

WRITE-IN SPARKS SCHOOL BOARD VOTE

Center-Strip Parking Plan Gains Favor

AMPLE AUTO SPACE SEEN FOR FUTURE

The Torrance City Park Authority again has been reminded that sufficient space exists in the center strips of the wide Cabrillo and Torrance boulevards to provide ample parking for years to come. Parallel parking along the curbs and center strips would provide all the parking spaces needed—without necessity of buying more property and without installation of parking meters.

CHAMBER ASKS COUNTY PROJECT AID

In an effort to compel the County Board of Supervisors to fulfill their often voiced promises to improve the Avalon-Sepulveda Park, members of the Carson Chamber of Commerce and interested residents of that area decided at a meeting Monday night to circulate a petition asking the Board to allocate funds in the budget for the coming year to finance the improvements.

The petition is being circulated "in the general interest of the community," said J. G. Caldwell, member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber.

It was disclosed at the meeting that all residents of the area rely on the Park as their only recreation site. Half of the property of the Park was donated to the County by the Avalon Village Co., the other half sold to the County at contractors cost, it was revealed.

At the time of this transaction, the Board of Supervisors agreed to allocate funds to develop the site.

Since that time, a Chamber spokesman said, the Board has consistently side-stepped their responsibility.

The 40 persons attending the meeting heard Jack Barnes of the Regional Planning Commission explain the zoning problems of the area. Citizens are urging that commission to complete the zoning of the region, to assure a well balanced development of the Avalon-Carson area.

Torrance Acts To Renew Bus Service to HC

No decision on the request of the Gardena Municipal bus lines for a franchise to operate in Harbor City was handed down by the Los Angeles City Public Utilities Commission as the Press closed its forms Tuesday night.

Reams of testimony were heard at the Tuesday meet, and the case was continued until Wednesday at 10 a.m. Marshall Chamberlain, bus supervisor for Torrance Municipal bus lines, was slated to protest the duplication of two Torrance runs if the commission grants the Gardena request. The Torrance routes running along Western avenue between Torrance boulevard and 182nd street and 223rd street to 235th street, would be duplicated if the Gardena franchise is granted.



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REALTY CARAVAN—The Torrance-Lomita Realty Board last Tuesday morning joined in a tour of inspection of real estate being sold through the Multiple Listing Service. Shown above before boarding the bus to begin tour are Realtors (left to right kneeling) Harry Peterson, Dick Miller, Paddy Ryan, Don Kelley, B. C. Buxton, Georgia Marlow, Gretchen Earle, Margaret Alter

Luther Mumford (behind Mrs. Alter), Maxine Di Cristina (behind Mrs. Alter), Bob and Jack Clayton (Jack is standing behind Bob), Bob Clayton Sr., and Perry Connet (kneeling). Standing on the steps of the bus is Mrs. Florence Sommers. Seen aboard the bus (left to right) are Hans Norby, Bill McEwen, Eliza Trivoli, and Theresa Puskas. —Press photo.

Browne Hits Council Stall In Tract Maps

Charges of a fast shuffle were leveled at both parties when the City Council and Subdivider Truman Browne tangled at Tuesday's Council meet.

On the pan for alleged discrimination and procrastination in refusing to OK two of Browne's tract maps after they had been passed by the Planning Commission and the City Engineer were Councilmen Harvey Spelman and Willys Blount.

Browne, in appearing before the city's legislative body, charged personal prejudice on the part of certain council members in refusing to pass the maps solely because the number of lots to be developed immediately had been reduced since passage by the Planning Commission. It was pointed out that the Council had previously passed tract maps

Mrs. V. Agapito Dies Suddenly

Family and friends were grieved this week to learn of the death of Vonetta Anna Agapito. The 34-year-old wife of William A. Agapito, 1006 Sartori Avenue died suddenly at Torrance Memorial Hospital Saturday afternoon.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Peck, 1103 Portola Ave., Mrs. Agapito was taken to the hospital Friday after an asthma attack. The death was due to pneumonia, the hospital reported.

An employee of Kale's Children's Shop, Mrs. Agapito had lived in Torrance for 17 years. She was a native of Seattle, Wash. Mass was conducted yesterday morning at the Nativity Catholic Church, under the direction of Rev. P. J. McGuinness. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery followed the service. Funeral arrangements were handled by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

City Denies Request for Slough Reclamation Aid

Advocates of the Bixby Slough reclamation project received a set-back this week when the Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commission turned down requests for the construction of a golf course in the slough area. Petitioners were informed that their request cannot be granted at this time, inasmuch as the 1952-53 budget of the City Recreation and Park Department must be, by direction, less than that for the current fiscal year, and no capital improvements may be included therein.

Petitions signed by several thousand Harbor residents calling for city and county action to improve the slough area were presented last week. In addition Councilman John S. Gibson introduced a resolution asking that Los Angeles City put \$100,000 into financing of the joint project.

The County Board of Supervisors has pledged \$50,000 for improvements, it is understood. The Commission pointed out that new municipal golf courses are constructed with funds derived from the operation of existing city courses. The Commission stated that it would look with favor on the construction of a 9-hole course in the portion of the Bixby Slough area under its control when another current project completed and in operation, the National Production Authority lifts its ban on certain critical materials.

Traffic Group Meets May 21

City Judge Otto Willett will represent Torrance at a meeting of the Traffic Committee of the State Judicial Council. Under the direction of Judge Lester O. Luce of the Municipal Court of Inglewood, the organization will meet at the County Building, 110 E. Regent St., Inglewood, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, May 21.

Objectives of the group will be discussed. These objectives include the reduction of the number of violators of the promise to appear in court, stopping violators from committing further infractions of the vehicle code, and to achieve greater uniformity in the assessment of penalties and to standardize the forms used as traffic citations.

Realtors Tour Multiple List Homes Here

Eighteen members of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board met Tuesday morning and boarded a bus for an inspection tour of Multiple Listing Service real estate listings.

Each broker was invited to present one of his listings for the inspection and appraisal of the group. According to Harry Peterson, a representative of the Board, the tour was made to better acquaint the citizens with the activities of this business organization, which has been functioning for over thirteen years.

PLANT ACCIDENT KILLS WORKER

Fatal injuries were sustained by Ralph Perry, 32, when a two-ton electrical transformer fell on him at the new Douglas Aircraft Co. plant, at 190th and Normandie avenue. Rushed to the Torrance Memorial hospital by an F & M ambulance, Perry died three hours after the accident occurred.

Business Firms Back Blood Drive

Because of the urgent need of civilian donations of blood for the armed service, local manufacturers, business firms, and professional men and women have joined in making an educational campaign to assist in the collection of blood from this area.

The appeal for donors will be made in a series of announcements made in this newspaper during the coming weeks, urging the public to fill out and send in the front page coupon for the visit of the American Red Cross Mobile blood unit. The Press urges its readers to call attention of friends and neighbors to these announcements.

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Electors to Pick Three Members

Interest in the Torrance Unified School District election tomorrow to pick three members of the Board of Education was sparked yesterday by the announcement of Wilford E. Walton, long time resident of Torrance that he is a write-in candidate for the Board. Approximately 2000



WILFORD WALTON
Write-in Candidate

of the 13,800 voters of Torrance are expected to trek to the polls to select the next Board majority tomorrow (Friday, May 16, and to pass on the proposal of El Camino Junior College District for extension for five years of special tax being used to construct the popular local college campus on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

Three offices out of the five on the Board of Education are at stake. The three incumbents, Mrs. Grace Wright and Carl Steele, members of the first Board of Education, and E. R. Smith, D.V.M., appointed about two years ago to succeed Al Jackson, resigned, are candidates for re-election.

Contending for the offices are J. A. Beasley, long-time Walteria resident, civic leader, church worker and business man, and Mrs. Kathryn Matson, popular Parent-Teacher Association worker and civic leader of North Torrance.

While there had been rumors that there would be a write-in candidate to give the people a chance to vote for a complete change in majority control of the Board of Education, the campaign did not develop until Tuesday when Walton announced that he would accept the office if elected on a write-in campaign.

Two years ago, W. H. Tolson, Realtor and former Mayor of Torrance, was swept into office in a similar move, defeating, with Jackson, both Dr. H. A. Baron, Frank Dominguez, J. H. Paget, Harry Abramson, Abe Robinson, Eddie Raphael, Arthur Strumwasser, and Paul Diamond.

It was decided at the meeting that the Board would meet weekly and the general membership of the Association would meet monthly.

The first considerations of the Board will be permanent officers. Other problems to be acted upon in the near future include establishing uniform business hours, a study of the parking problem downtown, and promotion of city-wide sales campaigns.

Businessmen Elect Board Of Directors

The Retail Merchants Association of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce met for breakfast and business Tuesday morning in the Chamber conference room.

To get the ball rolling in a new streamlined program of activities, a temporary ten-man Board of Directors was chosen. Included on the slate are Jim Squires, J. Mac Ieve, Leonard Wood and Mrs. Evelyn Carr. Justice of the Peace John A. Shidler was the third candidate, and he was re-elected to the Board. Judge Shidler must resign before Jan. 2, 1953 if he is elected to the bench of South Bay Municipal Court on June 3, it is reported.

Walton, who was an original member of the Torrance Parents Association, the agency responsible for withdrawal of Torrance schools from control of Los Angeles school districts in 1946, lives with his family at 1415 Acacia street. He is a native of California, a graduate of Universities.

Ballot Battalion Provides Cars for School Election

Ballots for the election of officers for the Torrance Ballot Battalion will soon be in the mail for those who attended the organizational meeting of this group, Paul Lorange, temporary chairman of the Battalion, announced after a meeting of the nominating committee last Thursday.

The proposed slate of officers was not revealed, because some of the nominees have not been contacted, Lorange said. The first undertaking of the Ballot Battalion will be to aid in getting out the vote for tomorrow's Board of Education election.

Nine local automobile dealers have volunteered the use of 30 cars to provide transportation to the polls for voters who would otherwise be unable to vote in tomorrow's election. The head of the Ballot Battalion announced today that all you have to do to arrive at your designated voting place, is to call the following Dealers. They will gladly send a car for you which will transport you there.

Dealers: Dick Barton—Chrysler & Plymouth Dealer, Torrance 606. Ask for Dick. Paul's Chevrolet—Chevrolet Dealer, Torrance 617. Ask for Mrs. King. Post Avenue Motors—Nash Dealers, Torrance 578. Ask for Larry. Schultz & Peckham—Ford Dealers, Torrance 309. Ask for Larry. Whittlesey Motors—DeSoto & Plymouth Dealers, Torrance 1144. Ask for George Whittlesey.

Following are the polling places, listed by precincts: precinct 1, Perry Elementary School, 17831 Prairie Ave.; precinct 2, North Torrance Elementary School, 17220 Casimir Ave.; precinct 3, Fern Avenue School, 1314 Fern Ave.; precinct 4, Torrance High School, 1200 Carson St.; precinct 5, Torrance Elementary School, 2205 Martina Ave.; precinct 7, Seaside Elementary School, 4651 Sharynne Lane; precinct 8, private residence, 716 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood, Riviera.

A total of 125 pints of the blood so desperately needed both at home and on the Korean war front, were collected by the unit which was stationed at the Am-Stan cafeteria between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Republicans Gain 58.3 Per Cent Here

Torrance Republican registrations have shown a 58.3 percent gain since November of 1950, according to figures released by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Republicans have trimmed the Democratic lead in registrations in Torrance by five percent, the figures showed, and the Republican trend is continuing here as well as all California. There are 4664 Republicans in Torrance at this time against 2939 in 1950. There are 8545 Democrats against 6504 in 1950. Sixty-four percent of the voters are Democrats this year as against 69 percent in 1950.

The overall increase in registrations is 37.8 percent. Democrats increased by 31 percent. Independent Progressives lost 15 registrations, dropping from 34 to 19. Prohibitionists dropped from 8 to 6 in total registrations.

RED CROSS GETS 125 PINTS OF BLOOD

Employees of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. and the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. turned out in force Friday when the jointly sponsored blood mobile visited their plants.

Join the Ballot Battalion—Get Out and Vote Tomorrow!