

Five-Day Fun Festival Starts Here Wednesday

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Need of Five New Schools Foreseen

Tallying the \$2,000,000 School Bond returns of last Tuesday, board officials stated that the issue passed by a 10-1 margin with the largest school election turnout ever to vote in a school election giving their endorsement to the issue.

The two issues, each for \$1,000,000, passed 2004 Yes, and 237 No on the Elementary Bond, and 1945 Yes and 289 No on the High School Bond.

The total vote of 2241 ballots on the Elementary issue indicated that more than 25 percent of the 8000 voters in Torrance went to the polls to vote on the bonds.

Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools, commented: "The people have spoken. The people did it. The large margin by which this bond issue passed proves the old adage that 'Give the people the facts and any reasonable program will carry'."

He further commented: "The School Board is bending all efforts toward making the dollars go as far as possible. The tremendous and unprecedented increase in population has forced all connected with the schools into taking a new view of the job to be done. We must in some manner squeeze five new schools out of this million dollars for elementary purposes."

By polling places the vote carried according to the following figures:

	Elementary	H.S.
	Yes	No
Perry	66	6
Higgins	127	13
Fern	148	31
Seaside	279	18
Walteria	140	36
Riviera	376	8
High School	868	125
Totals	2004	237

Water Heater Blamed for House Fire

Damage ran into hundreds of dollars Monday night when fire, believed caused by a water heater, burned several rooms at the home of Eloise Juarez, 2053 West 203rd street, firemen reported.

North Torrance Gets New Fire Station, Park Site

Torrance this week acquired a third fire station with the volunteer aid of North Torrance citizens, where the station is located.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner said the new station at 174th street and Yukon avenue is now ready for use with the completion of a hose drying tower, Recreation facilities and a library will be added to the five-acre plot, which will later be made into a park. Another two acres now owned by the Pacific Electric Railway are expected to be added to the park later.

The station is equipped with a siren on the roof and a 750-gallon-per-minute pumper engine. Communication with Station No. 1 on Craven's avenue downtown will be maintained via radio and telephone.

Two men will alternate in maintaining the station, Capt. Neil Whitney and Engineer William Johnston.

Volunteer firemen from the vicinity will be on call for first-minute fire fighting before the downtown crew can get to the scene. Call men now listed are W. S. Sperry, B. F. Johnson, J. E. White, R. F. Lush Jr. and R. C. White.

Telephone number for the new station is Menlo 4-8040.

Torrance's No. 2 station, also operated on a semi-voluntary basis, is in Walteria.



SPRING PANORAMA . . . Pretty Ruth Parker, Chadwick School co-ed, and her best friend enjoy one of the most beautiful crops of wild flowers that Rolling Hills has seen in many a spring. This field of sweet-smelling lupins is one of several blankets of blossoms in the nearby area. —(Herald photo).

Cops Clean Up Gun Store Case

Two men who robbed a local sporting goods store clerk of an automatic pistol and later used the gun in a series of holdups including a local market, have been arrested in Los Angeles, police of that city reported.

Picked up by Los Angeles police last week were: Loel Edward Denny, 27, 1044 1/2 Senate drive, Banning Homes and William Trussell, 25, 1036 Farapet court, also in Banning Homes.

The pair are said to be the same who held up Frances Prenevost, clerk in Joe's Sporting Goods, 2218 Torrance boulevard, on February 28. Prenevost told Torrance police that the pair stole only a .32 calibre Colt automatic, then forced him into a rest room while they made their escape.

On March 5 a pair said by Los Angeles police to be the same two men, held up the D and D Market, 1402 West Carson street. The owner told police the bandits took \$150 from the register, \$25 in change and \$60 from his wallet.

The bandit duo are being held in Los Angeles County jail charged with at least 10 counts of robbery and burglary, police said.

Bus Line Fares Jump Five Cents On April 2

All Torrance City Bus Line fares, except the Los Angeles run, will jump 5 cents on April 2, Marshall Chamberlain, bus line superintendent, said yesterday.

On the same date, the new bus terminal now under construction at Daniels Cafe, 1625 Cabrillo avenue, will be placed in operation, Chamberlain said. Regarding the fares Chamberlain pointed out that a hike in the Los Angeles fare was not requested from the California State Public Utilities Commission. He said that if the present 35-cent rate were increased to 40 cents it would further have to be increased to 45 cents. The extra 6 cents would be a federal tax.

The fare increases granted by the Commission last Tuesday were requested by the City Council on January 24, 1950.

Lions Back 'Y' Swim School

The annual free "Learn to Swim Campaign" sponsored jointly by the Torrance YMCA and Lions Club will again be held during Easter vacation, April 3-8, according to Mill Isbell, executive secretary of the "Y," and Dr. Don C. Moshos, president of the Torrance Lions Club.

Registration sheets can be obtained at all elementary schools beginning Monday, March 27, Isbell said. Free transportation will be furnished to and from the San Pedro YMCA, where professional instruction will be given to the boys for six days, Monday through Saturday.

This year the Torrance boys will be limited to three classes of 35 each. All boys ages 9 to 14 who do not know how to swim may make applications. A limited quota from each of the elementary schools will be made on a first-come-first-served basis.



ACROSS THE THRESHOLD . . . for the first time at the new North Torrance Fire Station at 174th and Yukon avenue, goes this 750-gallon pumper. The engine and fire house will be manned by regular firemen on a 24-hour watch. Five on-call firemen will answer calls sounded by siren on top of building. Pictured are (left to right) Captain Neil Whitney, Engineer William Johnston (at wheel), City Manager George W. Stevens and Fire Chief J. J. Benner—Herald photo

City Council Orders Recall Of Dairy Permit

Outcome of a battle now raging over a dairy in North Torrance is likely to have consequences affecting the entire city, political observers pointed out this week.

Lost in the shuffle, but still the center of controversy, is a dairy operated by Peter Nucio at 3300 West 182nd street.

Last Friday at a special meeting of the Council, the City Fathers rescinded action of a week ago when they overrode a recommendation of the planning commission and granted Nucio a license.

Their action last Friday calls for City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to recall the permit. This he refuses to do.

"If I pick up Nucio's license it will be illegal, and both the city and I personally will be liable," Bartlett said.

The real issue at hand, however, does not seem to be whether or not Nucio will or will not keep his license, but rather shall the City Council back the planning commission in its findings, investigations, and recommendations.

Two weeks ago before a hearing on the matter on which Councilman Nick Drake, George Powell and A. L. Jackson voted on action which overrode the planning commission, the planning board chairman, Albert D. Gianni, resigned.

On advice and urging from Mayor J. Hugh Sherry, Jr., Gianni reconsidered and rescinded his resignation. Other members of the planning commission also considered resigning.

Judge John A. Shidler, counsel for Nucio, said that his client had no intention of releasing his license. He also opined that a four-fifth vote of the council was not necessary to override a recommendation of the planning commission. He

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ROYAL SMACKER . . . "Bozo the Clown" plants a kiss on the forehead of the Duke of Windsor in this widely-distributed photo taken during the recent New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration. The famous clown will lead the kids parade on April Fool's Day here as part of the five-day "Fun Festival" being staged in Torrance beginning next Wednesday. The Torrance Lions and Optimist Club are sponsoring the carnival. The Duchess of Windsor may be seen at left. —Photo copyright by the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Parade Set For April Fools Day

A gay celebration similar to last year's Factory Frolic, lacking only in the industrial displays, will start a five-day run in Central Torrance beginning Wednesday, March 29.

Known as the Spring Fun Festival, the event is sponsored jointly by the Torrance Optimist and Lions club as a means of raising funds for philanthropic purposes.

A midway, complete with rides for kids of all ages, will be set up on the lots directly across from the Torrance Post Office and extending from Marcelina to Gramercy avenues.

The rides, booths and stage are being erected and operated by the Pan-American Amusement Corporation who staged last year's Factory Frolic.

According to Harry Watkins, of the Optimist Club, amateur shows will be held nightly—the grand winner of which

will be slated for an appearance on television. Prizes will be awarded the winner of each nightly contest.

Planned for Saturday, April 1, is an All-Fools Day Kid Parade. The original "Bozo, The Clown," will lead the parade.

Elmer S. Moon, parade chairman, stated that the parade will be limited to non-motorized vehicles—namely, decorated wagons, scooters, doll buggies and similar vehicles. Prizes for the

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Union Grants Use of 'Bug' To Herald

Re-appearance of the Allied Printing Trades' union label in this issue of the Torrance Herald symbolizes the complete settlement of all phases of the recent labor dispute at the Herald plant, it was announced today by Grover C. Whyte and Edwin B. Brown, publishers. The "Allied" label signifies that the union employees are working exclusively in all mechanical departments including printers, stereotypers, and pressmen, Whyte explained. The "Allied" label is now carried by all companion newspapers printed at the Torrance Herald plant, including the Lomita News, the Westside Graphic (Long Beach), and the Dominguez Area Bulletin.

Local Man Hurt By Falling Pole In Long Beach

While working in Long Beach last Friday, Howard L. Schuck, 56-year-old electrical worker of 2137 Grace street, suffered a broken leg and lacerations when a heavy metal boom fell on him, pinning him against the bed of a truck.

Employed by a Los Angeles electrical firm, Schuck was working with a crew removing a telephone pole when the pole slipped, crushing his left leg. The accident occurred near Spring and Magnolia streets in West Long Beach, police said.

Search For Dog Poisoner

Police were on the prowl for a dog poisoner said to be operating on West Carson street. Latest victim of four during the past two weeks is a bulldog owned by Mrs. Larry Crunk, 2720 Carson street.



HIT BY POLE . . . Howard L. Schuck, local electrical worker, shields his eyes from the sun while ambulance attendants apply splints to his leg, fractured when a telephone pole fell against him last Friday.