HE IS great enough that is his own master.—Hall.

BEAUTY CONTEST

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becomes tied up with the fair, presented a further point of disagreement betwen the Chamber and the Youth Band.

While the ticket-selling contest might be a more profitable type of contest, it is hardly the best way of determining who the best-looking gal in town is, Youth Band spokesmen feel. A business go-getter isn't necessarily the same as a "real gone gal," it argued.

After making arrangements to have Miss Universe of 1954 appear for the Miss Torrance coronation this year, the Youth Band feels it has additional reason to be reluctant about giving up its beauty contest scheduled for July.

BUILDING

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framed and constructed. Floor joists exceed span and deflection limits. Floor joists lack blocking over foundation and supporting girders.

5. Lintels or headers over garage door openings not supported on floor slab resulting in slab fractures and settling.

6. Floor furnace vents improperly installed or supported haphazardly.

The rest of the building report continues as follows:

"Some comment is in order relative to the records or lack of same as maintained by the Building Department. Section 304 of the Code requires at least four inspections during construction. Job Permit cards lack evidence of all four inspections; in fact, some cards lack indication that any inspections had been made except the final inspection.

Inadequate Records

"Building Department office records are apparently inadequate, for little or no information is available at City Hall in the 'official permanent files' that indicate what or how many inspections were made.

Plans Not Followed

"Construction also differs from that shown on the original approved plans. No evidence is available in the Building Department office records to indicate that such deviations had been authorized by the Department, as required by Section 302-a of the Code. In most instances the deviations from the approved plans are in violation of the Code."

The latest protests to be heard by the City Council came from residents in two other sections of Torrance:

Crenshaw and Ermanita, bordered by 182nd street and 185th street;

Weston Hills, east of Crenshaw boulevard and south of Highway 101.

The first in a series of snowballing complaints was brought by residents in a tract at 176th street and Prairie avenue.

CHACE

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and all department heads toward the end that no increase will be required in the 1954-55 fiscal year tax rate despite the fact that 14,100 new residents are making their homes in Los Angeles County each month.

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab of Torrance cited Chace's record on the Board of Supervisors for "getting things done in a business-like manner and without unnecessary delay."

Mayor Schwab said, "It is a pleasure to endorse the candidacy of Supervisor Chace. He has continually shown an unusual interest in the problems that face the cities of his district. I am particularly impressed with his efforts towards decentralization of county government. He brings government to the people and not the people to government."

Chace and his wife, Pauline, have two daughters, Coni, who is a teacher, and Paula, who is still in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Day, Sr., of 3318 W. 174th St., announce the birth of a son, Gregory Matthew. The new infant was born on February 23, at Torrance Memorial Hospital and weighed 6 pounds and 3½ ounces.

ELECTION

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whose petition had not yet been for the post of city treasurer or city clerk.

Candidates

Latest City Council candidates to file his petition was Thirvin D. Fleetwood of 3637 West 182nd street. Others who have filed are: Attorney Albert Isen, 15021 Engracia; Francis Burk, 5104 Zakon road; Mrs. Herma Tillim, 16914 Osage; Councilman Willys Blount, 1444 El Prado; Alvin K. Hill, 1645 Greenwood; and Jack E. White, 4308 West 178th street.

One other council candidate filed by press time is Robert F. Evans, 5107 Sharynne Lane.

City Clerk Albert Bartlett 1618 Amapola, and City Treasurer Mrs. Harriett Leech, 1550 Marcelina, were unopposed at the time this paper went to press.

Registered Voters

While no official figures are available this week, it was estimated that approximately 18,000 voters registered for this election, according to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. Bartlett further stated that a 65 per cent vote in municipal elections is usual.

At the last city election, eight candidates ran for the City Council office.

Fleetwood's petition was signed by the following: Ernest C. White, Mrs. Etta L. White, Delbert L. Smith, Mrs. Helen Smith, G. Meier, Mrs. Ruth Meier, Vern Lovelady, Gene W. East, Arch Ness, Wayne A. Lovelady.

Fleetwood is financial secretary for the Utilities Workers of America, Local 132. He is employed by the Southern California Gas company. "I'm not a politician . . . I'm just an average citizen. I believe that we should plan for our growth today instead of waiting until tomorrow."

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Davis of 2442 W. 248th St. announce the birth of a daughter, Evone Davis. The new infant was born on February 23, at Torrance Memorial Hospital and weighed 8 pounds.

ROTARY

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from the board of directors which includes Harry C. Harper, Don H. Hyde, Dr. Raymond Larson, Robert G. Leech, George W. Post, and William A. Zoeller.

Outgoing officers are Jack Dabbs, president, and Carl Warner, vice-president.

Ebbinghouse, who has been with American Rock Wool 15 years, lives at 4005 Via Solano, Palos Verdes, with his wife and two daughters. He has been a Rotarian three years.

Other officers whose term of office will end this summer are Don Hyde, secretary and Bob Leech, treasurer. New officers will be announced at a later date.

CITY ASKS LEASE LAW EXTENSION

Proposed legislation which would extend the time for which the city may lease property has been placed on the agenda for the budget session of the state legislature which began Monday, it was learned this week.

The matter was requested for consideration by Torrance city officials, who want a 50-year period in order to more easily lease land at Torrance Municipal Airport. The present limit is 25 years.

NOT FAILURE, but low aim, is crime.—J. R. Lowell.