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HOT BOARD CAMPAIGN HITS PEAK

Slate of 16 Waging Stiff Vote Battles

Sixteen candidates for one of the three seats at stake on the Torrance board of education, and two candidates for the seat from this area on the El Camino board of trustees enter the final days of their campaigns before voters of the city cast ballots next Tuesday.

Seats on the Torrance board now held by Joseph Arnold, Robert H. Ellis, and Grace Wright, who are candidates for re-election, are being hotly contested by half a dozen challengers out of the field of 16, and odds are mounting that at least one of the incumbents will be unseated.

LEADING THE field of contenders for one of the posts is Planning Commission President Bert Lynn, who was successful last fall in leading a revolt against a district proposed override tax of 50 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

ALSO GIVEN strong chance to gain one of the seats are William Hanson and Albert Charles, who, with Lynn, are being backed by a group calling itself Torrance Interested Parents.

MAKING a strong bid from the distaff side is Patricia Huber, Torrance housewife, who has been waging a vigorous campaign throughout the city.

OTHERS MAKING strong campaigns include David Lynn, Gordon Phillips, and Kurt Shery. Nat Mondati claims strong support in the North Torrance area.

Campaigning has been concentrated on "coffee klatches" held in homes before groups of a dozen or so neighbors throughout the city; and at publicly sponsored meetings where each of the 16 candidates has been invited to make a short presentation of his views and to participate in question and answer periods. Most of the candidates have been on a daily round of such sessions.

ONE CLAIMS he is getting to be an expert on coffee, after attending scores of small gatherings. Principal campaign plat-

forms split sharply on one subject: some defending the operation and academic achievement of the District while not ruling out possible improvements; and a second faction which has contended that much is wrong with the District that needs overhauling.

MOST OF the leading challengers follow the second line of reasoning, and have been campaigning on platforms which call for changes in everything from conduct of board meetings, to generation of educational policies.

Polling places in the city's elementary schools will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. next Tuesday. Questions about voting should be directed to the school district's central office.

Hospital to Hold Annual Meeting Here

The annual meeting of the Torrance Hospital Assn. will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the conference room of Torrance Memorial Hospital, 1425 Engracia, it was announced yesterday by President Henry W. Creeger.

The agenda for the meeting includes the president's annual report, the comptroller's report by Charles A. Curtiss, and the administrator's report by Leonard A. Ensminger, Creeger said.

An election will be held to fill five seats on the board of directors to succeed those members whose terms expire this week.

All sustaining and life members of the organization are being encouraged by Creeger and other officers to attend the annual meeting tomorrow.

GARY BAKER TURNS IN TOP JOB PERFORMANCE

Gary Baker, who has compiled a perfect service record as a HERALD carrier, pocketed a \$5 bonus this week as the winner of the monthly "Carrier Boy of the Month" contest conducted by Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott of the HERALD.

"During his tour as a carrier boy for this newspaper, we have not had a single customer complaint from Gary's route," Westcott said yesterday.

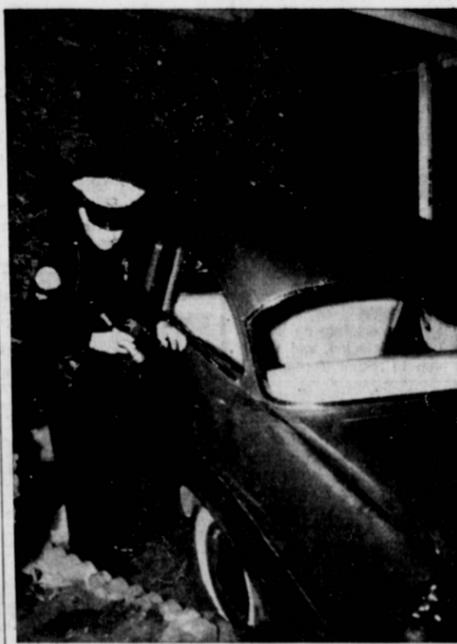
The award given Gary this week came as a direct result of his effort in turning in new subscriptions to the HERALD.

"I enjoy the thrill of signing new customers, and I also enjoy the additional profits my route brings me each month as a result," Gary said when notified of his selection as the Carrier of the Month.

Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde N. Baker, 821 Cerise Ave.



GARY BAKER
Carrier of the Month



UNWELCOME VISITOR . . . Traffic Officer Philip Joseph checks car which had been driven by Edward Joseph Despars, 20, of 5525 Laurette St., after it had slammed into home of Paul Huber, 2619 Carson St., Saturday night. Despars told officers his brakes failed as he approached a nearby boulevard stop, and he spun off the roadway to avoid another auto. (Herald Photo)

Lynn Denies Fee Favor, Says He'll Pay Any Bill Due

Assertions that he might have been given special treatment in the payment of fees in connection with the development of commercial property here were stoutly denied by Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn before the city council Tuesday night.

"I have never expected any special privileges and I will not ask for any," Lynn told councilmen during a brief appearance before them.

"If I owe any fees to the city, I will pay them on presentation of a bill," he added.

HIS STATEMENT followed reading of an excerpt from a report prepared by City Manager George Stevens which stated that "there is no evidence of Mr. Lynn's attempting to evade any fees requested from him by the Public Works Department."

Stevens repeated the findings in answer to a specific question from Lynn, saying that he had found no evidence that Lynn had failed to pay any bills presented to him by the city.

STEVENS DID say that charges of about \$200 for sewer fees should have been collected, but he could not find anything to show that Lynn had been asked for the fee.

Lynn's appearance followed by a week the assertion of C. Albert "Bert" Smith, 23724 Pennsylvania Ave., that insufficient fees were collected by the city on a development begun by Lynn in 1959.

Smith later Tuesday asked that Stevens' full report be read at the meeting. While several councilmen objected to reading the three-page document, Councilman Willys Blount interceded and offered to read it when his turn came to speak.

"UNLESS YOU can pound the gavel pretty hard, I intend to read it," Blount told Mayor Albert Isen who had objected

Military Units, Civic Groups Set to March

A giant Air Force Thor-Able ballistic missile and space vehicle display will be one of the highlights of the military exhibits at the second annual Armed Forces Day parade and celebration here May 20. It will be set up in the display area at the Civic Center.

YMCA Seeking Help For Cruise up River

The Torrance YMCA issued a plea today for boats and experienced helmsmen needed next summer.

Advanced sign-ups of eager teen-agers hoping to go with the local youth agency on its annual Sacramento Riverboat Trip have exceeded present boat space by 16 boys.

Volunteer boatmen with outboard motorboats are needed for the week of June 17 to 24, when the YMCA conducts an expedition some 200 miles up the Sacramento River. The men and boys will travel from Stockton north to Redding via the famous waterway.

JOHN MARCH, Chief Boatman for the "Y", stated that earlier boat trips have been so successful that the YMCA has more boys than boats for the popular trip.

March explained that the YMCA handles all expenses for the boaters, and provides camp-style food for the men. In turn, the boaters provide

water transportation for a few boys as they spend the week boating, water skiing, skin diving, fishing and exploring.

BOAT OWNERS are urged to contact the YMCA at FA 8-1272 if they would like to take part in this youth service.

Lester Foster, Camping Chairman for the Torrance YMCA, added that single boats are also needed to enrich the programs at these camp sessions operated by the local "Y": Girls' Mount Lassen Caravan, June 17 to 25; Boys' Sierra Trails Caravan, July 1 to 8; Boys' Virginia Lakes Base Camp, July 15 to 21; and Clear Lake Family Camp, July 29 to Aug. 5.

Foster reported that nearly 200 local boys and girls have already registered for their favorite YMCA camp from sixteen sessions offered by the local "Y". Many youngsters are earning their own way to summer camp by selling peanuts, according to Foster.

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CUT A RUG . . . Robert Yancey, 3, of Torrance solemnly shows how, urged on by volunteer campaign leaders of United Cerebral Palsy Association. Mrs. Dan Brown (left), 26021 Matfield Drive, and Mrs. William Timmerman of Artesia each holds the post of campaign chairman in her city and will direct local volunteers in UCP's May drive. Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Yancey, 1832 Marinette St., attends the United Cerebral Palsy nursery in Long Beach.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"If you were elected to the Torrance Unified School District board would you favor any changes in the administrative program?"

This timely question was asked five people for today's Penny For Your Thoughts column.

George Mikel, 713 Amapola Ave., service station owner: "I'd sure make some changes if I were a member of the board. For one I'd see that the schools ceased buying expensive electric typewriters for students to learn to type on."

Mrs. Hazel Gilliland, 2440 Cabrillo, home maker: "Yes, I'd see that students got more basic education. I think that covers it in a nutshell. There are far too many frills."

Dorothy Swanson, 2028 Gramercy, student: "I like the schools the way they are now. I can't think of any improvements that could be made although there might be some. I attend Torrance High and am a Sophomore this year. I think everything about it is just fine."

Jack Cram, 17254 Crenshaw Blvd., USAF Colonel retired: "I have followed this election closely in the newspapers and by talking with the man on the street. I think there are a lot of changes to be made, but one board member can't do it and these changes can't be made in one meeting after election—it will take time."

Earl Caylor, 5472 Beverly Blvd., Whittier, market manager: "We had similar conditions in our school system in Whittier. During the campaign all of the candidates promised big things. The election has been over for months and I can't see any great changes."

Game Promises Unusual Twist Physical Education teachers and student council officers will pair off in a basketball game at the South High Gym Friday night at 8 with a new twist among intramural sports.

Each team member will be riding a live donkey during the game, according to spokesmen for the sponsoring Sophomore Class.