

Elect Esther Maxwell to Memorial Hospital Board

Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, who was the first superintendent of the Torrance Memorial hospital, was elected to its board of directors recently.

Miss Maxwell, who assisted Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance in opening the hospital and served as its superintendent for 17 years before retiring, will serve



ESTHER MAXWELL, ... On Hospital Board

for a three year term with Mrs. Katherine B. Curtiss and Mr. Otto A. Kresse, who filled two other vacant positions on the board.

The hospital was constructed as a memorial to Jared Sidney Torrance by beneficiaries under his will, and was turned over to the Torrance Hospital Association in 1925. The Association was originally organized by Mr. Torrance in 1920, to establish, maintain and carry on a hospital for the sick in Torrance.

Since its construction, the capacity of the hospital has more than doubled. It now has a total of 63 beds, of which 47 are for medical and surgical cases and 16 for maternity cases.

A financial report, made at the 32nd annual meeting of the Association, showed the finances of the hospital in excellent condition and the mortgage on the property reduced to about \$50,000.

The annual medical report showed 17,936 patient days of service. 4,166 patients were admitted to the hospital, of which 1,267 were maternity cases.

Since 1925, the hospital has been operated by a board of directors of nine members—four business men, three women and two doctors to comply with the provisions of the declaration of

Board Demands Metal Covers for Garbage Trucks

Garbage collection trucks operating in unincorporated areas of the County must have metal covers in the future, the Board of Supervisors decided this week, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

At present, County collection trucks are only required to cover garbage with tarpaulins and these cannot be put in place until the trucks have been filled, Chace stated.

Recommendation for the metal covers came from the County Health Department, which said that frequent complaints are received from citizens in county areas concerning garbage spilled on streets by collection trucks.

The new requirement will be effective thirty days after the County ordinance is adopted. A similar requirement is already in effect within the City of Los Angeles.

City Officials End Tour of MWD Parker Dam Facilities

Members of the City Council completed a three-day tour of the Metropolitan Water District Sunday after having visited Lake Matthews, Parker Dam, and other district installations, according to City Manager George W. Stevens.

Angus McVicar, superintendent of the water department, also made the trip with the

trust established by Mr. Torrance. It was his desire to enlist in the project the support of the residents of Torrance and the South Bay area, including the communities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, and Gardena, by taking life memberships in the association at a cost of \$100, and annual memberships costing \$5.

Due to the increase in population of the South Bay area it is necessary to make further additions to the hospital, which will include a maternity wing. A building fund has been established for this purpose and an application has been filed with the Bureau of Hospitals of the state of California for federal aid as provided for under the Hill-Burton Act and plans are under way to institute a drive to raise the funds required.

Meanwhile, some contributions to the building fund have been received and others can be made at any time. Such contributions are deductible from the income tax of the persons making them, and can be sent to the TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 1425 Engracia Avenue, Torrance, California.



CAST IN HEAVEN . . . Students cast in the comedy, "Heaven's a Devilish Place," practice one of the scenes in the play written by Carl Larsen. It will compete in the original play contest here next Saturday evening.



MYSTERY CAST . . . Leading figures in the Janet Williamson-Janie Moffatt mystery, "The Unsuspected," are shown here as they go over their lines preparatory to staging of the play Saturday night.

Kelley's Bird Takes First

Flying 174 miles in three hours and 58 minutes, and averaging 44 miles per hour, a red cock pigeon owned by E. F. Kelley took first place in the second Harbor Area club pigeon race last week-end.

Mike McNeerney's blue barred cock took second and J. R. Richhart's blue barred hen flew home with third. McNeerney's bird finished a scant two tenths of a yard per minute ahead of Richhart's.

5 Torrance High School Students To Appear on TV

A group of Torrance High School students from the physics class of instructor Allan Moore are scheduled to appear on the television show "How Does It Work?" on Saturday, April 25, to give a demonstration of the operation and use of electrical transformers.

The show will be broadcast over channel 11 from 4 until 4:30 p.m. The student group is being sponsored by the California Teachers Association, and includes Carolyn Edmonds, Betsy Shaw, Dick Beall, Dale Ferguson and Kenny Hall.

Their performance was previewed Monday at the YWCA building for the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee. The performance consists of a demonstration of power transmission from the power company, over the electrical lines, and into the home.

At TEAC Meeting

Recreation Favorite Buzz Session Topic

A "Buzz Session," a unique approach to the problem of communication between audiences and speaker was demonstrated at Monday's meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting in the YWCA.

Recreation Plan Discussion Slated

A proposal to coordinate the city recreation program into a joint city-school operated affair will be discussed tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at a meeting in the Episcopal church.

Various city officials including members of the recreation committee, churchmen, and interested citizens will attend the meeting, which will be under the chairmanship of Arthur Sues, a strong advocate of the joint program.

Sues will outline what he and other interested citizens are attempting to accomplish in regards to the circulation program. A high official in the Protestant League of California will also speak in favor of the plan.

Following the speakers, a question and answer period will be held.

North American Workers Handed Pay Reduction

A three-cent an hour reduction in the cost-of-living allowance for approximately 43,600 workers at California and Ohio division of North American Aviation, Inc., will be effective April 27, company officials announced this week.

The reduction is the result of a sharp decline in living costs revealed in the Feb. 15 Consumer's Price Index compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor.

During the two-and-a-half years in which North American wages have been tied to fluctuating prices, employees have received 16 cents in cost-of-living allowance increases. Of this amount, 12 cents was frozen into the base rates last February, leaving four cents as a cost-of-living allowance subject to change.

The April cut will reduce this to one cent. For the same period, North American employees also received 19 cents in general increases, making a total increase of 31 cents in base rates.

The three-cent cut affects 26,700 employees at Los Angeles, 1200 at Fresno, and 15,700 at Columbus, Ohio.

Student Writers To Have Plays Staged Saturday

Three original one-act plays, written and produced by Torrance High School students, will be presented in the annual Thespians Festival at the High School Auditorium Saturday night.

A comedy written by Carl Larsen entitled "Heaven's a Devilish Place," will compete with a tragedy by the same author entitled "Crimson Dies the Sun." The third play, a mystery entitled "The Unsuspected," was written by Janet Williamson and Janie Moffatt.

Featured in the comedy will be the author, Larsen, Sid Staxrud, Charles Stewart, Ed Morgan, Neill Mahon, Babs Whitley, Mary Lou Hutchison, and Richard Knappenberg.

Cast in the mystery are Nancy LaDuke, Len's Smith, Julie Rhone, Arden O'Connor, and Warner Smith.

A reception following the presentation of the plays will be presided over by Rosemary DeCamp Shidler, who will present trophies and the perpetual plaque to the winning author.

Public admission to the three one-act plays will cost 50 cents for general admission seats and 75 cents for reserved seats, according to Student Producer Dwight Hanna.

Budget Item Request

A budget item appropriation of \$473 was requested of the City Council Tuesday night for purchase of a hose for the Fire Department.

"Buzz Sessions" a report was given by a spokesman for each group. Among the questions asked at Monday's meeting were these:

Questions Posed How much are the taxpayers willing to pay for a city-school operated recreation program?

What is the proper approach to the problem of sex education for seventh and eighth graders—a highly controversial subject among parents?

What can the school do to help decrease smoking among pre-teenage students?

How can interested parents enlist disinterested parents in school problems?

What can be done either by school administrators or by the public to ensure children moving into new homes here that there will be a school, a desk, and books ready for them when they enroll in Torrance Schools?

Safety Approach? What is the proper approach to teaching safety to local school children?

Pointing to some expressed objections to so called "free" classes of adult education such as lampshade making one group posed this question: If it is apparently agreed that woodshop be continued as an adult class where men make the bases for lamps why not lampshade making where the women make the tops for the lamps?

Among some of the opinions expressed by the various spokesmen for the Buzz groups were: Adult education should not be called "free" because it isn't free. Perhaps a better name would be "tuition free."

Discontinue Classes Lampshade making, square dancing, and jewelry making should be dropped as "educational" courses.

Private capital should be encouraged to invest in recreational facilities for the city, i.e., roller and ice skating rinks.

The high school gymnasium facilities should be made available to the public during weekends or other non-school days.

That other groups such as service clubs, the Boy Scouts, and similar organizations be encouraged to provide recreation for their respective groups during periods when school is not in session.

Laws should be passed to enable schools to keep pace with new home projects with financial assistance guaranteed from new home developers.

There is a need for more classrooms and that they should be provided before money is spent on recreation.

Three of the groups, unaware of the subjects being discussed in other "buzz sessions," reported on various phases of city-school sponsored recreation.

Commissioner Reports Mrs. William Boswell, a member of the city's recreation commission, told the group:

"There is an answer to cries for more recreation. The answer is more money. If we have the money we can get the recreation."

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, answered at least one question when he stated that either the school board or the city council could levy a special tax to finance recreation.

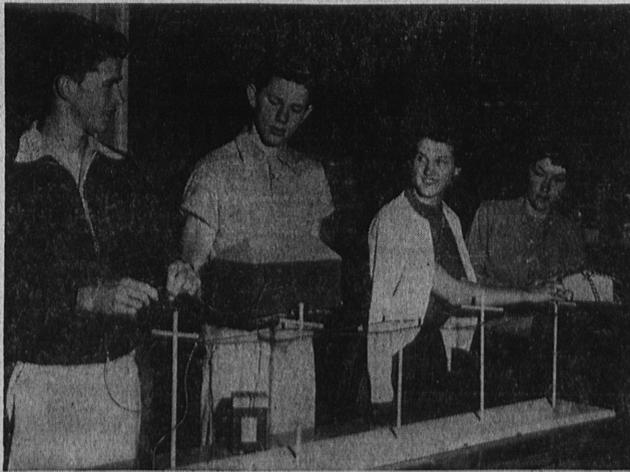
Concluding the program was a demonstration by members of the Torrance High School physics classes. A review of the demonstration is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Discussion Set For Homeowners

Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr., charter president of the Seaside Rancho Homeowners Assoc., will speak to members of the fledgling Torrance Gardens and Plaza group Tuesday evening on the "Trials and Tribulations of a Homeowners Assoc."

Spelman was instrumental in organizing the Seaside Rancho group and offered considerable advice to the new Torrance Gardens group when they were organizing, according to Gardens-Plaza President Ralph Schmidt.

Also on the agenda for Tuesday night is a vote on the proposal for types of street lighting to be studied for the two tracts. The meeting will be held at the Fern Ave. Cafeteria beginning at 8 p.m., Schmidt said.



HERE'S HOW . . . Students (left to right) Dale Ferguson, Kenny Hall, Betsy Shaw, and Carolyn Edmonds demonstrate how electrical current is stepped up by use of transformer, to be sent over power lines, then stepped down, by another transformer, for entry into the home. They will appear on the TV show "How Does It Work?" on April 25. Their physics instructor is Allan Moore, at Torrance High School.

Appropriation Request

An appropriation of \$1,695 to James Montgomery for engineering service during March was requested of the City Council Tuesday night.