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# CITY GOES TO POLLS TUESDAY

### A Penny for your Thoughts

The Jaycettes will act as hostesses for the Miss Torrance Beauty Contest, so the Pennies photographer asked several members of the organization, "How do you feel about the Miss Torrance contest?"

Mrs. Robert Morris, 22943 Fonthill Ave.

"I feel that for the benefit of the contestants each service club should have been notified and asked if they would sponsor a girl. In this way, more girls would have entered. A city the size of Torrance should have more contestants than have entered so far."



Mrs. Douglas Hedde, 1115 Cranbrook Ave.

"The Jaycettes of Torrance would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for asking us to participate in such an event. This is our first pageant, and we would like to wish each contestant much success."



Mrs. Gil Peterson, 22343 S. Alexandra St.

"Although we are only serving refreshments at the pageant, we are thankful for the opportunity to take part in it. I think it is a wonderful opportunity in that appearing before an audience each girl learns poise and personality development."



Mrs. Ralph Gansemer, 5607 Edgemere Ave.

"I think the girls should be judged on talent as well as poise. Let's hope the girl that wins can develop her interests and education. The emphasis should be placed on her other attributes, which can be supplemented by her beauty to achieve a fuller, more valuable life."



### OFFICIALS PREDICT

## Shifts Due In Several City Areas

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will meet at 7:30 tomorrow evening for an adjourned session to consider school boundaries and attendance areas for next year. The discussion was tabled after some 35 minutes of talking at last Monday's regular meeting and the trustees

### Building in City Keeps Rapid Pace

Building permits valued at \$2,487,648 were issued by the city last month, bringing the total value of permits for the first quarter of 1964 to nearly \$10 million.

Permits issued in March increased the number of single family homes built since Jan. 1 to 203 and provided an additional 55 apartment units. A total of 288 apartment units have been started since the first of the year.

Largest of the March permits was issued to Gallareto Design Construction for 26 homes with attached garages. The new homes, to be built on Samuel, Madison, and Ward streets east of Hawthorne Avenue, are valued at \$639,405. Jewell Land Co. received a permit valued at \$34,800 for the construction of six retail stores in the 4400 block of Torrance Boulevard.

Other large permits include: Gilbert D. Sellan, 28 apartment units for \$243,980; Bob Mimura, 18 apartment units for \$153,290, and a permit for two stores and offices at 1020, 1024, and 1028 Sartori Ave., valued at \$78,680.

March is a traditionally light month in the construction industry. Quarterly totals, however, indicate continued activity throughout the city.

### Defense Contract Goes to Vernitron

The Vernitron Corp., 1742 S. Crenshaw Blvd., has been awarded a \$10,545 contract by the Defense Supply Agency's electronics center at Dayton, Ohio. The company will supply 37 resolver synchros.

voted to devote a full meeting to the complex—and controversial—matter. Heart of the problem is a double-edged sword of population growth and changes in the method of assessing industrial property which County Assessor Phil Watson will use next year. Watson has warned the district not to expect much increase in total valuation of the city.

SINCE THE law limits the district to a bonded indebtedness of 10 per cent of the total valuation of the city, a net gain of zero will permit little or no school construction beyond that which is now under way, for the district is bonded to capacity.

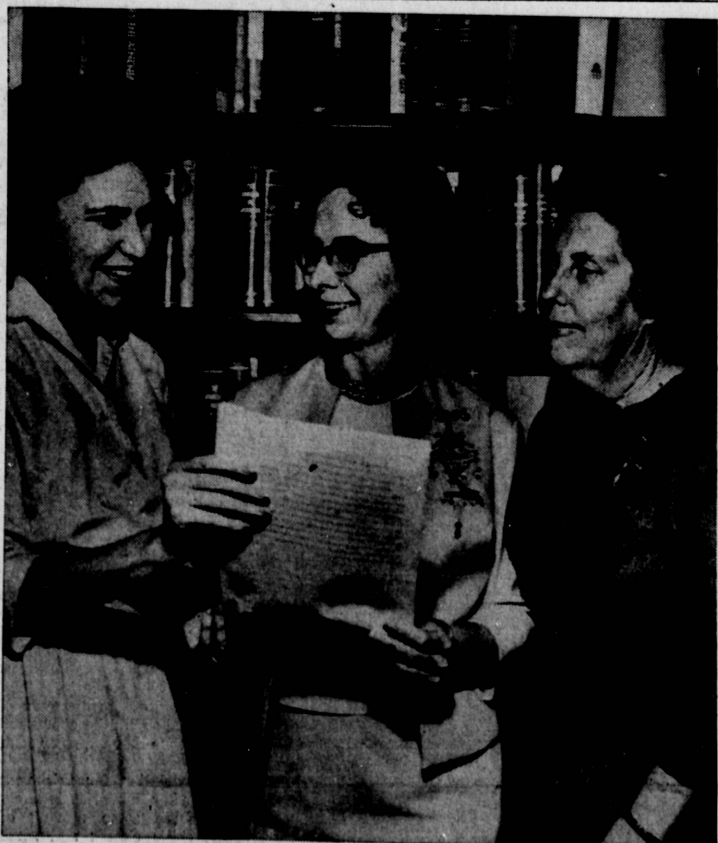
While total enrollment can be handled by the city's 38 schools, some boundary changes will be needed to prevent double sessions at several hard-pressed schools. Victor, Madrona, Hickory, and Meadow Park schools are particularly hard-hit.

ANTICIPATED enrollment at Victor School, for example, is 199 more than the capacity of the school, and deficits of 169 at Hickory, 99 at Madrona, and 188 at Meadow Park are predicted by officials of the district.

On the other hand, there has been little building in the North Torrance area in recent years and elementary enrollments are beginning to show a decline. Casimir School will have 64 extra pupil stations, and surplus classes capable of handling 115 students are predicted at Magruder School.

Madison and Lincoln Schools, both in North Torrance, have space available for 85 and 98 students, respectively, while Wood, Sepulveda, and Flavian Schools in the south and west

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LEAGUE REPORT . . . Looking over a copy of the League of Women Voters' recently completed report on the Torrance libraries are Mrs. Howard Foote, chairman of the committee which made the report, Miss Lee Addison, regional librarian, and Mrs. J. B. Mosley, a member of the Torrance Library Commission. The report makes a number of recommendations for the improvement of the Torrance libraries. (Herald Photo)

### League of Women Voters

## New Library, More Funds Are Needed, Says Report

The League of Women Voters, following a one-year study of the city's public libraries, has recommended the construction of a large central library in the civic center.

The recommendation was contained in a report on the one-year study which was completed last week. The report was released in conjunction with National Library Week, which begins today.

The League affirmed support of the county contract service used by the Torrance libraries, but recommended increased expenditures from the city's general fund for additional library materials.

Other recommendations by

the League included an increase in the clerical and professional staff, and longer hours at all five branch libraries.

Harold Umbarger, librarian in charge of the main library, told THE HERALD he "certainly welcomes the study by the League of Women Voters. I feel," he continued, "it will help us greatly in developing our system."

The report called the main Torrance Library "wholly inadequate, both from the standpoint of community needs and the position of this city in the area." The present facility, said the report, contains only 4,717 square feet, or about one-tenth the minimum area recommended by the American Library Assn. for a city of 100,000 persons.

Plans are now being made to construct a large central library on the civic center grounds. The new facility was first included in the civic center master plan several years

ago, but actual design has not been started.

The report also expressed support for the smaller neighborhood branch libraries and said the service should be continued. It did, however, say the El Retiro Library is too small for the area it must serve. The El Retiro building, smallest of the five libraries in the city, contains only 1,500 square feet.

Members of the League said "more funds could and should be made available from the general fund for library use." The report suggested a possible increase in the city's rubbish collection charge. The increase, said the report, would relieve the deficit in that department.

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## Large Slate Seeks Votes For Council

Torrance voters will decide Tuesday what the make-up of at least three-sevenths of their City Council will be for the next four years as three incumbent councilmen put their offices on the line to be challenged by 15 other candidates.

Incumbents seeking election Tuesday include Nickolas O. Drale, first elected in 1948; Victor E. Benstead, elected in 1952; and George Vico, elected in 1960.

Challenging them for the three seats is a field of 15 candidates ranging from a two-time loser to an ex-councilman with 12 years experience.

SEEKING A new shot at being a city councilman is Willys G. Blount, who served on the council from 1950 until 1962 when he gave up the seat to challenge Mayor Albert Isen's bid for re-election to that office. Isen beat Blount by a lopsided 9,000 to 3,000 vote.

Making a third bid for the post which has eluded him in two previous elections is John Barton, who is teamed this year with John Mulvimill, making a first bid.

Making a strong showing as a first time candidate is H. T. (Ted) Olson, personnel director for a Torrance industrial plant.

OLSON IS running with the endorsement of the Torrance Citizens' Committee for Good Government and the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

Making second races for the City Council are Eva Bisou, who ran 11th two years ago; David Lyman, who ran 5th; and Nat Mondati, who ran 12th.

Also making a second bid is Clifford J. Peterson, who ran a strong race in 1958.

OTHERS in the race are making their first bids and include William Faren, LaVane Forsythe, Nicholas Fuscardo Sr., James Haizlip, Ivan W. Moore, Jack Phillips, and Owen Silverman.

Silverman, a young attorney and former assistant district attorney, also received the backing of the Torrance Citizens' Committee for Good Government, along with Olson and Peterson.

Quick election returns will be available Tuesday evening at the city hall council chamber.

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### City Council Candidates to Give Views

Municipal Court Judge William Keene will serve as moderator for a meet your candidates meeting today at 1 p.m. in Torrance Park.

Each candidate for the city council will be given three minutes to talk on any subject he wishes. The audience will be given the opportunity to write questions on a card which will be given to the council candidates for answering.

All candidates have been sent registered letters inviting them to the session.

The Torrance Youth Band will give a short concert prior to the meet your candidates session.

"Make this an old fashioned Sunday in the park by bringing along a picnic lunch. Give your children an opportunity to play in the park and have the opportunity to hear the candidates discuss the issues as well as answer questions," according to a spokesman for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event.

### Tartar Band To March in City Parade

Torrance High's Tartar Marching Band will join other bands and marching units for the national Armed Forces Day parade in Torrance, reports Leo A. Sandoval, director.

The parade will be held Saturday, May 16. Drum major Marc Billigmeier will lead the Tartar band on the parade route. Miss Jane Orr, sponsor of the Torrance High pep group, said the pep squad would march with the band.

Sandoval said the band has selected the Armed Forces Day parade for the first showing of recently-purchased new uniforms.

## Joslyn Center Dedicated Here as 'Living Memorial'

City officials and representatives of the Joslyn Foundation met at the civic center yesterday afternoon for formal dedication ceremonies of the city's newest recreation facility as "A Living Memorial" to industrialist Marcellus L. Joslyn.

The Joslyn Recreation Center, located on the civic center grounds at 3335 Torrance Blvd., was presented to the city by Mrs. Mary Currihan, a trustee of the Joslyn Foundation. Mayor Albert Isen accepted the gift for the city.

The new recreation facility was built at a cost of about \$150,000. The Joslyn Foundation donated \$75,000 toward the project. The first phase of the building provides an arts

and crafts room, a large social hall and theater, office and kitchen space, and restrooms.

It is intended primarily for use by adult residents of Torrance, and will be expanded during the next few years. Completion of the center will provide office space for the Recreation Department, group meetings rooms, a wood shop, a fully-equipped theater, and several adult game rooms.

The Joslyn Foundation was created in 1961 for philanthropic work by Joslyn, an industrialist and businessman whose primary concern was to provide facilities for adult citizens and aid for hospitals, colleges, and universities.

Loan funds have been established by the foundation at

Pomona College, the University of Redlands, and Santa Monica City College. Hospitals which have received grants include St. John's Hospital and Santa Monica Hospital, both in Joslyn's home town.

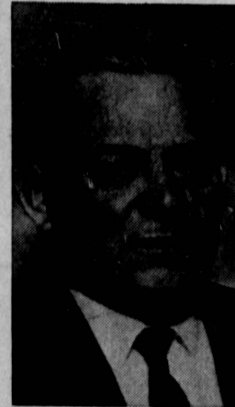
To date Torrance, with the Joslyn Recreation Center, has been the major beneficiary.

Taking part in yesterday's dedication were George R. Joslyn, son of the industrialist; Bernard Dougan, vice chairman of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, and Mrs. Avis Fay of the Recreation Department.

An arts and crafts exhibition and a one-man art show featuring works by Lawrence Litzinger are now on display at the center.

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WE RECOMMEND . . . Election of these three men to the Torrance City Council has been recommended in editorials published in THE HERALD in recent weeks. From left are Victor Benstead, first elected to the City Council in 1952; George Vico, elected in 1960; and H. T. (Ted) Olson, making his first bid for an elective office. Each of the three men has demonstrated qualities which have been cited by THE HERALD and others. (See Editorial on Page 4).

### McMaster Park Hours Extended

McMaster Park, Artesia Boulevard and Yukon Avenue, will be open from 3 until 9 p.m., beginning Thursday, April 30, and continuing through May 7.

The park will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and will be closed Sunday, May 3.

Regular hours will be in effect beginning Friday, May 8.

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