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# VOTERS DUE AT POLLS TUESDAY

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think presents the biggest challenge to students who will be graduating from the nation's high schools this month?"

Answering were:

**Mrs. Thelma Cumford,** 25936 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, housewife:

"I think the biggest problem facing our graduates today is finding a suitable career field. After they have decided upon it they often find they have not taken the right courses in high school nor had the right preparation for college. They're finding out that they need at least two years of college to get any kind of a job."

**Mrs. G. W. Hill,** 23648 Eschelman Ave., housewife:

"I think the biggest challenge is furthering their education, it's such an expensive proposition these days. Then, too, many aren't prepared for college because they haven't taken their high school seriously enough. Another challenge is they don't intend to go on with their education or for some reason can't."

**Gabriel Gricol,** 911 Portola, retired coal miner:

"I think the biggest problem the graduates face today is finding and keeping a good job that will have a future and where they can earn enough to live well. They certainly need at least a high school education, they all need more education than they used to."

**Barbara Gregory,** 1623 W. 215th St., unemployed:

"Finding a job that pays a livable wage is the biggest challenge facing today's graduates. I think personally I think they should go on to college and make something of themselves if they possibly can. I know I sure would if I had the chance to do it over again."

**William Dickson,** 1438 W. 214th St., steelworker:

"The present work situation is a challenge to all of us, not only to those graduating from high school. It really is a serious problem. They say they have plenty of jobs for these youngsters but for the life of me, I can't see where they are, when there are so many older men with more training and experience looking for work."

## Annual Fete To Commend City's YMCA

Forty-four corporate members and friends of the Torrance YMCA have made reservations to attend the 78th annual meeting of the YMCA of Los Angeles next Tuesday, at the Statler Hilton hotel.

Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the Torrance Branch, announced that the local "Y" will be honored at the huge affair by receiving a trophy in recognition for the "best current support campaign of 1960." The YMCA's theme boy, Hugh Tower, will accept the

## New England Firm Buying Local Plant

Sale of the California Rubber Products, Inc., 1754 S. Crenshaw Blvd., to the Connecticut Hard Rubber Co. of New Haven, Conn., was announced here yesterday.

The 20-year-old California Rubber Products firm will be operated as a separate division of the Connecticut firm, the announcement said.

William E. Shawger, active in many community affairs, has been president of the local firm for the past 16 years. California Rubber is a leading fabricator of flexible and rigid ducts for the aircraft industry, and employs about 40 people in the 22,000 square foot plant here.

Acquisition of the local firm will enable CHR to broaden its line of products to the aircraft industry, a company spokesman said. The California division also will provide an outlet for some semi-finished products of the Connecticut firm, he said.

Connecticut Hard Rubber was founded in 1921 and is one of the leading fabricators of silicone rubber airframe seals, coated fabrics, and tapes. More than 300 persons are employed in two plants in New Haven, Conn. Sales offices are maintained in Los Angeles.

## Library Discussion

The possibility of establishing a branch library in west Torrance will be discussed at the Wednesday evening meeting of the city's library commission, it was reported here yesterday by Chairman W. J. Hanson.

The meeting will be held in the conference room at the city hall beginning at 7:30 p.m., he said.

trophy in behalf of the 260 volunteers who worked to raise \$32,800 earlier this year.

**THE DELEGATION** will hear Dr. Kenneth McFarland, educational consultant for General Motors Corp., and America's foremost public speaker, according to a national survey by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. McFarland, a resident of Topeka, Kan. will be in Los Angeles especially for the YMCA event.

**OTHERS** in the program include Lauritz Melchior, guest of honor and soloist; George Hjelte, general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, toastmaster; Warren H. Crowell, president, and Harold A. Wagner, general manager of the Los Angeles Y, with business reports.

This will be the third trophy won by the local YMCA in the past four years of operation. In addition to the fund campaign honors, the local YMCA has pioneered many new program ideas now in use across the nation.

Recently, the Torrance YMCA won commendation from the National Council of YMCAs for its work with teenage programs in camp and for advance experimentation with a mother-daughter club program.

## Librarian Appointed

Appointment of Miss Betty Lee Addison as librarian for Torrance libraries was announced here yesterday by W. J. Hanson, chairman of the city's library commission.

Miss Addison will assume her duties here tomorrow, Hanson said.

Before coming to Torrance, the new librarian served with the Los Angeles County Library system in San Fernando. She had previously served as librarian with the federal government for five years, most of the time with the Army Headquarters in Germany, he said.



**AWARD WINNER AND STANDARDS . . . Mrs. Irma Wilson, Riviera Elementary School teacher, last week was named recipient of a Freedom Foundation award in connection with annual Model Congress activities in her classrooms. Here, she looks over some of the standards used in the annual mock political convention.**

## Local Teacher to Receive Freedom Foundation Award

A Freedom Foundation award will be presented to Mrs. Irma Wilson, eighth grade teacher at Riviera Elementary School at graduation exercises on Thursday, School Superintendent J. H. Hull will make the presentation.

Announcement of the award was made by Foundation President Kenneth Wells, whose letter cited Mrs. Wilson for "exceptional work in teaching responsible citizenship and a better understanding of the American way of life."

**MRS. WILSON** was cited for her work in setting up classroom Model Congresses, in which her students actually imitate their elders in forming a Senate, House of Representatives, Supreme Court, and other governmental agencies. They debate issues and do research on various current problems. Much of the class work is centered around this activity.

All three eighth grades at Riviera School are engaging in this activity this year, as are some other upper grade classes at other Torrance schools.

**ALTHOUGH** this is Mrs. Wilson's third year in Torrance, it marks the 17th year of her 28-year teaching career in which she has been sponsor of a Model Congress.

"I have found that youngsters learn better if they actually can live their lessons," declares Mrs. Wilson. "They get so involved in this activity that they don't consider it homework, although there is lots of extra work involved."

**"THIS TYPE** of program helps children study their heritage. They learn the value of democratic teaching procedures and methods. All children want to learn and accomplish things if they can, and I think this helps them to set realistic goals. It gives them a chance to read the right things, do their own research, and form their own conclusions."

Mrs. Wilson believes in teaching democracy in the classroom helping children to govern themselves, but on a

## 'No Contest' Marks Much Of Ballot

Light to medium voting was predicted generally throughout the county as voters prepared to go to the polls Tuesday morning for the 1960 edition of the primary elections.

High point of the ballot for local as well as all California voters is a so-called popularity poll between Governor Brown and his slate of Republican delegates.

**WITH THE** state registration favoring the democrats seven-to-five most observers were giving Brown and the Democrats liberal odds.

Locally, the only contested races appear on the GOP ballot for the 17th Congressional District where Tom Coffee and Vincent Lee Isham are seeking nomination to oppose Democrat Cecil King, who is running unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

**NORTH TORRANCE** voters will be asked to choose between Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and his challenger, Leonard Roach. The rest of Torrance will find only the name of Supervisor Burton W. Chace on the ballot.

Richard Lee Glasier will be seeking the GOP nomination for the 68th Assembly District while Incumbent Vincent Thomas appears unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

**REPUBLICAN CHARLES** Chapel is seeking re-election in the 46th Assembly District, which includes the Riviera section of Torrance the peninsula, beach cities, and Inglewood. Seeking the Democratic nomination to oppose him are Edward Edwards of Hermosa Beach and Charles Sohner, an El Camino instructor.

District Attorney William B. McKesson is being opposed by Judge Adolph Alexander of Beverly Hills in one of the few contested county elections. The HERALD has endorsed Mr. McKesson's re-election to this important office.

**CHARLES D. BARKER,** who drew a short term after election to the new Water Replenishment District last year, is opposed by Eugene W. Egbert, an operating engineer.

In addition to the partisan offices and county office, the election of 58 Superior judges is before the voters, most of (Continued on Page 2)

## Error Snags Paper for City Move

Petitions seeking incorporation of the Dominguez-Carson area into a city of 35 square miles were sent back to backers for correction of boundary descriptions, it was reported here Friday.

The move, reported exclusively in the HERALD Thursday, would form a city to be operated on the popular "Lake-wood Plan." The petitions probably will be refilled with the corrections this week.

## Hahn Hails Allocation Of Harbor Freeway Funds

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today hailed the recent announcement that the State Highway Department has budgeted funds for construction of the final link of the Harbor freeway — from 208th St. to the Pacific Coast Hwy. — as the successful end of a long, hard fight.

He recalled that in the summer of 1957 the project was in danger of being dragged

out many more years because the State Highway Commission had not budgeted construction money for the link between 124th and 190th Sts. "At that time the plans were done, the right of way secured and cleared, but no money had been provided for construction," he said.

**ON LEARNING** that there were no definite commitments to continue construction of the freeway south, Supervisor Hahn met with civic leaders and public officials of the Southwest, Gardena Valley, Centinela Valley and the South Bay area and planned the strategy which was to win continuation of the freeway construction program.

Since the need for completion of the Harbor freeway was so urgent, a contingent of 40 accompanied Supervisor Hahn to Sacramento to outline the facts to the State Highway Commission.

**AS A RESULT** of the strong, united presentation, the Commission agreed to provide funds and the contract for extending the freeway south to 190th from 124th was awarded in September, 1958 when the funds became available.

"The fact that since that time the Harbor freeway has become the world's most heavily traveled roadway — aver-

aging 190,000 vehicles a day— fully justifies the vision and hard work of all those who participated in this fight," Supervisor Hahn declared.

**SUBSEQUENTLY,** funds were provided for the section between 190th and 208th.

Funds to complete the final link between 208th and the Pacific Coast Hwy. were provided out of money left over from construction contracts awarded throughout the state during the past year.

"Now that the Harbor freeway is to be completed, it is my hope that the State Highway Commission will recognize the urgency of completing the San Diego freeway between Jefferson Blvd. and Artesia Blvd.," Hahn declared.

**HE POINTED OUT** that this is the most urgently needed section of the San Diego freeway, since it will serve the Los Angeles International airport and adjacent communities and provide a link to the Harbor freeway.

"I predict that the San Diego freeway will become as important in the next few years as the Harbor freeway has proved to be. Therefore, it is most urgent that the State Highway Commission recognize this need and provide the necessary construction funds at the earliest possible date," he concluded.

## Becker Re-elected by Dental Health Group

James P. Becker, manager of the Torrance office of the Southern California Gas Co., was re-elected president of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. at the group's annual business meeting at the Woman's Club Thursday night.

Becker, the seventh president of the association, is the first to be elected to a second term.

**NAMED WITH** him by the representatives of the sponsoring organizations were Dan MacLayne, first vice president; George Post, second vice president; Mrs. James Carlson, secretary; and Mrs. Matthew Himber, treasurer. Mrs. Himber was elected to her third term in the treasurer's post.

The meeting, attended by more than 50 dentists, PTA of-

ficials, and representatives of Torrance civic groups, is held each year to review progress of the group and to elect officers.

**IN HER ANNUAL** report, Executive-Secretary Millie McBee said financial assistance had been provided with a total value of approximately \$30,000 during the eight years the group had been active.

The TDHA operates with the cooperation of dentists, school nurses, and sponsoring contributors to provide assistance to those school children whose parents cannot afford cash outlays for dental work, but who do not qualify for county or other charitable aid.

**THE ASSISTANCE** is con-

sidered a loan to the families receiving the aid, and during the eight years, paybacks to the association have totaled more than \$7000, Mrs. McBee said.

During that time, the association has provided 544 x-rays, 292 cleanings, 775 extractions, 3915 fillings, and 232 specialties, including dentures, partial dentures, crowns, limited orthodontia and others.

**CHILDREN NEEDING** dental care are referred to the Torrance Dental Health Assn. by school nurses, and a lay committee of the organization investigates the need for help before referring the child to one of the local 22 participating dentists.

Dental fees charged by those

participating in the program are substantially reduced, and are designed only to cover the costs of the work, Mrs. McBee pointed out.

**MRS. EDNA** Chapman, member of the school nursing staff, reported that the annual inspection of first graders throughout the district, done by 17 of the dentists on a voluntary basis, turned up 1,081 children out of the 2618 inspected who needed dental care.

Of this group, 489 made appointments privately with dentists within eight weeks after the inspections, she said, pointing out the value of the program from the standpoint of dental education.

**THE INSPECTION** program

is conducted in conjunction with classroom work on dental hygiene in all grades, and stressing the importance of proper tooth care.

High praise for the cooperation of the dentists and their nurses was sounded by Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. McBee, and President Becker.

"Without their generous cooperation, this program could never be carried out," Mrs. McBee said.

**IN A PLEA** for wider support, Mrs. McBee said the program was "at the mercy of civic minded individuals and groups."

The TDHA is incorporated as a non-profit organization and contributions have been ruled deductible for tax purposes, she stressed.