

A Native Son, Miller Watches City Grow Into Major Center

High School Dance Slated

"Polynesian Paradise" will be theme of the sixth annual backwards dance sponsored by the Girls Athletic Assn. at North High School.

The event is scheduled for Friday, April 6, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Decorations of tropical plants and a waterfall will carry out the theme.

There are at least two good reasons why Ken Miller would emphasize "Thoughtful planning for Torrance's future" in his campaign for a seat on the City Council, one of his supporters pointed out recently.

One, of course, is his experience as a member of the local Planning Commission. The other is the deep-seated feeling of a native son for his community, which Miller shares with others whose lifetime has been spent in Torrance.

"There's no doubt that planning is the key plank in my platform. I agree with those who are calling for a Master Plan for the city; but agreement ends when a Master Plan is described as something as simple as just writing it down on paper."

Commission has shown me how complex this city planning can be. Torrance deserves and needs not just a good plan, but the best. I am convinced, on the other hand, that a patchwork, hastily written Master Plan could hurt rather than help our community," he says.

"MY WORK on the Planning

Although his active participation now is confined to playing catch with sons Jimmy and Randy, and as third baseman with the Torrance Kiwanis "Slo-Pitch" team, Miller is a rabid booster for the Dodgers and the Los Angeles Lakers.

"MY BIGGEST problem in sports today," he quips, "is teaching my wife, Judy, what I am rooting for when we are watching the Dodgers or the Lakers."

Of English birth, Judy still has moments when she interprets baseball in terms of cricket. She admits that there are times after she has commented on the game when the spectators sitting next to them get a puzzled look on their faces.

Even though Judy has been a citizen for several years, she still finds herself comparing the local scene with her native land at times.

Asked what her reaction is to being in the middle of the push-pull of an election here, she says:

"The enthusiasm and spirit the people put into an election here in America is remarkable. It is exhilarating to be part of this one in Torrance."

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Before he took his teaching credential at USC, Miller studied at Occidental College from which he was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree. Like thousands of others, he had resumed his undergraduate work following a "break" for service in the armed forces during World War II.

MILLER SERVED four years and six months. His service with the U.S. Air Force included overseas duty in Europe and in the famed China-Burma-India theater of operations.

As an ex-serviceman, Miller is a member of the local post of the American Legion. He also belongs to Torrance Elks Lodge and has been in the Torrance Kiwanis for more than seven years.

His background as a native son of Torrance is clearly seen in the planks of his campaign platform. They reflect concern for much more than simply the city's growth.

Miller's reputation as an effective leader has been demonstrated frequently in the past years.

He is currently working as the area chairman for the Torrance Red Cross campaign; and his recent term as president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors was described by an associate as an "outstanding year in the history of the board; one in which the organization took several major forward steps."

Miller describes his entry into the real estate profession and the subsequent building of a successful, widely known real estate business as "one of those happy accidents which shape a person's life."

WHILE STUDYING at the University of Southern California for his general secondary teaching credential — he planned to teach physical education — he worked part-time in a local real estate office. He won the trust and confidence of his customers. Before long, he was referring others to him, and by the time he had completed his studies

IN ADDITION to supporting "thoughtful planning for the future," Miller is calling for greater emphasis by the City Council on matters which will benefit the people living and paying taxes here now. He is urging the expansion of the neighborhood parks program and additional recreation program.

The City Council candidate also is pointing out the need for closer coordination between the city's Police and Fire departments and other municipal commissions.

Miller is, in addition, urging the council to begin planning now for the redevelopment of the older sections of Torrance if they threaten to become blighted, sub-standard areas.

His final plank is a natural one for a person who has seen the community's population literally mushroom in size, filling formerly empty fields with tracts and building developments. This is the beautification of major roadways and other sites to bring them up to the standards set on Torrance Boulevard in the area of the new civic center.




MILLER AT HOME . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ken Miller and their family are shown at home during one of the rare moments the family has been together in recent weeks of the campaign. Ken, his wife, Judy, and the children, Jimmy, 14, Cathy, 8, and Randy, 5, are sold on Torrance, the family reports.

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Examiner Martin S. Bennett of San Francisco ruled against the company in an 80-page summary of a case brought by the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO.

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