

Two File for Board of Education Election in May

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Assembly Passes Lease Measure Without Dissent

Lease Bill Gets First Approval

Passage of Assembly Bill 19, which would extend the power of the city to lease city-owned land for 50 years, was announced yesterday in a telegram to the Torrance Herald by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

The bill, introduced by Thomas at the city's request, came out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation after Thomas and City Attorney James M. Hall appeared before the committee last Wednesday.

Action of the Assembly in passing the bill to the Senate came without a dissenting vote, Thomas wired.

Clerk Contract Talks Resuming After Deadlock

Negotiations on the Merchantile agreement and drug agreement between Retail Clerks Local 905 and the Harbor Area Employers Council, which came to a temporary halt Tuesday, will be resumed this week, according to a joint statement issued by Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council, and Ben N. Scott, acting secretary-treasurer of Local 905.

The negotiations were terminated by Hirschel Womack, International Representative of the clerks, Selover said, when the drugists refused to agree to an "improvement factor" increase in wages of \$3 per week each year for the next three years, a cost-of-living adjustment each year, and a three weeks vacation after five years as a basis of negotiating a three year contract.

The drugists countered with a "no increase" offer on a one-year contract, and the negotiations were terminated.

Scott and Selover agreed that talks should be resumed, and it is expected that meetings will be scheduled during the next few days.

City Officials To Meet Tonight

Nearly 180 city officials from all points in Los Angeles County are expected here this evening for the monthly dinner meeting of the League of California Cities at the Civic Auditorium. It was announced yesterday by City Manager George Stevens.

G. H. Weisberger, superintendent of the Whittier Union High School District, will speak on the topic, "Whose Problem Is It?"



NEW STORE TOUR . . . Visiting new Goodyear store here yesterday were company officials and civic leaders who put a stamp of approval on the modern new Torrance business. Left to right are R. R. Robbins, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, Supervisor Burton Chace, Manager Ed Maulding, and Carl A. Crafts. (Story on Page 8).

Airport Manager To Build New Aircraft Store

A new airport store designed to supply aircraft parts and other items to plane owners will be built on the Torrance Municipal Airport, Manager Ed Dietrich told the Herald this week.

Dietrich said he plans to construct a new building adjacent to the airport office which will house a store handling parts, dope, fabric, tires, aircraft hardware, and other items for the flying public.

Construction will begin later this month, he said.

A new hanger will also be built adjacent to the airport administration building, Dietrich said. The manager said he hoped to get started on the new hanger early this summer.

Sgt. Carlos Almeida Honored For Service in Korea Battle

Army Sgt. First Class Carlos Almeida, 22, of Torrance, has been presented with a Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat in Korea in the early summer of 1953, his parents learned this week.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roman Almeida of 5202 W. 182nd St. Sgt. Almeida, a graduate of Torrance High School, is now a senior at the school.

A letter received by his par-

Two File For School Board

Two candidates have filed for election to the Board of Education, it was reported at the Board meeting Tuesday.

Incumbent Bill Tolson and Edward L. Schwartz, of 3244 El Dorado St., are the two candidates for the election, which is slated for May 21.

Two positions on the Board will expire and be filled by the May 21 vote. To be voted on are the positions of Judge John A. Shidler, president, and Tolson, who has filed to run for reelection.

Judge Shidler said yesterday that he is "undecided" whether he will run for reelection.

Registration of voters closes on March 28 and April 21 is the last date to file a declaration of candidacy with the County Superintendent of Schools.

Industry Backs Bond Proposals

Endorsement of the four bond propositions which will be placed on the ballot here next month was unanimously voted by members of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee Tuesday. It was announced here by Fred W. Mill, secretary of the organization.

The committee, which represents the city's major industries, prepared a resolution stating the approval of industry for the proposals. At the same time Mill said, the committee adopted a resolution commending City Manager George Stevens. Copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to the city, Mill said.

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Crenshaw School, Riviera Addition Contracts Given

Contract for the construction of the Crenshaw School has been awarded by the Board of Education to Co-ordinated Construction Inc., thus completing three projects financed for Torrance by funds from the Federal Government.

The other two projects were the Walteria School addition and the Howard Wood School. Bid for the Crenshaw School was awarded with the understanding that work shall be completed within 210 calendar days from the starting date.

The Board also awarded a contract for a four-classroom addition to the Riviera Elementary School. Carter Mack Builders of Harbor City submitted the low bid of \$38,000 and were awarded the contract. The projected dining patio will be put to bid later, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

The Riviera addition was to be started this week and completed within 150 calendar days, or by August 12, 1954.

Mounted Police to Ride

Members of the Torrance Mounted Police Patrol will participate in the annual San Juan Capistrano celebration hailing the return of the swallows next Saturday, it was announced yesterday by Police Sgt. D. C. Cook.

One Man Killed, Driver Held In Car-Truck Crash

A Torrance man was booked on suspicion of manslaughter after a passenger in his car was killed when the car and a truck collided Saturday morning in Los Angeles.

Dead is Louis Acosta, 24, of 2053 W. 203rd St. Police said he was riding in a car driven by George Guzman, 21, of 1106 W. Maple St. The auto collided with a truck at Santa Barbara and Vermont Aves. Acosta died at the scene of the crash.

Guzman and the truck driver and two other passengers in the Guzman car, Frankie Collins, 18, of 18123 Bailey Dr., and Frank Dierke, 16, of 2222 W. 203rd St., both of Torrance, were treated for minor injuries at Georgia Street Receiving Hospital.

Investigation showed that the auto swerved into the steel scaffolding of a building repair job after the impact with the truck and the truck hit a lamp post. Guzman was booked at City Jail in Los Angeles on suspicion of manslaughter and Police charged that he had been drinking prior to the accident.

Driver of the truck was George Bolner, 34, of 8134 Bedford Ave.

Local Red Cross Campaign Gets Goal Deadline

Torrance Red Cross has reached 27 per cent of its \$14,425 quota, it was announced Monday at the weekly report meeting of the Southwest Region Red Cross leaders.

With a collection of \$3945, the Torrance branch raised its standing to sixth among the cities in the area.

Former Mayor J. Hugh Sherry Jr., who is chairman of the 1954 fund drive here, was given a goal of 55 per cent of total to raise by next Monday, he reported after the meeting.

As a small award for their work in the campaign, three Torrance majors were given tours of Terminal Island Naval facilities Monday, a tour which included visits aboard a submarine, a battleship, and luncheon in the officers club.

Making the trip were Mrs. Maxine Crossley, 17503 Ermentia Ave., whose section has raised 800 per cent of its quota;

Mrs. Evelyn Radford, of 8450 1/2 Emerald St., who has raised 244 per cent of her goal; and Mrs. Jusetta Brewster, of 812 Porto la Ave., who has raised 162 per cent.

Campaign Chairman Sherry commended the three volunteers for exceeding their quotas.



RIDE APPEAL . . . Pretty Amy Du Boe, 19-year-old department clerk, shouldn't have too much difficulty catching a ride as she stands beside one of the new "Lift Station" signs erected for employees of the big Torrance plant at Douglas Aircraft. The signs are conveniently posted adjacent to company parking lots from which thousands of cars exit at the end of each shift.

Stabber Changes Plea To Guilty

Willie Bivins, 41, accused Keystone wife-stabber, changed his plea to "guilty" Monday to the lesser charge of assault with a deadly weapon and is due for probation and sentencing on April 8 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Bivins, who had pleaded "Not Guilty" to a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, changed his plea to "Guilty" when confronted with the lesser charge.

He confessed to attacking his wife, Josephine, with a pen knife and a butcher knife in a family squabble Jan. 2 in the Bivins home, 25027 S. Vermont Ave.

The argument started over whether to let the family dog into the house, police were told.

Mrs. Bivins was released from Harbor General Hospital Jan. 9 after recovering from knife wounds.

Interviews for Ford Foundation Teacher Training Plan Underway

The Board of Education has received from 20 to 25 applications and interviewed five persons for the USC and Ford Foundation teacher training project, which the local Board has voted to participate in.

Under the plan, 10 persons from Torrance who have received a bachelor's degree from college, will be enabled to become fully qualified elementary school teachers within a year, utilizing funds provided mostly by the Ford Foundation.

The program is a positive step to recruit and train qualified persons as teachers to fill California's drastic shortage.

Other districts in the Los Angeles area including Torrance, will participate in the plan. Applicants will be interviewed here and, if accepted, will attend summer school at USC beginning in June, where they will participate in a teacher training program.

Following summer school, prospective teachers will receive directed teaching experience in Torrance schools for two semesters, then will return to USC for another summer session.

After one year, these persons will be equipped to meet the state requirements for a regular

teacher.

Girl, 2, Dies in Fall

Pamela D. Mabes, two-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Mrs. Joan Mabes of 21740 Neptune St., was killed Tuesday afternoon when she tumbled from her grandmother's car into the path of another vehicle on Pacific Ave., north of 32nd St. in Long Beach.

SGT. CARLOS ALMEIDA . . . Awarded Bronze Star