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# MAYOR RACE SPARKS CAMPAIGN



for your Thoughts

Putting aside his telescope for a while, the HERALD'S in-quiring photographer asked this question:

"Some observers have said that there is no particular military advantage in the U. S. being the first to land on or circle the moon, and that the U. S. shouldn't worry if Russia gets there first. Do you agree? Why?





tary:
"I agree. I can't see what the particular advantage of getting to the moon would be myself. I don't think we

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Les King, Palos Verdes, in-

surance agent:
"I disagree.
It would indicate a great advancement on our part to be first to the moon. It would be a psychond technolog-



tan Beach, secretary:
"I think it would be a great advantage to get to the moon. It is a new field Blvd. that has not been explored.

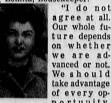
If we were first, there might be a great advantage to us."

"I think that whoever gets

to the moon first will be first will be able to rule the world. They would be able to get all kinds of advanced reports and things like



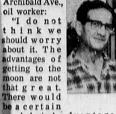
Marie Miller, 2365 W. 246th St., Lomita, housekeeper: "I do not



on whether we are advanced or not ake advantage of every op-portunity. It would show that we are able

to keep the peace." Charles H. Scheu, 21242

Archibald Ave., oil worker: "I do not think we should worry about it. The about it. The advantages of getting to the moon are not that great.



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#### Little League Bake Sale

A bake sale for the benefit of the Southwood Little League will be held Saturday, at Clark Market, Southwood Drug Co., and Dunlap's.

Those wishing to donate bak-ery goods should phone Mrs. Pat Fulford, 5106 Lee St.



L. N. GILL

# **Bogus Check**

McEldowney of Hawthorne | borhood Church. cashed the checks at liquor

from a firm at 12600 Crenshaw

officers.

## L. N. Gill Dies On Trip Abroad

Final arrangements for LaVerne Noves Gill, 53, manager of the Torrance plant of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. who died Saturday night in Venice, Italy, were pending yesterday, awaiting the return of his

Mr. and Mrs. Gill were on a six-week tour of American Standard's installations in Europe at the time he was stricken, apparently the victim Plan to Drain of a heart attack. They left Feb. 27 and were expected to

return next week.

Here 10 years
Gill became manager of the local plant in January, 1957, having previously served as plant superintendent. He joined the firm after graduating from Iowa State in 1927, Two in Jail

ing from Iowa State in 1927, and came to the Torrance plant in 1947. He was previously at the firm's San Pablo, Calif. plant.

was ordered by the city council Tuesday on the heels of a discussion on a proposed bond issue which would provide a major relief for the area.

Two men were taken into custody over the week end on charges of forging and passing by the delay the table to the table ta bad checks totaling nearly the YMCA fund drive, he \$1000. According to local detectives, Charles Baxter Gay Jr.
of Lawndale and Charles Louis
McEldowney of Hawthorne
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cashed the checks at liquor stores and super markets.

The checks used were from the Crenshaw Lumber Co., dated March 6 and all were in the amount of \$84.33.

The checks and a check protector used by the men, reportedly was obtained by them from Allan L. Cox and Harry E. Lathrop Jr., both of Lomita. Cox was wounded Friday when he was shot by Hawthorne police officers as he field from a firm at 12600 Crenshaw the control was discussed.

Survivors include his widow, Martha; a son, Philip, Torrance attorney; daughter, Mirlam, University of Southern California student; mother, Mrs. Iva Jane Gills, Palo Alto; sister, Percy Gill, Corvellis, Ore; brothers, Col. John H., La Mess; and two stepsons, David Neal, Duke University student; and Stephen Neal, Mexico City.

Riddle Jury Deadlocked

A "hopelessly deadlocked" for an engineering study ordered into the council were the result of an engineering study ordered into the council was a real was suggested by Councilman Nick Drale at last week's meeting. Figures on costs presented to the council were the result of an engineering study ordered Survivors

A "hopelessly deadlocked" jury was dismissed Monday Blvd.

Lathrop was discovered hiding in the building when officers arrived on the scene. A burglary alarm had alerted the in a pickup truck last Oct. 27.

Norman Bostick, 710 Crenshaw, Torrance High student.

"I think that

PRIZE WINNER... The Torrance entry in the California International Flower Show at

PRIZE WINNER...The Torrance entry in the California International Flower Show at Hollywood Park took a special prize for the second straight year. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and headed by Mrs. Minot Rugg, the display featured materials donated by local businessmen. Most of the work was done by local citizens and members of garden clubs. The theme was "Torrance Junior Gardeners. Here, Mary Kay Klein greets the mannequin in the display while Mrs. James E. Stadler, member of the Beau Jardin Garden Club, puts on the finishing touches.

## Walteria Lake Voted by City

Draining of Walteria Lake of the present water to permit farming to be resumed there was ordered by the city coun-

The city voted to expend up to \$5000 for equipment rental to pump the water across the airport into the county flood control system, Labor and fuel for the operation would be furnished by the Walteria busi-nessmen and residents of the area, according to an informal agreement made at the meet-ing by Jack Brown, former president of the Walteria Busi-

nessmen's Club.

To Rent Pumps

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Plans for approximately \$2.5
million in additional flood control relief were outlined for
the council by top officials in
the city's engineering and public works department.

The Superior Court jury indicated that it could not decide on the case of William E. Riddle, 40.

Sump in Walteria
Top project would be a 30 to 40-acre sump in Walteria Lake (Continued on Page 7)

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O. R. Trueblood, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, accepts a \$50 check from Frank Dussel, president of the local Junior Chamber, toward Torrance's entry in the 1959 Rose Parade. The money was the first from an organization, although Joe Peters was the first individual contributor. Trueblood said that the float drive is not yet under way and that the donations were voluntary and unsolicited.

### **Council Seeks** Tax Reduction

Official action urging Congress and President Eisenhower to reduce federal taxes, including income tax, was voted by the city council Tuesday as it adopted a resolution introduced by Mayor Albert Isen.

The resolution, prepared by Isen and presented to the council at its meeting Tuesday \*\*

council at its meeting Tuesday \*\* evening, said a large number of workers who are residents of Torrance have been laid off **Cut Proposed** 

For Hospital

**Building Cost** 

recommended Tuesday by County Manager Lindon Holl-

inger, after preliminary architects' estimates for the institution put the cost at \$23 million.

Several cost cuts are neces

sary to bring the cost of the new structure down to the \$15,400,000 in bond funds ap-

proved by voters last year.

Hollinger said that half of an expected \$5,000,000 cost for

construction could be cut by consolidating the heating and

refrigeration unit of the 700-bed hospital with a laundry building. A new heating unit powered by hot water heating instead of steam would require

many engineering innovations

and some short cuts," Holling

er said.
Other cuts in the costs also will be required, he said.

from their jobs and asked that taxes be reduced to give relief to all of the people of the United States. Isen cited the resolution adopted on his recommendation last week urging Torrance industries and businesses to establish a policy to give job preference to Torrance resi-

dents. 'In another move asking for action on a national level, Isen asked for and got approv-al to present a resolution demand that all mail addresses within the city be put under the Torrance Post Office.

Large parts of the city now receive mail through another post office, he said.

#### Larks Will Be Delighted with Classified Ads

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# Front Runners Pick Up Tempo

Campaigning for Torrance city offices is entering its final 10 days with indications on all sides that the tempo will be stepped up to a more vigorous pitch during the remaining days.

While the various campaigns have been marked by a quiet, almost impersonal ap-\*
proach, many observers believe the honeymoon is about Drale Scores over, and that all candidates

issues.
At stake in the April 8 election a week from next
Tuesday is the newly created
Tuesday is the newly created city election campaign divided mayor and

An economy plan to trim \$8 million off the cost of the new Harbor General Hospital was

Big Rally for Candidates Set

Saturday Night All candidates for political office in the upcoming April 8 election are invited to a public reception and rally to be held at the National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave., this Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Sponsored by Mayor Al.

Sponsored by Mayor Albert Isen, the rally is something new for this area. All candidates will get space to present their qualifications to the citizens, and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

# will begin getting down to Local Apathy

"The current apathy in the post of an elected mayor and three council seats.

The turner aparty in the city election campaign disturbs me greatly." Nick Drale said post of an elected mayor and three council seats.

Making all-out campaigns for the No. 1 office are Nick Drale and Albert Isen, both experienced in handling the council gavel.

15 In Race
A slate of 15 candidates, including Incumbent Willys Blount, is seeking seats on the new seven-man city council.

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Three will be elected. Blount is expected to retain his post.
Front runners for the other two seats on the council include George Bradford, Virgil Hancock, and George Vico, who are battling it down to the wire.

Borale, who served Torrance as mayor during 1954 and so mayor during 1954 and so wayor during 1955, lashed out at one-man government by saying he had no doubt that "my opponent intends to secure a strangle-hold on the Torrance city government.

Slim Margin

"Since a 17-vote margin of

Hancock, and George Vico, who are battling it down to the wire.

Not to be counted out as strong contenders are J. A. Beasley, Jim Thompson, and Thirvin Fleetwood. Each is making a determined bid to get one of the three seats opening up in April.

Holdover members of the council will be Victor E. Benstead and Robert Jahn. Each have two more years to serve on their present terms.

A Late Entry

A late entry in the April 8 race will be the \$3 million parks and recreation bond issue providing \$2 million for acquisition of new park sites and another \$1 million to improve existing city parks. A committee headed by Mrs. Louis Bisou is spearheading a drive to win a successful vote on the issue which was defeated at a special election in (Continued on Page 7)

Rise Ralls for

### Drale Slates Huge Rally

A rally for the friends of Nick Drale has been scheduled for Wednesday night, April 2, beginning at 7:30, at the Higgins Brick Patio in north Torrance, it was announced yesterday.

The rally is open and all Torrance residents are invited

Torrance residents are invited to attend, according to Joe Doss, Drale's campaign manager. Free coffee and doughnuts

will be served, according to Phyllis Davis, co-chairman of the Drale campaign.



MORTGAGE BURNING . . . On hand to celebrate the 34th anniversary of mortgage burning of Torrance Moose Lodge 785 were many past governors and top city officials. In the foreground, Governor Fred Lydy welcomes Councilman Nick Drale. Others, left to right, include Past Governors Tommy Wilkes and Stanley Heiman, Councilman Willys G. Blount, and Past Governors Albert Bartlett, James Evans, Jimmy Johnston, Danny Description of the Council of