THE GREAT hope of society is in individual character.—Channing.

Crenshaw School Bids Awarded

Construction of Crenshaw Elementary School will begin Monday, March 22, and is to be completed within 210 days. Bid for the project was warded to the Coordinated Construction Co., by the Board of Education Tuesday night. The bid was for $339,700.

The school will contain three classroom wings with a total of 12 classrooms; a double classroom unit; a cafetorium; a music practice room; and an administrative unit, it was announced.

Funds for the particular project were made available by the federal government. Local residents and local industry were largely responsible for making this and other schools possible, because of their willingness to help the school district compile statistics needed to obtain federal funds. The school district can claim these federal funds by presenting evidence of parents employed in industries under government contract.

Other schools which were obtained in a similar way are the Howard Wood School and the Walteria addition. A total of $900,000 in federal funds were made possible through community cooperation.

Need Great For Red Cross Volunteers

With six of the nine city committees, which comprise the Southwest region of Red Cross, still lacking in majors to bring organization up to date, Southwest Regional Fund Chairman Frank H. Afton today issued a region-wide appeal for more Red Cross volunteers.

The call was echoed in Torrance by J. Hugh Sherfey, local fund campaign chairman, who asked that all men and women who can work in any capacity respond immediately.

Needed this year is $3,009,150 to carry on the blood program and other Red Cross services.

Afton and Sherfey joined to urge that all who will work call local campaign headquarters, FA. 8-4233, immediately.

WHAT WE call rational grounds for our beliefs are often extremely irrational attempts to justify our instincts. —T .H. Huxley.

Varsity Club Initiations Given OK

Torrance High School varsity club initiation policies, which a few months ago were the object of violent community protests, have received drastic overhauling along constructive lines, calling forth kind notes of approval from the Board of Education.

Initiations, which formerly consisted of offensive ordeals, have now been replaced with activities "devoted to the good of the school," to be carried out during a special "Help Week."

Skits based on recent movies, treasure hunts, and other humorous activities are scheduled for three noon meetings lasting half an hour, it was reported.

WITH THE advent of the Spring semester at Santa Barbara College of the University of California, Greek organizations are off to an activity loaded program for the Spring.

Recently several fraternal groups met and elected officers for the coming year. Duane Mittan, 719 Cota avenue, Torrance, was selected Treasurer of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

White, Isen Supported By Fleetwood

Thirvin Fleetwood, who was disqualified from the councilmanic race on grounds of insufficient residence, this week asked his supporters to transfer their support to Al Isen and Jack White.

"I hope that my many friends and supporters will lend their support in the campaign for the two City Council seats to Al Isen and Jack White, inasmuch as I am not able to participate as a candidate in this campaign." Fleetwood stated.

Pvt. Guerra With 187th

Army Pvt. Fred L. Guerra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cruz Guerra, Torrance, is now serving in Japan with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Veteran of two combat jumps into Korea, the 187th "Rakkasans" fought as infantry with nearly every UN division. It is now stationed in Japan as a security force.

2 File For School Board Election

Two candidates so far have indicated their intention to seek one of two seats on the Board of Education in the forthcoming school election set for May 21, it was announced this week.

Those who have filed their petition are Edward Schwartz and William Tolson.

The two seats which will become vacant are now occupied by William Tolson and Judge John Shidler, president of the Board.

Undecided

Shidler had no definite statement to make at this time except to say that he was still "undecided" whether he would run again or not.

The last day to file for candidacy in the election is April 21. Candidates must be eligible voters in the precinct in which they live.

In order to vote in the forthcoming school election, residents must register with the registrars of voters located throughout the area or by coming to the City Hall by March 28.

Two Elections

The school board election is not to be confused with the City Council election which will be held April 13. Registration and filing dates for the municipal election are closed.

Absentee voters for the school election may procure their ballots between May 1-15, it was announced.

The school ballot will contain one amendment to the Torrance City Charter. The amendment, which is purely technical, clarifies the voting procedure. It calls for the election of Board members every two years for a four-year term as is presently the case.

Bullet-Proof Glass Asked By Rep. King

To prevent a recurrance of the recent attack on members of the House and still permit free access of the public to the legislative chambers, Congressman Cevil R. King has recommended the installation of a bullet-proof glass shield completely surrounding the House gallery.

City Council Candidates States Views

With the April 13 municipal election cominb up Robert F. Evans, one of seven candidates seeking one of two City Council posts, released the following statement concerning his position.

"My reason for running for the office of city councilman is that I was asked by a group of Torrance folks if I would run for Councilman and as I feel it is the duty of every citizen to contribute something to the betterment of his city I accepted this honor and plan to win this election."

"I will do everything within my power to keep Mayor Mervin Schwab in office as Mayor and will support him to the best of my ability. I believe we have one of the best school systems in the country and will cooperate with its governing body. I am proud of our Police and Fire Departments record and plan to do all I can to help them grow proportionate to the demand upon them."

"I name these only to mention a few."

"There are some departments that I believe to be very weak and I plan to do all I can to correct this situation. In the four years I have lived in Torrance our city has had good clean government and I plan to keep it that way."

"I stand entirely on my record as an active citizen in my community. I am a member of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and chairman of Organization and Extension in the South Bay District. I am also a trustee of my church. I cooperate with the Little League Baseball Club of Torrance and assisted in the procurement of the land they are now using."

'May I remind the voters of Torrance that you can best tell a tree by the fruit it bears and not always by its label."

Pfc. Bruce W. Smith, 21, whose wife, Barbara, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, live at 2650 Carson street, Torrance, helped to celebrate the 40th Infantry Division's second anniversary in Korea recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Long, 2816 Alma Ave., announce the birth of a son, John Michael, born on March 12, at Torrance Memorial hospital, and weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Rogers, 25919 Cypress, announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Jean, born on March 12, at 10:05 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds.