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SCHOOLS UNIFICATION UP FOR VOTE ON JANUARY 23

Torrance voters will be asked on Jan. 23, 1948, to pass upon the question of unification of all Torrance schools under one administration, Board of Education and taxing district.

The election to bring about the break of Torrance high school from Redondo Union High School District tentatively has been set for that date, according to Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull.

When Torrance City School District was formed, under the provisions of the new City Charter and the Education Code, it was necessary for the district to affiliate with an adjoining high school district for secondary education, and Torrance picked Redondo Beach, rather than remaining with Los Angeles, by a vote of 12 to 1. Redondo trustees had agreed to handle secondary schools for Torrance for the first year of operation of the new district, and their interest in Torrance has brought about a friendly relationship which will

R. E. McCaffrey, Early Torrance Resident, Killed

Robert E. McCaffrey, 74, 23026 Narbonne ave., was killed Sunday evening when he was struck by a car while crossing Narbonne between 231st and 232nd streets.

The driver of the car, J. C. Powell, 23516 Ebony Lane, Lomita, told Torrance police that he was driving north on Narbonne and did not see the victim until it was too late to stop. He was not held.

McCaffrey was taken to Harbor General hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness. Services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Stone and Myers chapel with interment at Forest Lawn.

Born in Philadelphia, McCaffrey was a long-time resident of Torrance, having settled here in 1912. He was a pioneer in the area, having helped build the National Supply Co. and serving as a night watchman before the city was incorporated and had its own police department.

He was also assistant chief of the first Torrance volunteer fire department. McCaffrey retired in 1937 from a dairy business which he conducted from the Narbonne ave. address. He was a member of Redondo Beach B. P. O. E. lodge No. 1378.

Survivors are his son, M. J. McCaffrey and three grandchildren of La Canada, Calif., and a brother and sister of Philadelphia. His wife, Martha, died in 1942.

His brother, John Thomas McCaffrey, also died after being struck by an automobile in October, 1935, in almost the same location. That accident occurred on Narbonne ave. between 235th and 236th sts.



BOY SCOUTS IN CLEANUP DRIVE . . . With rake and hoe, these Boy Scouts of Troop 216 are shown clearing the lot at 1423 Marcelina Ave. of weeds and trash. Left to right, they are David Vonderahe, Paul Comon, Jim Babbitt, Henry DeFields, and Scoutmaster Bob Wertz. (Torrance Herald photo).

Navy Boats Being Sold

The Naval Supply depot, San Pedro, has been authorized by the Maritime Commission in accordance with WAA regulations, to sell approximately 1,000 boats and small landing craft located in the depot's San Pedro (Lomita) storage area. Included in the sale are thirteen different types of boats, sizes from 16 feet to 56 feet in length, mostly LCVF and LCM types, all in used condition, needing considerable repair.

The sale is being conducted by the Disposal Division of the depot on a competitive sealed bid basis. Boats to be sold individually and in lots for the best price obtainable. In order to inspect and make bids on the boats prospective bidders must obtain catalogs by calling in person or writing to the Naval Supply Depot's Disposal Division Office located on 22nd st. between Mesa and Signal streets, San Pedro, California, telephone Terminal 2-2611, extension 206. Inspection times are prescribed in the catalog and are scheduled Mondays through Fridays, with no inspections on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Boy Scouts Clean Lot

Deciding that unsightly vacant lots do not contribute to the beauty of Torrance nor to the health of the community, members of Boy Scout Troop No. 216 decided to "do something" about it as their October service project.

Saturday, with hoe, rake, shovel and other equipment, they "attacked" the lot at 1423 Marcelina ave., and in a few hours it was slick and clean, and there was a big pile of rubbish and weeds for city trucks to haul away.

Directed by Bob Wertz, Scoutmaster, the lads on the job were Paul Comon, junior assistant Scoutmaster; Jim Nady, Paul Hutton, Jim Babbitt, Henry DeFields and David Vonderahe.

DARBY ASKS FOR OPENING OF SCHOOL GROUNDS IN COUNTY

The problem of expediting preliminary plans for keeping school grounds open after school hours and on Saturdays was raised recently by Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Raymond V. Darby.

Chairman Darby stated that such a policy would aid in reducing juvenile delinquency by keeping children off the streets. Negotiations should be initiated with the school boards of the county and city councils of the forty-five cities within the county to work out suitable financing and supervision to the end that the necessary items could be included in next year's budget, Supervisor Darby said.

ROBERT E. SHIRMER IS NEW TEACHER AT TORRANCE SCHOOL

J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools, has announced the appointment of Robert E. Shirmer, Los Angeles, as sixth grade teacher at Torrance elementary school.

Shirmer had three years experience teaching in schools in Montana and was a teacher in the Navy during the war. He is doing graduate work at the University of Southern California at present.

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