

New Explorer Post Formed

Neighborhood—Commissioner Kenneth L. Leatherman of the Harbor District, Boy Scouts of America, has announced the chartering of a new Explorer Post 761-x, sponsored by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, Inc.

Mr. Reese G. Holbrook, 17512 Cerise Ave., has been selected as post advisor, Jack Terry, institutional representative of the

association, announces that the post committee is composed of Mr. J. C. Hedgecock, chairman; Messrs. C. L. Beardon, Walter Bronson and D. R. Alfred as members.

Charter members of the post are: Richard Abbott, Paul Carrio, James Hoffman, Quincy Melton, Roger Snell, Bruce Sullivan, Arthur Swift, Jerry Westmoreland and Blaine Wither.

Post Advisor Holbrook announces that there are still a few vacancies left in the post and any boy of Explorer Age (14-17) is cordially invited to call him at Menlo 4-9647.

Bill 1922 Would Hurt Adult Education Here

Senate Bill 1922 on adult education, if passed, will virtually cut the Torrance Adult Education program in half," Vernon Sheblak, director of Adult Education here, said yesterday.

The bill was approved by a weary Senate Education committee Tuesday evening by a vote of 8 to 2, after four and a half hours of debate, and was sent to the Senate Finance Committee with a Do Pass recommendation.

One of the objectionable features of the bill, Sheblak pointed out, is that in order to receive state aid, adult classes would have to be held in school buildings. This, he said, would injure the local program, because a large number of classes are held in the daytime in non-school buildings such as the Woman's Club, in church Sunday school buildings, the library lecture room, and park recreation halls. Only night classes are held in school buildings, he said.

There is no charge assessed in Torrance for any adult class he added.

The bill would also limit adult education financing to basic state aid of \$120 per unit of average daily attendance, and would remove equalization funds which are given to some poorer school districts to equalize them with the richer, Sheblak explained. Torrance receives no equalization funds for secondary education, he said.

Throng Watches Chace Take Oath As Supervisor

Amid a profusion of flowers and the plaudits of former colleagues on the Long Beach City Council and friends who thronged the hearing room in the Hall of Records, Burton W. Chace, former Mayor of Long Beach, took his official oath of office as county supervisor at

Tuesday's meeting of the board. He was sworn in by Judge Martin DeVries of the Long Beach Municipal Court and long time personal friend of the new supervisor.

Mrs. Chace and their two daughters, Coni and Paula, were present at the ceremony, which was highlighted by the congratulations of Long Beach's new mayor, Lyman B. Sutter, and other officials of that city. Each of the supervisors took his turn in welcoming the new member. After extolling his predecessor, the late Raymond V. Darby, Chace said that he would make every effort to serve

with credit not only the Fourth District, which includes Torrance, but to the county as a whole. He also repeated Governor Earl Warren's words when, in making the appointment, he said that he was "making the offer in the interests of good government."

A native of Stanton, Neb., and a graduate of the University of Nebraska, Chace came to Long Beach in 1923 and became associated with his father in the lumber business. His first political office started in 1933, when he was elected to the Long Beach Board of Education. He

was elected to the City Council in 1945 and was chosen mayor by his fellow councilmen in 1947, again in 1948 and in 1951. This is considered an outstanding record in the City of Long Beach.

Chace is an active member of the California Heights Methodist Church, and a past Methodist lay leader. He is immediate past chairman of the Board of Directors of the Armed Services YMCA and a member of numerous other associations. He lives with his family at 4169 Country Club Dr. in Long Beach.

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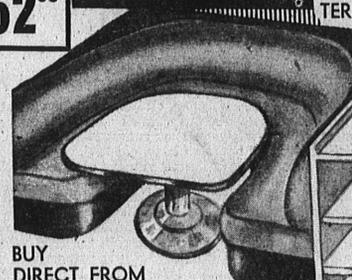
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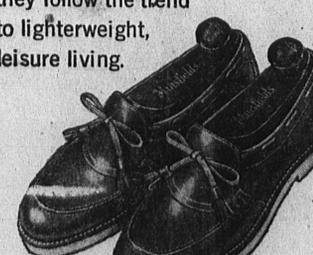
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Bill 1922, as amended, permits state reimbursement for classes conducted outside school buildings with State Board of Education approval. In an attempt to eliminate so-called "frill" courses from the Adult Education program, Bill 1922 would remove state aid from courses in physical education, parent education, civil defense, first aid, and homemaking and health classes, Sheblak said, although proponents of the bill say that some of these courses could be legally offered under a provision permitting "general education."

Some specific classes that might lose state aid here if the bill is passed are folk dancing, social dancing, square dancing, lampshade making, dressmaking, cake decorating, arts and crafts, and possibly ceramics, Sheblak said.

At present almost 1600 adults are enrolled in classes in Torrance, Sheblak revealed. There are 23 different subjects being offered now, he said, and many of them are given in the daytime, consequently they are not held in school buildings, which are in use all day.

Daytime courses could be switched to night classes and be held in school buildings, thus still receiving state aid, but Bill 1922 would automatically eliminate state aid from "frill" courses—recreational entertainment, and physical education classes.

School districts are authorized by the bill to maintain any classes they desire with local support, but the \$8 limit on tuition for all courses except English and citizenship classes for foreigners and elementary courses, has been removed. This

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