

Heavy Support Reported for Airport Bond Proposal

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think people are as interested in politics as they should be?" the Pennies photographer asked persons at the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Miss Barbara Arndt, Redondo Beach:
"I think so. The younger people seem to be taking more interest. I think world conditions have a lot to do with the upsurge in interest in politics."

Mrs. Ernest Hope, 603 Madrid:
"No, I don't. It's not that they don't take much interest, rather they are just too busy with other things. This is bound to be a bad situation for good government."

Aldah Herbert, Los Angeles:
"Frankly, no. I think this is bad because they are voting system is set up, 9 out of 10 people don't know what they are voting for."

Mrs. J. L. Wood, 24629 Frampton, Harbor City:
"Yes, on the whole, I think so. I think people read the political news in their newspapers. There is more interest because the news media have made people more aware of what's going on."

Mrs. Betty Hoff, 1912 Gramercy:
"Speaking for myself, no. I think I'm more or less typical. Most people are too busy doing other things to really read up on candidates."

Committee Says Most Civic Leaders Behind Improvement Issue

No organized opposition to the airport revenue bond proposal on next Tuesday's ballot was reported yesterday by Joe Doss, president of the Airport Commission.

Although a number of Lomita residents signed petitions opposing the plan to develop parts of the airport for commercial and industrial use, nearly unanimous support has been indicated among Torrance officials and civic leaders, Doss said.

On the ballot Tuesday, the proposal calls for issuance of

revenue bonds totaling \$1,225,000, repayable out of revenue from the airport.

IF APPROVED by a majority at the polls Tuesday, the revenue bond issue will permit installation of sewer and water facilities in areas not now served by the utilities, thereby opening up valuable land for development.

A committee headed by Mervin Schwab, former mayor, and George Powell, former planning director, was named to promote the issue, and the chairmen have been joined by many other civic leaders.

Prime "selling point," according to Schwab, is that the bond issue will not be chargeable to the city's general fund. Those who use the airport facilities will repay the costs.

and more practical to use his own personal aircraft to spread highly skilled talent over a wider area," he said.

"Jack Pellerin, assistant manager of the Security First National Bank here, is endorsing the airport measure.

"It has been my pleasure to have been associated with many of the firms and individuals concerned with the airport bond issue," he said. "The bond issue will not cost the general taxpayers of Torrance one cent. The entire bonded indebtedness will be repaid solely from money derived by the airport from rentals, fees, and other charges," Pellerin said.

"The general property taxes, sales taxes, gas taxes, and other non-airport revenues of the city can never be used to pay the bond holders," he explained.

AMONG THOSE supporting the program — and whose company must help repay the bonds — is Brian Bell, aeronautical engineer for Hi Shear Rivet Tool Co.

"We have been located at the Torrance Airport since 1956, and in our opinion, the airport is a necessity to economic growth of any city. We have a wonderful opportunity to improve our airport at no direct cost to the taxpayers under the current Airport Improvement Bond Issue," he said.

Another airport booster, Sliim Kidwell, operator of Sliim Kidwell Aviation at the airport, is also strongly in favor of the proposal.

"The development of the airport program and the passage of the bond issue can be a major factor in the future growth of Torrance," Kidwell said. "Today's modern businessman is finding it more

Accidental Shot Kills Local Man

A coffee break ended in tragedy Saturday afternoon for a Torrance resident who was shot and killed with a gun which was believed to have been unloaded.

Killed at his home was Billy Rae Yancey, 36, of 1807 Felbar Ave.; Yancey, his wife, Sally, and neighbors Joe Manzannares 38 his wife, Marion, 36, of 18819 Felbar Ave., were sitting in the kitchen drinking coffee when the accident occurred.

Manzannares told police they were comparing guns when a pistol which he was holding fired. Persons in the room thought Yancey was kidding when he grabbed his chest and said "Oh no Joe" as he fell over backwards.

When police arrived at the scene Yancey was found lying on his back by the rear kitchen door.

From El Cajon

New Planning Director Due in City on May 1

A former Redondo Beach planning engineer, Charles M. Shartle, is scheduled to begin his duties here as planning director on May 1, it was reported this week by City Manager Wade Peebles.

Shartle, planning director for El Cajon for eight years, was employed in Redondo Beach in 1949, went to Anaheim as planning technician in 1950, and then went to El Cajon where he has spent the past eight years.

He will fill the position left vacant last May with the resignation of George Powell.

Shartle, a native of Ohio, holds a bachelor of science degree with a major in engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles. He is a member of the Southern California Planning Congress.

During the period since Powell's resignation last May, the office has been filled by David Cleveland, assistant to Powell.

Among the new director's first duties will be a study and preparation of a report on the city's industrial property ordered by the City Council last week in connection with a six-month moratorium on rezoning.



DUE MAY 1 . . . Charles M. Shartle, who has been named planning director for Torrance, is scheduled to assume duties of the office on May 1, according to City Manager Wade Peebles, who made the announcement. He is now planning director at El Cajon, a position he has held for eight years.

An Election Summary (An Editorial)

The city election in Torrance is now only five days hence — Tuesday, April 10 — and with 38 candidates seeking the six offices to be filled, the local electorate should look forward to next Tuesday as a very important day in the life of the community.

Some time ago this newspaper endorsed the candidacy of incumbent Mayor Albert Isen for reelection, basing this decision on the sincere belief his record of accomplishment in office should be continued for the next four years. We are even more convinced today that the best interests of the city cannot afford to lose the services of Mayor Isen and reaffirm today our belief he should be re-elected next Tuesday.

Mayor Isen's principal opponent for the office is a seasoned council member who has on many occasions served his city well. In our opinion, however, his effectiveness has been modified and even nullified by questionable political associations which, again in our opinion, are not in the best interests of the city. The use of published innuendo for a personal attack on Mayor Isen in behalf of this candidate must be accepted as a pattern of weakness Torrance cannot afford to chance in its chief executive.

The HERALD, therefore, recommends ISEN over BLOUNT.

There are so many candidates for the City Council that the average voter might be excused if he does not take seriously many who take so lightly their candidacies for office.

This newspaper already has endorsed KEN MILLER and GEORGE KURTZ for election as members of the city council. Both are thoroughly qualified and will make ideal representatives of the average voter.

There are three openings to be filled on the City Council. Fortunately, we think, for the future of Torrance city politics, there are two very able women who are setting a precedent by offering themselves for the City Council. We refer to JEAN CLAWSON and NAOMI McVEY.

It may be suggested it is unfortunate that the appeal of these two candidates as individuals is being nullified. Both are very good representatives of their sex and would bring a refreshing breeze to the traditional smoke-filled rooms of municipal politics so naturally pre-empted by men.

Mrs. Clawson has labored faithfully and well for the community and also has been successful in business. Her achievements as a citizen have been enhanced by professional experience that certainly should strengthen her appeal to the voter who wants to be certain, when voting for a woman, that he also is selecting a candidate who is matured and proved in public life. The HERALD recommends JEAN CLAWSON as a candidate.

It would be unfair to relegate several other candidates for the City Council to minority treatment merely because they do not have organized support.

This newspaper has been impressed with DAVID K. LYMAN, candidate for the City Council both as an individual and in the intelligent campaign he has made for the office. He is entirely worthy of consideration from voters sincerely interested in the future of their city.

Mrs. HARRIET LEECH is recommended for reelection as city treasurer. Past performance dictates this endorsement.

VERNON COIL, a disabled war veteran who has demonstrated his independence of spirit and ability to make his way on merit, is recommended for the office of city clerk.

Vote next Tuesday! It is important for the future of the community of which you are a part.

(For additional election editorials, see Page 30)

Council, Mayor Candidates to Speak Friday

Candidates for mayor and for the City Council at next Tuesday's election will be given a chance to present views and answer questions from the audience in a combined program here Friday evening at 8 under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Myron Pelsinger from the faculty of El Camino College will serve as moderator for the "Meet the Candidates Night" at the Torrance High School auditorium. John Robinson is chairman of the event for the sponsoring Jaycees.

Bond Proposal For Schools Due Next Year

Harshly chastising the Peninsula Forum, organizers of last night's meeting of candidates for the office of State Superintendent of Schools at South High, the Torrance Board of Education charged the group had violated the agreement under which they would be allowed to use the gymnasium.

The Palos Verdes group was allowed the use of the South gymnasium under the condition it invite all of the candidates, along with Dr. Max Rafferty, the scheduled speaker.

Two Torrance board members, Bert Lynn and Dr. Kurt Shery, criticized the Forum after learning that an invitation to Dr. Ralph Richardson, one of the candidates, had been withdrawn.

DR. RICHARDSON said when he attempted to accept March 26, he was told the program had been completed without him.

In other action, the Trustees postponed setting an election date for a proposed \$8 million bond issue.

Board members voted to discuss a date again at the second meeting in May.

DR. J. H. HULL, superintendent, said a bond issue will be necessary to prevent double sessions at some schools. S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent in charge of business, told the Board that the district will have committed all funds derived from past bond issues by February 1963, and that the construction program will come to a standstill.

Since Board seats held by William Boswell and Dr. Shery will become vacant next spring, the Trustees discussed tying a bond election in with the school board election in April 1963 as an economy measure.

Boswell suggested the board delay setting a date until after the City Council election so they could get a better idea of what the Council intends to do.

City Attorney Rules Deck Legally Clear

City Clerk candidate Charles Deck, who was accused last week of offering to pay off campaign expenses for opponents who might drop out of the race, was cleared Tuesday of any legal violations.

City Attorney Stanley Reimelmeier, reporting to the City Council on the matter, said he and the city prosecutor, C. F. Catterlein, had concluded that Deck "has not committed a crime."

Rising on his behalf, Deck flayed two of his opponents, James Shidler and Vernon Coil, charging that Shidler had implied he was an incumbent city clerk on campaign brochures, and that Coil, "pushed by Jim Shidler, reluctantly turned the letter in to the council."

THE LETTER referred to by Deck was one sent to Coil by (Continued on Page 2)

Alarms Set For Schools, Board Rules

Silent burglar alarms will be installed in district schools as a result of a decision made Monday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

Board members also approved investigation of additional lighting at Steele and Flavian schools.

The twin moves to combat school vandalism were prompted by last week's destruction at Carl Steele School, when vandals burned two kindergarten rooms and did damage estimated as high as \$100,000 throughout the building.

Paul Foster, speaking for a group of persons living near the school, told of prowlers frequently being seen on the campus. Increased lighting would help eliminate the problem, he said.

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