

# REFERENDUM PETITIONS DRAFTED

## Voters May Get Commission Law

Plans to circulate petitions and force a referendum on the city's new ordinance, which was introduced by a council majority this week, were announced by George Downing, veteran member of the Civil Service Commission. A new ordinance changing methods of appointment to the commission, requirements for removal of members, and the terms of office was given final approval Tuesday night over the protests of Councilmen George Bradford and Nick Dralle. Willys Blount, who has also expressed opposition to the new ordinance, is on vacation and did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

**Appointments Changed**  
Under the provisions of the new ordinance, the mayor is given the authority to appoint members to the commission with the approval of the council; the terms are cut from six to four years, and a member may be removed without cause by a majority vote of the council.

The present regulations, adopted by a public referendum, permit removal of a member only by a four-fifths vote of the council, and appointment to the commission is made by the council.

The four-fifths provision of the ordinance was not changed when the rest of the city ordinances were changed to conform to the requirements of a seven-man council earlier this year.

**Fair Face Opponent**  
Apparently slated for removal from the board as soon as the ordinance can become effective are George Downing, now serving his second six-year term, and Ross Scharrota, currently chairman of the commission.

Both were active in the Nick Dralle campaign last April to unseat Mayor Albert Rosen. Downing charged yesterday that the new civil service ordinance is "about as dictatorial a piece of legislation as I have ever read in all my experience."

He said he would use every moral and legal effort to defeat the ordinance by taking it to the people.

**Violates Referendum**  
"We'll let the people decide whether the will of the people is going to rule or one person will take over the absolute power," Downing said.

In opposing the adoption of the new regulations Tuesday, Downing charged that the ordinance was a complete new

one, and "violates a referendum of the people."

Downing's term on the commission runs to Jan. 15, 1960. Scharrota until Jan. 15, 1961. Other members include Steve Schmidt, whose term expires Jan. 15, 1962; George Morhart, Jan. 15, 1963; and Benjamin A. Russell, Jan. 15, 1964.

## Cadet Band Schedules Appearance

The Torrance Cadet Band, directed by Jim Davidson, will play a concert for its sponsor, the Torrance recreation department, today at McMaster Park, 3624 W. 174th St., at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, the Cadets will march in the Hawthorne Youth Benefit Parade, which will be televised over Channel 5, from 12 to 1 p.m. On Aug. 14, they will represent Torrance in the Santa Barbara Fiesta Days Parade.

Led by Bob Pukoff, Drum Major, the Cadets made their first appearance in their new bright red-and-white uniforms in the Long Beach "Miss Universe" Parade. They also appeared in the Torrance Rancho Days Parade.

## Firm Reveals Switch in Building Plan

Ramo-Woodridge Corp., which canceled plans last week to construct a new research center in Torrance—yesterday announced the new multi-million dollar plant will be built in the Cawaga Park-Chesterwood area.

Announcement of the site was made by Geo. Harold S. George, senior vice-president of the corporation.

First unit of the center, to house some 2000 scientists, engineers and administrators on a 90-acre site near the Chatsworth Reservoir, will begin as soon as Ramo-Woodridge is granted a conditional use zone permit by the Los Angeles City planning department.

## Police Patrol 'Jam Sessions'

After hours "jam sessions" patrons of the Hollywood Tavern Club are getting careful scrutiny by Torrance and Redondo Beach policemen.

A police check last night resulted in the arrest of a half-dozen persons, mostly on drunk charges, early Sunday.

Six police units kept the area under close surveillance as neighbors complained of being disturbed by persons attending the sessions, which often continue through the night until mid-morning.

Only coffee is served at the Club after the 3 a.m. closing hour but the bar re-opens at 6 a.m. Jazz musicians from all the surrounding clubs join in providing music during the early a.m. hours, after they are finished with their own jobs.

According to club officials, all persons entering the "jam sessions" are searched and all bottles of liquor are confiscated. The only way to obtain alcohol after 2 a.m. is by returning to their cars and having to pay another admission charge.

In addition, police also made one arrest on suspicion of possession of narcotics, Sunday morning.

## Clerk Bartlett Now Home After Major Surgery

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who underwent surgery here on July 18 was returned to his home yesterday.

The veteran city clerk's aides at the city hall passed on the report yesterday that Bartlett was reportedly doing well although he is not permitted to have visitors yet.

Bartlett was re-elected to his post as city clerk last April, a position he has held since 1922.



IT'S GOOD... These Torrance youngsters are shown making the best of a watermelon feed—one of the many activities planned for summer parks and playground programs. The picture was taken at the recent 186th St. School fete. (Herald Photo)

## Eight Persons Hurt In Traffic Crashes

Eight persons were injured in three accidents which occurred in Torrance this week.

Erling Newgaard, 14, of 4314 Newton St., was taken to Harbor General Hospital Sunday night for treatment of internal injuries suffered when he was struck by a car on Palms Verdes Blvd., south of Sepulveda Blvd. The youth was struck by an auto driven by Stephen Foster, 37, of 1211 Fairmount Ave.

Roy E. Shumway, 27, of Hawthorne, was hospitalized after the car he was driving ran off Western Ave., south of 190th St. and collided with a tree.

Six persons received minor injuries in a two-car crash at Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave., Monday.

Drivers involved in the collision were Ernest Martin Kayson, 36, of 2256 W. 238th St., and Victoria Beatrice Feldon, 36, of 815 Foothill Ave.

Mrs. Feldon and passengers in her car were treated for minor injuries. They were: Ruth Ann Feldon, 5; Francis E. Feldon, 5; Pamela Dutch, 6, of Akron, Ohio; and Sophie Dutch, 30, also of Akron.

A passenger in Kayson's auto, Virginia Mazur, 14, of Redondo Beach, also was injured.

## North High to Greet Alums At Dinner-Dance

Plans are under way for the first annual reunion of the North High School alumnus.

The alumni council has planned the event for Sept. 5, at the Torrance Woman's Club. The dinner-dance will use a South Sea Island theme.

Reservations should be made by Aug. 9 with Ruby Kato, 18257 Creasshaw Blvd.



FRIENDLY GAME... Sidney Payne and Dick Borge are pictured playing a game of shuffleboard on one of the Adult Recreation Center courts. Watching are some of the 25 members of the club who are active in the organization. The center clubhouse features a lounge with card tables, television, reading facilities and a kitchen. The courts and clubhouse, located back of the Torrance public library, are open to all persons over the age of 18.

## Oldsters Find Shuffleboard, Horseshoes Popular Pastime

With 25 active members it was the shuffleboard team that their club there, is always a treat in which the local dog game going on at the Adult Recreation Center, located in 19-13. Visitors from Venice are back of the Torrance library scheduled for Saturday. It was the three shuffleboard courts and two horseshoe courts and two horseshoe courts are usually occupied during mornings and afternoons, according to

club president of the club who trained the Torrance Recreation Department for the past years. Right said.

It was pointed out that the courts are not only for "old timers," but available to all youngsters over 18 years of age.

Recently, highlight of the day... The clubhouse at the center



RODEO HIGHLIGHT... Fastest man in town Saturday and Sunday was John Clauson as he tried to stick to the back of El Toro during the RCA rodeo here. Clauson is parting company with the Brahma here, and is apparently glad of it.



JUST LIKE HOME... A familiar scene on the Western ranges is the calf roping during round-up. Here Larry Huddle tries his hand at the cowboy shift during the Rodeo Days rodeo here last week end. (Herald Photos)

## Extended Dope War Asked by Local Elks

Narcotics chairman of the Torrance, Redondo, and Gardena Elks Lodges will meet with State President John Reffitto of the fraternal order tomorrow to map out a statewide anti-narcotics program.

Representing the Torrance Elks Lodge will be Lou Yates, past grand ruler of the lodge and chairman of the local anti-narcotics committee.

A drive to stiffen penalties for convicted narcotics peddlers was launched recently by the three local lodges, and to date more than 150,000 signatures have been obtained to petition along the State Legislature to make 30-year sentences mandatory on conviction of selling narcotics.

Plan to put the petition campaign on a statewide basis will be discussed by the local Elks Lodge representatives and the State Lodge president tomorrow.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE... Chamber of Commerce President Fred W. Hill presents trophy to Donna Isbell. It was the trophy for the city's entry in the national contest here Monday. On the left is Helen Ekins, first runner-up. Mrs. Isbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Isbell, 1516 Birch Ave., is a sophomore at SC and an accomplished swimmer. (Herald Photo)

## A Penny for your Thoughts

Today's question in the Penny For Your Thoughts column is dual. The top three pictured below are teenagers and were asked:

"What are your plans for the future?" The bottom three are of grade school age and were asked: "What are you going to be when you grow up?"

Judy Sherwood, 15, 826 Hickory.

"I plan to enter Oklahoma University when I graduate from Torrance high school and study law. I like to talk and was president of my freshman class."

Marilyn Holcomb, 15, 3645 Torrance Blvd., high school student.

"I am going to attend business college after I graduate and become a private secretary. I think this work is interesting and like to be around people."

Lee Ehlers, 13, 3326 Torrance Blvd., swimming instructor.

"I plan to attend Whitier College and major in physical education. I am interested in all sports and feel that I am qualified to coach—particularly track."

Paul Redaelli, 19, 21706 S. Vermont, Art Center student.

"I am going to be a cartoonist and do work for magazines like Disney's Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse. I plan to study cartooning later on."

Annel Arendt, 7, 302 Avenue A, Redondo Beach, Art Center student.

"I am just going to be a commercial artist when I grow up. I hope I can do fashion illustrating as I like this kind of drawing best."

Peggy Lindberg, 9, 18306 Foothill, Art Center student.

"I am just going to be a mother when I grow up. I like babies and take care of my little brothers and sisters."

Employee Honored

Mr. D. Smith, 1208 Beach Ave., marks 30 years of service with General Petroleum.

He will receive the company's diamond lapel emblem.