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DRALE AND BENSTEAD RE-ELECTED; VICO BUMPS JAHN FROM COUNCIL

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think could be offered teenage car club members to divert their gang war activities into constructive enterprises?"

Answering were:

Burrel C. Burns, 2020 Arlington Ave., Barber:

"I don't think we have any more teen-age delinquency than when I was a boy, it's just getting more publicity and I think if they'd cut down on that it would help a lot... these kids like to see their names in the news, it makes them feel like heroes; they like to imagine themselves as sort of 'Billy the Kid' only in a modern way."

William Spidle, 1860 Torrance Blvd., maintenance man for Tamar Electronics:

"I think more supervision, and a supervised drag strip. Back in Iowa where I came from, I served on the city council for 12 years and this same question came up several times for discussion and they gave the kids a drag strip that seemed to take care of it pretty good. Kids need somewhere to let off steam."

Mrs. Carmen Spidel, 1860 Torrance Blvd., housewife:

"I think the drag strip is a good idea, and then for their competitive side, an obstacle course where they show their driving skill one at a time, with points given for how well it's done. I think they should stress safe driving and having the cars in a safe condition."

Lino Montoya, Plaza Hotel, foundry worker:

"I think they could use more supervised drag strips where the boys could work out their energies. They might have competitive sports between clubs like baseball. And maybe even a little talking to about what is right and what is wrong might help some."

Louis Mutz, 1507 Madrid Ave. retired:

"I think they should be supervised better by some responsible group or organization such as the police department. If there is a policeman present at their meetings, it would make them think twice before they lost their tempers, or caused trouble with others. Parents should take more interest and support things like that more, too."



LUCKY THREESOME . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Watson show off Triplets Dewayne, Daniel, and David (not necessarily in that order) who were born March 21 at a Long Beach hospital. The third boy has just been brought home to join his two brothers who were sent home earlier. Three is a lucky number, the parents claim. (Herald Photo)

Three is Lucky Number To Parents of Triplets

"Three is our lucky number," said John and Shirley Watson after the stork brought the triplets March 21 in a Long Beach hospital.

Monday was a big day for the Watsons as they brought their third son, DeWayne, home to join his brothers, David, and Daniel. The young couple live with Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Demland, at 18720 Arlington Ave.

Lucky Three got in the act right from the day the triplets were born in the third day of the third week of the year. David arrived at 12:03 p.m. Daniel and DeWayne followed at three minute intervals. The total weight of the boys at birth was 13 pounds and 13 ounces.

David, Daniel and DeWayne are now three weeks old, each has three dozen diapers, and mother mixes their formula three times a day.

John Watson is a teletype operator at Hughes Aircraft in Culver City and is studying electronics at Long Beach City College at night.

His wife Shirley was on the Queen for a Day television program last December and

among other gifts received is definitely important in the three baby beds. Number three Watsons' lives.



MISS EASTER BUNNY . . . 20-year-old Judy Wolf symbolizes the Easter Bunny which will be busy as all get-out Saturday as most of the city's parks and playgrounds stage Easter Egg hunts. For complete list of activities, see accompanying story on the Recreation Department-sponsored park programs.

28% of Voters At Polls

Torrance voters, 10,000 strong, have endorsed the programs of Councilmen Nickolas O. Drale and Victor E. Benstead by re-electing them to office, and added George Vico to the council to replace Robert Jahn.

With approximately 28 per cent of the voters going to the polls Tuesday, complete but unofficial tabulations show Drale, a councilman since 1948 and always a popular vote-getter, leading the slate again with 5177 votes.

VICO, a former major-league baseball star who sought election on a strong recreation-slanted campaign, trailed Drale by less than 200 votes with a total tabulation of 5050 ballots.

Benstead, who was seeking his third term on the council, was re-elected with 3170 votes.

JAHN, THE third incumbent on the 16-name ballot, ran fifth behind John J. Barton, Walteria attorney. Barton polled 2700 votes, Jahn 2593.

Strong showings also were made by Torrance High teacher Garth Belknap who tallied 2224 votes and David Figueredo, service station operator and former planning commissioner, who tallied 2087 votes.

TRAILING THE list were the three members of the so-called "Young Democrats" who advocated use of the council's prestige to launch an investigation into operation of the city's school system.

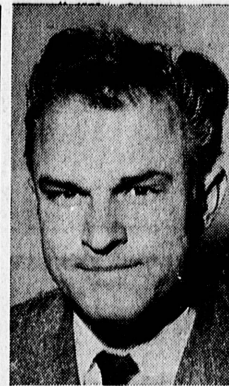
Still to be tabulated are 54 absentee ballots, but the results cannot be changed.

Voting Tuesday were a total of 10,743 residents, according to Election Clerk Robert Carlson. This represents

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NICKOLAS DRALE Leads the Slate



GEORGE VICO Close to the Top



VICTOR BENSTEAD Gets Third Term

Hope Seen for End To Water Squabble

Hope of settling disputed claims for water service in the south Torrance-Lomita area were expressed yesterday after a meeting of county and Torrance officials on the matter.

Optimism that the impasse might be needed was evident after Torrance representatives expressed favor for a plan advanced by Randall Lunt, chief engineer of the County Waterworks Districts. The dispute

over service to a small part of Torrance by the county system has held up improvements in the area under an annexation proceeding voted by the residents earlier this year.

Lunt proposed that Torrance be allowed to serve the section within its limits until legislation can be enacted to remove it from County Water Works District No. 13. The city council was scheduled to consider the matter last night.

Residents of the area which has been served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 voted in January to annex to the county water system and to incur up to \$800,000 in bonded indebtedness to pay for rehabilitation of the inadequate system.

Torrance opposed the annexation insofar as it pertained to the small area within the city limits of Torrance, saying it could serve the city's residents without obligating them to assume a heavy share of the bond payments.

The city's formal opposition to the annexation has held up sale of the bonds, and there-

fore rehabilitation of the system. The California Public Utilities Commission has banned building in the area until the mains and water feeder systems are brought up to acceptable standards.

C. B. Dunham Rites Slated For Saturday

Funeral services for Charles Benjamin Dunham, 61, of 1441 W. Carson St., owner and operator of Dunham Auto Parts for many years, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Mr. Dunham, a resident here for 36 years, and active in many Masonic and veterans organizations, died suddenly Tuesday.

He was a member of Torrance Masonic Lodge 447, Royal Arch Masons of Los Angeles; Al Malaikah Temple of the Shrine, Golden West Commandry 43, and Knights Templar of Los Angeles.

He also was a past commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post 170 of the American Legion and the West United States Ambulance Service of World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Else, three daughters, Mrs. Ann Patterson of New Jersey, Mrs. Marjorie Coons of Torrance, and Mrs. Joy Clark of North Hollywood; a son, Charles, of New Jersey; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Briggs of Massachusetts; and a brother, Walter, of Massachusetts. Interment will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Returns

Complete but unofficial Torrance election results:	
Nick Drale	5177
George Vico	5050
Victor Benstead	3170
John Barton	2700
Robert Jahn	2593
Garth Belknap	2224
David V. Figueredo	2087
George Kurtz	1896
Roger Hogue	1679
Thirvin D. Fleetwood	1159
Mrs. Rose Craig	796
Jeff W. Bell	656
Paul Albright Jr.	612
Henry Carreiro	555
Walter Keberlein	256
James Cicchini	197

Easter Egg Hunt to End School Vacation Period

Easter egg hunts and other seasonal activities will wind up spring vacation for thousands of youngsters at Torrance play areas this week.

The Torrance Recreation Dept. said egg hunts are planned for Saturday at El Prado, McMaster, Walteria, Sea-Aire, El Retiro and El Nido Parks, Casimir, Riviera and Meadow Park Schools. Torrance Park will have its egg hunt at 2 p.m. today.

Many of the areas are planning egg dyeing and Easter craft sessions today and Friday.

OTHER special events: El Retiro Park, goofy track meet, 2 p.m. today. Riviera School, arts and crafts and track meet, 2 p.m. today. Carroms tournament, 2 p.m. Friday. McMaster Park, hat making contest, 1 p.m. Friday. Mother-daughter doll tea, 2 p.m. Thursday. Crafts all day Friday.

FLAVIAN School, track meet, 2 p.m. today. Hamilton School, track and field events, today and Friday. Anza School, bicycle derby, 10 a.m. Saturday. El Nido Park, story telling, 1 p.m. Friday. Sea-Aire Park, racer construction, 10 a.m. Thursday. Midget racer contests, 1 p.m.

Gardena Voters Keep Card Clubs

They're getting closer! Opponents of Gardena's infamous poker palaces drew within a 1000 votes of eliminating the clubs Tuesday in the third election in 12 years.

Complete but unofficial tabulations showed yesterday that the card club supporters polled 4531 votes while the opponents polled 3721—a mere 810 votes. Previous endorsements of the clubs by Gardena voters has run as high as three-to-one.



FENCE STRETCHER . . . A lengthy section of fence along Crenshaw Blvd. was badly damaged as was this auto Monday when it bounced out of control north of Del Amo Blvd. but the occupants of the car escaped with only minor injuries, Torrance police reports indicate. (Herald Photo)