

DEAR EDITOR....

A Look At The School Election

Torrance Press
 (Editor's note: The author of the following letter is a Los Angeles newspaper editor-North Torrance Father's club. He served as a tank captain in World War II and Korea. He is greatly interested in municipal affairs and civic improvement.)

Fifteen candidates are running for the three positions on the Torrance Board of Education in the School Election May 18.

Never before have appeared so many "volunteers" to run our schools. No reasons have been stated, but we assume their motives are noble.

This eye-brow lifting revelation leads to the conclusion that the contenders believe they have what it takes to run a big and growing school system. Which one of the candidates, if any, really has the qualifications for so important a post?

That is a question that must be answered before any of the candidates has a right to expect to unseat any of the incumbents.

Considering the limited financial resources of the Torrance Unified School District, the incumbents, it is evident, have done a rather remarkable job in keeping the system's head above water, literally speaking.

More schools are needed, and more teachers are required for them. An increase in pay for all teachers is also very much in order. These people are dedicated to their tasks and deserve a raise.

It is clear that considerable more millions will have to be spent on the schools here before the present problems will be rectified, and growth in the immediate future will be provided for. That growth will be to 39,000 by 1961.

Torrance now has 18,000 children in its schools, which have facilities for only 13,000, and 5000 are on double sessions. It will take a great deal of ingenuity on the part of school officials to prevent more thousands of pupils going on half day sessions shortly.

Of the 15 candidates for election to the School Board, there doubtless are some who are sincere and competent, and believe they can really contribute something to the school welfare.

But who they are is anybody's guess! About still others there are considerable doubts, particularly in view of recent developments.

There is a plan in the works in Washington, sponsored by the President himself, to provide the financial help so sorely needed by many communities with not enough classrooms or teachers. The government is planning aid for them because the situation is so desperate and no other solution is in sight.

It is a known fact that certain individuals who have entered the race for the Board of Education here are the

'BARON STRUNSKY'

Editor, Torrance Press:
 The Baron was quite amused as he sat in his "Feudal Castle" and read the answers to his personal views on "Segregation." If these two writers would have the first letter reread to them again they might discover that nowhere did the Baron even suggest that any one class, creed

number of parents in those areas, who have children in school, it seems.
 The Torrance Board of Education has unanimously approved a plan recommended by the school administrators to apply to the State government for help in further bonding the district for school construction. This plan would have little effect on the tax structure, because payments on 30-year bonds would be made after current bond obligations are considerably liquidated.

Other cities in Southern California have adopted this plan, and are now building schools.
 The fear of increased taxation has blinded many people to the facts of life. It must be emphasized that the majority of such people are not concerned about classrooms because they have no children to educate.

The purpose of taxes is the first thing to consider—not how much we can hold back. It is a moral obligation to pay them. Many men have given their lives for their country. The least the rest of us can do is provide the means for properly conducting our public affairs.

It must be remembered that State school aid does not mean a "handout." It is merely the application of the State's far reaching resources to provide the necessary bonds. Over the years, when the district's size is stabilized, they will be paid for.

Those bonds do two things: They actually keep the taxes minimal, and at the same time provide the means to finance the needs of cities and towns. Torrance has a long way to go in bonding itself for the educational and cultural construction it will need in the immediate years ahead.

Sam Freedman
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Appreciation

The members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club, and the Beau Jardin Garden club wish to express their sincere appreciation for the courtesy, and co-operation extended by your representatives, especially Miss Noralee Benedict, Women's Editor, in bringing the Torrance Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show to the attention of the public.

Our thanks also to the merchants who advertised and displayed posters, and to all others who contributed in any way to the success of the show.

The community interest shown in this annual affair was very gratifying to those who sponsor it.

Thank you,
 (S) Torrance Terrace Garden Club
 Beau Jardin Garden Club.

Police Benefit Ball

Editor Torrance Press
 Your Chief of Police feels his community should be made aware of the Annual Police Benefit Ball. Each year people of this city are asked to support the program designed totally for youth welfare work.
 Many local towns are today offering a like program and only too frequently the public accepts tickets for benefits outside its own immediate area.
 Be sure when called upon by phone or personally you are supporting your city.
 Within the next few weeks there will appear in your paper a complete story of this year's program. Remember the youngsters of your city depend on you. Before making a donation wait for a future announcement and be sure any effort on your part is directed to your local Police Department.
 (S) W. H. HASLAM,
 Chief of Police.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Polatty, of 3430 226th st., announce the birth of a daughter, Lisa Page, weighing 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Pier, of 2822 Pacific Coast Hwy., announce the birth of a son, Donald John, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robert O'Brien, of 1400 W. 219th st., announce the birth of a daughter, Bonita Marie, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bolczarek, of 2541 Ridgeland rd., announce the birth of a son, weighing 6 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

or color was superior to another, or that he didn't favor "segregation" by force, (except in jails and prisons) and he plainly remarked any inclusion of creed or color in the world's master plan of voluntary "segregation" would only be incidental, with no inference as to the superiority or weakness of the race or races, creeds or colors. All of which makes it easy for the two, who object to the Baron's views, by amplifying minor points and completely by-passing the main topic.

The Baron has worked side by side for several years with Negroes and has several personal friends of that race, as well as French, Spanish and German. We work together, eat together and participate in sports together but socially we drift apart, as does every great or small race, because of eating habits and other customs that have been given us by our ancestors.

The Baron feels that the great Negro race can, has, and will fight their own problems to a successful conclusion and offering our sympathy would only belittle their remarkable progress. If any "flag wavers" desire to champion a down trodden people, he would respectfully cite the plight of the bulk of the American Indian people, who have been recorded in history as a great people, running over with talent of various kinds, still, we the people, allow our government to forcibly "segregate" a portion of the American Indian to limited reservations with right of citizenship, which would in turn deny them the right of any official appeal of any edicts of their "masters." Lincoln freed the slaves, now who's turn is it?
 (S) "BARON STRUNSKY"

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Balkman, of 17024 Crenshaw Blvd., announce the birth of a daughter, Jill, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Cribbs, of 108-B S. Guadalupe, announce the birth of a daughter, Rayleen Gayle, weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bolczarek, of 2541 Ridgeland rd., announce the birth of a son, weighing 6 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

Pioneer Resident Plans Supermarket, Restaurant

Construction of a 50,000 sq. ft. supermarket, a cut-rate drug store, a medical building and a restaurant at Arlington and 182nd st. will start in about 30 days, according to Al Gianni, developer of this property.

Gianni, a pioneer resident of Torrance, said that one of the big market chains will locate here and that 140,000 sq. ft. of parking area will be provided for the convenience of shoppers.

Gianni, who, together with his parents, landed in Torrance straight from Italy in 1907, is particularly fond of the restaurant which he plans to operate himself.

"It will be my hobby and my way of keeping my friends with me. It will be a high-class restaurant and will have room for 100 people," Gianni exclaimed happily.

Gianni has had a successful and varied business career and has also been active in many municipal projects.

In 1948 he was appointed to the Planning Commission by Hugh Sherfy who was mayor at the time.

Building activity was lagging seriously behind in Torrance and no one knew exactly what the matter was, Gianni explained. The Planning Commission was unable to come up to an agreement and Sherfy decided to appoint Gianni chairman of the Commission in the hope of straightening out the trouble.

"Former Mayor Bill Tolson and I made a study of why Torrance wasn't growing," Gianni recalled. "We discovered what the trouble was—the city required 50x120 ft. lots but the

Eleven of Our Grads Are Missing

A total of eleven graduates are still being sought for the forthcoming Tenth Year Reunion Dinner and dance for the Torrance high school graduation classes of Winter, 1946, and Summer, 1946.

Morey Bernstein was lucky, he, at least, was only searching for one Bridey Murphy.

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Answer—
 Teeth are made in a great variety of colors and shapes. The various tooth manufacturing companies, after many, many years of research, have tried to put teeth on the market that would match up as closely as possible with every shape, color and size of human teeth. The color of teeth to fit an individual is determined by the age, color of hair and complexion of that person.

Teeth are made along three basic shapes: Square for people with square faces; tapering for triangular shaped faces, and oval for people with round faces.

Of course, there are all kinds of variations in these three groups, but one can rest assured that there are teeth made that will match the shape of your face in a pleasing and harmonious manner.

If you have any questions concerning dental problems, you want answered in this column, write to
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