

Pat Hogue Hits Candidates for Political Attacks

"I can't see where the candidates for City Council are proving anything with their attacks on each other and their ideas. It seems to me they should spend more time convincing people of their sincerity to be elected and, if elected, that they will devote their time and efforts to provide the city with the services they, the people, desire," Pat Hogue, one of the candidates, said today.

"I have stated that our fire and police force are short of manpower and I challenge anyone to prove otherwise. I do not feel that either force is adequate. I will say this—the men we do have at present are doing an excellent job both in service and public relations," he declared.

"I also say we are short of recreation facilities and parks. We have one major-size baseball diamond maintained by the city and to the best of my knowledge we have two night-lighted tennis courts. Outside of a small YMCA and YWCA, we have nothing to offer the teen-ager in our city. Does this sound as if it would suffice for a city of 100,000 population? The people who provide our voluntary recreation programs, YMCA, YWCA, Little Leagues, Pony, and Babe Ruth baseball programs, all scouting programs are certainly to be commended for their efforts. For with this effort I firmly believe it has been a great factor in our endeavor to combat juvenile delinquency and keep it at its present low rate. We have approximately 100 acres of developed park land. If all the people in Torrance went to a park on a given day there would be a 100th person in every acre. Would you say we are short of recreation areas? You be the judge. Let me say again the people who are in our recreation department are doing more than can be expected on what they have to work with.

"Our present City Council is guilty of not letting the citizens of Torrance know its needs. I would like the people to know what is needed and where. I feel everyone knows he has to pay for what services he receives. I also challenge the right of some of our councilmen who feel they are privileged to get up and go home in a fit of childish temper during City Council meetings.

"I feel the public should, before they go to the polls on April 12, survey the background of each candidate and see if he has shown he is sincerely interested by having been involved in civic projects over a period of years, or whether he has shown this interest only during election year. I've noticed some of them become quite noisy during election year but the years between elections they are never heard," Hogue concluded.

Welan Lairson Takes Part in Europe Exercise

Army PFC Welan C. Lairson, 1649 W. 204th St., recently participated with the Eighth Division's 18th Infantry in a field-training exercise in Germany.

The exercise, conducted under combat conditions, stressed night firing and cold-weather survival. Lairson, an assistant gunner in the infantry's Mortar Battery in Sandhofen, entered the army in July, 1958, completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan., and arrived overseas in February, 1959.

He is a 1953 graduate of Gardena High School and was employed by the Douglas Aircraft, Torrance, before entering the army.

YMCA Drive Within \$500 of Goal Here

Scott F. Albright, YMCA board chairman, today announced the Torrance YMCA is nearing its 1960 current support campaign goal.

Albright reported that \$31,500 has thus far been pledged toward keeping the local Y operating for the next 12 months.

Albright credited success of the drive to Mayor Albert Isen, campaign chairman, and 221 volunteer campaigners.

Final figures are not yet received on the work of the Torrance Fire Fighters, but Albright said their report will be an inspiration to the whole community.

Albright said the local YMCA goal for 1960 is \$32,000, and \$500 still is needed to maintain all present Y services.

Gifts or pledges may be sent to the Torrance YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave.

Church bells, not rabbits, are said to deliver Easter eggs in Belgium and France. According to one legend, the bells, which do not ring from Good Friday to Easter, fly to Rome. They return on Easter and drop the eggs.

Former Speaker of Canadian Commons to Talk at El Camino

Louis Rene Beaudoin, former Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, will speak at El Camino College tomorrow. He will deliver two formal addresses and will participate in two informal meetings.

Beaudoin will appear at a general faculty meeting at 11 a.m., speaking on the topic, "The Present and Future of Canada in the World."

At 8:15 p.m. he will speak to the public on the topic, "Canada in the Last Half of the 20th Century." Both speeches will be given in the Campus Theater; there will be no charge.

The morning topic will stress

Canada's population, financial, and industrial growth since World War I, and Canada's future in these and other matters.

Elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 1945, Beaudoin was a floor member until elected deputy chairman of the Committee of the Whole House in 1949. He was made deputy speaker from 1951 to 1953 and was speaker from 1953 to 1957.

The evening topic will bear on the augmented position of Canada in international affairs, and Canada's contribution to the Korean war, United Nations, and the St. Lawrence seaway.

At 9 a.m. the faculties of the departments of history, economics, and political science will meet with Beaudoin for a discussion of comparative governments.

Following the general meeting, Beaudoin will lunch with El Camino students majoring in history, political science, and economics.

Informal discussion at this meeting will cover Canada's strides in education, social security, medicine, transportation, and communication.

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