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Highlights of School Outlay Told in Report

Some of the larger purchases made by the Torrance Board of Education to provide educational facilities for the children of the city are enumerated in the annual report of the school district filed by Supt. J. Henrich Hull.

During the school year 1947-48 the district purchased approximately \$19,000 worth of instructional supplies, \$5,250 worth of textbooks and supplementary books, visual aids and community library service was provided at a cost of \$3,000, while the cost of library books and periodicals amounted to \$1500.

The district paved approximately 1200 square feet of playground area at the Perry school, costing \$1,683; various repairs to buildings such as partitioning of classrooms, offices, etc. in the amount of \$3,550 were made; used equipment was repaired in the amount of \$600 and some of the equipment which was beyond repair was replaced at approximately \$500.

The district took over payment of the 35-passenger bus which was formerly the property of the Perry School District. The Board of Education authorized the purchase of two 65-passenger busses in order that all the pupils residing in the transportation zone could be transported to and from school, Hull said.

An average of 540 children were transported to and from school daily. The total cost of transportation, in addition to the cost of new equipment, was \$3,595.

The district rented administrative offices and also rented classroom facilities at the high school from the Redondo Union High School District for an amount of \$7,100.

Approximately \$50,000 was spent by the school district during the year under the classification of capital outlay. Some of the major expenditures were: Providing seats for 2,100 children at an approximate cost of \$20,000.

Lease - rental - purchase of three school busses at \$7,000. Purchase of tools and equipment at \$2,500. Purchase of three quonset huts for a warehouse at \$1,500.

Purchase of musical equipment worth \$3,000. Various custodial items usually are considered as part of the operational expense were purchased, due to the fact that there was no equipment when the district became organized. It was necessary to spend approximately \$3,500 for various types of equipment to be used in the operation of buildings, Hull said.

The business office has developed a standard stock of supplies from the Los Angeles city standard list and the Los Angeles county standard stock list plus a few additions for special needs of the Torrance schools. These supplies are maintained in the school warehouses and may be requisitioned by principals and teachers on the 10th of each month.

Specifications are drafted for supplies and equipment before bids are called for. The majority of the school supplies for more than \$100 are purchased through bid procedures established by the Education Code. The board of education awards the bid to the low bidder providing the quality of the material is equal to the specifications.

Through cooperation of state, county, city, federal offices, and business houses and the efficiency of the business office, the Board was able to secure all necessary textbooks, teachers' desks, students' desks, busses, school supplies, and equipment, and do much towards bringing buildings and grounds up to standard, Hull said. Considering the fact that empty buildings with nothing but venetian blinds were moved into July 1, and a complete school was in operation in September, the procurement job was a stupendous operation.

OBITUARY

JOHN REYNOLDS

In memory of John Reynolds, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan K. Reynolds, of 1956 Plaza Del Amo, whose death occurred on Sept. 3, 1946.

Somewhere back of the Sunset Where loveliness never dies He sleeps in a land of beauty 'Neath the blue and gold of the sky; And we who loved him so dearly, Whose passing brought bitter tears, We cherish his memory forever To brighten our lonely years.



THIS IS THE WAY, GIRLS—Cubie Bohannon, candidate for "Miss Industry" and an employe of Columbia Steel Company, shows how easy it is to sell a book of tickets to the Torrance Factory Frolic to the boss. The "boss" in this case is Otto Kresse, general superintendent of the Torrance works.

Young People Attend Youth Camp in Park

Ten young people of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church returned yesterday from attending youth camp at Lake Sequoia in General Grant National Park.

Those attending from the local church were Doris Cline, Karen Dean, Romona Johnson, Fred Luther, Anna Miller, Marvin Poer, Janet Turner, Mary Lou Wilson, Audrey Wright and Donna Williamson.

Located directly on the shores of Lake Sequoia, the camps gave many opportunities for swimming, boating and hiking. In addition there were daily religious classes, Camp-fire services and evening worship.

Mrs. H. Wesley Roloff accompanied the young people of the local church and served as nurse during the camp. Dr. Brunemeier of Placencia was camp doctor and was in attendance during the whole period of the youth gathering.

Pupils Heard in Broadcast

The unusual experience of sitting by the radio at home and listening to one's own voice participating in a broadcast will be participating by pupils of the Baptist Vacation Bible school in the near future. Last Thursday these 12-year-old youngsters went to Radio Station KFSG where a record was made for the Evangelical Released Time Education program soon to be released weekly by KFSG.

Those taking part were Grace Maddy, Linda Thistle, Linda Wicker, Evelyn Chapman, Nellie Jo Chapman, Orland Mattie, Paul Rowe, Jeffrey Carr and Gail Miller. Miss Irene Mills and Miss Laura M. Thomas directed. Mrs. Adlan Miller accompanied on the piano.

Legion Post Meeting Set

Members of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 American Legion will attend a special meeting in Torrance Labor Temple at 7 o'clock this evening. During the meeting a hand-some radio will be presented. Proceeds will be used to defray traveling expenses of delegates to the department convention being held in San Francisco from Sept. 2 to 4.

Stores Plan Bargain Days With 'Frolic'

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Monday's progress luncheon brought out the fact that the huge midway will be dustless, because the pavement will be covered with chips and sawdust to keep it clean during the entire run of the Frolic.

Three more exhibit booths were sold to business firms Monday and the "last call" sign is being hung up by the committee on booth sales.

Preparation of exhibits by the various firms who will show their industrial products was being rushed in model shops and all will be in readiness when the show opens Sept. 15.

Plans for the big parade Saturday noon, Sept. 18, were stepped up another notch and arrangements were made for an Arrow Airways plane to fly over the city with a huge sign to advertise the opening of the Frolic.

D'Oro Whiting's sponsor in the "Miss Industry" contest for the Torrance Factory Frolic will be Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, it was announced this week. Miss Whiting's father, an employe of the National Supply Company, is a member of the local Legion Post.

Les Walker is being backed by Pelker's, where she is employed, and Cubie Bohannon is being supported by loyal fellow-employeats at Columbia Steel.

20-30 Club Hears About Microwaves

Interesting sidelights on the use of microwave transmission, used by the Pacific Telephone Company in its communication service between Los Angeles and Catalina Island, were related to members of the 20-30 Club at its meeting Tuesday night at Vup's cafe.

John F. Rhame, Jr., telephone company representative, explained microwave transmission as a method of broadband communication capable of carrying many telephone conversations simultaneously on a single channel. Microwaves are ultra-high frequency and travel in a strictly line-of-sight path.

Next week's meeting will be postponed until Thursday when the local club will meet the Ontario 20-30 club at Ontario. Last week the local group enjoyed a travel picture in natural color.

Should City's Planners Live in Torrance?

Should members of the City Planning Commission be required to live within the City of Torrance?

This question was raised this week in a letter to the City Council by Gerald L. Alter, who as a property owner in the city wrote the council as follows:

Gentlemen: I would like to call your attention to a matter which I believe should have immediate consideration and that is the present Planning Commission ordinance which apparently does not require members of the Commission to be residents of the City of Torrance.

I believe that all Civil Service employes of this city are required to maintain a residence within the city limits—and as a real estate broker, I have been approached by a number of city employes who say they fear they may lose their jobs if they do not find living quarters inside the city limits.

The Planning Commission, which is a very important body, should even have more stringent requirements than any employee—maybe even to the extent that they have a 5 to 10 year residence requirement prior to being named on the Commission—and by all means—if they should move out of the city of Torrance, they should be required to turn in their resignation.

It is my understanding now that the present chairman of the Planning Commission is not a resident in this city—if this is the case—I believe that something should be done about it—and at once.

I have approached several members of your honorable body as individuals and have complained about this situation and my reply has been: "THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS STATING THAT A MEMBER MUST BE A RESIDENT." Why isn't there some regulations?

I have asked this question of a present member of your honorable body nearly two years ago and as yet it has gone

Wednesdays Turn-in Days

Change in the turn-in date for the candidates for "Miss Industry" to check in proceeds from their weekly sales of Factory Frolic tickets was announced this week by General Chairman B. T. Whitney.

Beginning next week the girls will check in with Al Ewalt, in charge of collections, on Wednesday noon, instead of Saturday. This will permit the girls to have Saturdays free to sell tickets to groups of employes who receive weekly pay-checks. Better ask the girls about that \$700 Television set!

Cigars Mean Third Heir!

Passing cigars this week is John H. Ritchie, popular dental laboratory technician, who is celebrating the birth of his third son, John Hall Ritchie Jr., born Saturday at Harriman-Jones Hospital, Long Beach.

Ritchie, the former Miss Charlotte Gotts, and baby are fine, thank you! The other children of the Ritchie family, whose home is at 714 Madrid avenue, are Garry, 7, and Bill, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gotts, of this city, and A. J. Ritchie, of Victoria, B. C. and formerly of Torrance.

Return from Scotland Trip

At home from four months' tour of England, Scotland and Ireland are Mrs. John Mason and her son Alfred J. Mason, of 2029 Arlington avenue. Mrs. Mason, a pioneer Torrance resident, reports a delightful visit with her sisters and their families in her former home city, Glasgow, Scotland. Evidences of the London blitz are still quite obvious, the tourists stated, as they recounted details of their 25,000-mile trip.

unanswered. I suppose the next thing—we will have councilmen that are not residents of Torrance. By the way, is there any regulation against this happening?

Yours very truly,
GERALD L. ALTER
Property owner in the City of Torrance.

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