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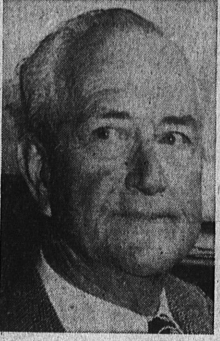
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... Council Candidate
By Photo Arts Studio



GEORGE DOWNING
... Second Try



A. H. BARTLETT
... To Run Again



ROBERT E. "BUD" LEE
... For City Clerk



MRS. MARGARET FORDICE
... Sole Candidate



CHECKING IN... Mrs. Clara A. Conner checks on postal supplies with Postal Inspector F. McKean (left) as she prepares to assume the duties of acting-postmaster from Louis H. DeLinger (right). Swearing-in ceremonies took place Tuesday at the Torrance Post Office.—Herald photo.

Only Six Hats in Ring As '50 Councilmanic Deadline Nears

All Candidates Must File By Noon Deadline

With the field of Council candidates due to close at noon today, six men yesterday had indicated they would definitely run while it was "rumored" that at least two others might file before the deadline.

Latest candidates to announce their intention to run are:

V. E. Benstead, Jr., steelworker, 1821 Beech avenue.

Frank Schmitt, steelworker, 1319 West 220th street.

C. Ed. Jones, auto dealer, of 1528 Post avenue, and George W. Downing, bookkeeper, 1511 Crenshaw boulevard.

Although confirmation from the candidates themselves could not be had by press time last night, the names of four other men have been bandied about in pre-election circles.

Possible candidates who may file their petitions with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett before noon today are:

A. J. Patrosky, salesman, 740 Calle De Arboles, Hollywood Riviera.

Carl S. Mirabella, boilermaker, 17220 Wilkie avenue, North Torrance.

Two other candidates, Willy C. Blount, salesman, 17036 Wilkie avenue, North Torrance, and Harvey B. Spelman, Jr., salesman, 23145 Doris Way, Seaside Ranchos, announced their candidacies last week.

Nicholas H. Cucel, steel worker and a member of the City Council four years ago, spiked rumors yesterday with the statement that he definitely would not run in April.

The candidates will be vying for two councilmanic seats left vacant when Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy and Councilman A. L. Jackson announced that they would not seek reelection.

The race for city clerk appears to have narrowed to a field of two candidates.

In the race for the clerical head of the city is the incumbent, A. H. Bartlett, city clerk since 1924, and Robert E. "Bud" Lee, 1314 Date avenue, a former man at the Mayfair Creamery.

Lee is serving presently as chairman of the Recreation Commission.

Unless a political "dark horse" appears today, Mrs. Margaret Fordice, incumbent city treasurer, 2027 1/2 Andree avenue, will have the field for treasurer to herself.

Reprinted below are statements from those candidates who this week indicated they were seeking public office. An attempt was made to procure statements from all the above-named candidates.

C. ED. JONES
"Having lived in the county near Torrance for a number of years, I appreciate the advantages of a city such as Torrance. Its sidewalks, paved streets, police department, schools, fire department and municipally owned bus system have become so or-

Three Companies Buy Huge North Torrance Tract



CRASH SCENE... After caroming through the intersection of 190th street and Western avenue, the auto at left carrying four persons snapped a power pole and came to rest in the yard of a filling station. All four occupants were injured.—Herald Photo.

Four Injured as Car Snaps Power Pole in Crash

Broadsiding out of control through the intersection of 190th street and Western avenue, an auto crashed into a power pole, injuring all four occupants Monday evening.

Treated at the Harbor General Hospital were: William Drew, 26, of 22102 Normandie avenue, driver; Emma K. Smith, 23, of 1317 Crenshaw boulevard; Robert Schwandt, 29, of 25923 Hillsworth avenue; Lonita; Marie Calvert, 33, of Maywood.

The late model sedan, demolished in the accident, snapped an Edison Company power pole and disrupted service in a wide area adjacent to the crash scene.

The foursome escaped more serious injuries and possible death from fire. The careening auto barely missed crashing into two gasoline pumps at a service station at the intersection. Witnesses said the car jumped a two-foot embankment, snapped the pole, and came to rest on its side in the yard of the service station.

Los Angeles police said they booked Drew on a drunk driving charge.

Schwandt suffered a possible fractured ankle and cut. Emma Smith received scalp lacerations and possible concussions in the crash. Drew was treated for head injuries and abrasions of the face and scalp. Marie Calvert reportedly received a cerebral concussion and bruises.

SCHOOL HEAD DUE BACK
Dr. J. Henrich Hjul, superintendent of schools, will return to his desk tomorrow after attending the week-long annual convention of the National Association of School Superintendents in Atlanta City.

He made the trip by air.

50 Volunteers Needed for 'Y' Support Drive

"Hap" Tillotson needs 50 volunteers immediately. He needs them to help solicit funds for the \$11,500 Y.M.C.A. Current Support Drive which to date has netted \$4700. More than \$4400 of that was in initial gifts and the great gap between the present figure and the goal must be made up by personal solicitation of citizens who would be happy to contribute if they could only be contacted.

MINIMUM FLOOR AREA SET
The City Council Tuesday night took action which will make it mandatory that future tract maps indicate that all new homes would have a minimum of 750 square feet of floor area.

Helen Gahagan Douglas To Speak in Torrance
Helen Gahagan Douglas member of Congress and candidate for the United States Senate, will speak here March 10 at a mass rally at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall at 2080 Washington street. The Helen Gahagan Douglas for Senate Club of Torrance announced this week.

Improvement Group Names New Officers
Proposed sale of the city's bus lines and increased service for local residents was the main topic of discussion at an organizational meeting of the West Torrance Improvement Association Monday night.

Addis Thomas, 22401 Ocean avenue, was elected president of the group. H. M. West, 4158 Sepulveda boulevard, was elected secretary.

A committee headed by Mrs. J. J. Millard, 23162 Hawthorne boulevard, was selected to form the by-laws.

The group will meet every second and fourth Monday at Attabery's Recreation Hall, 4162 Sepulveda boulevard at 7:30 p.m.

Business Forces Man To Resign City Post
Due to a heavy business schedule, Maurice M. Foreman, 1720 Watson avenue, tendered his resignation from the Torrance Civil Service Commission to the City Council Tuesday night.

School Board Gets \$13,153
Emergency funds amounting to \$13,153 have been granted to the Torrance Board of Education by the State of California, according to Emmett Ingram, business manager of the local district.

The money was awarded to local school board from funds provided by the Emergency Appropriation for Growth Act which was passed by the State Legislature during the first extraordinary session of 1949.

Three Companies Buy Huge North Torrance Tract
Sale of 80 acres at 190th street and Crenshaw boulevard for the construction of 400-500 homes was revealed yesterday by the purchasers of the property.

The proposed new home tract is independent and in addition to the 350 homes now under construction on the west side of Crenshaw boulevard by the J. A. Steiner and Horne Company.

Purchasers of the land, according to a corporation spokesman are the Kleefeld and Sons Construction Company, the Don Jarlan Construction Company, and the Fleetwood Corporation, all Los Angeles, construction firms.

Amount of the transaction was not disclosed.

The property lies to the northeast of the intersection of 190th street and Crenshaw boulevard.

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Mrs. C. A. Conner Assumes Duties of Postmaster Here

Mrs. Clara A. Conner succeeded her late husband as postmaster of Torrance at swearing-in ceremonies Tuesday.

Pending perfunctory appointment by the President and ratification by the U. S. Senate, Mrs. Conner was actually sworn in as acting postmaster.

She relieves Louis H. DeLinger, who has been serving in that capacity since the death of C. Earl Conner February 3, 1949.

The race for Torrance postmaster was whittled to two eligibles following extensive screening by postal authorities.

Mrs. Conner, widow of a war veteran, took the nomination from City Councilman George C. Powell on a veteran's preference.

Earl Conner was active in veteran affairs and had served both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars as post commander.

Under the Veteran's Preference Act of 1944, a candidate, lacking veteran's preference for such an office can not bypass an eligible candidate with such a preference.

Actual appointment of Mrs. Conner as postmaster is expected now as a matter of course.

Mrs. Conner, who lives at 1108 Cravens avenue, was administered the oath of office by Post Office Inspector F. McKean. She received her appointment as acting-postmaster from J. M. Donaldson, postmaster general.

Joint Recreation Director Hired By City Council

Frank H. Carpenter, athletic coach of 21 years' experience, was hired Tuesday night by the City Council as the first City-School Director of Recreation.

Carpenter, a graduate of Teachers College in St. Cloud, Minnesota, is presently employed in the recreation department of the city of Burbank. The 44-year-old director helped correlate the city-school plan of recreation now being followed in Burbank. He has also helped organize similar programs in eastern cities.

He was the successful candidate for the job after extensive screening by the Torrance Board of Education, the Recreation Commission, and the city manager.

The Council ordered City Attorney C. Douglass Smith to prepare a one-year contract for the employment of Carpenter and a contract with the school board. The cost of the yearly salary of \$4400 will be borne jointly by the Torrance Unified School District and the City of Torrance.

Youth Shaky After Look Into Pistol

How does it feel to look down the business end of a .32 automatic?

It's shaky. That's Francis Prenevost's version of it.

Francis, who is 20 years old, was watching his father's store at 2218 Torrance boulevard, known as Joe's Sporting Shop, Tuesday at 3 p.m., when two men called him from the desk in the room at the rear of the store.

He walked the few feet to the counter at the rear of the store and the taller of the two handed him the stock of a .22 rifle and asked Francis how much it would cost to have the breech reamed large enough to accept .22 long cartridges as well as the .22 short cartridges for which it was made.

Francis answered, "About three or four dollars."

The tall man, whom Francis remembers, was about six feet tall, wearing a brown leather jacket and levis, and who had blue eyes and sandy hair, agrees.

His partner, whom Francis doesn't remember very well except that he was about five feet ten inches tall, with dark hair and dark complexion, said nothing while he was in the store.

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Report On Survey To Be Made at Council Meeting

Presentation of the findings of a city-wide recreation survey originally slated for last Tuesday night has been postponed until March 7 during the council meeting in the City Hall.

At that time Ferdinand Bahr, recreation specialist with the California State Department of Recreation, will present to the council and all interested persons the findings of an extensive survey of the recreation needs and present facilities of the City of Torrance.

Facilities in adjacent areas will also be reported upon.

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