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14,000 VOTERS EXPECTED AT POLLS AS TWO COUNCIL SEATS AT STAKE

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Voters Asked to Modernize City's Fire, Civic Center

Bonds Need 2 to 1 Majority To Pass

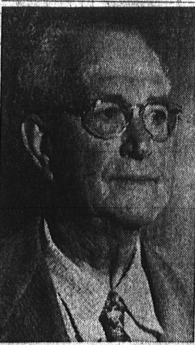
Four proposed bond issues which will cost the average homeowner about a penny a day and which will, if passed, enable the City of Torrance to improve its physical plant to accommodate its population, will be voted on Tuesday.

Proposing places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the convenience of the 17,032 registered voters. The four propositions on the ballot must obtain a two to one majority to pass. If passed, they will provide \$700,000 for the acquisition of Civic Center Site and construction of municipal buildings, including a new police department (Prop. No. 1). \$300,000 for the construction of Fire Department facilities (Prop. No. 2). \$150,000 for the development of parks and recreation facilities (Prop. No. 3). And \$250,000 for the construction of a swimming pool and bath house (Prop. No. 4).

Penny A Day Cost—estimated tax rate to meet the interest and retirement requirements will be 12 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation during 1954-55 and will decrease thereafter as the total assessed valuation of the City increases and the principal of the bond issue is paid off.

Based on this tax rate, the maximum that the bond issues can cost to a family with a \$2,500 assessed valuation will be \$3 for the first year, or less than a penny a day. Broken down, the costs will be, to the average family, Fire Department improvements, 64 cents; Civic Center and Police Parks and Recreation—32 cents; Swimming pool—54 cents.

Industries Bear Burden—Why is the cost so low? Because the industries in Torrance



ALBERT H. BARTLETT ... Has No Opposition

City Clerk Bid For Re-Election Goes Unopposed

Unopposed for his ninth term as City Clerk is A. H. Bartlett, who has held the office since a short time after the city was formed.

Regarding his unopposed bid for re-election Tuesday, the City Clerk released the following statement this week: "My platform is and always has been honesty, efficiency, and economy in governmental affairs.

"This applies particularly to the City of Torrance which I have helped to build.

"I am for any civic improvement which will benefit the community as well as our citizens." (Continued on Page 17)

17,000 Eligible To Vote Tuesday

Voters—17,032 of them—will be eligible to visit the polls here next Tuesday to select the city officials who will govern them for the next four years.

At stake are two City Council seats, those now held by Councilman Willys G. Blount, a candidate for re-election, and Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr., who did not seek re-election.

Entered in the race for the two seats besides incumbent Blount are Francis W. Burk, a bus driver who lives in Seaside Heights; Alvan Hill, member of the city's Planning Commission; Attorney Albert Eise; Mrs. Herma Tillim, owner of Torrance Personnel Agency; and Jack E. White, tool engineer for Northrop Aircraft.

Also at stake is the City Treasurer's post, now held by Mrs. Harriett Leech, who is seeking re-election to the post. Opposing her is Mrs. Arene Dean, an employee of Columbia Steel. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who has held that office for 32 years, is running unopposed.

Only two of the candidates have conducted a campaign as a team. Incumbent Willys G. Blount and Jack E. White, who appear first and last on the ballot, are asking support of both for the two Council seats.

Support for the two has come from the Torrance Ministerial Assn., Hollywood Riviera Voters Committee, and other groups. White is making his second bid for a Council seat. He was defeated two years ago in a close contest at the polls.

Making his second bid for a seat on the Council is Alvan K. Hill, who was a candidate in 1948. Hill, a member of the city Planning Commission for the past five years, is a builder, having constructed a number of

Torrance's nicer homes. He has campaigned independently.

Waging a vigorous campaign following his defeat two years ago is Attorney Eise, who has been endorsed by many of the area's leading labor officials in his bid for one of the two seats at stake in the Council race. Eise has conducted his campaign independently.

First woman officially in the Council race for many years, Mrs. Herma Tillim, with the backing of the Business and Professional Women's Club, has staged a vigorous campaign to have the "woman's view" included in the new Council set-up. Mrs. Tillim lives in North Torrance, and has been appearing before clubs, home groups, and at public rallies to give her views on keeping Torrance a balanced city, residentially and industrially.

Final candidate on the ballot is Jack E. White, who is staging a "Vote for Two" campaign with incumbent Blount.

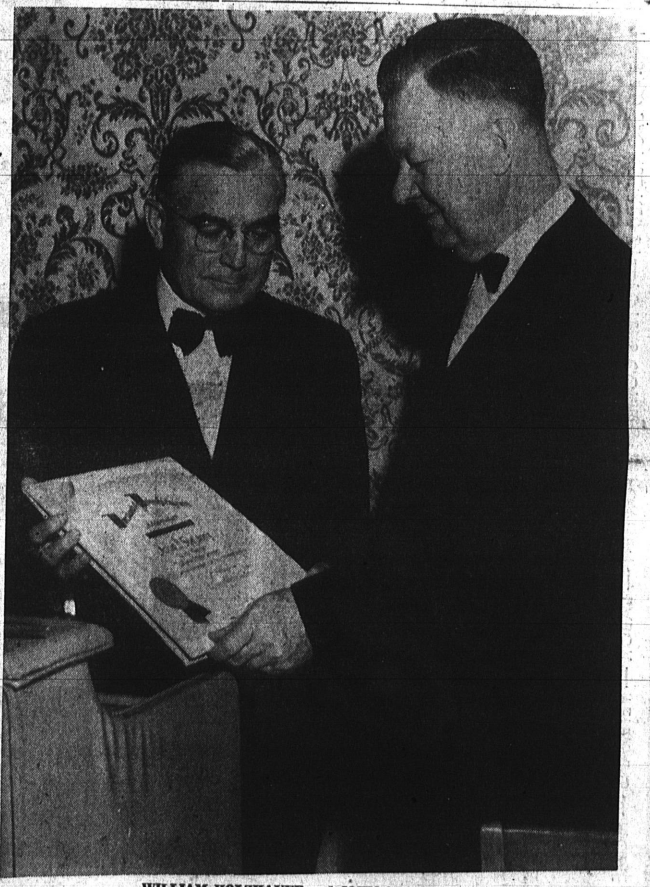
Political observers who have watched elections come and go in Torrance for years say it will take 4000 votes to get elected this year—a contrast to previous years. The top two candidates two years ago received less than 5000 votes between them.

Keystone Area Now 'Carson'

The area bounded by 190th St., Wilmington Blvd., Lomita Ave., and Normandie Ave., known as Keystone for years and years, will now be called Carson. It was decreed Thursday by the County Board of Supervisors.

Action by the supervisors on a motion introduced by Supervisor Burton W. Chase, culminates several years of effort by the Carson-Chamber of Commerce for the name switch.

In introducing the resolution for the change, Chase said the name honors the Carson family who pioneered the area.



WILLIAM HOLZHAUER and **JOHN SPALDING** ... M&M Prexy Presents Award To Spalding (right).

National Supply Works Manager Presented Award

For stressing the "human element" in employee relations, John D. Spalding, works manager at the Torrance Plant of National Supply Co., was presented an award by the Merchants and Manufacturers Association at an Association banquet Thursday evening at the Ambassador Hotel.

The awards were presented by William Holzhauser, M&M president, who stated, "Our first award for the year 1953 is to a company executive who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in supervisory development, thereby stimulating a high degree of cooperation among all levels of management within his company."

"This (award) goes to John Spalding... for his leadership in organization planning, which offered exceptional opportunity for all levels of supervision to participate in management."

Plant superintendents and department heads from National Supply nominated Spalding for the award. He has been with the NSCO organization since 1923. He is a graduate of George Washington U., where he obtained a degree in engineering; received his BS in engineering at Carnegie Inst. and his Bachelor of Law degree from Duquesne University.

Chief Sprints After Suspect, Nabs Him

The fact that Chief of Police Willard H. Haslam is faster on his feet than his years might indicate may spell trouble for a 22-year-old ex-Navyman taken in custody by Torrance Police yesterday.

While a nine-year-old Torrance girl and her mother were in the police station yesterday describing a man who had tried to pick her up a few minutes earlier near the Nativity Catholic Church, the little girl cried out: "There he goes!"

Chief Haslam sprinted out of the station on foot, overtook the

motorist at Cravens and Normandie Ave., and climbed into the auto with him, placing him under arrest.

Booked later at the station on charges of disturbing the peace, drunk driving, and vagrancy was Jack Waltz, 22, of Compton.

Torrance officers first thought they might have a suspect in the sadistic raping of another nine-year-old Torrance girl last year, but were satisfied Waltz had nothing to do with it when they discovered he was released from the Navy only two months ago.



JACK WALTZ ... Outrun by Chief

Acosta Hearing Set April 21

A preliminary hearing for Cornelias Acosta, 24, Mexican contract farm laborer, on charges of manslaughter and auto theft, will be held at 9:30 a.m., April 21. It was decided at his arraignment Thursday.

Acosta is charged with two counts of manslaughter among other offenses as a result of the accident at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave. last week in which a young mother and her nine-month-old son were killed.

Dresser, Smith Get Hearings Wednesday

Suspended city officials James S. Dresser and Cecil Smith will receive a hearing before the Civil Service Board here at 10 a.m. next Wednesday, April 14, it was announced yesterday.

Charges which were brought against the two building department officials bringing about their suspension several weeks ago by the City Council will be studied by the Board. During the hearing, both

Smith and Dresser will be given an opportunity to reply to the charges brought against them, and the Board will decide whether to recommend dismissal or reinstatement to the Council.

The two veteran city officials were suspended by the Council following a State Division of Housing inspection of a North Torrance homes tract which residents complained had been improperly constructed.