



A FAR CRY . . . from the little old red school house is this modern class room unit featured in the plans for new Torrance schools which will be ready by September, according to district officials.

Jr.-Hi. 'Doomed' as School Dist. Switches to 8-4 System

With the close of school in June, Torrance Junior High School will pass out of existence. The junior high is caught in a squeeze play that is pushing the intermediate school out of the Torrance Unified School District system.

In switching from the old Los Angeles system, 6-3-4 (six years in grade school, three years in junior high, and four years in high school) to the proposed 8-4 system of the Torrance district, the school will push its present seventh grade class into high school this June while the incoming seventh grade class members will continue to attend one of the five elementary schools in the district.

The ninth grade already is considered a part of the high school. J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of schools, presented the reviewed junior high situation in presenting a detailed report on the all-over school building program.

The following is the condition of the present situation in regard to plans for the various schools in the district:

SEASIDE RANCHO SCHOOL. Bids for the construction of a 22-unit school to be located on an extension of Sharynne Lane to the east of the present residential area will be opened May 10. (A unit is the equivalent of one classroom of 1000 square feet). School officials are looking forward to the completion of at least eight units by September and an additional eight units by October. When fully completed in December the school will consist of a kindergarten, shops, home-making building, a combination music-auditorium-cafeteria, and administration unit.

PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Plans for a 3-unit addition to Perry School are presently in the State Division of Architecture and are expected to be approved next week. Completion of three classrooms and a sanitary facility is expected by September. Students now enrolled at Perry Elementary will continue to attend until they have completed the eighth grade and are ready for high school.

NORTH TORRANCE SCHOOL. Plans for 12 units, a multi-use cafeteria-auditorium-music room, administrative unit, nurse's office, home-making shops, and a kindergarten will go to the State Division of Architecture by May 10. Completion of the

school is not expected until mid-year. Students in the area will continue to attend the double sessions at Perry until the new school is completed. The school will instruct students from kindergarten through the eighth grade.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. The school now has 26 units. Five needed units, one a kindergarten may be added to the shop and carpenter shop and in addition, it may be necessary to build another bungalow similar to those now in service. School officials deem it unwise to start any permanent construction at Torrance Elementary until it is determined whether the downtown area becomes more commercial or more residential. The possibility of adding a cafeteria at Torrance Elementary as well as Fern Avenue will depend upon how much money is left after the completion of the new schools.

WALTERIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. An escrow at the present time is a deal for 10 acres near Newton street and Madison avenue which eventually will house the all-new Walteria School. The over-all needs and final size of the South Torrance school cannot be accurately determined until the residential picture in the area is completed. Present plans call for 10 units. The old school bungalows will be moved throughout the system to handle the fluctuating situations at other schools. The property will be sold. No completion date for the Walteria school has been set.

ELLINWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Upon the request of the legal counsel for Dr. L. N. Ellinwood, condemnation proceedings for a 10-acre site in the Hollywood Riviera section will be withheld until May 9. It is expected that by that date the affairs of the Ellinwood estate will be ar-

ranged for a quick transfer of title to the local board of education. The county counsel has arrived at "fair value" price of \$2500 per acre for the property. Dr. Ellinwood and the board of education also have agreed upon the \$2500 figure. Actual construction of any school in the area is not scheduled to take place until the new Seaside School reaches full capacity.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL. For the next year Torrance High School will become a five-year school with a total enrollment of approximately 1000 students. The present seventh grade class at the junior high will become a part of the high school and will be the only class to attend the school for five years. After next year the high school will drop back to a normal four-year school with an expected enrollment of about 900. Financing of a cafeteria for the school probably will have to be by another bond issue, the board stated. Any construction work at the high school must be paid for from High School District funds and not by any transfer of funds from the elementary district. It was planned under the high school bond issue voted last year that a cafeteria for the high school would be built, however the raise in construction costs over earlier estimates and the costly construction of bleachers and lights for the athletic field required approximately 50 percent of the allotted cafeteria monies.

TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS. Estimates of the board of education reveal that at least one, possibly two new high schools will be needed in the district when the present plant reaches capacity—approximately 1000. Population trend in the area indicates that another high school either in North or South Torrance, will be needed by no later than 1954. Part of the cost of construction of the new upper grade schools would come from the sale of the Farm School in North Torrance. The major share, however, would have to come from a bond issue. The present high school located on 17 acres is now considered inadequate under modern layout high school plans, which set a minimum of 30-40 acres per school. The district now owns a 17-acre site in North Torrance which is being leased to the Los Angeles system for agricultural training. It is anticipated that this site can be sold for approximately \$3000

Labor Attorney Makes Report on Northern Meet

In every community where strong employer organization has been achieved, labor difficulties have dwindled to nothing, James M. Nicolson, labor relations counselor retained by the Harbor Area Employers' Council, told the members of the Council April 26.

Nicolson represented the Harbor Area Employers' Council at the conference April 16, in Santa Barbara of all employers' councils in the state. "Any strike or labor disturbance in a community is detrimental to the welfare of the whole community," Nicolson said, "and where employers' councils are functioning, 99 percent of labor strife has been overcome."

He said that all persons interested in the economic welfare of the Harbor Area should join in the effort of the Harbor Area Employers' Council to bring about permanent labor peace such has been accomplished elsewhere by such organizations. The monthly membership meeting of the Harbor Area Employers' Council will be held on May 5, 1949, in the Woman's Clubhouse, Wilmington, starting at 7:30 p.m., according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary. This will be followed at 8 p.m. by a general employers' meeting to which all interested in the work of the Council are being invited. There will be registration at the door, he said.

The monies derived from the sale of the property would be used to purchase a high school site more centrally located and on less costly property.

SERVICE UNIT. To house the district administrative offices, book and supply storage, carpenter shop, and paint shops of both the elementary and high school districts, a building costing approximately \$50,000 is expected to be completed by September. Bungalows presently occupied by the administration offices will be used by Torrance Elementary school to relieve the overcrowded conditions at that school. Construction cost of the new service unit will be borne by both districts.

DAY CARE CENTERS. Under discussion is a plan to reduce the maximum enrollment of the Nursery School to a point where only the most necessary cases are being cared for. The Day Care would be combined with the Nursery School. This would enable the bungalows now occupied by the Day Care children to be used for a classroom for the instruction of special and retarded older children. A district psychologist would be given the use of office space between the two special classrooms.

Right and Wrong. White and light-colored cottons should be ironed on the right side of the fabric. To avoid shine, iron silks, dark cottons and rayons on the wrong side.

More the Merrier. One good rule about parties: The more people attending, the easier it is for everyone to find a friendly companion.

Fast-Moving. In the past 100 years the North American rattlesnake has extended its habitat as far south as Paraguay.

Large Membership. The American Parent-Teachers Association has 5 million members.



CRASH VICTIM . . . Famed aerial race pilot Art Chester at the controls of the "Sweet Pea" which carried him to his death in San Diego last Sunday.—Staff photo.

LAST RESPECTS PAID TO LOCAL RACE PILOT

All-American Air Maneuvers last January. He had built two of his tiny speed planes at his plant at the local air field and one previously at home, according to Mrs. Al Trefethen, 2432 Chapman avenue, Lomita, who with her husband, was associated with Chester in the plane-building. Chester had moved to the local field about a year ago.

Another of the local-built midget craft crashed last summer at Rosemead, killing the pilot, an employee of Chester. The San Diego race, in which Chester was killed, was won by Herman Salmon of Van Nuys in his Cosmic Wind No. 4.

Weatherford's car collided with another auto, said to be driven by Michael B. Carnahan, 2308 Harriman lane, Redondo Beach. Carnahan claimed that he did not see Weatherford's car until it was too late to stop.

Weatherford drove to a doctor following the crash for treatment of his injuries.

LOCAL MAN INJURED IN AUTOCRASH

According to Dr. Lyle Tussing, Director of Instruction at El Camino College, a six-week summer session, beginning July 5 and running through August 17, has been scheduled.

Classes will be offered between the hours of 1 to 10 p.m., according to Tussing. The schedule has been so arranged that students may take a complete summer program of six units between 1 and 5 p.m. or between 6 and 10 p.m. The summer offerings will include such subjects as Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Foreign Language, Typing, Shorthand, Engineering Drawing, Music and many others. The schedule of summer classes will be available at the college office on May 15.

LAUGHTON STARS. Charles Laughton, distinguished screen star, will be heard with Sir Cedric Hardwicke on United States Steel's May 1 broadcast of "The Skin Game," via stations of the ABC network at 5:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

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