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Fire Destroys House Owned By Patterson

The house at 17438 1/2 Yukon avenue, owned by R. E. Patterson, was destroyed in a fire Sunday evening. The Torrance fire department battled the blaze for more than two hours before bringing it under control. The flames leveled the house to the ground and the cost of the damage was still unestimated. The occupants of the house, located in back of the one where Patterson lives, were absent at the time.

7th, 8th GRADERS NEED NOT REGISTER EARLY FOR SCHOOL

Torrance City School district will not register 7th and 8th graders until Monday, Sept. 15, according to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull. Only the high school students, grades 9 to 12, are being registered at this time, and classes will start on Friday, Sept. 12.

Pupils of the lower grades got a "break" Tuesday night when the Board of Education decided to close the elementary schools on June 11, 1948, instead of June 18. High school students, the four upper grades, will remain in classes until June 18.

LOMITA NAVY MAN ASSIGNED ESCORT CARRIER

Anthony Brandell, fireman first class, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brandell of 2135 Pacific Coast highway, is serving aboard the escort carrier USS Siboney, which is operating with the Atlantic Fleet in Caribbean waters.

Advantages Of Unification Listed By County School Superintendent

"Advantages made available under unification greatly outweigh any disadvantages," County Superintendent of Schools C. C. Trillingham said this week in commenting on the Torrance proposal to unify all Torrance schools, kindergarten through high school, under Torrance Board of Education.

In a letter submitted to J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of the Torrance City schools, Trillingham listed eleven specific advantages which would be gained by such a move. His opinions were based on studies by the county office staff and reports of reorganization projects carried on recently in other states.

An overall district board and one administrative staff, responsible for one continuous, developmental program from the kindergarten through the 12th grade, is the first benefit cited by the superintendent.

Other points enumerated in the letter were as follows: The pupils of the district would have equal educational opportunities, with access to adequate books, supplies and equipment.

Special educational services such as health, guidance, audiovisual, musical and practical arts would be made available to children. "Experts" could be used to a better advantage.

A greater flexibility in the opportunities to assign teachers to best advantage would result. A single salary schedule would be possible.

"The contributions and criticisms of members of curriculum committees from various levels should result in a better educational program at all levels."

A unified philosophy for the district as a whole, designed to place pupils to the best advantage and with artificial barriers and dividing lines would be eliminated. The tendency for one level to "pass the buck" to another level would be largely overcome. "There would be one trans-

Manufacturing Firm Moves To Harbor City

Two new industrial firms in as many weeks have apparently chosen Harbor City as their home.

The Safety Auto Signal Manufacturing Company selected Harbor City to move from 606 Beacourt st., San Pedro, to 25415 Belleporte ave.

Manufacture of semaphore direction signals for trucks was expected to be resumed last Tuesday.

Last week the Leon Finch Paint Company announced through its engineer, W. N. Thorpe, that it planned to consolidate three factories into a \$1,000,000 plant on a five-acre tract covering Leonardo and Armand aves.

The manager and part owner of the safety signal manufacturing concern said that he plans to increase his \$10,000-a-month business to a \$25,000 in a plant expansion move.

He stated that the company's 15 employees will probably be increased to 35 or 40 in the expansion.

The firm's leaving San Pedro was principally due to zoning restrictions, he said. The company has been located in the port city since 1940.

The Leon Finch Paint Company is building its plant in Harbor City, it was stated, for export reasons.

ROCKET PROPULSION

During the war, the Navy's investigation of rocket propulsion possibilities was concentrated below the stratosphere. Further studies will include propulsion through the stratosphere. Stratospheric propulsion requires the rocket principle inasmuch as there is not enough oxygen at that height to support combustion in the conventional type of engine fed by an outside oxygen source.

WEATHER PROPHETS

A Navy Seabee battalion had a practically fool-proof method of forecasting weather conditions at its North Pacific base.

"If the clouds are above the mountains," the Seabees used to say, "it will rain. If the clouds are below the mountain, it will rain. And if it isn't raining at the time, you know darn well it's going to rain."

PRIVILEGED WARS

For 200 years during the Middle Ages, the lower classes, practically speaking, were not allowed to fight during a war, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The one exception were townsmen who agreed to supply military units to the great lords in return for free charters. Most of the fighting was done by armed knights on horseback.



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