

TEAC Told of Enemies Of Public Education

Fern Avenue Elementary School's new double duty cafeteria was the scene of the regular meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee which met Monday, June 11.

Judge John A. Shidler, president of the Board of Education, spoke briefly on some of the problems and enemies of public education.

"Whereas in the early 20s only one out of 10 students of high school age was in school, today we have nine out of 10 attending high school," he pointed out.

He indicated the problems of educating such a large percentage of the school-age population provided enemies of public education with ample cannon fodder—particularly large school taxpayers.

"I cannot see how we can hope for peace on a world scale until we broaden the scope of education," he said.

Also speaking was Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald and one of the group of parents, teachers and administrators who developed the new report card to be used

in the local school district next year.

He reported examples cited by teachers during the report card committee meetings by the "A" to "F" method difficult and inaccurate.

"Few students drive Model T's today as they did in our high school days. Today parents have advanced with the times and purchased or have allowed their children to drive V-8's," he pointed out. "Still many parents demand an 'A' to 'F' type of grading on the grounds that 'that's what I received in school, and if it was good enough then, it is good enough now.'"

None of the teachers present indicated he needed or wanted grades on students transferring into their classes from other school districts.

Mrs. Grace Wright reminded the group that there would be no meeting in August but that the annual teacher reception would be held on a Wednesday in September.

El Camino Recreation Program Set

The annual summer recreational program at El Camino College will begin Tuesday, June 26, according to the college registration office.

Participation in the program can be either for credit or just for pure recreation. Besides offering sports including volleyball, softball, tennis, archery, and croquet, a full program of dancing is being offered.

Square dancing classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Social dancing will be on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and will include the waltz, fox-trot, samba, tango, thumba, and mambo.

Students who are above the age of 18 may obtain college credit by registering at the college on Monday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The summer recreational program is a part of the college plan of making college educational facilities available, on a year-around basis, to members of the community.

Permits Close On Heels Of Last Year's Record

Although building activity slowed here a bit last month, the amount of permits issued during the first five months of this year is keeping up with the record-breaking pace set during 1950—the best in Torrance's history.

According to the records of the building inspection office in the city hall, the five months activity indicated construction has been started on buildings evaluated at a total of \$5,223,293. This is only slightly under last year's January-to-May total of \$5,680,009.

Included in last month's permits was one to the Federal Burner Corporation which plans to move its Los Angeles operation to a \$120,000 plant to be located on a three-acre site at Jefferson and Oak streets near the Naval Supply Depot.

J. E. Barrett, manager and president of the firm, said he hoped to be in production by August. The company, employing approximately 50 persons, is engaged in the manufacturing of burners and other parts for appliances. The 16,000 square foot plant is to be equipped with smog control devices and other modern equipment.

Two other permits issued last month included one to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for \$80,000 for a new church to be located at 220th street and Cabrillo avenue, and one to the General Electric Company for a \$16,000 jet engine test building to be located on Lomita boulevard opposite the National Electric Products Company.

Convention Reports are Featured

State PTA convention reports took the spotlight at the Gateway PTA Council meeting held at Wayside Chapel.

Each association president reported on a different phase of the convention, which was held in San Diego early in May, with Mrs. John Garner presenting the all-over picture of the conclave. Each delegate agreed that Dr. Alexander Stoddard's address during the convention was outstanding.

Using an oak tree, the PTA emblem, for the theme, Mrs. J. C. Miller, county historian, added a golden leaf for each achievement as she unfolded the historical events of the past year.

A musical program by Narbonne High School students was presented by Mrs. W. R. Schroeder. Jim Spivey played a cornet solo, "Napole," accompanied by Robert Jones. Eldridge Walker played "Liebestraum" by Liszt as a piano solo, and two vocal numbers, "One Fine Day" and "I Have Sung My Songs," by Patti Swenson.

Crystal goblets and shербets were given to Mrs. Nansel as a gift from council members, in appreciation of her leadership during the past two years. Mrs. Nansel presented her board members with hand-decorated dollies.

Luncheon was served to council members, their guests, principals and vice principals of the six high schools which the council embraces by the Dorcas Circle of the Women's Society of the church.

Former THS Student Elected Historian

Mary Jo Tillotson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley T. "Hap" Tillotson, 2525 Via La Selva, Palos Verdes Estates, has been elected historian of Tiger Taps, honorary service organization for sophomore women at Occidental College, for the year 1951-52.

Miss Tillotson, a graduate of Torrance High School is a freshman at Occidental, majoring in physical education. She is secretary of La Casa, one of the dormitories on the 120-acre campus, and a member of Zeta Tau Zeta sorority.

"Hap" Tillotson is a past president of the Torrance Rotary Club and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Thefts from Cars Prevalent Now

Thefts of hub caps, radiator ornaments and spare tires are becoming more prevalent now, and motorists are advised to try to find a garage in their neighborhood, if none exists in their back yard, according to Val T. Price Jr., chairman of the board of the Western States Bureau of Investigation.

Huge Picnic Slated

The West Virginia Society and the McGuffy Club picnic will be held at Sycamore Grove Park in Los Angeles, Sunday, June 17, according to Harry E. Gump, society president. Program starts at 2 p.m.

Young 'Oldtimer' To Head Jaycees For Coming Year

Bert Lamb, a Torrance booster since he came here 28 years ago, will be installed as president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce along with other newly-elected officers on June 21 at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Lamb, a graduate of Torrance High School in 1939, succeeds Ed Karlow, city councilman, as president.

Other officers to be installed with Lamb include:

Bob Owens, first vice president; Walt Sharon, second vice president; C. J. Moadway, treasurer; Marvin Goetsch, secretary; Ed Karlow, state director; Harold Massie, sergeant-at-arms; and Charles Schultz, coordinating director.

The newly-elected Jaycee president lives at 1740 Date avenue with his wife and two children, Lee 5, and Janis 3.

The election of officers was conducted last Thursday night at a meeting of the board of directors held in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Adventist Camp Meeting Slated

Members of the 60 Seventh-day Adventist churches in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties will convene in Lynwood June 21 for their 49th annual 11-day camp meeting, according to R. R. Bietz, president of the denomination's Southern California Conference. Nearly 50 ministers of the faith, including D. R. Guild, pastor of the San Pedro congregation, 555 West 12th street, donned their work clothes two weeks ago and joined another group of school teachers and church employees in raising the large camp on the 36-acre campus of the Lynwood Academy.

Gibson to Take Office July 2nd

Harbor City's new councilman, John S. Gibson, will take office on July 2, the first day of the fiscal year.

The San Pedro building contractor took the oath of office Friday. Several of Gibson's well-wishers attended the ceremony in the office of City Clerk Walter Peterson.

Gibson won the 15th district post at the May 29 election. His jurisdiction also includes Wilmington and Los Angeles.

Old Walteria School Moves

Bids will be called June 22 for the moving of the old Walteria elementary school which was abandoned several months ago with the completion of the community's new education plant.

Composed of three bungalow type buildings, the school will be transported to 156th street and Hawthorne boulevard to provide temporary quarters for a school there.

Local Seaman On Destroyer

Edmond J. Mondor, fireman apprentice, USN, of 28318 Pennsylvania avenue, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Rooks, after helping remove her from "moth balls" at the U. S. Naval station, San Diego, Calif.

Mondor, who entered the Naval service in September, 1950, was graduated from Oxnard High School.

Water District Sets New Mark

The largest volume of water since its organization—446.7 acre feet was delivered during the month of May by the West Basin Municipal Water District, which includes Lomita, it was announced by District Manager Carl Fossett.

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