relations for the Southern California Electric Sign Association, told Lions Club members their signs "will be torn down by the city" if they do not conform to the proposed sign ordinance.

He urged businessmen to attend a meeting of the city's Planning Commission to be held this evening at 7 o'clock to consider the ordinance. Jackson said businessmen should act to "protect not only the city of Torrance, but their own livelihoods."

Jackson is a former war correspondent in Vietnam. His topic was "Beautification—Will It Destroy Private Enterprise?"

BEVERLY'S BID for the Assembly received the backing of state Republican leaders. Gov. Ronald Reagan visited a reception in his honor in El Segundo last Friday, and Lt. Gov. Robert Finch was principal speaker at a testimonial following the reception.

To Meet Tonight

Members of the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission will convene at 8 this evening for a regular meeting. The session will be held in the City Council chambers at City Hall.



ROBERT G. BEVERLY
New Assemblyman

Advisory Council Approved

Plans for a Torrance Youth Council, to serve as an advisory group to the city's Youth Welfare Commission and the City Council, were approved last night.

Councilmen, acting on a request from the commission, unanimously approved the program.

The Youth Council will be composed of 20 high school students—four from each of the city's five high schools.

C. K. (Sandy) Norman, chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission, said the new group "is going to give our citizens of today a line of communication with the citizens of tomorrow." He said teenagers in the city are (SEE ADVISORS ON A-5)

Trustee Wants School Named For Dr. Shery

Dr. Kurt T. Shery, who was elected to a second four-year term on the Torrance Board of Education just last month, died early yesterday at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

He had been hospitalized since he was stricken about 10 days ago with a heart attack.

Dr. Shery was first appointed to the Board of Education in 1961 and was elected to a full term in 1963. He served as president of the board in 1964-65 and was vice president the previous year.

SERVICES will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Halverson-Leavelle Mortuary Chapel with Rabbi Jerome Unger of Temple Menorah officiating. Private interment services will follow.

"The community is the big loser," Bert M. Lynn, president of the Board of Education, said yesterday. Lynn, noting Dr. Shery had been both "family physician and friend since I've been in Torrance," said he would ask the board to name the city's new continuation high school in memory of Dr. Shery.

"He was a great believer in continuation education," Lynn said, recalling Dr. Shery had visited a successful continuation school during a recent visit to New York, then returned here to push for rapid development of the city's own school.

"I HOPE the board will see fit to name our continuation high school the Dr. Kurt T. Shery High School," Lynn said.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, called Dr. Shery "a dedicated and devoted citizen and board member" (SEE DR. SHERY ON A-5)



DR. KURT T. SHERY

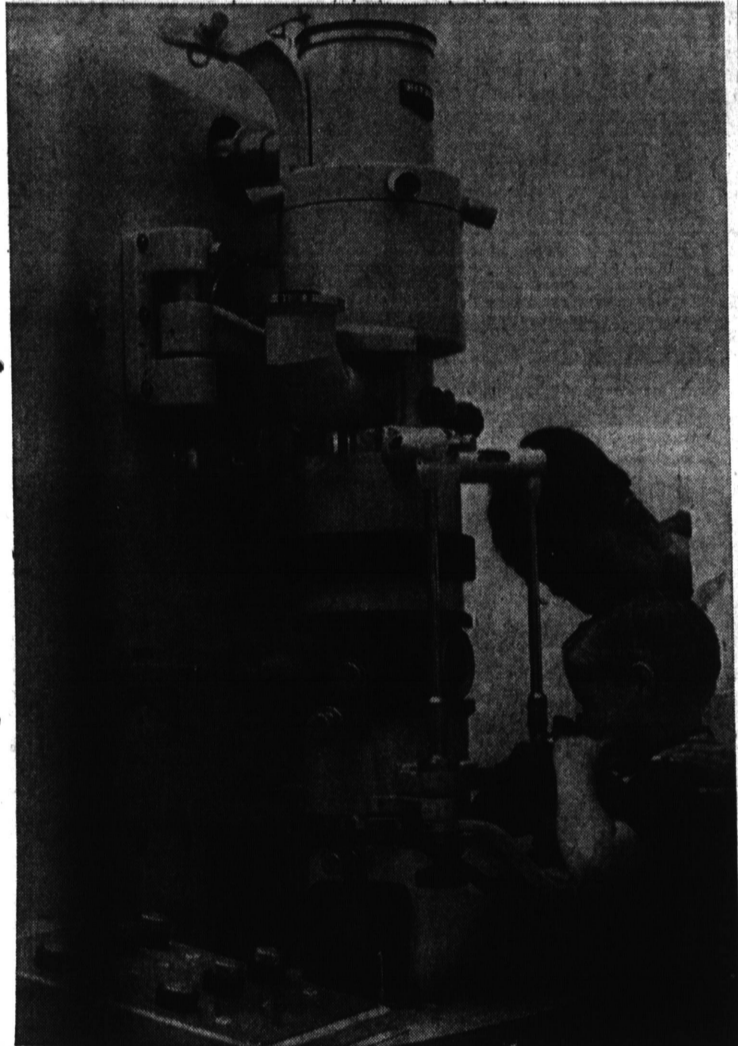
Trustees To Appoint Successor

The vacancy on the Torrance Board of Education created yesterday by the death of Dr. Kurt T. Shery will be filled by appointment, the Press-Herald has been told.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, said the board will have 30 days in which to name someone to the post.

If the vacancy has not been filled within 30 days, then the County Superintendent of Schools will appoint a new member, Dr. Hull said.

Dr. Shery was first appointed to the board Dec. 4, 1961, replacing Clinton B. Cooke. He was elected to a four-year term in 1963 and just last month had won a second full term.



SCIENCE FICTION... DeWayne Watson might think this funny thing is something out of the latest monster movie, but actually it is Harbor General Hospital's electronmicroscope. Here DeWayne gets a peek into the strange, sub-miniature world revealed by the huge machine. DeWayne, along with brothers David and Daniel, identical triplets, toured the hospital as a preview to public open house scheduled there Thursday from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30. Invitational tours are being conducted throughout the week to commemorate National Hospital Week.

Council Puts Freeze On Disputed Wages

Torrance councilmen last night ordered a part of the wages paid to some 106 city employees withheld pending the outcome of a law suit filed against the city last week.

Councilmen acted following an executive session called to receive legal advice and at the request of City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert. Rupert told councilmen he wanted "direction" in the

matter. City Attorney Remelmeier recommended that the wages be withheld.

THE ACTION is the result of a law suit filed by Mrs. Yvonne Nicolai, wife of a retired Torrance police officer, and the Torrance Police Officers' Association. The suit alleges that Police Sgt. Thomas Wooldridge was promoted illegally and seeks to recover from top city officials wages paid to him since his promotion.

Wooldridge was "blanketed in" his position as a police sergeant early in 1966 as the result of wage and salary survey which was adopted by the City Council.

Remelmeier, in his opinion on the matter, said he was unable to determine if raises granted Wooldridge—and the 106 other city employees who were similarly blanketed in new positions—was legal.

HE THEN recommended that that part of salaries which is due to the promotion be withheld pending disposition of the suit.

Councilmen directed Rupert and William Dundore, finance director, to withhold the wages, along with any part of a pay increase voted just last month which is attributable to the promotions. The vote was unanimous. Trust accounts will be established for each of the 106 employees, Mayor Albert Isen declared.

ISEN NOTED that the law suit seeks a personal judgment against all seven councilmen, Rupert, City Manager

'Urban Explosion' Cited As Major State Problem

California's Republican Administration is attempting to solve problems caused by an "urban explosion" by involving every segment of society, Lt. Gov. Robert Finch declared here yesterday.

Finch, speaking to some 300 Rotary Club members from Torrance and the Beach Cities, called on all citizens to become active in partisan politics because "this is where we must solve the urban problems."

He said the great urban sprawl is now developing Great Lakes region, and in California. "This is the time to face the urban explosion," he declared.

"We cannot in the future rely on government alone," Finch said. "We must reach out and bring in every segment of our society."

CALIFORNIA, he said, is unique because its great urban center will not cross state lines. Finch called for more local involvement in the location of freeways and said the state is now considering a plan which would permit local boards to determine routes, based on "two or three

sound engineering plans." The lieutenant governor said he had found more and more antagonism toward what many people regard as arbitrary acts of the State Highway Commission in locating freeways throughout the state.

FINCH ALSO hit the location of facilities for higher education. The new Santa Cruz and Irvine campuses of the University of California have been located in areas which "have nothing to do with the urban explosion," he said.

In other areas, Finch said the administration is:

- Attempting to create 50,000 new "hard" jobs this year through a program financed entirely with foundation funds.
- Seeking ways to economize in government with the aid of task force of businessmen on loan to the state from their firms. He said economies of 12 to 14 per cent are believed possible in many areas.
- Pressing for tax reform which can provide an adequate tax base for both local government, the state's jun-

ior college system and the general fund.

FINCH SAID the current debate over Governor Ronald Reagan's proposal to charge tuition at the state colleges and university should not be an issue of tuition or no tuition, but rather "how much, who pays, and who benefits."

He said the state's Master Plan for Higher Education restricts admission to the University of California and the state colleges to top students. The vast majority of students, he said, are able to pay for part of the cost of their education.

Finch said tuition fees would remain in the educational system to provide loans and scholarships for youths unable to pay the fees and for faculty enrichment.

HE PREDICTED a "strong effort" will be made in the next few months to place the issue of capital punishment on the ballot. Finch also said he supports capital punishment.

An effort probably will be made to force a vote on the issue of the state's abortion laws, Finch said. He said he supports legislation now being considered in Sacramento which will "make specific" the state's abortion laws.

C. T. Rippey Dies

Early Judge, MWD Booster

Funeral services for Charles T. Rippey Sr., prominent Torrance attorney and civic leader for 45 years, were held here this morning. The 70-year-old attorney, who was still active in professional and business affairs, died unexpectedly Sunday after being stricken at his home, 1611 El Prado.

The Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, was the officiant at this morning's final services.

Mr. Rippey came to Torrance as an attorney in 1922. He was named city judge for Torrance in 1935 and served for 15 years.

DURING HIS early years in Torrance he became a prime mover in the formation of the Metropolitan Water District and was instrumental along with the former Torrance Herald with getting the city of Torrance included as one of the 13 original cities belonging to MWD. Mr. Rippey was the city's

first director on the MWD board and his name is inscribed on a bronze plaque which commemorates the early water developers at the Gene Camp pumping station near Parker Dam on the Colorado River.

HE WAS A charter member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, and was active in the Triple-T, a Torrance social club.

Mr. Rippey was a past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and was vice president and director of Lincoln Savings and Loan. He was a director for Providence Investment, and during World War II served on the Selective Service Board here. He would have been 71 next Monday. Surviving are his widow, Ruth; a daughter, Aggie Lou Coulson of Sherman Oaks; a son, Charles T. Jr., Porterville; two sisters, Mamie Hudgens and Jo McAmis of Tennessee; a brother, James L. of Tennessee; and three grandchildren.

Free Bus Service Set

Plans to provide limited free bus service for persons wishing to view the Armed Forces Day parade here Saturday, May 20, were approved last night by City Councilmen. Two buses will be in service during the day to bring spectators into the parade area and eliminate parking problems. Under the plan, first proposed by H. Ted Olson, one bus will pick up residents at Riviera Playground, El Retiro Park, and Seaside Playground and stop in the City Hall area. A second bus will travel from El Nido, Entradero, McMaster, and Guenser parks to Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards.

Supervisors Accept Budget

County Manager L. S. Hollinger's \$1.22 billion budget proposal, lighter by \$8 million after a reserve fund was penciled out, was approved for printing by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday. The printed budget must be circulated by May 30 to permit public hearings to begin June 9. The budget does not include wage and fringe benefit requests of the County Employees' Association and the Sheriff's Department.

Hatchet Suspect Surrenders

A Torrance man accused of the bludgeoning slaying of 24-year-old Karline Lee Robinson following a traffic argument on Carson Street last Thursday evening has surrendered to Los Angeles police and was scheduled to be arraigned before Municipal Court Judge Walter Binns this morning. Ralph Phillip Rodriguez, 27, 2142 Del Amo Blvd., surrendered to police in Los Angeles Monday afternoon. Rodriguez is charged with murder.