



TITLE ASPIRANTS . . . Lovelles Beverly Moore, baton twirling champion, and Barbara Zachery, ice skating champion, will vie for the title of Miss Torrance of 1950.—Herald photo.

CITY MAY LOSE HUGE FAIR TO RACE TRACK TURF CLUB

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Council Candidates Expose Plot to Oust City Manager

Candidates Claim Plan Would Seat Powell as Mgr.

A plot to oust the present city manager and substitute Councilman George Powell, a scheme often discussed in recent informal political circles, flared out into the open this week.

In a five-column advertisement appearing elsewhere in this newspaper, Harvey B. Spelman and Willys B. Blount, running for the City Council on a homeowner's ticket, openly charged that another candidate for the office was seeking election on an "Oust the City Manager" promise.

Spelman and Blount said that Councilman Candidate Victor E. Benstead is reportedly agreed, if elected, to join with Councilmen Nick Drule and Powell to oust City Manager George W. Stevens and place Powell in as administrative head of the city.

"Several individuals have been approached with this proposition," Spelman and Blount reported as being "informed by those approached."

"The political maneuver," said Spelman and Blount, "calls for three separate steps: (1) To first make Powell mayor; (2) then manager of the bus lines; and (3) finally into the city manager's chair."

Under present laws the mayor serves without pay, the bus line manager's pay is \$5268 yearly, and that of the city manager is \$10,000 yearly.

"We feel that the people of Torrance should be alerted to this play. To overthrow all the work of George Stevens, a qualified civil engineer and an experienced city manager, under whose administration the city has enjoyed the greatest growth in its history, to overthrow all this just to satisfy the ambitions of one job-seeker, is utterly foolish," the candidates stated.

Expect 200 Kids To Enter Parade Here Saturday

Youngsters, 200 of them, are expected to participate in Saturday's parade which will highlight the Fun Festival which opened here for a five-day run last night.

Leaders of the Optimist Club and Lions Club, sponsors of the event, estimated 1000 persons attended opening night of the gayly-lighted midway located on Marcelina avenue opposite the post office.

In addition to the various thrill rides, (for kids and adults, too), nightly amateur shows featuring local talent will be held on an open air stage on the carnival grounds.

Last night's contestants included Janene Columbo, acrobat; The Four Aces in Pantomime, and Judy Franz, dancer.

Other contestants scheduled for appearance this week, according to Harry Watkins, program chairman, are:

Thursday — Marquita Davies, acrobatic dancing; Sally Jones, baton twirling; Shirley Pagsell, hula dancer; Jonathan Murakina, cornet solo; Jay Jolly, baton twirling.

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PREVIEW . . . Scenes like this will be common in Torrance the next few weeks as the 1950 census takers begin their house-to-house canvass. Here Mrs. H. R. Murray questions her own daughter, Mrs. N. E. Peacock while Crew Leader Stanley Helman checks the procedure during practice sessions this week.—Herald photo.

Turf Club Offer May Lure Fair

Fear that the Los Angeles Turf club is attempting to rifle Torrance's till and rob the city of its World Transportation Fair, was expressed among varied interested groups this week.

Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he had been informed of a plan to move the gigantic show to the Santa Anita race track to take advantage of the stadium, parking areas, restaurants, and cocktail lounges in the club house.

Meanwhile, J. Victor Carson, manager of the suburban properties for the Dominguez Estates on whose property the proposed fair was to be located, said that Ira W. Curry, managing director of the fair, had not informed him of any such plan.

"We have a contract with Mr. Curry and a partial payment of a one year's lease for the property at 190th street and Western avenue. We believe that contract to be binding." Conjecture that the rumor may be based on fact was expressed by state political observers. It was opined that since the appellate court has held that pari-mutuel wagering is illegal, the management of the huge Santa Anita track might be attempting to salvage what they could of their investment by converting the track into a fairgrounds. This is predicted on the abandonment of horse racing at the track due to a loss which naturally would occur if pari-mutuel wagering were not permitted.

J.C.'s, Lions Back Queen Candidates

Whoever the contestants for the title of Miss Torrance of 1950 may be, they will be among some high-stepping, feet-footed company.

Announced this week were the first two teenage local lovelies who have signified they will enter the Junior Woman's Club sponsored Fifth Annual Queen Contest.

Beverly Moore, dimpled-kneed baton-twirling majorette of the Torrance area Youth Band, will be sponsored by the Torrance Lions Club.

Barbara Zachery, recent dimpled, and winner of the recent Silver Skates ice skating championship, will be sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Beverly, formerly band majorette of the Torrance High School Band, is now employed at Almond's Department Store. Barbara is working her way up through the educational ranks at Torrance High School.

All other girls, including Beverly and Barbara, will get an even start for the title of Queen when the contest officially starts on April 22.

The title of Queen is acquired by the girl who, with the aid of her sponsor and friends, sell the most votes. All money derived from the sale of votes will be used by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club to bolster the YWCA building fund.

Already more than \$200 in gifts have been donated by local (Continued on Page 3)

Perry Grade School Expected To Hit 700 Mark

An enrollment of 700 students at Perry Elementary School can be expected within the next few days, according to Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

Bob Morton, principal of the school, reported that each Monday morning finds from eight to ten new students lined up waiting to register at the North Torrance school.

Man Slugged for Blowing Horn of Youth's Auto

An unknown assailant slugged a middle-aged merchant in the face, smashing his glasses this week because the local business man asked the fast-moving youth to move his parked auto.

Victim of the unprovoked attack was Mike Fenwick, owner of Fenwick's Shoe Repair Shop, 1420 Marcelina avenue.

The middle-aged Fenwick only recently was released from confinement to his bed with a heart ailment.

Recounting the incident Fenwick told Torrance Detectives Ernie Ashton and Percy Bennett, that he noticed a car parked in front of his garage in the rear of 1418½ Marcelina avenue. When he could not locate the owner of the car he blew his horn.

The owner of the car, a man about 25 years of age, approached Fenwick—swearing at him for blowing his horn.

When Fenwick asked him if he would move his car the assailant told him:

"Go to
"I'll be forced to call the police. I have to use my car," Fenwick told him.

It was then the younger man struck Fenwick in the face, knocking him down and smashing his glasses.

Detectives were unable to find any witnesses to the incident or obtain the license number of the car, they said.

It was first reported that the man was an employee of the Pan-American Amusement Company whose carnival is set up near the scene of the altercation.

Jim Wood, owner of the carnival stated that the man was one of 20 sent over by the California State Employment Office to help erect the carnival, and not a regular company employee.

DARBY FILES FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Raymond V. Darby, county supervisor for the Lomita area, filed yesterday on both Republican and Democratic tickets for lieutenant governor of California.

Mayor of Inglewood for 14 years, Darby will oppose incumbent Goodwin J. Knight.



BBOXES OF BALLOTS . . . Go into the mails as City Clerk A. H. Bartlett (right) hands to Postal Clerk Gen Robinson (left) a record number of sample ballots. Jack Duell helps unload the record batch of 8640 ballots.—Herald photo.

Bus Lines Start Using New Depot At Daniel's Cafe

Buses of the Greyhound Lines reined up alongside 1635 Cabrillo avenue this week to mark the opening of a new \$28,000 bus depot and waiting room.

The big green passenger carriers of the Torrance Municipal Lines will make their first stops at the depot on April 2, according to Marshall Chamberlain, manager of the local lines.

The new off-the-street loading area and depot is located a half block south of the present downtown terminal at the Beacon Drug Company at the corner of Gramercy and Cabrillo avenues. The new structure including a (Continued on Page 26)

Task of Counting Nation's Noses Starts Saturday

Come April 1, "E Day," Enumeration Day, residents of Torrance like those in the rest of the nation, will be asked to stand up and be counted.

On Saturday of this week, 19 enumerators assigned to this area will begin ringing doorbells and saying, "Good morning, I am gathering information for the 1950 Census."

According to Stanley Helman, crew leader for those nose-counters covering Torrance, Shoestring Strip, and Palos Verdes Estates, the 19 enumerators will complete a three-day training this week. The training is being conducted under the supervision of James I. Pierceall, district supervisor of the 17th Congressional District office, at the Naval Supply Annex on Washington avenue.

All persons will answer some of the same questions while every fifth person will be asked more detailed questions about the house in which they live.

"The law," says Helman, "requires answers to all questions. All enumerators have taken an oath that all answers are confidential," he said.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey Jr. urged the cooperation of all residents in the area stating:

"The information collected in the Census serves many useful purposes, among which are ap-

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Record Number Sample Ballots Sent to Voters

Largest batch of sample ballots in the city's history went into the mails this week.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett posted a total of 8640 envelopes containing sample ballots for use by the voters who will go to the polls for a municipal election on April 11.

Printed on the ballot are the names of eight council candidates, two city clerk candidates, and two city treasurer office-seekers, one proposition governing the proposed sale of the city's bus lines, and 14 Charter Amendments.

Contained in the envelopes, also are cards indicating the polling place for the addressee.

Eighty-Year-Old Woman Leaves 59 Descendants

Fifty-nine direct descendants in three generations were left when Mrs. Mattie Biggs died here last Sunday at the age of 80.

A resident here 10 years, Mrs. Biggs' descendants included 11 children, 27 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

There are five daughters, Mrs. Anna Center, Beaumont, Mrs. Molly Willis, Lomita, Mrs. Ollie Parr, Torrance, Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Bakersfield, and Nadine Kirehner, Van Nuys; and six sons, John Biggs, Torrance, Aey of Moore, Oklahoma, Walter of Noble, Oklahoma, Claude, Long Beach, Guy of Willowbrook, and Gab of Los Angeles.

Services were conducted yesterday at Stone and Myers Mortuary by Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church of Torrance with interment at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

FOLDER, MONEY MISSING
A folder containing \$320 was reported lost Sunday to the Torrance Police Department by J. F. Stephens, 209 North Catalina avenue.