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SCHOOL BOND ELECTION SET FOR MAR. 27

\$12,600,000 Issue May Bring Improvements to Local Schools

Announcement of the Los Angeles Board of Education that a special election will be called for March 27 to vote \$12,600,000 for school bonds, brings hope for Torrance that a new building will be erected at the Fern Avenue school site and that other needed improvements at the high school and elementary school here will be included in the allocation for the Harbor District if the bonds carry.

It has unofficially been reported that the District will receive \$526,000, the amount set for Torrance, Wilmington, San Pedro and Lomita. According to the reports, the senior high schools will receive \$392,800; junior high, \$58,200, and elementary, \$75,000.

Junior College District

All school districts in the Los Angeles system will vote at the election March 27. There will be three propositions on the ballot: two bond issues, one for \$7,700,000 for elementary schools; the second for \$3,900,000 for high schools; and whether or not a Junior College district is to be formed within the Los Angeles city school system, according to Herbert S. Wood, principal of the high school here.

This third part of the election is important, Wood said, inasmuch as it means if a Junior College District is formed, the state will advance \$100 per unit of average attendance instead of the \$27 allotment now being given Junior College districts already formed. The balance of the cost of maintaining the Junior Colleges, the high school principal explained, is being paid out of high school funds at present.

Wood has forwarded several requests to the Board of Education to improve the high school facilities here in order to bring them up to the present demand. He emphasized that the school bonds are not designed to be used for future expansion but, on the contrary, are necessary to keep up with the process of adding from 8000 to 10,000 new children to the already-burdened facilities.

Improvements Needed

He said that if the bonds pass, half-time schedules and the use of out-moded bungalows will, to a great extent, be discarded, as the bonds would permit a building program to bring the schools up to their minimum requirement at the present time.

Among the improvements Wood would like to obtain at the local high school are: An addition to the gymnasium to enlarge both the boys' and girls' dressing room facilities; the addition of a physical education corrective room for boys; and the doubling of the present machine shop building in order to permit the installation of the auto mechanics, printing, sheet metal and electrical courses in the one building.

Principal William A. Bell Jr. of the elementary school would like to get an addition to the kindergarten department, a building program to relieve some of the over-crowding in that division of the school. He has hopes that a cafeteria, similar to that maintained at the high school, could be installed at the school from funds obtained through the bond issue.

38 Men Are On City Work

Part-Time Emergency Crew On a Number of Jobs

Thirty-eight men are now being given work two days a week, in addition to the regular crew of seven. Street Superintendent William A. Gascolgne reported this week. The part-time force is being paid from the \$15,000 fund given the city recently by the county in an effort to relieve unemployment.

The men are working on a number of street jobs at the present time, Gascolgne said. They are located on Western avenue, near the Union Tool plant; on Cabrillo half-way between Plaza del Amo and Camino Real; at Cedar and Camino Real; on top of the hill near the Redondo city limits and Camino Real; and two stump pulling crews are engaged on that last named street.

CIVIC CENTER SPORTS WILL BE STARTED

All Organizations Are Urged To Enter Teams in Week-End Games

All organizations are urged to recruit their athletic talent for competition with other groups every Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p. m., in the Civic Center program outlined this week by Earl Fields, high school coach, who is named director of the games.

According to present plans, there will be two baseball games played Saturdays and Sundays at the high school athletic field and other events will be basketball, indoor ball, volley ball, tennis and horse-shoes.

Fields said yesterday that men and boys interested in playing any of these games, regardless of whether or not they belong to some organizations, should turn out for play as teams will be started on the grounds from the number who wish to enter. Teams composed of industrial and church organizations are especially urged to get in touch with the high school coach so that a complete activity schedule may be drawn up.

There are plenty of men and boys in Torrance and Lomita who would be interested in coming out for the games, Fields stated. He hopes to make the Civic Center program an outstanding sports event for the entire community. Both service clubs, the Rotary and Kiwanis, American Legion, men's church groups and industrial plants have athletic talent that should be induced to enter any or all of the six sports events programed, he said.

NEW BUS PLAN IS READY FOR C. OF C. MEN

Herald Learns Proposal Will Eliminate Any Deficit

Details of a plan whereby the city of Torrance could not suffer any financial loss because of the operation of a municipal bus system will be presented to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce next Monday afternoon, the Herald learned this week.

This plan is expected to lend considerable impetus to the progress of the proposed municipal bus system which will make Torrance the hub of an outstanding transportation system with arteries extending to Lomita, Gardena, Redondo, Waverly, Keystone and Moneta.

Eliminates Deficit

It has been expected that the city would have to bear a slight deficit during the first, second or third year of the proposed system, but the cost, as well as the initial expenditures to be paid out of Chamber of Commerce funds. Under the arrangement to be outlined at the next directors' meeting, the Herald learned that no such deficit will have to be met.

W. Rufus Page, president of the Chamber, said yesterday that he was prepared to present considerable data on the preliminary steps to be taken in starting the municipal transportation system when the directors convene Monday. They are ready to show what other municipal systems have done, both in the way of cost and, what is more important, in the manner of service to residents of the city in which such transit systems are operated.

Under the present plan, a five-cent fare and a 30-minute schedule are believed to be the most feasible to the local situation. The small cost and the rapid service should react on Torrance in the same manner as the extension of transportation systems did toward the rapid development of Glendale and Inglewood, it is pointed out.

Will Aid Workers

The great convenience that would result from the installation of a fast, cheap bus system, with Torrance as the hub, should be advantageous to the city and its workers. Throughout the investigation of the proposed municipal routes, Page and Carl Hyde, secretary of the Chamber, have kept in mind the paramount importance (Continued on Page 6-A)

BABES IN MUSICLAND TO APPEAR HERE



A real treat is in store for the people of Torrance and Lomita Friday night, March 20, at the high school auditorium when the Torrance Masonic lodge will present the Karl Moldrem Hollywood Baby Orchestra at a special benefit for the Torrance Relief Society. The entire proceeds from the unique program of concert music, recitations and playlets by the brilliant troupe of baby artists will be presented to the Relief Society. The program will start at 7:30 p. m.

Moldrem's Hollywood Baby Orchestra is composed of little tots, ranging from three to six years of age, and directed by a three-and-a-half year old director! There will be from 16 to 35 baby musicians in the presentation here—each a real talent that should be induced to enter any or all of the six sports events programed, he said.

There Never Was A Baby Like This!

We don't know if it's a boy or a girl—but it's name should be Henry or Henrietta!

This is an authentic tale—told to a Herald reporter by one who's veracity has never been challenged. (We thought in writing this story that that statement should go first in order that the story itself might not be doubted.)

Hearken, then, to the tale of a fine Mexican baby that was born in the center of the Torrance business district. This week while its mother and her parents were frantically searching for a hospital in a speeding old Ford coupe!

The new mother and the baby's proud grandparents received the aid of a physician several minutes after the youngster arrived in the car and in the center of the city.

Both mother and baby are doing nicely, thank you!

Non-Residents Asked to Register In L. A.

Carroll Ashley, who is in charge of the registration bureau for unemployed at the Chamber of Commerce, issued a request this week to people now working for the city of Torrance two days a week and who live in the Shoestring Strip, to register at their nearest Los Angeles fire station. Ashley said that they may be able to obtain more work from the city of Los Angeles than Torrance is able to afford.

DEININGER PRESENTS ROSE TO SCHOOL HERE

Robert J. Deininger, assistant cashier at the First National Bank, one-time mayor of Torrance and active in the creation of the planning commission for park beautification here, addressed the elementary school student body at the annual Arbor Day exercises today.

Deininger, an special representative of the local Chamber of Commerce, presented the school with a climbing rose, a yearly feature of the Arbor Day ceremonies at the school here.

WATER SUIT WILL ENTER COURT SOON

City's Counsel Expects to File Action Within Next Few Days

The city's suit to clarify the water bonds has not yet been filed, but we have been informed by the water company's counsel that the papers are satisfactory with one small exception and expect to file the suit in the Appellate Court within the next few days. James L. Beebe, of the firm of O'Malley, Tuller and Myers, the city's special counsel, told the Herald today.

No further conferences will be held with the bond-holders or the water company with regard to a compromise settlement to purchase the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company plant here, the City Council decided last week.

Bonds Must Be Cleared

The city's intention to press the case in the Appellate Court is based on the fact that to sell the \$400,000 water bonds for a new publicly-owned water producing, storing and distribution system, the bonds must be validated in order that the city can sell them on open market to the best bidder.

In presenting his new offer to the council Thursday afternoon, Colonel Stephen proposed to compromise between the city's proposed purchase price and the estimate set by the bond holders. This was refused, as the council was aware that to sell the bonds, the securities must be tested in court and found legal.

At a recent conference between city officials and Mr. Beebe, attorney in the firm of O'Malley, Tuller and Myers, the city's special counsel engaged to validate the bonds, Beebe informed the local men that cases can be determined in from 10 months to one year at the most time. This is regarded as a short period in litigation, and Beebe declared, it is reported, that the case most certainly can be out of court in that time. This is, unless, and this is very doubtful, the water company carries its fight to the United States Supreme Court.

"CHILDREN'S EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE" AT PARK PLANNED

Unique Observance to be Presented Easter Sunday Around World's Mightiest Organ at Roosevelt Memorial Park, April 5

Something new and unique in the way of Easter sunrise services is being planned for presentation Easter Sunday, April 5, at the Roosevelt Memorial Park. It will be known as "The Children's Easter" and will be presented entirely by school children from Torrance, Gardena, and the Spanish-American Institute at Gardena.

Alfred H. Deeks, choir leader and organist of the Christ Episcopal church here and organist at the "World's mightiest organ" at Roosevelt Memorial Park, is working out the details of the program. He has been interested in starting a children's Easter service for several years and next month he hopes to present a sunrise observance that will be the first of many to come.

The combined school clubs of the two cities will be placed on a huge stage directly in front of great Roosevelt organ. The remainder of the student bodies from Torrance, Gardena and the Institute will be flanked on each side of the instrument which can be heard six miles away. Accommodations for approximately 75,000 people can be installed in the park.

It is reported that the principals will be flanked on each side musical directors are already engaged in training the respective glee clubs for the event. Arrangements are being made to broadcast the service from a remote control station and a public-address system is to be installed in the park so that all who attend may hear the program.

The only adult participation in the program will be the reading of the invocation and benediction, according to Deeks' plan. During the service, two representatives from each school, a boy and a girl, will give short addresses on Easter topics.

Chamber is Assisting
Deeks, who lives in Gardena, is hoping that the service will rival the great Easter programs staged at the Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Coliseum and Mt. Rubidoux at Riverside. He sees the possibility that the Roosevelt Memorial Park children's observance will become the Harbor District's Easter service.

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Penalty Imposed For Faulty Checks

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Both Lomita Women Held FOR MURDER

Pleas By Attorneys For Dismissal Fail Tuesday

At the conclusion of a Tuesday preliminary examination in Municipal Judge H. Parker Wood's chambers which lasted for three days, Mrs. Esther Carlson and Mrs. Anna Erickson, both of Lomita, were held to answer, without bail, in the Superior Court on charges of murdering August Lindstrom, retired lumberman, with poison on February 10. Both women are being held in the county jail. Their trials will be set within 30 days, it is reported.

Before making his decision, Judge Wood denied motions by Attorney Richard Cantillon for Mrs. Carlson and former Justice Carlos S. Hardy for Mrs. Erickson that the charges against the well-known Lomita women be dismissed.

Show Little Emotion
A large number of witnesses were called to testify for the prosecution in the case, among them Dr. J. S. Lancaster and Mrs. Bessie Myers, of the Stone and Myers mortuary, both of Torrance. The court room was tense as the judge rendered his decision and a number of friends of both women wept. However, the two accused women, showed little emotion over the verdict.

Deputy District Attorney George Stahlman pointed out to the court that prosecution evidence established Lindstrom died at his home in Lomita from a heavy dose of poison. The prosecution declared that Mrs. Carlson administered the poison that she might obtain Lindstrom's property here and lift a mortgage held by the aged man on property owned by her at Hemet, Ariz. Mrs. Erickson, the prosecutor declared she had conspired with the other woman in the hope of obtaining money she needed for a payment on her home, it is reported.

Communal Theory Works Here

Youngsters Get Lunches in Novel Manner

Could you provide a good, wholesome and nourishing lunch to 100 hungry youngsters at a dollar per day?—and change the menu daily for that amount? That is what Principal William A. Bell Jr. is doing at the elementary school here. By enlisting the theory of communal teaching on the part of the teachers on his staff, Bell has worked out a plan to furnish lunches to children who would otherwise go hungry, at a cost of considerably less than a dollar a day.

"We found that a number of children were coming to school without breakfast and a still larger number that had little or nothing for their lunches," Bell said this week in explaining his unique program. "By close investigation, which by the way, became an actual investigation of the lunches brought to school by some of the children, we found that 100 youngsters were not receiving good lunches at noon. That is why we are maintaining our lunch plan."

Vegetable Exchange
The lunches are not free—except in cases where the child cannot actually bring fresh vegetables to help pay for his lunch. The vegetables are taken in payment for the hot dishes served at noon, and

NEW PLAN FOR PALOS VERDES PARKWAY NOW

Leonard Says Artery Can Be Built at Cost of But 40-Ft. Road

Confident that he can effect a saving of over a half million dollars, or nearly one-third of the county's estimate, City Engineer Frank R. Leonard has revived the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway project, which has been dormant for the last 11 months, and has submitted his plan to the county engineer for study.

The city engineer presented the details of his revision of the physical aspects of the proposed parkway from 79th street and Crenshaw boulevard (Angelus Mesa drive) in Los Angeles, through Torrance, a distance of 2000 feet, with the Palos Verdes Estates at a joint informal meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council Monday afternoon.

Reports Accepted
Because of the revolutionary savings proposed by Engineer Leonard, this city has the prospect of securing a new north and south parkway artery to Los Angeles, 112 feet wide, at the cost of a 40-foot major highway.

As a result of his presentation of engineering data to substantiate his large savings which would benefit every property owner in the district of the 16-mile proposed parkway, the directors of the Chamber passed a resolution accepting Leonard's report and urging that it be presented to the City Council at the proper time.

The city engineer furnished the county engineer with copies of all his estimates and proposals Tuesday afternoon. He was informed that these will be taken under advisement as soon as possible. The next move in the matter must come from the county officials, Leonard said today, as they are (Continued on Page 6-B)

POSTMASTER WILL LEARN P. O. DETAILS

Organization to Urge That Allocation for City be Awarded Soon

With every organization in the city planning an intensive campaign to urge the speedy allocation of the \$85,000 fund for the proposed Torrance postoffice, Postmaster Alfred Gouder intends to do his part to get new quarters for his department.

The postmaster will attend the Los Angeles County Postmasters' Association meeting in Los Angeles tomorrow Friday, and will interview the postmaster of Pomona to learn just how that city obtained its new Federal building.

With complete information as to the procedure in locating a site, the building requirements and other data of local interest, Gouder will be prepared to aid in this city's requests for a new building.

Only 7 High School
Students Are Aided

While approximately 100 children are receiving free lunches at the elementary school here, only seven students at the Torrance high school were found in need of assistance in order to obtain their lunches.

This information was given out this week by Principal Herbert S. Wood, in commenting on the fact that the teachers of both schools are contributing one per cent of their monthly salaries to assist in furnishing work or lunches to students who are found in need. The one per cent donation is not compulsory, but only the teachers who wish to are contributing.

The money is being used entirely for Torrance school children, and besides lunches, helps aid the students through school in the way of purchase of supplies. The student body of the high school voted recently to permit Principal Wood to buy gymnasium equipment, such as clothing and towels for student-members who cannot afford to pay for such articles.

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