

Voters To Pick Three School Trustees Friday

Court To Hear Recount Action Tomorrow

Incumbent Trio Seeks Reelection

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1500 To Strut In Torrance's Biggest Parade

City to Fete Armed Forces Day Saturday

More than 1500 troops, bands, and mounted units have been briefed and stand-ardized for Saturday's parade—rapidly taking shape as the largest ever held in Torrance. By actual tally there are 1579 persons who will march in Saturday's mile-long Torrance Area Youth Band-Armed Forces Day parade.

The parade will start from Cabrillo and Plaza Del Amo at 2:30 p. m. and will proceed through the central business section of the city. Exact route of the parade may be found in another story in this issue.

Headling the five-division parade will be Cowboy Slim, rodeo and television star, who will ride as Grand Marshal, according to James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth band and parade chairman. Mayor Bob L. Haggard is Honorary Grand Marshal.

Massed colors comprised of the various veterans organizations in Torrance will head the military units in the parade including 180 troops from the California National Guard.

"This parade," said Forrest Meyers, president of the Torrance Youth Bands, Inc., "has been described as among the best in Southern California—taking a back seat only to the"

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Pilot Feeling 'Mighty Lucky' After Crash

After escaping unhurt from a mid-air collision last Saturday in which one pilot was killed, a Torrance Marine Corps flyer was back in his Waltham home yesterday feeling "mighty lucky."

Involved in the crash near Newport Beach was 1st Lt. Lewis J. Walton of 3309 Windlock Road, Pacific Hills.

Victim of the air-crash was 1st Lt. Marian Irvin Ryan, 29, of Norco, California, a squadron mate of Walton's.

Both pilots attached to VMF 123, a Marine Corps Fighter Squadron were on a "Weekend Warrior" training flight when the accident occurred, according to Los Alamitos Air Station officers.

Walton said he did not see the other plane until he felt it strike the right wing of his Hellcat (F6F) fighter plane.

Witnesses said that the two planes collided about 500-1000 feet above the ocean off Newport Beach. Lt. Ryan's plane crashed into the sea sinking immediately. A Coast Guard cutter rushed to the scene but was unable to find any trace of the pilot. A Navy tug was to begin salvage operations immediately after the accident.

Lt. Walton who lives with his wife Susan, and two children, Peter, 2½, and Susan, 12 months, recently moved to the Windlock address from 1641 West 20th street.

Ratification of Appointment Due Within Few Days

Senate Ratification of President Truman's appointment of Mrs. Clara Conner as postmaster of Torrance is expected within the next four or five days, according to postal authorities.

Mrs. Conner is presently serving as acting postmaster. She succeeded her late husband, Earl Conner to office which he held for 14 years prior to his death on February 4, 1949.

Saturday Parade Lineup

GRAND MARSHAL'S DIVISION

- | Number | Name of Unit |
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| 40 | Veterans' massed color guards. |
| 40 | Torrance Area Youth Band, Senior Group. |
| 24 | All-Girl Baton Corps, Div. of Torrance Area Youth Band. |
| 75 | Torrance Area Youth Band, Junior Intermediate Group. |
| | Parade Trophy automobile. |
| | Cowboy Slim, Grand Marshal. |
| | Turner Family, Long Beach. (\$200,000 in Silver Saddles.) |
| | Mayor Bob Haggard, Honorary Grand Marshal. |

DIVISION 1

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| | Andy Alexander on his horse "Tony", Marshal. |
| 75 | Willowbrook Jr. High School Band. |
| 42 | Dick Laylands Batonettes. |
| 30 | Santa Monica Mounted Police. |
| | George Britton and his horse "Pardner". |
| | Electric Oldsmobile from Mullins Service. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hodges. |
| | Eleanor Truitt—8 years old (outfit made by daddy). |
| 15 | Bicycle group from Paul Benny Smith's Bicycle Shop in Torrance. |
| 70 | Monterey Park Girls Drum & Bugle Corp & Drill Team—Dr. S. J. Broadwell Mgr. |
| | Mrs. Lucille Riggs from Westminster on "Jet". |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster from Wilmington (black horses). |
| | L. H. Gann from Ontario. |
| | Harry Walters—Roman Rider on two white horses. |
| | Caroly Knight, Lt. Gov. daughter. |
| | Junior Woman's Club Queen Contestant. |
| 60 | National Guard. |

DIVISION 2

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| | Cherie Belcher, on her horse "Taffy", Marshal. |
| 105 | Lynwood Jr. High School Band & Drill Team. |
| 20 | Inglewood Gladora Majorette Corps. |
| | Miss Betty Ball on "Major". |
| 16 | Silver Glen Vaqueros. |
| | Alfred Giacomo on "Chi Chi". |
| | 1910 Ford from Schultz & Peckham, local Ford Dealers. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Baun (Ed and Lee). |
| | A. J. Folkerson on "Apache" great grandson of "Man o' War". |
| 12 | El Camino Girls on Truck—Western Band "Candy Kisses". |
| 16 | Canadian Legion—Palos Verdes Post No. 77 Bagpipe Band. |
| | Fernado Ramirez with his son Louis. |
| 30 | Cole Majorettes. |
| | Bobby Thomas on Sierra Sue. |
| | Charles Erickson—Plain Western. |
| 14 | Stephen Rangers, (Jr. Group). |

DIVISION 3

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| | Bob Simon on "Golden Boy", Marshal. |
| 60 | Redondo Beach Union High School Band. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Royal Norton. |
| 40 | Westchester School of Dance Arts. |
| | Dr. F. O. Brasch from Norwalk. |
| | 1923 Chevrolet from Paul's Chevrolet Co. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. LeValley—Western Pairs. |
| | Miss Vickie Wedoo—Spanish Senorita. |
| | Centennial Float. |
| | Old Prospector. |
| 125 | Long Beach Youth Band—Boys. |
| | Wrigley Girls—Baton Corp. |
| | Miss Annie Specht. |
| | Mr. Ernie Specht on King Cortez. |
| | Mr. Charles W. Pratt on Pokazem (arab outfit). |
| 27 | Long Beach Boy Scout Troop No. 43. |
| | Long Beach Drum & Bugle Corp. |
| | Al Schiomi, plain western. |
| | Roger Moore, plain western. |
| | Bill Hopper on "Sir Rock". |
| 60 | National Guard. |

DIVISION 4

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| | Dixie Grey, Marshalette. |
| 85 | Deputy Auxiliary, Police Band. |
| 16 | Santa Monica Drill Batonettes. |
| 28 | Redondo Beach Mounted Posse. |
| | Edward Sotelo from Whittier. |
| | 1909 Oldsmobile, Stanley Martin, Inc. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Balster from Westminster. |
| | C. A. McDaniel on Flying M King. |
| 40 | Torrance Accordionettes. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Warman. |
| | Mrs. Mamie Heiser—plastic outfit. |
| | Mrs. Charlotte McGarvin on "Flying Katrinka". |
| | Salatch Family. |
| 40 | Wilmington Drum & Bugle Corps. |
| | Four Square Church. |
| | Little Hills Saddle Club. |
| 40 | Torrance Auxiliary Police, Jr. |

DIVISION 5

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| | Floyd Wallace on Chief of Salinas, Marshal. |
| 40 | Ered C. Nelles School for Boys Band. |
| 30 | Dancing Majorettes. |
| 12 | Rio Hondo Rangers. |
| | Mr. and Mrs. McKinley. |
| | Cowboy Curly (Old time wagon). |
| | Neal Joy Russell (Charro). |
| | Vaughn Family, San Fernando. |
| | Dave M. Gould on "King". |
| | Julius Jewett, Plain Western. |
| | Julius Stately and family. |
| | Billy Rose (boy). |
| | Nelson Matsen on Capt. Fame. |
| 60 | National Guard. |
| 80 | Huntington Park City Junior Band. |
| | Fern Avenue PTA Float. |



PRETTY, EH? . . . Comely Beverly Moore, high-stepping, baton-twirling, head majorette of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, poses with the more than \$600 in trophies and ribbons to be awarded to units participating in Saturday's colorful parade through downtown Torrance. More than 1500 persons will march, ride and pedal in the Youth Band-Armed Forces Parade. It starts at 2:30 p.m. (Herald photo).

Big Legal Battle Due on 'Who Won'

California legal history may be made tomorrow in the Los Angeles Superior Court in the pending demand for a recount of the ballots cast in the last municipal election.

Due to be heard in Judge Arnold Praeger's court, Division 25, is a demurrer filed by C. Douglass Smith, attorney for Councilman Willys G. Blount, defendant in the action.

Smith says that if the judge sustains his demurrer, the matter of a recount will end.

Meanwhile, according to the records of the county clerk, a second demand for a recount of the April 11 election ballots was filed Tuesday. Named as contestant in the action was Nicholas H. Cucci, former councilman and campaign manager of Victor E. Benstead.

The two statements claim that Benstead, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, is the rightful winner of the recent councilmanic race and not Councilman Blount. Benstead lost winning a seat on the Torrance City Council by seven votes.

According to Albert Isen, attorney for Benstead, who filed the original statement of contest of election, and for Cucci, certain errors were made in the tallying of the ballots, which if corrected would make his candidate a city councilman in place of Blount.

"The only manner by which this situation can be corrected," maintains Isen, "is by a recount." According to Smith there is no precedent in Los Angeles County where a city council has served as a jury in hearing a demand for a recount of ballots.

Smith claims that the contestant (Benstead) has failed to state facts sufficient for a recount.

"It is my opinion," stated Smith, "that legally they do not have a case."

Meanwhile, Isen charged that Smith apparently was basing his opinions on an outdated law. Isen maintains the law entitles the contestant to a recount by alleging certain errors to have been made.

Smith, who is also City Attorney for the City of Torrance, but representing Councilman Blount as private counsel, said he was also asking that should the recount be ordered, that the matter be heard by the Torrance City Council. He maintains that since the matter is

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Mrs. Evelyn Carr, housewife, 1544 Marcelline avenue; Dr. Howard A. Wood, present president of the board, 1517 El Prado;

Judge John A. Shidler, judge of the Gardena Justice Court, 34 Camino de las Colinas.

Running against the three incumbents is former Councilman, Albert L. Jackson. The ex-



DR. HOWARD A. WOOD
Incumbent

councilman was drafted the same night he completed a four year term on the Torrance City Council on April 18.

No other measures or issues will be found on the ballot.

Contrary to a wide-spread impression all candidates elected will serve for a full four-year term. There will be no short terms, according to a recent ruling of the County Council.

The belief that Judge Shidler, appointed in October to fill a vacancy on the board following the resignation of George Thatcher, would run on the short term ticket was corrected by the County Council. The latter agency reported that Judge Shidler's appointment was only until the next regular election at which time his board position would be filled by the election of a member to serve until 1954.

Members of the Board serve without pay.

The city of Torrance has been divided into seven precincts for the board election. The seven polling places which will open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. are located as follows:

North Torrance Elementary School, 17220 Casimir avenue.
Perry Elementary School, Seaside Elementary School, Waltham Elementary School, Fern Avenue Elementary School.

Torrance High School, and Private residence in Hollywood Riviera at 716 Calle De

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Union Leader, Publishers Dismiss Suits

Publishers of the Torrance Herald this week joined with Haskell Tidwell, executive secretary of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union No. 903, in announcing the dismissal of all court actions which were pending between the Clerks' Union, its secretary, and the Torrance Herald, Grover C. Whyte and Edwin B. Brown.

The clerks' union came to the support of the Herald printers in their dispute with the publishers, which led to the filing of various libel, injunction and damage suits, all of which have now been dismissed. As a result, a completely harmonious relationship has been established between the newspaper and the clerks' union. Tidwell and Whyte stated.

The libel suit filed by Tidwell against the Herald publishers on June 21, 1949, was the most widely publicized of the various court actions. Basis of the complaint, Tidwell said, was the innuendo suggested following the publication in April 7, 1949 issue of the Torrance Herald

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Columbia Hikes Pay

Lump sum settlements in payment of certain inequities that exist in pay rates averaging \$833 per employee will be made to 90-100 Columbia Steel salaried workers soon after July 15, it was announced by company officials this week.

Don Hyde, director of industrial relations, said that in some cases the retroactive pay increases which date back to January 4, 1944, would amount to \$2000.

Some 6000 employees of United States Steel, parent company of the Columbia Steel Company in Torrance, would be benefited by the payments which are expected to amount to \$5,000,000.

The new wage scales will start at \$83 in the lowest class and rise to a maximum of \$198.30 for a bi-weekly period.

When the payments are made six years of comprehensive study and negotiations with the United Steelworkers of America-CIO and company officials will have been completed. The payments are an outgrowth of a directive issued by the War La-

bor Board in 1944 and which directed the company to eliminate certain salary and wage inequities, among the 250,000 U. S. Steel employees. Adjustment of wages for hourly rated employees was completed in 1947.

The basis of payment for the retroactive pay is figured on a complicated set of percentages adjusted according to blanket

4-Year Old Tot Breaks Foot In Fall From Truck

Falling from an ice cream truck, little 4-year-old Ronald Harris of 21810 Balldale avenue suffered a broken left foot when one of the wheels of the vehicle ran over his leg, the boy's mother told San Pedro police last Thursday.

Following the accident which happened near his home, the lad was treated at the Harbor General Hospital.

Driver of the truck was listed as Donald E. Lighter, 31, of 1421½ Madrid avenue.

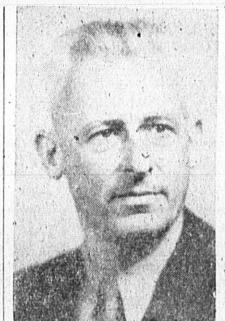
pay increases granted during the past six years.

In no case will the payment be less than 3½ cents per hour for each hour worked during the period of 36 months between January 4, 1944, and January 31, 1947, Hyde said.

Actual payments will be made as soon after July 15 as accountants can determine each salaried employee's earnings in the last six years.

Kresse to Attend Steel Institute in New York

Selected to represent Columbia Steel Company at the annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute to be held in New York City, May 24 and 25, Otto A. Kresse, General Superintendent of the Company's Torrance Plant, accompanied by Mrs. Kresse, will leave here Saturday aboard the Santa Fe Railway's "Chief."



ALBERT L. JACKSON
Ex-Councilman



JUDGE JOHN A. SHIDLER
Incumbent



MRS. EVELYN CARR
Incumbent

Mjr. Downs To Address Rotarians

Saluting Armed Forces Day—May 20, Major Dallas Downs, commanding officer of the 578th Combat Engineers Battalion of the California National Guard, will address members of the Torrance Rotary Club at a regular meeting of the group tonight.

Major Downs will speak on "What the National Guard Means to the Community, to the State, and to the Nation." Major Lewellen said.