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# 2 BOND ISSUES DEFEATED, ELECTION OF MAYOR OK'D

## Parks Lose by 149 Vote Margin

The Airport and Park and Recreation Bond issues went down to defeat and the city charter amendments calling for direct election of the mayor and establishment of an airport fund were approved in the special city election Tuesday.

A total of 6782 of the 33,318 registered Torrance voters went to the polls to register their overwhelming disapproval of the \$1,000,000 bond issue to improve the airport. Requiring a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, the airport bond was snowed under 3,852 to 2,855.

The Park and Recreation Bond issue which would have authorized \$3,000,000 to acquire park sites and develop recreational facilities lost by a margin of 149 votes. It, too, required a two-thirds majority of the vote to pass. The final count showed 4,372 for and 2,410 against.

Resounding approval of the charter amendment to enlarge the city council to six members and elect a mayor directly was handed down by the voters. The measure was adopted by a vote of 5,378 for and 1,270 against.

**FUND, BUT NO MONEY**

By a strange twist, the charter amendment calling for establishment of an airport fund was approved 3,575 to 3,087. The amendment was required to provide for the proper handling of money acquired through the bond issue, but since the bond issue was defeated the airport fund is superfluous.

A total of 6,782 votes were cast for the park and recreation bond while 6,648 votes were counted for the direct election of the mayor. The votes cast for the airport fund totaled 6,662 and the vote on the airport bond issue totaled 6,707.

The park and recreation bond drew the most voter attention, 6,782, but still failed by a 149 vote margin. Voters in nine of them in the city's central district, were the only precincts failing to approve the park measure.

The airport bond issue carried in only 16 of the city's voting precincts. Disapproval was registered throughout the city, and was especially heavy in the Waverly area where the airport is situated. Voters at the Dalemead st. polling place, a few doors from the house struck by a plane two weeks ago, turned down the bond issue 56 to 36.

## Kills Ex-Wife, Tries Suicide

A former Torrance resident shot and killed his divorced wife and critically wounded himself this week in what Los Angeles police described as a murder and attempted suicide.

William Riddle, 37-year-old unemployed refrigerator mechanic, who was reported to have roomed at 3522 West 228th st. last year, was in critical condition at County General hospital.

Detective Fred Thomas of the Los Angeles Police Department, said that Riddle visited his former wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hope Kime, 33, at her rooming house, 1140 West 65th st. She sat with him in the cab in his pickup truck and screamed for help when he pulled out a pistol and fired three times.

Riddle turned the gun on himself and the bullet went through his mouth.

## 'Look Behind You,' Trick 'n' Treaters

Trick and treaters were advised by Mrs. Frank Mendenhall, of Waverly, to be certain that kittens and puppies don't tag after them when they make the rounds of homes Thursday night.

Mrs. Mendenhall said many animals followed youngsters out of homes last year and were lost in the dark.



FIRST TO CONTRIBUTE—Mrs. Bruce Kittle, 3634 W. 225th st., hands her donation to the 1957-'58 Community Chest campaign to Paul Mandel, Torrance Residential Chairman. Mandel, in turn, gives Cathy, Mrs. Kittle's daughter, the receipt.

## OPEN CHEST DRIVE IN CITY MONDAY

To help meet a city goal of \$19,887, residential volunteers for the 1957-'58 Community Chest campaign will ring doorbells of Torrance residents from Monday, November 4, to Friday, November 8, to ask their friends and neighbors for contributions to help support 167 services through Community Chest.

Eighty cents out of every dollar collected will be used to help children. Through 20 hospitals and clinics such as the Children's Hospital and the Orthopaedic Hospital, Chest money pays for needed medical care for children whose parents cannot afford to meet their medical expenses.

Fifty services supported by the Chest provide help with family and personal problems which affect children. Two such services are the Catholic Welfare Bureau and Family Service. For dependent and neglected children Chest money pays for 34 child care services. There are 45 youth services supported

by the Chest such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the YWCA, which give children satisfying recreation and group experiences.

To the residents of Torrance, J. A. Robinson, Harbor Area Chairman for the campaign, says, "One out of every three families in the entire Los Angeles Area receives help from the Chest. These people may live next door to you or down the street. I'm sure if someone you knew asked for help you would not refuse him. Then do not refuse the Community Chest."

Glenn Koger, city chairman for Torrance, appealed to the residents of his city to "welcome the Community Chest solicitor who is volunteering his time and effort to raise funds for the 167 services which help people in Torrance. Invite her in. Ask her some questions, and learn the Chest story."

Paul Mandel, Residential Chairman for Torrance, told Chest volunteers: "By explaining the Chest and asking for gifts, we can reach our goal."

## Editorial:

### Give, Get the Most

Beginning Monday, Nov. 4, hundreds of women will cover every block in Torrance to ask their neighbors and fellow citizens to support 167 services through the Community Chest.

These women voluntarily give their time and effort to help this community and they deserve the courtesy of being answered with a generous gift when they call.

This year leaders expect a short, fast campaign and are striving toward a goal of \$19,887 in Torrance. Your contribution should be in proportion to the package of services offered in the 167-causes-all-in-one-campaign. These services, founded to meet human needs, include 33 child care services, 50 family services, 45 youth services, 20 hospitals and clinics and 17 national agencies, such as USO.

If each were to make a separate appeal, much money and effort would be wasted. But by banding together through the Community Chest, the campaign cost is only 8.6 percent, lowest of any comparable appeal in this area.

So when you are asked to give this year, remember to give the most where you get the most out of giving.

## Torrance Woman Hurt Badly in Auto Crash

Seriously injured in an auto accident at Del Amo Blvd. and Anza ave., Mrs. Dorothy N. Clary, 31, of 22313 Ward st., underwent an emergency operation and her condition was reported "good," Wednesday.

She suffered serious internal injuries when her station wagon was struck broadside by a car driven by Carl E. Rickenbaugh, 16, of 3219 West 186th st., Tuesday morning. Rickenbaugh and a passenger in his car, Deanna Everett, 14, of 3428 West 189th st., suffered minor injuries and returned to their homes.

Mrs. Clary, going south on Anza, stopped at a traffic sign

and then proceeded across Del Amo Blvd. when all seemed clear. Rickenbaugh's car, traveling about 50 miles an hour in the 55-mile an hour zone, smashed into the station wagon.

Dr. William Taylor performed the emergency operation on Mrs. Clary after she was brought to Riviera Hospital for treatment.

Another Torrance teenager received minor injuries in a second traffic accident at Anza ave. and Torrance Blvd. Tuesday afternoon. She was Janice Kicinski, 14, of 21609 Reynolds dr.

She was a passenger in a car driven by Lucille M. Robertson of 2011 Belmont Lane, Redondo Beach, when the car was struck by one driven by Milton Barker, 71, of Los Angeles. Barker was issued a citation by police for failing to make a boulevard stop.

## Major Airport Improvements Set by Council

Major improvement of the Torrance Municipal Airport was voted Tuesday night by the City Council with the acceptance of a low bid of \$25,627 from the C. R. Butterfield Co., of San Pedro, to excavate, grade and build embankments, and construct concrete catch basins and headwalls.

At the same time, the council voted to approve the Airport Commission's recommendations to complete the airport lighting system at an estimated cost of \$4,842. Approval of installation of taxiway lights, at a cost of \$16,800, was withheld until other estimates could be made.

## Local Coed Wins Scholarship

Gerry Ruth Terheggen, 18, of 2053 W. 159 st., was awarded a \$200 scholarship at the Los Angeles Trade-Technical Junior College.

Scholarship, citizenship and leadership are among qualifications considered in making the award.

Miss Terheggen served on the Senior Council while attending North High school and was a contestant for Sweetheart of Trade-Tech earlier this year. She is studying costume design.

## 132-Acre City Site Proposed

A movement to establish a major sports center on a 132-acre tract in Torrance was underway this week with the creation of an Inter-City Regional Sports Center Committee formed by Mayors Albert Isen of Torrance and LeRoy L. Center of Redondo Beach.

The officials acted to call together the Mayors and recreational board members of seven neighboring cities. A meeting of the nine-city group was tentatively set for November 20 in Redondo Beach.

A resolution by the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission sparked the drive. The commission, headed by Robert S. Cramer, declared that the Los Angeles County Department of Parks was considering the 132-acres for the site of a new sports area in the South Bay.

The considered site is bounded by the Redondo Beach-Torrance city limit on the west; Henrietta st. on the east; Del Amo Blvd. on the north and Torrance Blvd. on the south.

### GYM PLANNED

Planned for the area is a gymnasium, athletic fields, swimming facilities, soft and hard ball diamonds, tennis courts, picnic areas and other recreational facilities.

The Torrance Park and Recreation Commission declared that the site is "in the geographical and population center of the South Bay area," and because it is "relatively unimproved land" can be acquired "at a low price."

Invited to the November 20 meeting of the new Inter-City Committee to be held at noon in the Steak Knife Restaurant in Hermosa Beach were officials of Gardena, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates.

Isen and Center inspected the proposed park site Monday with Torrance Park Commissioner Ralph S. Morris, Recreational Director Harry Van Bellehem, and Redondo Beach Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Glenn Donovan.

They decided to muster additional support from neighboring cities before approaching the Board of Supervisors to seek approval of the site and the planned sports center.

## Pay Raised At Northrop

Approximately 15,500 hourly-rated personnel of the Northrop Division of Northrop Aircraft, Inc., will receive an additional two-cent an hour cost-of-living pay increase effective Nov. 4. Robert R. Miller, vice president and general manager of the Northrop Division, has announced.

The wage boost was based on the 0.9 increase in the Consumer's Price Index for the three month period ended September 15.

This is the fourth cost-of-living wage increase, totalling 12 cents an hour, awarded Northrop Division personnel in 1957. A six-cent an hour increase was granted in January, one cent was added in April, and an additional three-cent increase was awarded in August.

The increase applies to Northrop personnel at Hawthorne, Anaheim, Palmdale, Edwards Air Force Base, Torrance, El Segundo, Pasadena, Los Angeles International Airport, Calif.; Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; and Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

## Tame Spooks, Gentle Goblins Appear in City Parks Today

All kinds of gala Halloween events have been planned in the various parks for the 31 of October. The witches will be riding their broomsticks through spook houses accompanied by ghosts and hobgoblins of all sizes. Games and special activities have been planned with the grease pole climb being the feature attraction at two of the parks.

Time schedule and individual park programs are as follows: El Nido Park—The party will be from 4-5-15 p.m. A costume parade for children ages 1-5, 8-11 and 12-15 years will be followed by apple dunking, a trip through the spook house and refreshments.

El Ritero Park—Costume parade, games and refreshments are in store for boys and girls in the Hollywood Riviera area from 4:30-6 p.m.

Torrance Park—From 3:30 to

5 p.m. a number of activities have been planned. Included will be a costume parade, refreshments, and a number of surprise games and activities.

Waverly Park—The spooks seem to be in control at Waverly Park these days, and many whisperings have been heard regarding the extra special spook house, costume parade and surprise events that are on the agenda for Halloween. A tiny-tot party for children 4-8 years of age will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. followed by an evening program from 7-9 p.m. for children 9 years of age and older. A greased pole will be "open for business" during the evening program, and boys are encouraged to wear their oldest clothes in preparation for the slippery climb.

McMaster Park—Many carnival booths have been set up in

preparation for the largest Halloween festivities that have been held yet at McMaster Park. The afternoon program for children 1-5 years will be Halloween movies, a costume parade, stories and refreshments. Mothers are asked to come with their children.

Beginning at 7 p.m. a costume parade will start the evening program for those 6 years and older. Judges for this event will be Mrs. Kenneth McVey, from the Parks and Recreation Commission, City Councilman Nick Draie, and John Miller, Recreation chairman from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

Movies will be shown later and such carnival booths as goldfish toss, fish pond, car parking, and refreshments, a coffee and donut booth will also be open.

## Cleaner Gets Whisked Away With Press Ad

Mrs. Margaret Newton, of 1942 Lomita Blvd., had something to sell and she came to the right place.

She placed this classified ad in the Torrance Press:

G. E. SWIVEL, top vacuum cleaner, with all attachments, \$20. Excellent condition. DA. 6-2688

A few hours after the Press was delivered, Mrs. Newton received several calls. One caller came to her house and took the cleaner home with him.

"I'm very pleased," Mrs. Newton said about the action-getting results of the Torrance Press classified ad.

You will be, too, when you offer anything for sale through the Torrance Press classified section. Try it. Call FA. 8-2345.

## Dr. Low Elected to Lead City Coordinating Council

Dr. Warren H. Low, Torrance and Lomita optometrist, has been elected president of the Torrance Coordinating Council which represents 84 civic, church, educational, and labor groups. Assisting Dr. Low are Vice-President Louise Mangan, president of the Jayettes, and William G. Steele of the Carpenters' Union No. 1478.

Mrs. J. R. Sanders of North High PTA, and Mrs. Herma Tillm of the Pilot Club were elected recording secretary and corresponding secretary, respectively, while John Barton, of the Waverly Businessmen's Club was chosen for the treasurer's office. George F. Quinn of the Carpenters' Union was elected federation delegate.

Dr. Low, a native Californian, is a Torrance resident with offices in Lomita. He holds bachelor, master, and doctor degrees from Stanford University and the University of Southern California.

He is past-President of the

Torrance Toastmaster's Club, member of the Board of Trustees of Stanford University, and



DR. WARREN LOW

## Young Composer Will Present 'Star Rhapsody'



AT THE PIANO finishing up on the score of his Star Symphony is Edmund Najara.

Edmund Najara, local composer, will conduct his own composition, 'The Star Rhapsody,' when the Civic Symphony of South Bay and Torrance presents its program on November 6 at Redondo High school auditorium.

'The Star Rhapsody' was originally a vocal work based on a poem called 'Star,' but now has complete orchestral arrangement for this concert. Collette Nance, concert pianist, will be the soloist.

This promising young musician has written three operettas. In 1954, while still a student at Mira Costa High school, he presented the operetta 'Miracle of San Isidro.' He wrote the original score, choral arrangements, did stage direction and orchestrations and also appeared on the stage as Francisco. In May 1955, he presented another operetta, 'Chanson D'Amour,' also at Mira Costa.

In more serious forms, Edmundo, who is only 21, has written numerous piano solos, vocal compositions, orchestral works.

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## Innocent, Says Gee; Trial Dec. 6

Jack T. Gee, 52-year-old former special warrant officer, was ordered to stand trial December 6 in Superior Court this week after pleading his innocence to charges that he embezzled approximately \$350 in bail money.

The former Torrance warrant officer appeared before Judge Louis H. Burke in the Los Angeles Superior Court Tuesday. Gee was indicted by the County Grand Jury last month on six counts of embezzlement.

## Broadway Store to Break Ground Here Dec. 5

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Broadway-Hale Department store to be erected in the \$40,000,000 Del Amo Shopping Center at Hawthorne and Sepulveda blvds. are scheduled for December 5. D. S. Waddy, construction engineer for the store, told the city council Tuesday night.

Waddy, appearing before the council to iron out some minor differences over installation of sidewalks and landscaping around the center, informed the council that bids on excavating and preparing the 85-acre tract for building will be opened on November 5. By November 15, contracts should be let for the preliminary stage of work.

On November 25, contracts for the construction of the

Broadway-Hale store, a four-story building, will be signed, Waddy said.

Waddy agreed to the construction of curbs and gutters on the south side of Carson st., on the south side of Sepulveda Blvd., and the construction of a concrete bumper along Hawthorne Blvd., as requested by City Public Works Director John V. Russell and Planning Director George Powell.