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STREET CAVE-IN TRAPS AUTOS

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you feel you watch television too much?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Mrs. George Wool, 1418 W. 224th St.

"Yes, I feel a person might be able to put his time to better use. The family is not close enough and does not get out and do things together. My husband, boy and I watch television about every night."

Mrs. M. L. Goeglein, Palos Verdes Estates:

"I watch television very little. No, I don't feel I'm watching too much. I watch it about two nights a week or whenever there are plays."

Mrs. H. F. B. Roessler, Palos Verdes Estates:

"No, because my husband and I play bridge in the evenings. I watch television about two evenings a week. I don't feel I ever watched it too much."

Mrs. James Stewart, Palos Verdes Estates:

"No, I read and write letters. I never did watch television too much. When I do watch I try to get the outstanding plays. My husband watches more than I do."

Mrs. Stewart Ripley, Palos Verdes Estates:

"No, I read and like conversation. I never watched it too much. I watch whenever there is a public service program on. I probably watch 2 hours a day."

Land Values At New High In Downtown

Councilman Nick Drale was aware that his real estate office at 1960 Torrance Blvd. sat on valuable property—though once it was described as the smallest commercial lot in the city.

However, he wasn't prepared for the valuation placed on it by an appraiser engaged by the city to determine the value of 99.1 square feet of property which apparently belongs to a city easement on which Drale recently extended his office.

Appraiser Howard Martin placed the value of the land at \$840. City Manager Wade Peebles told councilmen Tuesday.

Although it made the land

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For Mayor

Blount Files Papers

Willys G. Blount, a member of the City Council since 1950, filed nomination petitions Tuesday to enter the race for mayor at the April 10 municipal elections.

In a statement issued at the time of his filing, Blount said his campaign would be "based on many issues that will be taken directly to the voters of Torrance."

He took a jab at extremists, both those of the far left and far right, saying he felt "any candidate who wishes to run for or remain in office should stand up and be counted on this vital issue."

BLOUNT WAS the second to file for the office and will oppose Mayor Albert Isen who has held the elected post since 1958. Isen served as mayor for three years by appointment prior to the 1958 election.

In other filings during the week, the city clerk's race now has five entries with the filing of George Morehart and Thirvin D. Fleetwood. Previously filing for this office were Herma Tillim, Rose Craig, and Charles Deck.

FILING FOR one of the three City Council seats at stake in the election were Naomi McVey, Ross Sclarotti, Eva Bisou, and Nat Mondatti.

Others who have filed for the Council contest include William Steele and James Cicchini.

No one yet has filed for the post of city treasurer, held now by Harriett Leech, but a number of nominating petitions have been issued. Mrs. Leech has taken a set of papers indicating that she will be a candidate to succeed herself.

PETITIONS ISSUED this week went to James G. Shidler, who indicated they were

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RAINY DAY COLLISION . . . Ambulance attendants lift Fayrene Parks, 36, of 1539 W. 226th St., from a car in which she was riding to a stretcher. She was a passenger in a small foreign model car driven by Nick Laurenzo. Driver of the other car involved was Jack Earl Horner of Manhattan Beach. The accident occurred shortly before noon yesterday at Western Avenue and 228th Street. (Herald Photo)

Council, Board Agree

Board's 'Lame Duck' Issue Goes On Ballot

Torrance School Board trustees have approved a resolution which would allow newly elected board members to take office immediately after being elected.

The measure would eliminate "lame duck" sessions in which new board members must abide by policies and decisions made by the old board during the time between the election of the new board and their taking office in July.

CITY COUNCILMEN have unanimously approved putting the measure on the April ballot.

In other business, the school board approved use of 15 elementary schools as polling places for the general municipal election April 10. The board also approved membership in the newly established Accrediting Commission for Secondary Schools and Colleges, which is to be the future official accrediting agency for all high schools in the state.

Torrance High will be the first school in the district to make application for evaluation under the new commission. Other Torrance high schools that have been previously accredited by the University of California may be re-evaluated at a later date.



ENTERS RACE . . . Councilman Willys G. Blount, member of the City Council since April, 1950, hands nomination petition to acting city clerk Gale Whitacre (left) to enter the race for mayor. Blount announced in December that he would seek election to the mayor's post, made the announcement official with the filing Tuesday. (Herald Photo)

Police Close Road After Autos Sink

Police closed down the intersection of 182nd Street and Ermanita Avenue late yesterday after two vehicles became mired in the cave-in trench of a recently installed pipeline.

Officers said the trench in which the pipeline had been laid was apparently filled only with dirt and that yesterday's rains caused the fill to sink.

Two motorists were caught in the ditch about 4 p.m. yesterday and their vehicles had to be pulled out by tow truck.

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The entire intersection was under water, leading to the decision to close it to vehicular traffic, police said.

Other damage remained at a light level through the city at a late hour yesterday, officials said. The police complaint desk reported only the North Torrance problem by 5 p.m.

Six Hurt In City Traffic

Six persons suffered injuries in automobile accidents in Torrance early this week.

Dorothy Elizabeth Ladd, 43, Hawthorne, suffered a cut above her right knee and bruise on her forehead about 7:30 Tuesday night when her car was involved in a collision with one driven by Cecil Rhodes Rerin, 40, of 18226 Burin Ave.

The accident occurred at Prairie Avenue and 176th Street. The injured driver went to a private physician.

Judith Lynn Meadows, 18, of 821 B Amapola Ave., told police she bumped her head when her car was involved in a collision with one driven by Rex Lee Dean, 43, Rolling Hills Estates. She went to a private physician. The accident occurred about 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at Crenshaw Boulevard and Carson Street.

TWO PERSONS were treated at Gardena Hospital Sunday after a car in which they were riding collided with a parked vehicle about 12:45 p.m. on Artesia Boulevard west of Casimir Avenue.

Margaret Bretsen, 59, of 3214 W. 177th St., suffered major injuries while 11-month-old Allison J. Nanke of Lakewood suffered minor injuries. The sedan in which they were riding was driven by Christian W. Bretsen, 66, of 3214 W. 177th St.

HIS CAR struck a parked sedan registered to James Edward Bramlett, 18301 Patronella Ave.

In another accident Sunday, Robert Edward Baker, 21, Los Angeles, told police his car turned over at Hawthorne Avenue and Lomita Boulevard after his brakes failed.

Baker and a passenger, Ronald Short, 20, stationed on the USS Topeka at Long Beach, suffered minor injuries and went to a private physician.

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On Schools

Hardesty Tells of Beliefs

Cecil D. Hardesty, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, favors as much as possible local school board control.

First of the candidates for the post to visit Torrance, Hardesty met Tuesday morning in the board room of the Torrance Unified School District with civic leaders and news representatives. Later in the day he discussed his campaign program with school officials and PTA leaders.

Presently Superintendent of Schools for San Diego county, Hardesty came to Torrance on the invitation of Dr. J. H. Hull who emphasized the point at Tuesday's meeting that other candidates for the high state office also will be invited to discuss their platforms with local leaders.

DR. KURT T. Shery and Bert Lynn, local school board members, were present and took part in the hour-long interview during which the candidate stated his belief in basic emphasis on reading and arithmetic, instruction in the American free enterprise system and high standards for the teaching profession.

Hardesty admitted that costs of education in California would continue to run high and that it was becoming increasingly evident that the taxpayer must be assured that he is getting the very maximum for his dollar.

Rotary Week Set

County supervisors have established the week of June 3 as Rotary International Week.

\$3 Million Program Okayed for Schools

Approval of a building program costing nearly \$3 million has been given by Torrance School Board trustees.

The board granted authority to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, to have preliminary construction plans drawn up by architect Roy Donley and Associates.

Plans include construction of Ladeen School to cost \$702,170; rehabilitation of Torrance Elementary School, costing \$525,000; addition to the boys' gymnasium at Torrance High, \$124,500; a girls' gymnasium at Torrance High, \$466,000; a gymnasium at West Hill, \$93,000.

Dr. Hull called for an \$8 million bond election to be held next September or February of next year. Board chairman William Hanson asked that a citizen's committee be named to study the need for a bond issue before the election.

TOP HERALD CARRIER WHIZ AT BASEBALL

Eleven-year-old Tim Tuttle has started off the new year with a bang.

Tim, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Anderson, 17126 Ermanita, walked off with first-place honors among all HERALD carrier boys for the month of January, increasing his earnings from his route and winning a bonus of \$5 for his efforts.

Delivering papers for Tim is like other pursuits—take baseball. He has his head crammed with statistics about the game and its players and will rattle them off at the drop of a hint.

"Tim has applied the same concentration and enthusiasm to his newspaper route." Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott said. "He has shown the get-up-and-go it takes to build a successful newspaper route."

Tim attends Carr Elementary School in North Torrance.



TIM TUTTLE
January's Carrier