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County Funds Assure Work on 'Dangerous' Crenshaw Curve

Some "behind the scenes" dickering by a Torrance city councilman and county officials has achieved startling results, it was learned this week.

Authoritative sources have indicated that the county has allocated \$25,000 for widening, straightening and putting center dividers with guard rails on one of the most dangerous sections of roadway in Torrance.

Classified by police and city safety officials alike as "brutally dangerous," the curved section of Crenshaw, just north of Pacific Coast Hwy., has caused two traffic deaths in a year and a half plus numerous other injuries.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, who heads the city's transportation committee and is

currently president of the Inter-City Highway Commission, has been negotiating with county road officials and the office of Supervisor Burton W. Chace for more than six months trying to arrange the allocation.

Crenshaw Blvd. curve was the subject of a series of editorials in the Torrance Press last summer when one traffic death and several injuries were tallied on the half mile stretch over a 30-day period.

Improvements planned include proper drainage facilities on the road, which customarily floods with every sprinkle.

Increased usage of the road over the past six months has made the proposed improvements mandatory, Beasley said.

Candidate For City Clerk's Position Tells Platform: Responsible To Voters

Vernon W. Coil, long time Torrance resident and active participant in local veteran's affairs, this week announced his platform for the position of city clerk.

Coil listed briefly the duties of city clerk and then noted:

"My platform will consist mainly of one essential issue. The city charter calls for the clerk to be an 'elected official,' responsible only to the voters of Torrance. If elected I intend to discharge my duties in the best interest of the residents of the city and not allow the office to be run for the convenience of other city departments."

Coil, who makes his home with his wife, Pauline, and two sons at 2366-237th St., is in the sales department of a fireworks manufacturing



VERNON W. COIL
... Responsibility

concern.

The candidate has been active for many years as a tireless worker in civic affairs. He has participated in the majority of charitable drives in the city and, for several years, conducted teenage dances sponsored by the coordinating council.

Particularly active in veteran's affairs, Coil is a former commander of the Torrance Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and member of both the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

He has been a member of the Torrance Elks for the past 21 years and is a charter member of the Torrance Optimists.

For the past eight years he has been very active in Little League and other youth baseball fields.

State Attorney Rules Insurance Contracts Valid

State Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk has ruled as valid the fire and hazard contract held by National American Insurance Company on homes being purchased through Cal-Vet loans.

Mosk's ruling ends the lengthy controversy and investigation into the legality of the contract, Assemblyman Thomas M. Rees (D-Beverly Hills), chairman of the finance and insurance committee, who requested the attorney general's legal opinion on the matter last summer, announced March 1.

Barton Will Campaign on Pledge Of Less Taxes, More Facilities



JOHN J. BARTON
... Opens Campaign

A pledge to "defend the rights of the homeowners of Torrance" was the opening gun in the campaign for election to the city council of candidate John Barton, Torrance attorney.

Contending that the Torrance home owner is losing the battle of "confiscatory taxation," Barton's basic platform will contain two issues. They are: to hold the line on property assessments, and to preserve home areas for homeowners.

He will advocate park development, city beautifica-

tion, and the development of teen-age centers. Barton, who has been a resident of Torrance for 10 years, is married and with his wife, Corrine, is active in church and youth activities. The couple are the parents of four daughters, Debbie, Pamela, Camille and Collette.

City Treasurer Candidate Fred Spangler Announces Platform for April 10 Ballot

Fred Spangler, candidate for the post of city treasurer, this week announced that he will campaign on a platform of rigid tax economy, efficient operation of the treasurer's office, and development of a program of reinvestment of idle city funds in order to obtain additional funds for community programs.

Spangler, who has an exceptional background in the fields of economics and business administration, was one of the guiding lights in the programming and financing of the new Temple Menorah, where he served as president of the men's club in



FRED SPANGLER
... Seeks Post

1959, as treasurer in 1960 and as vice president in 1961.

Long active in civic affairs, he served as director of the city-to-city program and was committee chairman of the Konya-Torrance sister city program.

He toured Turkey as a delegate of the committee and also headed the local organization which greeted Konya city officials when they toured Torrance.

Spangler, his wife, Henny, a daughter, Jane, 18, and a son, Lee, 16, who attends South High, make their home at 5210 Carmen St. in the Southwood area of Torrance.

Incumbent for City Treasurer Tells Platform



HARRIETT LEACH
... Incumbent

Harriett V. Leach, 67, incumbent candidate for the position of city treasurer, this week announced that she would campaign for the post she has held for the past eight years.

First, appointed to the post to fill an unexpired term, she was elected in 1958 for an additional four years.

Mrs. Leach is the mother of three sons, Weston V., 42, Richard M., 38, and Robert G., 36.

She is a former member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and is an active member of the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Leach formerly worked as a material control clerk for Longren Aircraft and as office clerk for a Torrance physician.

L. A. County Designated As Rabies Danger Area

With Los Angeles County recently designated as a "Rabies Area" by the State Health Department, county health officials advised residents here today on the importance of reporting all animal bites promptly.

Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Los Angeles County health officer, explained that the designation of "Rabies Area" is used to describe any area where endemic rabies is found to be a threat to the public health. Last year 34 cases of animal rabies were found in the county.

Rabies is a fatal disease caused by a virus found in the saliva of an infected animal, and is usually transmitted to human beings through the bite of a rabid dog.

Although there is no cure for rabies, once the disease develops in a person, the disease can be prevented through prompt medical attention given to the person who has been bitten, the biting animal must then be observed by a qualified person for a period of at least two weeks, Dr. Sutherland said.

According to Clifford O. Harvey, chief communicable disease investigator for the County Health Department, the 34 animal rabies cases

that occurred here last year included 31 wild skunks, one monkey, one dog, and one case of bat rabies.

Because all warm blooded creatures are susceptible to rabies plus the fact that the disease is always fatal, any animal that bites a person should be immediately reported to health authorities for observation.

Harvey pointed out that medical science has developed a safe and effective vaccine against the disease for animals, and with the wide-spread occurrence of the disease in the wild life of the county anyone who owns a dog should provide their pet with the protection of this immunizing agent.

Tardy Vehicle License Tabs Cost Hiked 10%

Tom Bright, director of Motor Vehicles, this week reminded motorists who failed to pay their 1962 annual registration fees before the penalty deadline last February 5, that penalties for the first 30 days of delinquency thereafter are lower

City Clerk Candidate Shidler Gains Bartlett Endorsement

James G. Shidler, who has announced that he will run for the post of Torrance city clerk, this week reported that he had gained the endorsement of A. H. Bartlett, retiring holder to the post.

Bartlett, who will not seek reelection to the post he has held for the past 40 years, said,

"I have examined the list of candidates. Having known Jim Shidler for thirty-eight years, I highly recommend him as the qualified candidate to succeed me."

In a statement of policy, Shidler said, "The vast growth of the city of Torrance demands that the office of city clerk become an aggressive, efficient instrument of public service. As your city clerk, I will maintain a haven for the harassed citizens of Torrance."

Married to the former Lynn Jackson, Shidler has made his home in Torrance for the past 38 years. A



JAMES SHIDLER
... Endorsed

member of the American Legion and the VFW, he teaches Sunday School at St. Francis Episcopal Church and serves on the church grounds committee.

Ask Report on Progress of Two Storm Drain Bond

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn this week called for a complete and detailed report from the County Flood Control District on progress on both the 1952 and 1953 storm drain bond issues.

He asked that the report include not only projects in unincorporated areas of the county but also areas where cities are doing the work.

Preliminary reports from the Flood Control District indicate that the \$117 million 1952 bond issue work is "substantially completed" with only three of the 140 projects still under construction, Supervisor Hahn pointed out.

ELECT
HERMA TILLIM
CITY CLERK

Register Before April 12 for June Primaries

Some 300,000 county residents who failed to vote in the presidential election in November, 1960 will be ineligible to cast their ballot in the June 5 primary election, according to Benjamin S. Hite, registrar of voters, unless they re-register before April 12.

The County Registrar of Voters' office revealed that in spite of increased county population, voter registration now is below the level reached before the general election in November, 1960.

Hite said that under a law passed by the state legislature in 1959, any person who fails to vote in the general election of any election year is removed from the rolls and required to re-register before he can vote again in any successive election.

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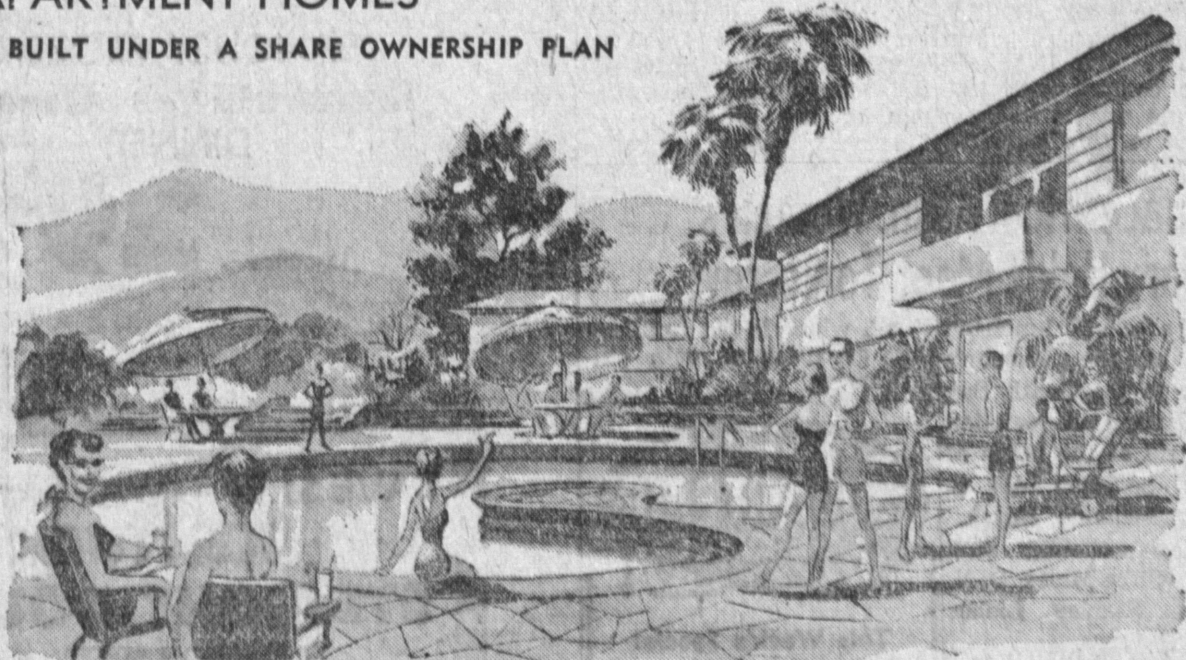
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