

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUTS \$1,464,000 BOND ISSUE FOR SCHOOLS ON BALLOT

The Board of Education Tuesday night gave the go signal to Superintendent of Schools J. Heinrich Hull to start the wheels in motion to place a \$1,464,000 bond issue on the May ballot.

A motion by George Thatcher, a board member, to up the bond issue by \$200,000 to provide for bleachers at the high school died on the vine for lack of a second.

In a discussion following Thatcher's motion Hull stated that he felt the board should stick to the recommendation of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee and not change the figure offered for their approval at a recent meeting of the group.

Hull told the board that they may be faced with making a change in the election date of May 14 if the County Counsel is unable to draft the necessary legal papers in time to conform with election laws. He stated that the counsel is swamped with bond issues from other school districts and that Torrance would be forced to wait its turn.

The electorate will be asked to vote on two propositions, one for the elementary schools and one to cover the development of the high school which the local board takes over on July 1 of this year.

The bond issue for the development of seven elementary schools was set at \$1,322,108 while the amount for the high school was set at \$175,000. The total proposed expenditure was set at \$1,497,108 with a reduction of \$33,000 to be made from funds gained from the sale of the Farm Site on Redondo Beach boulevard west of Western avenue. The final adjusted issue would be \$1,464,108.

The elementary bond calls for the development of four schools at Riviera, Waleria, Ketter Knolls, and North Torrance at a cost of \$270,000 each. These schools would be composed of 8 classrooms, one kindergarten, a cafeteria (to serve as a cafeteria and auditorium), principal and nurse rooms, and book rooms and storage making a

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Stores To Close Noon To 3 p.m. On Good Friday

Stores of Torrance will close their doors from 12 noon, to 3 p.m., on Good Friday, March 26, to allow employees to attend church services that day, the Retail Merchants' Division of the Chamber of Commerce decided this week.

Closing of the stores was asked by the Rev. Torben R. Olsen, rector of the St. Andrews church and president of the Torrance Ministerial Association.

It is expected that all banks and public offices also will close.

Schools will be closed all next week because of the Spring or Easter vacation period.

In 1947, the State Legislature passed a bill declaring Good Friday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. a state legal holiday.

Light Rainfall Moistens City

Light showers that fell on nearby thirsty fields this week brought a meager total of 0.59 of an inch of rain according to the official weather report for Torrance.

The following shows the temperature and rainfall figures for the past week:

MARCH	MAX.	MIN.	RAIN
10	69	42	0.00
11	72	42	0.00
12	72	39	0.00
13	72	42	0.11
14	68	49	0.18
15	65	46	0.00
16	63	42	0.59
17	63	40	0.00

Tarkington's 75-25 Split Disavored As Excessive

E. Y. Tarkington's proposal that he be paid 75 percent of Municipal Airport on a permanent basis is finding disfavor among members of the City Council, it was revealed following a conference Monday night devoted to the subject. They think that 75 percent is too much to pay an airport manager.

The City of Torrance would receive only 25 percent of the income and would be asked to reinvest this money in the development of the airport.

It is anticipated that leases of property on the airport, both business and aviation will bring an estimated revenue of \$50,000 a year. It is contemplated that 101 highway frontage be leased for commercial use, provided the leases are approved by the Federal government and are subject to the same restrictions regarding possession of the airport in national emergency as the city.

Under the deed which the city will accept in the next few days, the airport must be surrendered to the government in time of national emergency, and at least 25 percent of the field must be held at all times for government use.

Tarkington would pay expenses of operation out of his 75 percent share of the gross.

In the past nine months, the profit to the City of Torrance on the airport has been \$1135.92, or \$126 a month. Tarkington has been paid \$4856.76 in commissions, and the city has paid expenses of \$2197.89.

Also under consideration is a plan for development of the airport offered by K. Sande Senness who recently purchased the Weston ranch for a home building project to result in some 1800 dwelling units in the area.

Senness is said to be willing to guarantee the City of Torrance \$500 a month, and this amount would be increased in the near future to \$1300 a month, under proposals, and to a larger amount later. Senness would not require reinvestment of the money the city receives, and will develop the area into the finest flying field in the west, the Council was told. The plan involves construction of a \$300,000 air motel opposite

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Sunrise Service Planned At City Park On Easter

Plans were started for a community sunrise service to be held Easter morning, March 28, at the Torrance City Park, when representatives of the Y.W.C.A. and various churches met last Sunday night at the Baptist church.

The program will consist mainly of an Easter pageant with a musical accompaniment, and will last about thirty-five minutes, according to L. Milton Isbell, of the Torrance Y.M.C.A., which with the Y.W.C.A. and the Torrance Ministerial Association, will sponsor the program, assisted by the students of the Torrance High School music and dramatic departments and church groups.

Custodians Announced

Due to an accident which occurred at Torrance Elementary School, disabling Harry Oliver, head custodian, the Board of Education approved a recommendation Tuesday night by the superintendent of schools to appoint Robert Evan Fulton as head custodian.

Oliver fell from a ladder last week breaking both hips, a police report showed.

Edward V. Hansen was employed as a custodian effective March 15.

Candidates For Council Queried On Amendments

In order to intelligently cast their ballots on the coming municipal election, April 13, Torrance voters are entitled to know the attitude of the 14 councilmanic candidates on important governmental affairs.

For the purpose of furnishing this information, the Torrance Herald this week is mailing each candidate seeking a seat on the City Council a questionnaire with a request that he state his position on three vital issues which are to be voted upon at the same election. The questions asked are:

Do you favor a City Manager form of government, as outlined in the Charter amendment which is being submitted to the electorate for adoption? Yes No

If the voters decide to eliminate the \$50 per month salary now being paid to Councilmen, are you willing to give your best thought and effort to the position, if elected? Yes No

Do you favor outlawing the licensing of public draw poker halls as provided in the amendment to the City Charter proposed at this election? Yes No

The success of a good city manager is dependent to a great degree upon the co-operation of the City Council. For this reason, it is important that members of the Council be sympathetic to the city manager form of government. Likewise, other issues to be voted upon at the April 13 election are interwoven with the attitude of members of the City Council; and for these reasons, The Herald believes the electorate is entitled to the information requested.

The tally of answers from the various candidates will be published in the issue of April 8.

NEW ROUTE ADVANCES UNIFICATION OF MAIL SERVICE IN TORRANCE

Another step in the long-range program of unification of postal service in Torrance was completed this week with the establishment of city delivery in the Torrance Manor tract at 174th street and Crenshaw boulevard, formerly on the rural route of Gardena postoffice.

Thus, residents of the vast tract being developed by Homer Bale will be able to avoid unnecessary delay in mail service by having mail sent directly through the Torrance postoffice rather than having it routed through Gardena.

This is the third new city delivery route established in new sections of Torrance in the past year, the first being at Seaside Ranchos and the second at Ketter Knolls. A new rural route also has been installed in North Torrance serving areas formerly handled by Gardena and Redondo Beach postoffices.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner said that delivery in the Torrance Manor tract started Monday morning, and the new service was welcomed by residents enthusiastically.

Other extensions of rural and city delivery service are being

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PERMANENT ARMORY HERE HIGH ON STATE'S LIST

Torrance City Council is studying a proposal that the permanent armory of the California National Guard in Torrance be located on city park property on Caballo avenue between Lincoln avenue and the Santa Fe right-of-way.

Major Gen. Curtis D. O'Sullivan, the adjutant general of California, and members of his staff, have surveyed the site, and rather than going through with plans for the temporary armory there it is anticipated that the permanent structure will be erected on the property.

The state will seek a lease of 99 years on the site for the permanent building, it was said.

"The permanent structure will be a five-unit building, if the 578th Engineer Combat battalion continues its present progress," General O'Sullivan said.

He recently contrasted the Torrance unit's progress with

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5,538 VOTERS OF TORRANCE QUALIFIED TO CAST BALLOTS AT ELECTIONS OF APRIL 13

The total voting strength of Torrance for the Municipal election April 13 is 5,538, according to figures released yesterday by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

This is a gain of 302 voters over the total number of registered for the election of 1946, according to the clerk. At that time, 5,236 electors were qualified.

In addition to the voters of the City of Torrance who will be entitled to cast their ballots at the election which falls on the second Tuesday in April are 123 electors of the El Nido precinct, a part of Torrance City School District, who may vote on the candidates for the Board of Education only.

For the school election, the number of electors qualified to vote is 5,661, according to figures of the clerk.

Tremendous gains were made in two precincts this year, the records show.

Precinct No. 12, which includes Seaside Ranchos, now has 506 voters as against 354 for 1946.

Precinct No. 16, which includes Hollywood Riviera and Waleria, now has 368 voters, against 283 for the election of 1946.

While an attempt was made to provide additional polling places to handle the great number of voters in those areas, they will not be available for the municipal elections, it was said.

Polling places are announced in legal election notices printed elsewhere in this edition.

Following is a table of the voting strength of the various precincts of Torrance for the April elections, which will be added to in the weeks preceding the closing of registrations for the primary elections of June 1.

Precincts	Registration
1	327
2	356
3	364
4	277
5	331
6	395
7	295
8	271
9	298
10	265
11	266
12	506
13	337
14	304
15	270
16	368
17	308
TOTAL	5,538
El Nido	123
GRAND TOTAL	5,661

To be elected at the Torrance elections on April 13 are three members of the City Council and three members of the Board of Education.

In addition, are several City

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Larry Koshak Safe After Airplane Crash

BULLETIN
Larry Koshak, brother of John J. Koshak, of 2334 236th street, Torrance, who had been reported missing since he left Bellflower March 9 by airplane for Durango, Colorado, walked into Payson, Ariz., yesterday, according to reports to the Torrance Herald last night.

He said that the plane in which he and Bob Toth, of Redondo Beach, took off for Durango had crashed. Koshak's feet were frozen, it was said, and he was flown to Cottonwood, Ariz., for hospitalization.

Koshak said that he did not know as to the whereabouts of Toth, but that he assumed he had walked away from the crash in another direction. Search for Toth was continuing last night, under direction of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

OIL WELL ACTIVITY

The Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware has started drilling a new well, known as the Pauley-Seaboard 61-20, in the Lawndale field, according to a report from the State Department of Natural Resources.

The Lebow and McNeen's well in B-2 Torrance field, identified as the Ketter Well, is being redrilled, the report said.



FACULTY BUILDING . . . The contract for a residence for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, who will constitute the faculty of Nativity Parochial School, has been awarded to Ben K. Tanner & Son, who submitted the low bid, \$39,890. Construction on the new stucco building, to be located at 1419 Cota avenue, will start immediately. The building is to be ready for occupancy on August 1.



CLUSTER IS ERECTED . . . Participating in the erection of the first of three clusters announcing the organization, times and meeting places of seven organizations in Torrance were the following, left to right: James R. Wilkes, American Legion, James L. Lynch, president, Rotary Club; Mrs. W. I. Laughon, president, Woman's Club; Albert Isen, president, Lions Club; Mrs. J. P. Montague, president, Junior Woman's Club; Vernon Coll, commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3251; Dr. W. I. Laughon, Kiwanis Club; Joe Setting, president, 20-30 Club, and Dave Colville, president, Kiwanis Club. Two other clusters will be erected, one on Carson street and one on Western avenue and Torrance boulevard. (Torrance Herald photo).

\$80,000 EXPANSION WILL PROVIDE TELEPHONES FOR SEASIDE RANCHOS RESIDENTS

Complete telephone service for the 140 homes of Seaside Ranchos, popular development of Ben Haggott in Southwest Torrance, has been promised by October, R. D. Collins, district manager for the Associated Telephone Company, told the Torrance Herald this week. The job will call for an outlay by the company of some \$80,000, he said.

Coming to Torrance for conferences as a result of a recent article in the Herald which pointed to the failure of the company to install adequate service in new subdivisions within its territory, Collins said that emergency service had been extended in the Seaside Ranchos area, so that incoming urgent calls can be received by cooperating residents and relayed to parties involved.

He said that quarterly appointments of lead covered cable, which must be received before full service can be extended to the Seaside Ranchos residents, have been promised which will result in completion of the \$80,000 expansion of the Associated service in Torrance by Oct. 15.

Some 2000 feet of underground conduit must be installed to connect present conduits with the tract, it was said. This work will be completed in advance of the arrival of the cable.

Nearly 40,000 feet of cable of various sizes will be needed for the job and this should be received by July, according to Collins.

He said that the Hollywood Riviera section is not involved in this expansion, but that since sufficient cable to handle some installations already exists, the California-Nevada section can get more rapid relief in its communications problems.

"We realize the problem which you are facing in Torrance," Collins told Herald representatives. "You can charge the delay in getting adequate telephone service to the residential, business and industrial expansion throughout the United States, and especially in California. Our company is in a position not unlike that of the Bell system or other companies. We just have to wait to get lead-covered cable, and we are buying it in small lots wherever we can find it while waiting for manufacturers to fill our orders."

"We are just as anxious to take care of the new developments in our territory in Torrance as you are, and you will find the problem in the Seaside Ranchos area solved by October."

Associated territory covers the Waleria area as well as Hollywood Riviera, easterly to approximately Madison avenue.

Collins said that inter-dialing and extended service of both Associated and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. will be possible as soon as the new dial systems are installed in Torrance by Pacific next year, thus relieving much of the communications problems between the several sections of the City of Torrance.

Three-Man Board Named To Bring Night Football

Asked to head a campaign to secure lights and bleachers for Torrance High School, a three man committee composed of Dr. Rollin Smith, James L. Lynch and Raymond J. Rogers, chairman, accepted appointment yesterday by Dr. Howard Wood, president of the Board of Education. They will work with members of the high school student council and school administrators.

The three-man board will consult with bankers, lawyers and newsmen in securing the financing and promotion of the program that will bring lights, bleachers, and a better arranged field to Torrance fans.

The popularity of night football games and the interest of the community prompted the fans to start the ball rolling. The student council pushed the program closer to the goal of night home games when it requested permission from J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of schools, and from the Board of Education to meet with civic minded persons and school administrators to get the campaign under way.

Because of the lack of night facilities on the present field the California Interscholastic Federation has scheduled all of Torrance's next season's games away from home. More details about the coming season's games will be found on the sports page of this issue.

Board Hires Two Teachers

A new teacher, Jack Rouman of Los Angeles, was hired by the Board of Education Tuesday to teach the fifth grade at Waleria School.

Formerly the fifth and sixth grades were under one instructor but the class grew so that it became advisable to separate the students.

J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of schools, reported to the board that Waleria School now is filled to capacity.

David D. Irwin, of Manhattan Beach, was hired to replace Melvin Osborne, teacher of the sixth grade at Fern Avenue.

The board also approved a recommendation to place Mrs. Ethel Pelgrin Stephenson, 1303 Beach avenue, and Mrs. Willa Cox Snyder, 811 Beach avenue, on the substitute teacher list.