

# TORRANCE HERALD

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**WAR DEAD HONORED** . . . Herman W. Jones, Pfc. USMC, was honored by his townspeople when a capacity gathering attended funeral services at Stone & Myers Chapel Wednesday, with the Rev. Leonard Babcock officiating. An honor guard of the American Legion officiated at graveside rites at Roosevelt Park.

## Legionnaires Thanked for Hospital Gift

Through the generosity of Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, tubercular patients at the county's Harbor General Hospital are soon to have a croquet court where they can indulge in light sport during the coming summer months. Donations of labor and material for construction of the court was gratefully acknowledged this week by the board of supervisors, and a personal acknowledgment was made by Chairman Raymond V. Darby. The court will mean hours of health-building enjoyment for the tubercular patients, the hospital management said.

## OKLAHOMA SOCIETY MEET

The Oklahoma Society will hold its annual summer picnic in Bixby Park, Long Beach, next Sunday. Former Oklahomans for miles around are expected to bring their basket lunches and attend the all-day event according to Elnora Watters, president.

## Band Mothers Win Support in Fund Drive

Support of 17 organizations was gained this week by the Band Mothers of Torrance Schools who report gratifying results in their campaign to raise \$2500 to outfit the Junior-Senior High School Band in uniforms for the coming football season. Among organizations who have endorsed and supported the campaign are the Rotary Club, Job's Daughters, Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, 20-30 Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club, Woman's Club, Moose Lodge, C. I. O., American Legion, Woman's Auxiliary, Moose, YMCA, Junior Woman's Club, Torrance Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools office.

## L. A. PERMITS \$8,544,000

Permits for buildings valued at \$8,544,961 were issued during May by the City Department of Building and Safety, Manager Gilbert E. Morris reported.



**THEY'LL SING FOR A CAPPELLA CHOIR** . . . Final rehearsals were held this week by the high school seniors who will sing at a reception for the A Cappella choir following its concert Friday evening. In the group are Pat Cecil, Beverly Hopkins, Wilma Eynon, Claudine Pickett, Joan Mumford, Julie Menni, Jack Hood, Bob Turner, Kenny Johnson, Jim O'Toole and Wilbur Sanderson. Nancy Whyte is the accompanist. (Staff Photo.)

## 70-Cent Tax Hike for L.A. Schools Seen

School taxes will be up about 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation under the tentative budget presented to the Los Angeles City Board of Education Friday.

The tentative schedule, presented by Budget Director Harry M. Howell, totals \$88,690,302 compared with \$72,222,528 for the current year—an increase of \$16,467,774. The total for the next fiscal school year does not include funds for child care centers and cafeterias.

A substantial hike in teachers' salaries, averaging about \$45 a month for elementary, high school and junior college teachers was included therein.

In the elementary classification, median rates will be raised from \$3670 to \$4230 annually; pay for high school instructors from \$4370 to \$4700 and junior college teachers from \$4650 to \$5070. Salary increases amount to \$7,460,650.

Howell delineated the 70 cents rate increase over last year's \$1,606 on the assumption that assessed valuations in the district will increase about 10 per cent.

While the overall increase is \$16,467,774, the burden on local taxpayers under the tentative budget will increase by \$18,399,895, Howell said, because money received from the state will be reduced by more than \$2,000,000. State funds drop off as local valuations increase, he stated.

The board will talk over the budget with non-employees tonight, after hearing the teachers' and employees organizations last Monday.

Adoption of the tentative budget is scheduled for June 21, with a final public hearing Aug. 2. Final adoption is slated for Aug. 5.

## Seniors Will Join in Choir Finale Friday

Music lovers who plan to attend the concert by the A Cappella choir Friday night at Torrance High school will have an opportunity to meet the director, Dr. George H. Hultgren, the soloists and other members of this outstanding singing group. It is announced.

Modern, classical and folk music will comprise the program. Among the selections to be sung by the vocal group will be "Blessing, Glory, and Wisdom and Thanks" (Bach); "Tenebrae Factae Sunt" (Ingegneri-Krone); "O Praise Ye God" (Tschalkowsky); Negro spirituals and popular songs.

Purpose of the performance is to raise money for purchase of music, robes and incidentals for the school. George Zavalan, music director at the school is in charge of arranging for the program.

A highlight preceding the concert will be the entrance of the graduating seniors who will attend in a body.

At the reception to follow, the soloists—Barbara Depuy, Olive Shepherd, Velma Stekney, Harold Shepherd and Lawrence Larsen will sing additional numbers, including duets.

As the closing number, Shepherd will sing the solo to "Stout-Hearted Men", assisted by a group of high school seniors. Nancy Whyte will be the accompanist at the reception.

## Kaiser Steel Adds to Plant

A new open hearth furnace, a soaking pit and a crane runway will be started this month at the Kaiser Steel plant at Fontana, it was announced yesterday.

The new furnace will cost \$2,145,250, the steel and concrete soaking pit is to cost \$475,000 and the crane runway \$41,000, according to building records.

## Hold Exhibit of Engravings

Because of widespread interest in the engravings of Albrecht Durer, on view at the Los Angeles County museum since April 30, the exhibit will be extended through June, according to announcement by Museum officials.

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## H. C. STRIP INCLUDED IN PLAYGROUND REPORT

Negotiations are under way for a playground site in Harbor City and one in the Shustring Strip. It was confirmed this week by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department in a progress report on work done under last year's \$12,078,000 bond issue.

Eleven new playground sites throughout the city have been acquired, are in escrow, or are in process of condemnation while negotiations are being made for 12 more locations, the report said.

Funds from the bond issue, approved by the voters on May 27, 1948, did not become available until last October when an initial installment of \$2,500,000 was sold, General Manager George Hjelte reported.

Purchases of additional land have been initiated to enlarge three existing playgrounds and additions to seven others have been authorized. New playgrounds are being developed on eight sites which before were used.

Improvements at existing playgrounds completed or under way include lighting of softball fields and installation of bleachers, construction of tennis courts, installation of tennis

court lighting, grading, fencing and other work.

Although pending actual bids on construction work and final agreements on land costs, no estimates could be given of the total amount of expenditures involved in the above work, Hjelte told the Recreation and Park Commission that the total would more than use up the first \$2,500,000 installment from the bond issue.

The Commission has already requested the City Council to sell a second installment of \$6,000,000 of the bonds in order to continue the development program as planned.

## NEW PHONE BUILDING

Construction of two new separate additions to the Gardena offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company was under way this week, to house additional equipment to meet the demand for the rapidly-growing MEMO central office area.



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