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Open House For Schools November 6

Torrance schools will have their first "open house" at Torrance elementary school on Nov. 6, during American Education Week, it was decided on Thursday at the meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Council, in Daniels Cafe.

Mrs. Grace W. Wright, moderator of the council, appointed Mrs. George A. Bradford as chairman of the committee to arrange the "open house," and she will be assisted by Mrs. D. A. Murphy, Mrs. W. E. Bowen and L. Milton Isbell, local Y.M.C.A. secretary.

The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, retiring rector of St. Andrew's church, suggested the meeting.

At Thursday's meeting of the Educational Advisory Council, Principal Lloyd Waller, of Torrance high school, asked that parental cooperation be sought to prevent vandalism which already has started at the school. One of the new library tables was scratched with "Mary loves Dick," he said. The school is proud of the new furnishings and wants to keep them in first class condition, he said.

INCREASE IN BUS FARES CONTEMPLATED IN NEW PLAN FOR PURCHASE OF BUSES

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as Sunset Stages and Gardena lines, are running into Torrance territory, tapping trade which belongs to Torrance merchants.

The committee report to the Council follows, in part:

(1) Continuation of operations of the bus lines at a loss with the equipment now owned will result in a cash deficit commencing about March 1, 1948; such deficit, which will amount to approximately \$10,000.00 by the end of the fiscal year, will be at waste of public funds and can be avoided.

(2) Increases in bus fares are justified, but only with improvements of services and conveniences to bus patrons.

(3) Acquisition of four new buses and changes in services will, if adopted, restore operation of the bus lines to a profitable basis with more adequate service, and will provide improvements to service and comfort to patrons commensurate with the increases in the bus fares contained in the plan.

(4) The adoption of the plan will not obligate the General Fund of the City of Torrance for an amount of anticipated total expenditures, in excess of total anticipated revenues.

(5) A comfortable, safe and sanitary local bus terminal is a reasonable and necessary requirement for the bus lines, and consequently an obligation to be incurred by the bus lines, operating as a proprietary function of the city, for lease of such facilities as outlined in Appendix 2 hereto is justified.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the committee recommends that:

(1) The City Council obtain approval of the financing of four new buses.

(2) The City Council adopt the plan for immediate acquisition and financing of four new buses, and revisions and improvements to service.

(3) The City Council, in a separate action not dependent on the foregoing second recommendation, adopt a plan for an adequate local bus terminal for further improvement of facilities and comfort for bus patrons, citizens and visiting shoppers in the community.

At the present time the system has in use the following buses: 4 Crows, 2 Fords, 2 Reos and 2 Whites.

The two Whites are worn out, dangerous, unreliable and expensive to operate; their continued use may result in higher rates of liability insurance. Emergency repairs of any one of the buses now in use results in loss of revenue. Maintenance and repairs accomplished on weekends increase costs through overtime pay. Depreciation is excessive because of overloading in inability to withdraw buses from service for routine and periodic



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(6) Retire the two remaining Whites as unfit for further service.

(7) Eliminate the Los Angeles depot and substitute there for an information service in Los Angeles.

(8) Add three schedules in the morning and three in the afternoon between Los Angeles and Torrance; extend the runs further into the business district of Los Angeles and eliminate the present Torrance "loop run" from this operation. Requires six buses.

(9) Operate an hourly schedule from Inglewood to Long Beach with more frequent service during peak periods. Requires three buses.

(10) Extend the Walteria-Harbor Hills operation to take in new housing projects in that area; eliminate the Torrance run from these schedules. Requires two buses.

(11) Establish a local Torrance run to include the positions eliminated from the Los Angeles and Walteria-Harbor Hills operations. Requires one bus.

Total buses needed, 12.

(8) Increase fares to amounts not in excess of those of com-

General Fund, per budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1948:

Estimated receipts	\$390,050.00*
Estimated disbursements	336,235.00*
Excess of estimated receipts over estimated disbursements	53,815.00
* Excludes receipts from sales tax and repayment of loan from Water District and additional revenue to be obtained from city tax on excess of actual assessed valuation over assessed valuation used in budget.	
Total obligation for six buses and interest	56,228.53
Less—Existing obligation for two buses in use	12,906.96
Additional obligation for four buses and refinancing two buses	43,321.57
Deduct—One-half of estimated additional net income per annum resulting from purchase of new buses and revisions of service—Period January 1, 1948 to June 30, 1948	27,750.00
Possible obligation of General Fund not included in budget	\$ 15,571.57
Deduct—Estimated cash deficit by June 30, 1948 of Municipal Bus Lines resulting from present operations — Not in budget	10,000.00
POSSIBLE additional obligation to General Fund resulting from purchase of four buses and refinancing two buses in use	5,571.57

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SICK LEAVE OK'D FOR NON-CERTIFICATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Sick leave amounting to five days per year was authorized for non-certificated personnel at the regular meeting of the Torrance Board of Education held Tuesday night.

The action came when it was pointed out by Emmett W. Ingram, business manager for the city schools, that the certificated personnel were granted such leave, but non-certificated personnel were not.

merical lines for comparable distances. All five-cent fares to be increased to 8 1/2 cents (tokens) and five cents to be added to all fares now in excess of ten cents.

The schedules for the Los Angeles-Torrance operations will be such that one of the six buses indicated as required for those schedules will be a spare; the spare will enable routine and periodic servicing of all buses throughout the week without loss of revenue, and will reduce maintenance costs by elimination of overtime pay and will reduce excessive depreciation.

The plan states that the net additional revenue, taking into consideration salaries needed for operation of the new lines, will total \$57,500 a year. The bus lines have been doing a business of \$150,000 or so a year, since purchase of the four new Crown coaches nearly two years ago.

The net revenue on the Long Beach-North Torrance-Inglewood line would be \$18,300, it is estimated; savings in maintenance would be \$15,120 a year; increase in Los Angeles revenue would amount to \$15,120 a year; elimination of the depot in Los Angeles would save \$7,080 a year; increase in local and interurban fares would amount to \$28,400, it is estimated.

The city, without actually obligating the general fund at the end of the present fiscal year, can purchase the four new buses and carry the contracts on the two recently purchased, for \$1,562 a year compared with the \$1,600 now being paid on the two buses, it was pointed out.

On relation of additional obligation for buses to the general fund, the report reads:

"Discounting the propriety of a proprietary function of the city government to assume obligations beyond the close of the current fiscal year, the following summary shows the relation of total obligation for four new buses in the current year to the General Fund of the City of Torrance:

Pueblo Topics

By GLORIA FLORES

The annual semi-formal dance sponsored by the Del Amo club will be held Oct. 25 at the Recreation hall. The Del Amo club will be two years old. Admission will be \$1.00 per couple; stag 75 cents for boys and 50 cents for girls. Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Kings. Don't forget the date, and be there because it's really going to be a gala affair.

"La Michoacana" store in Pueblo wishes to take this opportunity to announce that they will have nice, fresh tortillas for sale day and night from now on. So don't hesitate to stop over to get some. The address is 2215 Del Amo st., Pueblo.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Jose Maria (Chema) Rojas visited family members in Tijuana, Baja California.

Felix Hernandez was taken to the Harbor hospital last week when it was found that he had pneumonia. Also ill last week has been George Heredia.

Pvt. Tommy Torres was on a two-day leave recently. He is stationed at Ford Ord, San Francisco, and says he likes the Army fine. Well, we're glad to hear that.

Jess Grajeda left recently for Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where he will visit his family.

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2 Women Hurt In Accident

Mrs. Marie E. Richardson, 2513 Wichita ct., and Mrs. Sadie Woolley, 2177 Wichita ct., San Pedro, were given first aid at the Harbor General Hospital and released following an automobile accident Monday morning at the intersection of Torrance and Hawthorne boulevards.

Mrs. Richardson was driving the car when she was unable to stop in time to avoid striking a dump truck driven by Manuel Montez, Los Angeles, which was pulled up at the boulevard stop, police said. She held a beginner's driving permit and apparently was receiving instruction in driving from Mrs. Woolley.

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