

ISEN-BLOUNT WIN

Voters OK Recreation, Fire Department Bonds

Attorney Albert Isen and Willys G. Blount, incumbent, emerged victorious in Tuesday's city election this week. Isen scored the largest number of votes ever cast for a City Council candidate in the city of Torrance. Isen was swept into office by leading his nearest rival, Willys G. Blount, by 499 votes in the final count.

The final tally gave Isen 3052 votes and Blount 2553 votes.

Jack White, with a total of 2356 votes, and Mrs. Herma Tillim, with 1406 votes, were in third and fourth place, respectively.

Other council candidates marshaled the following number of votes: Alvan K. Hill, 1210; Francis Burk, 498; Robert Evans, 325 (Evans withdrew from the race a week before the election).

Two Bonds Pass

Of the bond issues, only the fire department and the parks and recreation bond issues passed. Voters defeated the civic center and swimming pool propositions. Each bond required a two-thirds majority of the votes cast for that particular issue in order to pass.

The civic center (including the police station) lost by 87 votes while the swimming pool lost by about 250 votes.

Total votes cast for each of the bonds were as follows:

No. 1, civic center	Yes	No
and police	3819	2039
No. 2, fire station	4603	1318
No. 3, parks, recreation	4296	1584
No. 4, swimming pool	3785	2132

Incumbents Re-elected

Mrs. Harriett Leach, incumbent, was re-elected to the city treasurer's post by a wide margin, mustering 4354 votes in comparison to Mrs. Arene Dean's 1389 votes.

City Clerk Albert Bartlett, who ran unopposed, was swept back into office by a total of 5068 votes.

Of the more than 17,000 voters who registered for the election, 6320 turned out to vote. Percentage-wise, 35.6% of the voters turned out for this election. The average election turn-out is 40 per cent.

City Council candidates will be sworn into office and assume their official duties Tuesday night, April 20.

RESIDENTIAL BUSINESSES UNDER STUDY

A law controlling home businesses in residential areas will be studied by the Planning Commission, Earl Lloyd, city planning consultant, and George Powell, land use investigator, it was disclosed this week.

No present ordinance exists regulating home businesses, Powell stated. The Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the City Council which has the power of enacting the recommendation into law.

Home businesses in residential areas are presently regulated by license requirements listed in Form "A." The proposed recommendations are expected to be completed by June 1.

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WILLYS G. BLOUNT
... re-elected



ALBERT ISEN
... highest votes

Aircraft Plant Notes Second Anniversary

With over 8,000 employees on the job now, and definite plans to add 4,500 more workers this year, Douglas Aircraft's Torrance plant this month enters its third year of production.

It was in April, 1952, that the firm took over the 214-acre property which was occupied by the Aluminum Co. of America during World War II. The plant was rapidly converted to aircraft production and Navy jet fighters are being turned out there now.

In observing the Torrance plant's anniversary, Donald W. Douglas, president of the firm, said, "All of you have done a magnificent job in restoring the Torrance facility to needed defense production and the effects of your effort are already evident beyond the end of Douglas production lines in the operation of the Navy's air arm."

Benstead ill

Councilman Victor Benstead was unexpectedly taken ill Monday night, on the verge of a stroke. He has been ordered to take a rest by his physician. No hospitalization was needed. Benstead is recuperating at his home, it was disclosed.

Babies To Parade At Park Easter Sunday

Registrations have been pouring in at a fast, steady rate in the baby contest to be held in El Prado park this Sunday, the Torrance Recreation Department reports. Registration for the contest and parade will remain open until show time, 2:30 p.m. Easter Sunday.

The event, which is sponsored by the Recreation Department, the Torrance Adult Center and local merchants, features two general divisions of contestants: The Baby Division, for infants 23 months old and younger; The Tiny Tykes Division, for boys and girls between the ages of two and four years.

King and Queen

Prizes will be awarded in several classifications and two contestants from the Baby Division will be named the King and Queen of Baby Week, May 1 to 8, it was revealed.

Registration for entering the Easter "Baby" Parade may be made at the recreation office, 1347 El Prado, or by calling FAirfax 8-4108.

Prizes Donated

Torrance merchants, Torrance Adult Club and Gerber Baby Food Company have donated many prizes to be awarded at the Baby Show. More than one hundred prizes have been donated by: Pixie Baby Shoppe; Allen Jewelry Store; Squires Style Shop; Dixie Photo Studio; Levy's; Lawson's; Mayflower (Continued on Page 13)

Mrs. Dobbs Discovers A Proverb

The truth of the old adage that one man's meat is another man's poison was proved once more this week by Mrs. M. H. Dobbs, of 24213 Lomita boulevard.

While she liked to wash and iron, she knew that there are lots of people who just don't like this sort of work.

She was right. Proof of this was the enormous response she had to the following ad which she placed in the classified section of the Torrance Press:

WASHING & IRONING—Done in my home.
Mrs. M. H. Dobbs DA-6-5904

You don't need pills to remedy your ills. What you need is just an ad in the Torrance Press classified section.

ARBITRATOR AIDS LOCAL RETAIL CLERK DISPUTE

Mother Spots, Police Catch Rape Suspect

John R. Waltz, Jr., 21, of 1604 Stoneacre avenue, Compton, was arrested on charges of kidnapping and rape Tuesday by Torrance police. Waltz was spotted by the mother of the ten-year-old intended victim.

The woman saw Waltz as she looked out the police station window while reporting the incident to local police. The suspect just happened to be parked at the curb, it was reported.

The youth allegedly had tried to entice a 10-year-old girl into his car at a Torrance intersection but had been thwarted when the child's mother spotted him.

The woman took the child directly to Torrance police headquarters and saw Waltz park outside while her daughter was describing him and his car to Police Chief Willard Haslam.

Waltz, a shipping clerk was arrested and a bulletin issued on his apprehension. Sheriff's detectives from the Lemox substation identified him as a man wanted there for a kidnap-attempt on a 9-year-old girl last March 27.



John R. Waltz
... rape suspect

Clerks And Employers Deadlock Over Wages

Following the break-down of negotiations over wages between the Harbor Area Employers' Council and Retail Clerks' Local 905, the two groups have submitted their case to the State Conciliation and Mediation Service in Los Angeles this morning, spokesmen for both groups announced.

When it appeared evident that no acceptable wage increase would be made this year by the employers, a strike vote was called by the union Tuesday night. A total of 88 per cent of the employees voted 2.5 to 1 in favor of a strike, according to Ben N. Scott, acting secretary-treasurer of Local 905.

At a meeting of the employers last night the employers asked that the issue be brought before the conciliation board. The union agreed to this request, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers.

"The employers' proposals up to now have been completely unacceptable. No provision has been made for any wage increase this year and very little the following two years. The union has agreed to go along on a three-year contract. Our minds are open for a settlement. The next move is up to the employers," Scott said.

During the recent negotiations the union has asked for a cash increase in wages. The employers have flatly refused such an increase.

Escaping from the smashed plane uninjured were Rohndo Wheatley, the pilot, and James Lowrance, 38, the owner, both of Inglewood.

The plane skidded about 200 feet along the asphalt and came to rest in a driveway between the homes of Mrs. Jan Bullard, (Continued on Page 21)

Pittsburgh Payroll Up \$125,000

Payrolls at the Torrance plant manufacturing facilities of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company increased nearly \$125,000 during the past year, according to A. D. Wagen, director of the firm's Pacific Coast plant division.

Total annual payroll for the local plant amounted to \$840,023 during 1953 as compared with \$715,601 during the previous year.

Average monthly employment at the plant was 210 employees during 1953 as compared with 187 during 1952.

No Last-Time Accident

During the 1953 calendar year, Wagen said that Torrance (Continued on Page 21)

Civil Service Board Hears Two Building Inspectors

Suspended building inspectors James S. Dresser and Cecil W. Smith presented their case to the Civil Service Board at an all-day hearing yesterday which lasted until late last night.

The hearing was still on as this newspaper went to press, but City Manager George Stevens stated that the board would probably not reach a decision at this time. Stevens indicated that the board would probably take the testimony under advisement but have a decision very soon.

Attorney John McCall presented the case for the two suspended inspectors. Borris Woolley presented the city's point of view.

The testimony presented on both sides closely followed the formal charges drawn up in a recent letter to the inspectors and their replies.

The two building inspectors were suspended following a state investigation of alleged building violations the city of Torrance. The state report recommended the reorganization of the Building Department.

Both Dresser and Smith for (Continued on Page 13)

Spiral Plan Proposed For New School

A unique school design has been planned for the new Narbonne High School to be located at 24700 South Western avenue in Lomita. Through the use of a spiral plan, shops, crafts and all other manual trade subjects, as well as major sports activities and their sounds, will be placed away from the main academic area.

First units of the building program will accommodate 1100 students and will cost \$2,345,000.

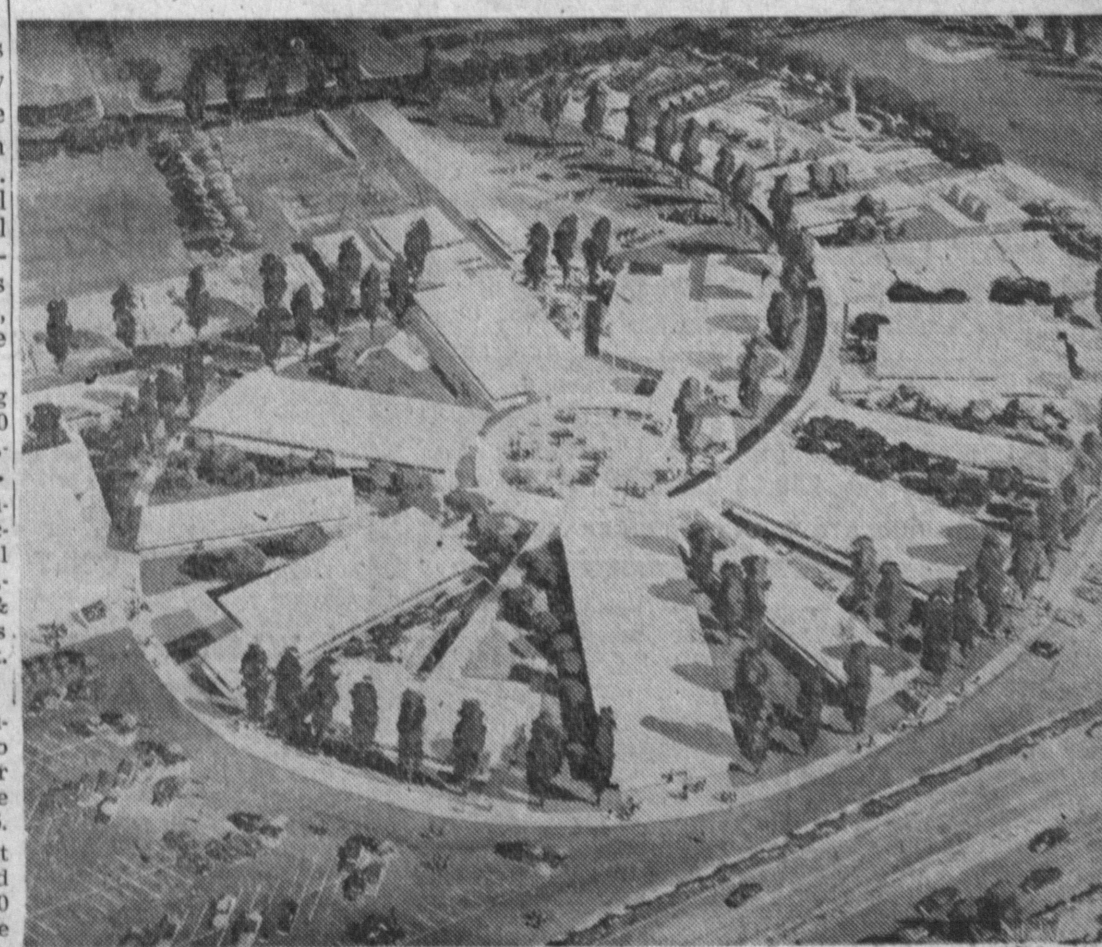
When all facilities are eventually provided they will accommodate 2000 students. Total construction cost will be \$3,800,000. Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall are the architects, and engineers for the project.

Savings

Construction on this new educational plant is expected to start the latter part of this year and be ready for students the opening of the fall term of 1955.

Designed to utilize the latest in construction methods and materials, a saving of \$200,000 has already been effected since the original estimate was made, it was disclosed.

NEW NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL



—Bob Wilcox Photo

Candidates by Precincts

Precinct	Blount	Burk	Evans	Hill	Isen	Tillim	White	Total
1	31	14	5	13	85	33	32	113
2	25	12	5	22	81	31	20	112
3	40	15	6	30	82	47	32	197
4	28	5	5	10	44	19	24	77
5	35	4	3	19	54	24	26	93
6	25	7	4	42	96	36	72	189
7	68	8	3	36	80	40	39	152
8	21	8	4	35	74	25	26	107
9	24	6	5	45	82	36	38	128
10	33	8	7	59	96	44	29	153
11	30	4	10	15	53	18	26	88
12	10	9	9	22	65	42	25	118
13	88	13	3	59	112	54	61	220
14	49	12	6	18	60	27	36	113
15	24	9	4	19	65	32	15	94
16	154	9	3	42	78	30	49	149
17	47	6	8	34	57	28	39	110
18	50	7	9	44	100	48	42	187
19	30	5	4	19	41	32	51	104
20	29	11	8	16	45	33	44	101
21	29	7	9	44	100	48	42	187
22	43	5	3	25	51	29	29	106
23	30	15	12	24	71	25	32	114
24	6	4	8	23	8	8	20	52
25	56	10	17	5	24	22	53	101
26	41	13	8	35	103	12	51	162
27	10	7	4	15	44	8	58	121
28	53	11	7	8	31	19	53	95
29	84	6	1	15	44	8	58	121
30	50	15	3	11	17	5	42	78
31	31	31	6	8	33	14	15	74
32	27	20	6	19	84	34	48	139
33	15	7	5	26	37	22	38	85
34	74	7	6	17	33	23	30	106
35	77	5	4	10	34	19	64	95
36	77	5	4	13	45	7	65	114
37	68	4	5	18	39	9	51	97
38	64	16	9	16	60	35	52	133
39	44	13	12	19	75	21	37	122
40	24	6	4	8	18	17	30	57
41	24	6	4	3	8	15	24	54
42	34	10	7	37	65	19	33	113
43	39	4	5	15	31	15	48	89
44	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
45	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
46	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
47	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
48	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
49	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
50	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
51	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
52	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
53	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
54	28	2	4	12	22	4	14	41
Total	2553	498	325	1210	3052	1406	2356	

Your Health And Mine

(In order to air our civic needs, the Torrance Press is running a series of weekly editorials written by people of the community. Editorials may be submitted by anyone. All manuscripts become the property of the Torrance Press. We welcome ideas on any subject, controversial or otherwise. Editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publishers.)

By JOHN D. GOLDSMITH, Guest Editor



Goldsmith

The people of the city of Torrance are considered by many of the leading civic-minded people of the United States to be pioneers in making their city work well as a community.

There has been in my mind for five years a problem of grave concern to me, and I believe it should be of great concern to all of us.

Thirty years ago people of this city planned to always have adequate hospital facilities for all of the people of the community.

An organization was set up and a hospital was built.

We come to a point where there are only one tenth enough hospital facilities for the Torrance community or bay area. Doctors and surgeons must spend a great deal of their valuable time driving from one small hospital to another to render their services. Much time is wasted in this way that could be used to do necessary operations and give medical care.

Clinics have been built to little advantage, and unless something on a much larger scale is done by the people of the community, we shall find ourselves in the position of many of the other communities of this country and elsewhere of being a "sitting duck" for the propaganda supporting the idea of socialized medicine and federal control of the same.

I have made a study of the whole situation and after five years of study and of talking to many medical men, surgeons, politicians and clergy as well as lay people who were interested in the problem, I do have a solution to our problem here in Torrance. After learning that many of the leaders of the community are in accord with my idea of how it should be done, I believe

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