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WEATHER

The Weather Bureau foresees a warmer day today with a high temperature hovering around the 80s. The forecast reads: "Mostly clear today with early morning low clouds and slightly warmer with a high near 80 degrees."

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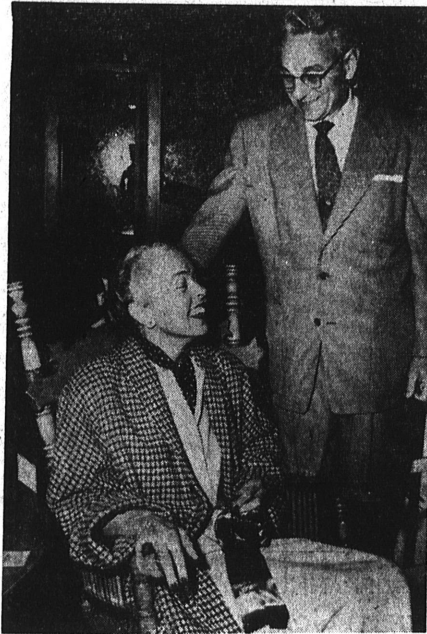
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Only 1034 Voters Visit Polls Friday

Dr. Joseph P. Bay, of 2558 Torrance Blvd., led the field in Friday's voting as a handful of Torrance voters returned him to the Torrance Board of Education and elected Attorney Clayton A. Mewborn to fill the second vacancy on the board.

Dr. Bay, who was appointed to the board this spring to succeed Judge John A. Shidler who resigned, received 671 votes out of a total vote of 1034.

The final unofficial tabulation:

Joseph Bay	671
C. A. Mewborn	425
Opal Benard	388
Edward Schwartz	349
William H. Tolson	106

Tolson, a member of the board until his resignation recently, had withdrawn from the contest and asked that no one support him although his name was still on the ballot. He still received more than 100 votes.

Mewborn would probably be appointed to the board immediately to fill the vacancy created by Tolson's resignation. Elected members normally take office July 1.

Jack N. Dabbs, manager of M&M Enterprises, won the three-way contest to succeed Charles Ver Jones on the El Camino College Board of Trustees.

Final unofficial tabulation of the El Camino voting:

Jack Dabbs	413
J. Hugh Sherfy	349
Robert Owens	228

The El Camino district voting is Ward 5 and it has the same boundary as the Torrance Unified School District. Jones, incumbent in the El Camino office, was not a candidate for re-election.



BANK CHANGEOVER . . . Officials were busy all day yesterday with the mountains of paperwork necessary to change assets of one bank over to another. Shown here, left to right, are George W. Post, former vice-president of Torrance National Bank; F. S. Huber, vice-president; J. S.

Hartwell, vice-president; Hal Mendon, senior vice-president; Arthur O. Otsea, vice-president and manager of new Torrance office; and Ralph Voss, vice-president of California Bank.

EARLY AMERICAN STYLE . . . Mary C. (Mrs. Charles M.) Barrett, 2905 El Dorado St., sweepstakes winner in the Arts Division of the Hobby, Arts, and Flower show, tries out an Early American rocker hand-made by D. J. Thomsen, 1447 El Prado. Thomsen's handicraft took the sweepstakes in the Hobby Division.



BEST FLOWER DISPLAY . . . Thelma (Mrs. Carl) Hood, right, ties a "first prize" ribbon on the Torrance Terrace Garden Club entry in the Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show while Mrs. Naomi Trump, left, gets ready to present her with the purple sweepstakes ribbon. With them, proudly displaying the club sign is Mrs. J. E. Cox.

Top Winners In Flower, Hobby, Art Show Told

Talented Torrance hobbyists, flower fanciers and artists carried off a barrel of first, second and third place ribbons yesterday as judges awarded prizes in the annual Hobby, Art and Flower show, which ends a three day run today at the Civic Auditorium.

A complete list of winners in every division is given on page nine.

The Torrance Terrace Garden Club took sweepstakes honors in the flower division.

Sweepstakes winner in the Arts division was Mrs. Charles M. Barrett, of 2905 El Dorado St. and D. J. Thomsen took the sweepstakes award in the Hobby Division.

Mrs. Barrett won the award with her watercolor painting of a railroad station, and Thomsen's hand-made early American-type rocking chair gave him top honors.

For the complete list of winners, turn to page nine.

School Board, Council Study Growth Problems

Torrance is growing up. Members of the Board of Education were asked the other evening to consider creating two new administrative positions for the School District, that of an administrative assistant for the superintendent and an assistant for the business manager.

Superintendent J. H. Hull told the board members at their regular meeting last week that the duties of both offices were getting so complex that it was no longer advisable for Hull and his assistant, Emmett W. Ingram, to attempt personal supervision of the entire project.

High priority of the officials' time is demanded by the planning and construction of new schools, the financing of the mountains of paperwork necessary to obtain federal funds to build new elementary classrooms.

The board took the suggestion under advisement.

At the same time, the members of the Torrance City Council have about come to the conclusion that city business can no longer be cared for on a twice-a-month basis and are considering meeting every Tuesday evening in regular session.



BATTLE SCENE . . . Ray Perrin, of 2421 W. 171st St., flays away at files which gather in his garage daily. He and his neighbors leave their cars out at night—files don't stain them up as much outside.

Residents Ask City For Help with Flies

Members of a North Torrance home development which has dairies on two sides will be on hand when the City Council convenes Tuesday evening to repeat their story of a losing battle with flies.

"We've used hundreds of dollars of modern insect sprays since we moved in here last October," Perrin said. But he was able to show black window sills, ruined car finishes, fly stained patios, and flies by the thousand.

Perrin's home and 12 others have a common back fence with a dairy. Twelve more of Perrin's neighbors live just across the street. They have the same trouble.

Mrs. Jack Kelley, of 2417 W. 171st St., said her mother gave her and her husband a real nice outdoor barbecue set to use first of the year (1954). Subsequent investigation indicated that the dairy has no plans to move.

Pioneer Torrance Bank to Open Tomorrow as California Bank

Final approval of the sale of Torrance National Bank has been granted and the firm will open for business tomorrow as the Torrance Office of the California Bank, it was announced this week by Frank L. King, president of California Bank.

Final transactions of the Torrance National Bank, which was opened here more than 30 years ago, were completed last Friday evening, according to James W.

Post, formerly president of the Torrance bank.

"The acquisition of Torrance National Bank provides California Bank with an office in an important industrial area not heretofore served by the bank where a continuing growth in both industry and population can be expected," King said.

Announced at the same time was the appointment of Arthur O. Otsea, a California Bank vice-president, and James W. Post, former Torrance Bank president, to serve as vice-presidents of the new Torrance Office of California Bank.

Other appointments made included that of George W. Post, formerly vice-president of Torrance National; to be assistant cashier; and M. A. Pagel and R. G. Leech as assistant managers of the new office.

The Post family has been associated with the bank since its founding. Otsea, who was named vice-president along with the elder Post, entered banking more than 30 years ago in his hometown, St. James, Minn. He moved to Los Angeles in 1926 and entered the investment securities business.

He was Los Angeles representative of a large New York industrial loan society before joining California Bank in 1941. He was elected assistant cashier of California Bank in 1943, assistant vice-president in 1946, and vice-president two years ago.

Otsea is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Los Angeles Stock Exchange Club. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and son, Arthur, who will be graduated from the USC Law School next month.

Council Again Studies Parking Meter District

A plan to create a central parking assessment district in the downtown shopping district of Torrance will be considered by the City Council Tuesday evening, Councilmen reported this week.

Setting up of the district would give the green light to installation of about 400 parking meters in the downtown area, funds from which would be used to purchase off-street parking areas.

Streets to be included in the proposed district would be both sides of El Prado, Post, Engracia, Cravens, and Sartori. The proposal is similar to one adopted by the City Council more than two years ago. That action was rescinded.

Action May Remove Gene Biscailuz from Ballot

A legal action which may strike 71-year-old Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz from the June 8 Primary ballot because of his advanced age has been filed in the Hall of Records by John C. Doran, a former Chief State Parole Officer and himself a candidate for the office of Sheriff.

Doran filed a complaint for declaratory relief which asks the court to declare Biscailuz ineligible for reelection because he has passed the legal retirement age. His attorney, Daniel L. Reisman, quoted sections of the County Retirement Law of 1937 in support of the action.

Postmen To Walk For Palsy Fund

Torrance postmen this year again will volunteer their services to aid the current May fund-raising campaign of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County.

Earle Sumpter, of the Torrance branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, said the mailmen will participate in the annual "Postman's Walk," to be held Tuesday May 25 between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

The mailmen will make repeat calls on homes of their regular routes during these hours to collect contributions toward the \$850,000 campaign goal of the Los Angeles palsy group.

Sumpter, who is chairman of the Torrance "walk," said householders wishing to donate to the UCP campaign fund through the local postmen may assist them in the calls by leaving their porch light burning, or by hanging a red ribbon, tie or sock, from their mailbox. Postmen will call on all homes displaying any or all of these signs.

"Can't wear Uniforms" "Postal regulations prohibit the wearing of uniforms when not on duty," Sumpter added, "but the carriers will be identified by special armbands and will carry letters of authorization from the city and United Cerebral Palsy Association."

Funds collected last year through the Postman's Walk assisted UCP in financing the present program of direct aid to the nearly 700 cerebral palsied adults and youngsters in Los Angeles County.

"The campaign goal of \$850,000 for this year is the amount needed to carry on and expand these welfare activities," Sumpter said. "The program includes the operation of pre-school nurseries, day care centers, a 40 adult vocational training program and psychological guidance for CP families."

"We are proud of our part in the program," he added, "and with the cooperation of Torrance householders we know we will do our share in helping the UCP attain the campaign goal so necessary to continue with this worthwhile work."

Aged Cyclist Killed by Car

Oliver Newell Potter, 69, a resident of Torrance for 40 years who liked to ride his bicycle around town, was killed almost instantly Wednesday night when his cycle was struck from the rear by a car on Carson St. near Grace St.

Police reports list the driver of the car as Joseph L. Aguilar, 32, of 21243 Carollale Ave.

The cyclist was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital. Potter, a native of Pennsylvania, lived at 1926 1/2

Arlington Ave. Funeral services were held yesterday at Stone and Myers Chapel, conducted by the Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist Church, and interment followed at Green Hills Cemetery.

He is survived by three sons, Benjamin C. Potter, of Bell, Ralph W. Potter and William Lull, of Lakewood; two daughters, Mary Sartor of Paocolma and Anna M. Beutum of Bellflower; a sister, Mary Helms, of Oregon; and 11 grandchildren.