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SIXTEEN CANDIDATES QUALIFY FOR CITY COUNCIL CONTEST

Record Number Seeking Office

Sixteen candidates stood nominated for the April 10 balloting to fill three spots on the city's five-man Council as the deadline for filing nominations passed Thursday at 12 noon.

Final candidates to file were Thelma Ledwidge, 5147 Macafee Rd., who listed her occupation as inventory controller; and Thomas R. Faren, 3029 W. 237th St., a student.

The complete list of candidates, in the order they will appear on the April 10 ballot:

Victor E. Benstead Jr., incumbent.
Nicholas G. Drale, incumbent.

Frank W. Burk, furniture salesman.
George W. Downing, dispatch clerk.

Gwyn S. Evans, retired.
Thomas E. Faren, student.
Frank Frohnofer, self-employed.

Walker A. Gerrahant, general contractor.
Robert Jahn, builder.
William E. King Jr., salesman.

Thelma Ledwidge, inventory controller.
Gordon Lewis, welder.

Walter A. Ryan, machinist.
Beverly E. Smith, supermarket services supply.
James E. Thompson, supervisor's assistant.

Jack E. White, engineer.
City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reported Friday that all 16 candidates had been qualified for the ballot by the Registrar of Voters. Clerks in Bartlett's office checked the signatures of those signing the nomination petitions and found each to have sufficient valid signatures, he said. The check was made in Los Angeles.

The 16 candidates will compete for the three Council seats now occupied by Benstead, Drale, and Mervin M. Schwab.

Only Benstead and Drale are seeking reelection. Schwab said that requirements of his work with American-Standard, where he is a department manager,

would not permit him to serve another four-year term.

Some Try Again
This is not the first campaign for several of the candidates. Burk and White ran two years ago, and White also ran four years ago. Downing is making his fourth appearance, having been a candidate in 1948, 1950, and again in 1952.

The candidates represent several city commission and quasi-judicial bodies. Smith has been a member of the Planning Commission since 1949 and was its chairman from 1950 until last month; Downing is a member of the city's Civil Service Commission; Evans is a retired police sergeant; Jahn is a member of the Airport Commission; King is a captain in the police reserve, and Thompson was a member of the police department until recent months.

Sixteen candidates represent a record field in recent Torrance history. The nearest approach to this number of candidates occurred in 1940 when George C. Powell, Vera Babcock, and Tim F. McGuire were elected over a field of 15 candidates.

George C. Powell, Bob L. Haggard, and Nicholas G. Drale were elected in 1948 in a field of 14 candidates, including King and Downing, who are running again this year. King finished 11th and Downing 14th in that race.

Timetable for Election Given

Here is the timetable for the 1956 Torrance municipal elections at which time voters will select three City Councilmen and decide on nine ballot proposals:

March 1—last day to publish notice of officers and polling places. (List of nominees must be published at least twice prior to election.)

March 21, April 5 inclusive—applications in writing to City Clerk for absentee ballots due. War voter may apply earlier but must be voted on or before election day.

March 26-30—final period to mail sample ballots and notices of poll location.

April 10—polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

April 16—unused ballots destroyed after polls close.

April 16—last day to receive absentee ballots.

April 17—Council meets to canvass complete returns and administer oath of office to new Councilmen.

At this time, the Council normally selects its mayor.

Candidates for city offices do not need to file statement of expenditures.

Torrance will have 100 precincts this year, nearly twice the number in any previous election.

Nominations for candidates and period for registering as a voter for the April 10 election closed Thursday, Feb. 16.

Two Residents Hurt in Palos Verdes Accident

A Torrance couple, Roy Ray, 25, and Lois Ray, 26, both of 2544 Sierra St., were hurt seriously last week when their car went out of control and hit an embankment on Palos Verdes Drive South. They were taken to Hillside Clinic for treatment, authorities said.



FINDS NEW HOME—Sgt. Donald D. Hawkins, member of the 47th AAA Bn., which mans the Nike guided missile station on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, moves into a new Torrance home with his wife, Harriett, and children, Patricia, 5, and Michael, 4. The new quarters for the Hawkins family, at 29718 Crest Blvd., is being provided by the Army, which likes to keep its defense personnel nearby. Hawkins was the first of nearly 100 such servicemen of the area scheduled to move into government rented homes.

President of Rome Cable Due for Visit

President A. D. E. Fraser and other top executives of the Rome Cable Corp. will meet with city officials Wednesday morning to discuss the company's offer to purchase about five acres of city property at Torrance and Western to expand their manufacturing facilities in Torrance. The meeting was scheduled to coincide with Fraser's visit to the Torrance plant from the firm's Rome, N. Y., headquarters.

To Expand Plant
Glenn Koger, vice president and general manager of the firm's Torrance plant, said the company wanted to begin manufacturing a new line on the West Coast and would like to place the new operation adjacent to the Torrance plant, located on 218th St. west of Western Ave. An adjacent lot is not necessary, Koger said, although it is desirable from an administrative standpoint. Rome offered the city \$10,000 an acre for the property, less the cost of removing a high pressure gas line, and with the condition that a deep sewer outfall line or permit the firm to build over it.

Has Other Sites
It would cost about \$8000 to remove the gas line and about \$10,000 to reroute the sewer line, City Manager George Stevens told the Council last week.

Koger told the Councilmen that his firm had several available sites elsewhere, some of them better suited to the company's needs, but that they wanted to keep the two operations together.

Rome Cable opened its Torrance operations after the firm when it acquired the former Anderson-Carlson plant here.

Dr. Sachar To Speak for Brotherhood

In celebration of Brotherhood Week, Feb. 19-26, Temple Menorah of Redondo Beach will hear Dr. Howard Sachar, director of the Hilliel Foundation at UCLA, speak on "The Contribution of Jews to Modern Religions" on Friday evening, Feb. 24, at 8 at the South Bay Jewish Community Center.

This week has been designated to promote understanding between all faiths. Letters were sent to local ministers and their congregations inviting them to attend Dr. Sachar's talk. The Community Center is located at 112½ N. Catalina St. For further information, call Ben Kaufman, president, FR 4-0855.

Torrance Leads Southland in Permit Values

Torrance led all cities in the Southland except Los Angeles in building permit valuation for January, figures compiled last week revealed. The city's \$7,600,236 new construction valuation was exceeded only by Los Angeles' \$40,100,044 and was nearly twice that of the next city, Anaheim, which reported \$4,888,780.

The other top cities and their valuations included:

San Diego	\$3,990,674
La Habra	2,214,998
Santa Ana	2,974,190
Glendale	2,847,514
Redondo Beach	2,774,516
Gardena	2,638,842
Long Beach	2,477,040
Pomona	2,351,965
Fullerton	1,877,725
Bakersfield	1,785,776

Lomita Laundry Hit by Second Burglary

Thomas R. Marshall, proprietor of a laundry room at 1820 W. 256th St., Lomita, reported the second burglary of the establishment in a week, to sheriff's officials Thursday. He said someone entered the room and pried open the coin box on a washing machine, getting \$4 in change. The same laundry was burglarized less than a week before in much the same fashion, authorities said.

The property is now in an R-3 (multiple residence) zone. A variance of zoning might be necessary before the hot can be built, officials have indicated.

Space Available For Installation Of C of C Boss

Henry W. Kearns, vice president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and a San Gabriel auto dealer, will give the principal address at the annual Chamber of Commerce installation dinner here a week from tomorrow night, Feb. 29. President John Ebbinghouse reminded Saturday.

Kearns has an outstanding record of public service and has served as president of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Tournament of Roses Assn., and was voted California's "Most Useful Citizen" in 1944.

Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, who served during the past year as first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, will act as master of ceremonies for the installation dinner.

The dinner will be served by members of the Weller Business Women's Club, and is being prepared by chefs at the Palms. Popular Torrance restaurant. Dinner will be served at the tables rather than buffet style as in past years.

Reservations for the dinner have been pouring in. Manager Tom Watson reports, but some space still is available. Inquiries on reservations may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce office.

'Y' Campaign Fund Reaches Half of Quota

Total funds raised in the YWCA's current support campaign rose to \$9553 last week according to figures reported at the Friday report luncheon. General Chairman Sam Levy announced the new figure, which is more than half of the \$17,000 goal, following reports from the four divisions of the 1956 drive.

The industrial division, under C. C. Morgan, leads the contribution list with a total of \$3173. The commercial section has \$2255, the professional \$270, and the field organization \$560.

The third report luncheon will be held next Friday noon at the Palms. A victory dinner is scheduled to follow a "mop-up" week on Feb. 23 at the YWCA building, Carson and Plaza Del Amo. Levy said.



MRS. ELMORE AND DAVID ALLEN
... Grandmother Starts All Over

Family Starts Life All Over

Life may begin at 40 for some, but it is starting all over again for one Torrance mother of 47 this week. Mrs. William Elmore, 47, of 1750 Flower St., gave birth Friday morning to an 8-lb., 13-oz. boy, David Allen, at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Little David is not the first child for Mrs. Elmore—but he is the first child in 30 years. Her twin daughters, Jean and Jerry, were born 30 years ago, and have presented Mrs. Elmore with three grandchildren.

"I guess it is unusual," the new mother said. "My husband, an oil worker, when asked how it felt to have a child younger than his own grandchildren, said he was happy. 'I accept it,' he added.

Mrs. Elmore's twin daughters, Mrs. Jean Presba of Ontario, and Mrs. Jerry Houle of Colton, were born in 1926. Mrs. Presba has two children, 3 and 2 years old, and Mrs. Houle has a daughter 7.

Los Angeles City Schools Office Employees will meet for their annual luncheon this Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Hotel Hacienda, San Pedro. Guest speaker will be Miss Janice Murdock, fashion and photographic model.

Developers in Mad Rush To Beat New Tract Laws

A last minute rush to file subdivision maps with the city before the new land use ordinance went into effect Friday resulted in a spurt of tract business before the Planning Commission Wednesday night.

Among the rush business brought before the Planning Commission last week were maps for more than 500 new homes, some of them admittedly presented before the subdivision had completed negotiations for the property, and a score of petitions to split lots.

The avalanche was brought on by terms of the new ordinance which requires a 60-foot frontage for residential lots. Previous requirements were for a 50-foot frontage, and many persons, owning a 100-foot parcel of ground, could not apply the lot under the new ordinance.

Grand Submits Five
Among the new tract maps submitted to the Commission Wednesday were five by Grand Construction, including construction of 357 homes in the North Torrance area.

R. A. Watt Construction Co. submitted plans for 60 homes. Property Management Corp. for 46, and Maag Holding Co. for nine, all in North Torrance. Seeking map approval for 47 homes near 237th St. and Cypress were Henry Kaluzok and Gilbert Bellan.

Request for lot divisions were submitted by Elvin F. Schoonover, 3546 Senefield Dr.; Max Hebert, Cyril Roch, and Miriam Roch,

Car Strikes, Hurtles Tot Through Air

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