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School Play Areas Open to All Now

Every Los Angeles city school ground—which includes all those in Torrance and Lomita except the Perry school, a county institution in North Torrance—will be converted into a playground for children and grownups on Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays and the school vacation period.

This announcement was made yesterday by Vierring Kersay, superintendent of schools, and George Hjette, superintendent of playgrounds, following a conference with Los Angeles Mayor Fletcher Bowron.

The officials also announced that W. H. Orion, who has been chief of the division of health and physical education for the State Board of Equalization, has been appointed as liaison officer between the public schools and the Los Angeles playground department.

Hjette said that the arrangement made between the school department and the playground department "marks one of the most important forward strides in public recreation for Los Angeles in more than a decade."

Sedan Wrecked; Driver Escapes

A Ford sedan, registered to Dorothy Buckonen of Beverly Hills, turned over three times at Carson and Madrona sometime before 3 a. m. last Friday morning, according to information given police the following day. The machine was operated by a man who said the car belonged to his wife, a local resident who took the uninjured but bruised driver to a taxi here. No further information was available.

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Co. Attorneys Criticised for Pay Increases

County attorneys were instructed this week to keep the board of supervisors advised more carefully as to legal dead-ends in the interests of the taxpayers as a result of a situation in which the supervisors find themselves powerless to prevent salary increases to two elective officers amounting to \$24,000.

The salary increases become effective next Monday, for Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz and County Assessor John Quinn, and amount to \$3,000 annually in each case. Each are to serve four-year terms.

Criticism of the county council's move was made by Supervisor John Anson Ford because the board had the power, but Ford did not know it, to adopt an amendment to the county salary ordinance as late as last November 4, to leave the two salaries in question at \$9,000 a year instead of being made \$12,000.

An emergency ordinance cannot be adopted because the public safety, public health or public morals are not jeopardized, County Counsel J. H. O'Connor advised the board. Deputy County Counsel Claude H. McFadden, the board's legal adviser, was on his vacation the first week in November, O'Connor said.

Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough sided with Ford in favoring the salary cuts, and also favored cutting the salaries of all other county department heads to a maximum of \$9,000. Some now receive \$10,000.

Chairman Roger W. Jessup said he would not vote to reduce the salaries to \$9,000, adding that although he had voted against raising the salary of Rex Thomson to \$10,000, he would not vote to cut it now. O'Connor now is preparing a formal opinion on the matter at McDonough's request.

INTEND TO WED

Ora J. Pyle, 23, of 1021 Cravens, and Lura M. Russell, 17, of 1008 Cota, filed notice of intention to marry this week.

Further information could be obtained about the accident as the damaged car was removed early Friday morning.

Nigger Slough Flood Relief Fed. Project Urged by L. A. Council

Full consideration of the Nigger Slough area in connection with federal flood control programs was requested of Los Angeles county's eight congressmen this week by the Los Angeles city council. Acting on recommendations of City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich, the council requested the flood control district and the board of supervisors to construct an adequate channel for disposal of the storm waters that periodically collect in the area, extending it to tidewater at the harbor.

Tire On Road Causes Wreck; Woman Hurt

In a freak automobile accident Friday night in San Pedro, Mrs. Alice Frodsham, wife of Lee Frodsham, 42, local steel worker, suffered a dislocated shoulder, cuts and bruises. He told San Pedro police he was driving north on Gaffey road when suddenly an automobile wheel with an inflated tire—not another car—loomed up before his machine.

The Frodsham sedan struck the tire which the local man said "flipped up" and threw them against a telephone pole and into a ditch near Channel street. The car was badly wrecked. Frodsham, who lives at 1239 El Prado, said he had no idea where the offending wheel and tire came from. The driver claimed the mishap was his first accident in driving a car for many years.

Deputy Assessor Taking Refund Claims Here

Local taxpayers who desire to put in claims for refunds on 1935-36 taxes should see Albert Borg, deputy county assessor, who has been given desk space in the city clerk's office in the city hall. Borg is there every day, except Saturday, from 9 to 4 o'clock. He will be stationed in Torrance thru Dec. 5.

Those desiring to file refund claims—the refund matter is still before the courts—should bring their receipted 1935-36 tax bills for inclusion with their statement for the repayment.

Union Church Service Sunday to Hear Dr. Burgi

The union services sponsored by the Methodist and Central Evangelical churches will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. E. Burgi of Los Angeles, district superintendent of the Evangelical Conference, will be the speaker.

He will give a resume of the activities of the General Conference of the Evangelical Churches recently concluded at Johnston, Pa. Dr. Burgi was an official delegate to this session.

Gold was first coined by King Croesus of Lydia, 6th century B. C.

Pueblo Report Stirs Official Action Here

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denis there, it was indicated, will thus be able to dispose of the rubble which is to be found in many parts of the village.

To Query Housing Officials

Four different adult residents of the Pueblo called on The Herald office during the past week to express their appreciation of the article which, it is hoped by the newspaper, will result in improved conditions that will be reflected in better health among Pueblos and their children.

Many other favorable comments came to the attention of this newspaper from residents in other parts of Torrance who declared they were glad to see The Herald starting a movement which may bring about better living conditions for the Mexican and Mexican-American people living in the Pueblo area.

Mayor Tolson said he believed that if any resettlement project was launched here there are several good, inexpensive sites which might be used for new low-cost homes. The whole matter is one worthy of the most careful study, he said. More information will be sought regarding the WPA-built duplex in Watts whose equipment includes a fine heating system.

In calling attention to the meeting tonight in Patriotic hall on Figueroa street near Washington, Walter E. Tallafero of the county health department, said that county housing authorities will be present to answer a number of pertinent questions regarding the delay which has hampered slum clearance projects in the area.

"Says Report 'Too General'"
"We understand that the Federal government has car-marked about 100 million for such work in Los Angeles county," he said. "Altho this fund has been available for several months nothing has been done as yet to bring about improvements. I read The Herald's article about the Pueblo settlement and I believe that if the city of Torrance is interested in obtaining Federal assistance to alleviate the poor housing conditions there, I urge all residents interested in this work to attend the meeting which starts at 8 o'clock tonight."

Mrs. Alcala, in voicing objections to The Herald's article of last Friday, said her chief point was that the report was "too general—it included the whole Pueblo in its account of poor housing, unsanitary conditions and overcrowding."

"This is not the case," she said. "My properties—all except one—have bath and toilet facilities and we are willing to install a bath in the one house at any time. The reason we have not done so is that the tenant insists on a brand-new bathtub and that is out of reason because of the small rent he pays."

Welcome Improvements
Asked about the number of animals maintained in the Pueblo—The Herald was informed this week that there are about 15 to 18 cows, some 24 to 30 goats and five or six pigs owned by residents there—Mrs. Alcala said she knew of no pigs in the village.

"I would not like to see the people use their cows or goats because they need the milk and it would be unfair to deprive them of those animals. My principle objection to the article in last Friday's paper is that it leads people to believe the whole Pueblo is bad. This is not the case. We welcome improvements and we will cooperate with the authorities to get them but we do not like to be held up to scorn," Mrs. Alcala said.

The Herald did not and will not brand the whole Pueblo sector as a menace to public health. There are houses in that settlement that are in good repair and contain facilities for good, clean living. But the houses visited by The Herald reporter and Rev. Lingensfelder are not in that class and these places were not "hand-picked." Anyone who visits the Pueblo can see for himself the conditions reported.

El Prado 'Hot Spot' for Realty

El Prado was the "hot spot" for local realty deals this past week. All of the vacant lots on the south side of that parklike thoroughfare between Arlington and Carson have been sold and it is reported that there are going to be some exceptionally fine residences erected there in the near future.

Three well-known local physicians, Drs. John Beeman, C. E. Easley and W. I. Laughon purchased El Prado property with intentions to build substantial homes. Drs. Beeman and Easley each purchased two lots and Dr. Laughon has a couple of lots in the northeast corner of Arlington and El Prado and plans to build.

Across from Dr. Laughon's property is B. C. Buxton's home on the southeast corner of Arlington and El Prado. Buxton was instrumental in most of the land deals on El Prado during the past week or 10 days. The northeast corner of Arlington and El Prado was purchased the lot next to Buxton on El Prado last winter.

George Moore, local hardware dealer, who has the property next to Guttenfelder's has completed a deal whereby he obtained the Sidebotham lot in exchange for his area. Next are Dr. Beeman's two lots and Frank Faour owns the adjoining property. Dr. Easley's holdings are located next to Mrs. S. S. Worrell's home.

The H. C. Barringtons acquired the property next to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rippey on El Prado some time ago with expectations of building a fine brick home there. When the house was completed, El Prado will make an even more attractive street than it is today.

Seven Patients Enter Hospital
Among the new patients who entered Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were: Miss Peggy Baltz of Gardena and Miss Esther Gahan of 1723 Andros, waitresses employed at Daniels case in Gardena, who were both operated on for ruptured appendixes. Miss Carlson entered the hospital Nov. 22 and Miss Baltz was bedded there Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Conn of Hermosa applied Nov. 23 for medical attention at the hospital; Patty Lou Hogue, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harland K. Hogue of Redondo underwent an appendectomy last Friday, and Mrs. Margaret Monstad of Redondo, entered Nov. 23 for medical care.

Mrs. Gladys Swindell of Manhattan Beach received Monday for medical treatment and Mrs. Isabelle Williams of Redondo underwent an appendectomy last Saturday.

SELLS CORNER LOT
Mrs. Georgia Marlow, realty saleswoman for B. C. Buxton, sold the McNally corner at 21st and Arlington this week to Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon of South Torrance, who plan to build this spring.

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