

One Incumbent Files for School Election

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Vandals, Parents Face Suit on School Damage

Trustees Want Pay for Losses

Trustees of the Torrance schools have asked County Counsel Harold Kennedy to file a damage suit against two families in connection with vandalism at the Fern Greenwood School.

The board is seeking to recover \$2,060. S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, recommended the legal action to the board. He said both families have admitted responsibility for the damage, but have made no replies to several district communications.

TWO YOUTH entered the school June 4, 1964, and dumped the contents of desks and storage shelves onto the floor in several classrooms, Waldrip said. They plugged sinks in the classrooms and left the water running, flooding the classrooms. Waldrip described the action as "one of the most destructive acts" he had seen in the schools. Both boys were apprehended by juvenile officers.

"As a taxpayer, I don't feel I should have to pay any share of this," trustee Bert M. Lynn said. Board members approved Waldrip's recommendation by a 4-0 vote. Albert Charles was absent from the meeting.

IN OTHER action, the board: Heard a request from principals for a 12-month contract and recognition of doctor's degrees on the elementary level; and Listened to a presentation by Garth Belknap, president of the Torrance Education Association (TEA), asking the district to make some contribution to a teacher health plan.

The board agreed to consider both items when the budget for the 1965-66 school year is presented.

who practiced medicine here for nearly 30 years. "John Beeman was certainly one of the most worthwhile men we have ever had in this town," Dr. Bingham told the board.

Board members agreed that a school named for Dr. Beeman would be in order, but added that no school was available at the present time. Bert M. Lynn advanced the suggestion that the Torrance High stadium could be named for the doctor. "Dr. Beeman was closely identified with the central Torrance area," Lynn said. "We don't have a new school planned for the area, but we do have that stadium," he added.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will confer with Dr. Abee and the Torrance High student council before making a recommendation to the board.

JUDGE SHIDLER and his wife, television actress Rosemary DeCamp, had asked the trustees to consider naming a school or some other facility for the deceased doctor.

Dr. R. A. Bingham, who said he was representing Judge John A. Shidler "by proxy," said the naming of the field in memory of Dr. Beeman was "a fine idea."

Candidates who have filed all necessary papers include: Joseph Bishop, 20707 Anz Ave., an accountant; Andrew S. Foster, 16222 Daphne Ave., a business executive; William A. Goodman, 201 Via la Soledad, a former teacher; Lester Sacks, 23238 LaDeene Ave., a physician; Beverly Schwartz, 3131 W. 180th Place, a housewife; Lawrence Townsend, 18407 Manhattan Place, a labor representative; and Donald E. Wilson, 17022 Kornblum Ave., a professor of education.

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Council Splits On Manager Pay

A surprise move to increase City Manager Edward J. Ferraro's yearly salary to \$23,000 was delayed for at least two weeks last night during a short meeting of the City Council.

Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. brought the matter before the council. Sciarrotta said the city manager's salary in Torrance was well below that paid other city managers in the area and asked that the necessary resolution be prepared to increase it to \$23,000.

Mayor Albert Isen, who said he had "no complaints against Ferraro or the way he has performed," quickly offered a substitute motion which would have given Ferraro a 3 1/2 per cent increase — the same as that given other employees two weeks ago.

ISEN SAID he considered a larger increase unfair to other city employees since all salaries were raised by 3 1/2 per cent pending a survey and possible reclassification of some city jobs. He advised waiting until the survey is completed, then adjust any inconsistency.

The substitute motion was voted down, 4-3, with only H. Ted Olson and Ken Miller backing the mayor.

Councilman George Vico then moved to table the original motion. He told councilmen he wanted two weeks to study the move.

Ferraro, whose salary is set by separate resolution, is currently being paid at the rate of \$20,400 per year.

IN OTHER action, councilmen quickly:

• Adopted on first reading an ordinance establishing a uniform building code.

• Agreed to a two-week delay on a variance for Quinn's Dairy. The hearing on the variance, which would allow the dairy to maintain its herds in the city, was continued to March 16.

• Set March 23 as the date for public hearings on an ordinance establishing a uniform plumbing code. The new code will provide for increased fees of \$1.50 per fixture rather than the \$1 fee now charged.

• Adopted on its first reading a new ordinance which will prohibit the sale of vehicles from unimproved lots. The ordinance is aimed at eliminating the "use car look" along Hawthorne Avenue and other thoroughfares.

West Lions Club Names Top Speaker

Patricia Deikel, a senior at West High School, has won first place in the West Torrance Lion's Club speakers contest.

Miss Deikel delivered a 10-minute speech on the designated topic, "Maturity, Its Privileges and Responsibilities."

Second place was awarded to Linda Underwood and Steven Johnston, also West High students.

Miss Deikel will be entered in the next round of the nation-wide Lion's Speakers contest as a representative of the West Torrance Lion's Club.



AUTO WRECKED . . . Driver of this vehicle escaped serious injuries Monday night when his auto jumped a divider and struck a signal light standard at 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue. Other area traffic crashes claimed a bloody toll during the weekend. (Photo by Ray Deurloo)

Three Killed, Nine Hurt In Area Traffic Crashes

Three persons were killed and another was seriously injured in three area traffic accidents over the weekend.

Dead are: Ronald A. Hansen, 25, of 1812 Sprackles Lane, Redondo Beach.

Jeanine Avakian, 18, of Long Beach, and Sandra Joy White, 16, of 2121 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach.

Hansen and Miss Avakian were killed Sunday in a crash that injured six other persons. Police said Hansen was hanging onto the outside of a car driven by Chester H. Pierce, 16, when the car went out of control and hit a car driven by Aialaia Pele, 33, at the intersection of Grant Avenue and Flagler Lane in Redondo Beach.

PIERCE TOLD police he was on Artesia Boulevard preparing to make a left turn onto Flagler when he passed a car which was weaving near the intersection.

The other driver of the car suddenly pulled over and got out of the car and began striking Pierce, according to officers.

Pierce then backed up and started to leave, trying to avoid a fight. The other driver grabbed hold of the window frame and clung to the car. Pierce, still being struck, lost control of the car at Grant Avenue and Flagler and hit the Pele vehicle.

Miss Avakian was a passenger in the Pierce car. She died Sunday evening at South Bay Hospital.

Pierce and two passengers were hospitalized. Pele also was hospitalized and his wife and daughter were treated for minor injuries.

MRS. WHITE, who had been married less than three months, was killed when a car driven by Terry Lee Kust, 21, of Manhattan Beach, ran a red light and struck the White vehicle. Police booked Kust on a charge of manslaughter. Mrs. White's husband, Dale, and a passenger, Vance Schaus, 21, of 18602 Cordary Ave., Torrance, were injured. Schaus was hospitalized, and White was treated and released.

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Winners will receive individual awards and the sweepstakes winner's school will get custody of the trophy for the coming year.

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also was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor. It was awarded for manning a tugboat traveling with two barges past Confederate troops. The boats were blown up and more than half the crew killed, but Capt. Ward survived to receive his country's highest honor.

The discovery has made the Civil War more than a set of facts and dates to her class, Mrs. Voorhees said. "It is real — because seated among them are the living reminders that the Civil War was a war between real people, fighting so their descendants could live in a free and united nation," she explained.

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Class Finds Close Ties To Drama of Civil War

Juniors in Mrs. Frances Voorhees' English III class at North High are studying the civil war with more than a passing interest these days.

The class discovered four of its members are descendants of Civil War figures during a routine assignment. The discovery was made when Mrs. Voorhees assigned Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage."

During the study, four students—Marilyn McHugh, Debra Spaulding, David Shilling, and Dale Thacker—brought in information about their ancestors. Thacker showed the class the flint lock rifle his great grandfather carried

in the War Between the States.

Miss McHugh told the class something about her great-great uncle, Gen. William T. Sherman. Gen. Sherman was commander of the Union Army in the West and is best known for his march to the sea through Georgia.

Shilling's great grandfather, Sgt. John S. Shilling, was the first enlisted man in the history of the United States to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. It was awarded to him for capturing a Confederate flag during an 1864 battle in Virginia.

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JUDGE ESSAYS . . . Helen Stout and Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta look over some of the essays submitted by area high school students in the Torrance Beautiful Commission's annual High School Essay Contest. Winners will be announced tomorrow evening during the commission's meeting at City Hall. (Press-Herald Photo)



ELECTED . . . Don Hyde, U. S. Steel executive, has been elected president of the Torrance Rotary Club to succeed William Moss Jr. Vice president for the term beginning next July will be attorney Larry Rowman. Other club officers will be appointed by Hyde.

Incumbent Files for New Term

William J. Hanson, a member of the Torrance Board of Education, has filed papers for re-election to the board at the April 20 school district election.

Hanson, who is now completing his first term on the board, became the first incumbent to seek reelection. Papers also were filed by Dr. Richard A. Sullivan, a physician, of 2263 W. 231st St., Tuesday. Nine declared candidates have now entered the race. District voters will select three members for four-year terms.

Candidates who have filed all necessary papers include: Joseph Bishop, 20707 Anz Ave., an accountant; Andrew S. Foster, 16222 Daphne Ave., a business executive; William A. Goodman, 201 Via la Soledad, a former teacher; Lester Sacks, 23238 LaDeene Ave., a physician; Beverly Schwartz, 3131 W. 180th Place, a housewife; Lawrence Townsend, 18407 Manhattan Place, a labor representative; and Donald E. Wilson, 17022 Kornblum Ave., a professor of education.

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Kidnap Charged

Thirty-year-old Ronald Ray Wells of 125 1/2 N. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, has been booked by Manhattan Beach police on suspicion of kidnaping. Police accuse him of picking up a 6-year-old girl near her school and holding her for two hours. She was not harmed.

Cafe Owner Arrested . . .

Beer hall operator Peter Tripp, 38, his wife, Carmen, 29, and two of their waitresses were arrested Tuesday afternoon by Torrance police. The Tripps, arrested at their Bel Air home, were charged with indecent behavior and conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor. Waitresses Irene Ziemer, 23, and Muriel Ann Moody, also known as Anne Patton, 25, were booked for outraging public decency, indecent exposure, committing a public nuisance, and violating the city's new ordinance banning topless attire.

San Pedran Killed . . .

Seventy-one-year-old Darwin H. Haenel of San Pedro died Tuesday afternoon from head injuries received in a traffic collision at Vermont Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway last week. Haenel's vehicle was one of three involved in a collision at the intersection on Feb. 21, Harbor Division Police reported.

Infant's Body Found . . .

The body of a newborn infant, wrapped in a plastic bag and rolled in several layers of newspaper, was found in the trashbin of a downtown Torrance area hotel Monday. Mrs. Teresa Guirretti of 1751 Cabrillo Ave. told police she found the grisly package behind 1806 Cabrillo Ave. The body was turned over to the coroner's office. A 21-year-old unwed resident of the hotel has been charged with the death of the infant.