NEW BUS LINE SCHEDULED AS CITY LEASES EQUIPMENT TO AUGMENT SERVICE HERE

The Torrance Bus department will roll two new leased buses here next week, according to W. H. Murphey, city transportation manager.

Murphey explained the two additions will not actually add to the city's nine buses, but will replace an equal number to be reconditioned.

This will require approximately three weeks, following which the department is sure to have 11 buses in operation here.

Three more leased buses are scheduled to make their appearance in Torrance at about this same date, Murphey said.

The city has been unable to purchase new buses.

The additions will bring the department's total to 14 buses before April 1.

Two of the vehicles will go on the proposed line into Long Beach and Inglewood. The Long Beach line will follow Carson st. to Dominguez, south on Alameda st. to Pacific Coast highway and east to American ave. in Long Beach. The route will continue south on American ave. to approximately 5th st., Murphey revealed.

The Inglewood route will follow Torrance blvd. west to Crenshaw blvd., north to 190th st. and west to Prairie ave. From there it will proceed north to Imperial highway and into the business district of Inglewood.

The City Council has approved both the extension of the proposed lines and addition of buses.

Lease price of the vehicles ranges from three cents per mile for the 27 to 29 capacity to three and a half cents for the 44-seat buses.

Torrance to Los Angeles service will be improved with the addition and buses used for this route will no longer be required to make residential loops but will travel from point to point only.

A local bus will be installed to replace the loop schedule, Murphey said, which will afford residents here greater inter-city service.

The equipment is being leased from Commercial Traffic Consellors in Los Angeles, and more can be obtained when the need increases.

It is anticipated the new Inglewood-North Torrance-Long Beach line will prove an immediate success.

Four Educators Considered For New J.C. Post

Four prominent educators will be considered at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of El Camino college district called for March 8 to select a president of the new Junior college and superintendent of the district.

According to officials, the candidates for the office, which will prove one of the most important of the Southland, are: Forrest Murdock, superintendent of Centinela Union high school district, representing Inglewood area in the vast $130,000,000 junior college district which includes such other cities as Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Palos Verdes and Hawthorne; Dr. Ralph Dailard, San Diego educator; Dr. Paul J. Essert, of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Dr. Elnar Jacobsen, of Los Angeles City college.

Murdock is one of the directors of the Junior college which has an enrollment of 524 of the two campuses, at Inglewood and Redondo Beach Union high. Of this number 320 are veterans.

He has been active in the campaign to secure from the County of Los Angeles a portion of the vast undeveloped Alondra park area as a site for the college, and in securing federal housing accommodations for classes at the new site in time for the semester opening in September.

High Fares On School Bus Are Protested

Residents of the Southwest Homes area this week petitioned the Los Angeles Board of Education for free bus service for residents of the district on Western avenue.

In the past, Gardena city bus lines have been transporting children from homes in the district to the 188th st. school of Los Angeles. The fare had been five cents each way, but it has been raised to 10 cents.

Parents have complained that this fare amounts to $5.20 per child per month and is too much for the average family to stand. They declare that it is the duty of the Los Angeles School Board to provide free bus service to the school and ask that it be instituted at once, residents declare.

HARBOR INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE OPENING MARCH 4

The harbor district office of the Internal Revenue bureau will have its formal opening on March 4, according to Charles E. Kelly, division chief for the harbor area.

On that date, the office will announce the scope of its services to the area which includes Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington, Gardena and San Pedro.

New Funds May Keep Care Center Project Alive

Threatened closing for lack of funds of child care centers in Torrance and other cities June 30 near the start of the summer vacation period may be averted if a proposed $6,500,000 appropriation bill is passed by the current Legislature, local authorities have been informed.

A bill for the large appropriation to prolong the life of the child care and extended day care work for another year, after June 30, is pending in Sacramento.

City Recreation Hoop Tourney Schedule Changed

The CIF playoffs to be held in Whittier, have altered plans of the Junior Chamber of Commerce there to slate new dates for the forthcoming basketball tournament which originally was scheduled for March 10 to 15 inclusive.

New dates set by the chamber are March 10, 11, 13, 19 and 21, it was announced.

The Torrance Recreation department will enter two of the city's top teams, Fenwick Shoe Repair and Klink's Cabrillo Market, in the Whittier tourney.

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