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Republican Party Will Begin Political Series

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Steffes will trace the history and growth of the Republican Party from its beginnings in 1854 to the present in the first session, including a thorough discussion of the growth and change of party philosophy. Party organization from the assembly district through the county, state and national committees is included also in the April 7 session.

Government operation, from city hall to the national level, with emphasis on the state legislature and congress will be featured in the second lecture.

ELECTIONS in California, laws regulating elections, and

the county precinct organization, its responsibilities and structure, will be covered by Steffes in the third meeting.

The concluding session will stress campaign techniques, candidate selection, and how Republicans may participate effectively in politics.

The course has been praised by William E. Miller, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Raymond Moley, political analyst.

Persons wishing to attend the series should contact Mrs. Richard S. Spencer, Jr., education chairman for the 46th Assembly District, at TE 3-4349.

Peck Park Work Now Under Way

A \$92,975 contract for landscaping, new entry roads, and parking facilities at Peck Park in San Pedro has been awarded to Shawn Construction Co.

State's Budget Fails in Fight

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
Once again the financial problems of our public school system are fouling up our normal budget procedures. As a result, as you read this, the 1964 Budget Session will have adjourned without enactment of a budget bill for the 1964-65 fiscal year.

This means that in order to secure an approved expenditure program for next year, the Governor must include the budget in his call for the current special session. The situation is somewhat like that which occurred at the 1963 General Session, when failure to agree on school appropriations forced the passage of a "skeleton" budget in the last minutes. To secure desired funds for the operating agencies, the Governor then called a special budget session, but it took four weeks to hammer the spending bill out.

This year, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee

apped the budget request to \$3.67 billion. On the floor, when it became apparent that Republicans would vote it is a bloc, the "urgency clause" was removed from the bill. This permitted its passage by a simple majority of votes, though the vote was divided strictly on party lines, 49 to 28. This procedure, however, did not relieve the requirement that the Assembly must eventually approve the bill in some form by a two-thirds majority, in order for it to go into effect on July 1.

ASSEMBLY Republican leaders said that votes of their party members against the budget were an expression of their desire to learn what financial provision would be made for local school districts. Also reportedly involved was the question of whether college and school construction bond issues should go on the June primary ballot.

As had been anticipated because of previous statements by Senate leaders, when the Assembly version of the budget was delivered to the Senate desk, it was held there, thus shelving consideration. In an open letter to the Chairman of Ways and Means, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee declared that passage of the bill in the Assembly form would mean that state government would grind to a halt.

DEVELOPMENTS on public school organization and finance in the current special session have come so thick and fast that it is difficult to summarize them briefly. The school district consolidation bill, which would have made a drastic cut in the number of separate districts, was given lengthy hearings by the Assembly Education Committee.

Vociferous opposition to it from administrators, school districts, teachers and others convinced all that it had no chance of passage. Accordingly, it was dropped by its primary author, who introduced a completely new measure. Under it, voluntary unifications would be permitted until Jan. 1, 1967. After that date, the State Board of Education could order unification. The Governor also revised his financing program, to raise grants to local districts by some \$20 million annually.

South High Slates Junior Administration Day Soon

Students at South High School are about to take over everything today. The occasion will be Junior Administration Day, now slated for April 16, and the students will take the place of key administrative personnel to gain some insight into the other end of a high school. Craig Hattem, student body president, will take the place of Dr. John A. Lucas, the principal.

Other students who will participate include: Dave Farber, Pamela Arndt, Sally Hovey, Allen Maynard, Sue Beck, Sue Brown, and Raul Matute. Also slated to exchange

Chairmen for Area Cancer Drive Named

Al Hughes, district crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society, has announced the appointment of Richard L. Iseminger and H. P. Atherton Jr. to committee chairmanships for the crusade. Atherton, manager of the Torrance branch of Security First National Bank, will head the Torrance-Gardena commerce and industry committee. Iseminger will coordinate activities for the crusade's retail business committee. Iseminger is an assistant district executive of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The winner of the Torrance contest will get a \$25 savings bond and a plaque. District winners get a \$50 bond, while the state winner will receive a \$100 savings bond. Doug Nelson is chairman of the program for the Jaycees.

Insurance Agent Attends Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Jelsman, of 20538 Osage Ave., are attending a three-day sales conference of the Allstate Insurance Companies at the Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., through tomorrow. Jelsma qualified for the 13th annual "Conference of Champions" by being among the outstanding sales representatives from the ranks of more than 5,000 Allstate agents.

Committee for Chapel, Bell Formed in Area

Ted Bruinsma, president of the Harbor Republican Club, has been elected chairman of the citizen's committee to re-elect Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel and Congressman Alphonzo Bell.

The committee was formed by a group of citizens to campaign for the reelection of Chapel and Bell. Chapel represents the 46th Assembly District, while Bell represents the 28th Congressional District. Republicans interested in working on the committee may contact Bruinsma.

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