

Shift Nine Local Principals To New School Assignments

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To Start \$9 Million GP Job

Erection of New Process Unit Slated

Construction of the new \$9,000,000 addition to the General Petroleum refinery here will get under way this week, it was learned yesterday.

To be located on the refinery property just west of Crenshaw Blvd. and north of the Crenshaw gates, the new unit will be constructed by the Bechtel Corp., which has been active on the site for several weeks collecting material for the huge project. The new addition will be a thermofor catalytic reformer, known as a TCR, and will be used to produce very high-octane gasoline.

Developed by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., parent company of GP, the unit being built here is one of three authorized by Socony for the United States last year.

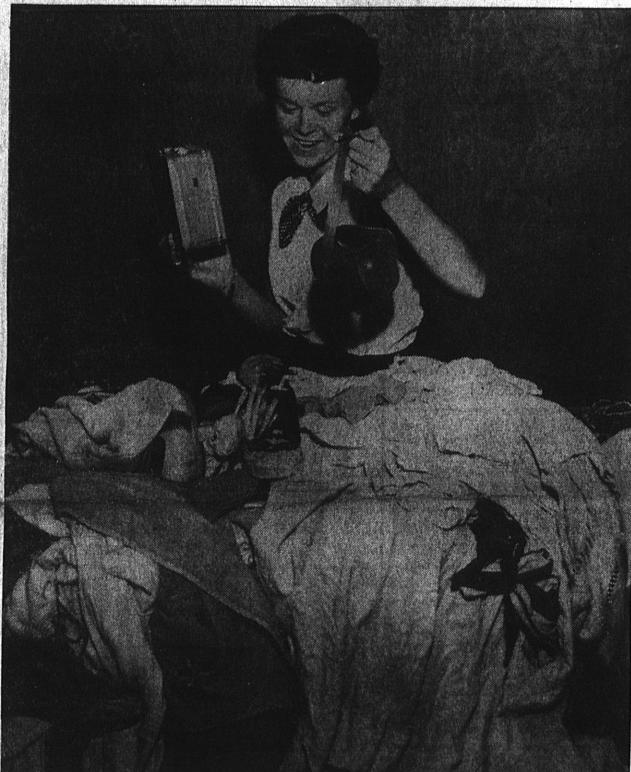
The new unit will make possible the upgrading of low quality gasoline stock to a gasoline with an octane rating of 100 or more, according to the company's announcement last year.

The contracts for the huge job were awarded to Bechtel last November.

Korean War Veteran

Studying Japanese

Army 1st Lt. Masamichi Subo, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sawatchi Suedul, live at 22320 S. Normandie, recently arrived at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., for a concentrated 12-month course in Japanese at the Army Language School. Subo, who entered the Army in January 1945, received basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. He holds the Korean Service Ribbon.



LOST LOOT . . . Joan Melvin, Recreation Department supervisor, attempts to discover who belongs to what as she tackles the pile of articles left on buses by the 577 youngsters who made the Alondra Park "Learn to Swim" trips the first week. Unless parents attempt to claim lost articles at the recreation office, Joan claims she will be "buried" under the pile by the end of summer.

Nine Elementary Principals Move To New Positions

The shifting of nine elementary school principals to new assignments and minor changes in the administrative staff of the Torrance Unified School District were revealed this week by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

"The reassignment of personnel was done in the best interests of the district in an organized and systematic effort to keep the district viable. It is anticipated that the reassignments will have a broadening effect on both teachers and administrative personnel, and will tend to bring the superintendent closer to the situation," said Dr. Hull.

He said the move was in no way to be regarded as a "shake-up." The change in assignments apparently met with the unanimous approval of the Board of Education since there were no objections from the five-member board when Dr. Hull informed them of his intention to shift the principals at a special board meeting Thursday afternoon.

These are the principals affected, together with their new assignments:

Walter Rehwoidt will become the new principal of Seaside Elementary School. Presently he is the director of instruction for the district. He will continue to perform the duties of that office in an advisory capacity.

Robert Morton, presently serving as principal of Torrance Elementary School will become the new assistant director of instruction and will report directly to the superintendent.

D. Boone Kirks, principal of Walteria Elementary School, will move to Torrance Elementary School.

The new principal of Walteria will be Dr. Vernon Sheblak, currently serving as director of the Adult School of Education.

A new director of Adult Education is to be hired to replace Sheblak.

C. I. Crecolus, now principal of Fern Ave. School, will add to his responsibilities the principalship of Greenwood School.

Raymond Ellerman, currently serving as principal of the Greenwood School, will shift to Madrona Elementary School.

Herman Schiek, principal of Madrona, is leaving the employ of the Torrance District.

Mrs. Margaret Denmark, principal of the Crenshaw School and the district's only woman principal, will move to North Torrance.

Donald Robison, principal of North Torrance Elementary School, will help organize the new Evelyn Carr School as its first principal.

Earl Eckert, now principal of the Seaside School, will move to the Crenshaw School and will serve also as principal of the El Nido Elementary School.

Lester Foster and Robert Dexter will remain as principals of Perry and Riviera Schools, respectively.

Bruce Wagner, recently appointed to succeed John Steinbaugh as principal of Torrance High School, will continue as head of the district's only high school.

Dr. Hull stated that no salary changes were made in the reassignment of duties. He indicated that the changes in some cases would be for one year, only and that within the next year additional changes in personnel might be made.

He stated that nearly all teachers needed for the coming fall sessions were hired. The district is short but three or four teachers, which it expects to hire before school starts in the fall.



POST PARADE PATTERN . . . James Thompson and Barbara Hester, both members of the Torrance Area Youth Band, stop to chat with Miss Germany, one of the contestants in the Miss Universe contest, after the band had completed its line of march in the opening day parade held in Long Beach last Sunday. Forty-five members of the local musical organization marched in the beauty parade.

Torrance Queen To Get Air Trip To Las Vegas

An all-expenses-paid week-end at the famous Thunderbird resort hotel in Las Vegas is in store for the lucky young lovely who wins this year's "Miss Torrance" title, Torrance Band Director James Van Dyck revealed yesterday.

The fortunate young miss and a companion will be flown via Western Airlines to the fabulous resort where, through the courtesy of Manager Marty Hicks, they will dine, dance, and view some of the most outstanding entertainment ever to be presented on a hotel floor.

Competing for the coveted moniker, the week-end jaunt, and many valuable prizes to be donated by local merchants, are six girls, all between the ages of 16½ and 30, unmarried, and residents of this city, according to contest rules.

Latest to get their names on the dotted line at the official sign-up station, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, were Betty Weller, Maureen Monahan, and Gall Thompson, who join three other title aspirants signing up earlier this week, Ella Mae McLeod, Jan Stevens, and JoAnn Howard.

All candidates are sponsored with the sponsor paying an entry fee of \$5. Any business, industry, service club, or other organization may sponsor a candidate.

Further information about the contest may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce, FAIRfax 8-2614, or the Youth Band office at FAIRfax 8-5278.

Million Dollar Defense Program Starts Sept. 1

Construction of \$1,000,000 worth of anti-aircraft installations will get under way in the Torrance area on Sept. 1, it was announced yesterday by Col. Arthur H. Frye, district engineer for the U. S. Army Engineer Corps.

Bids will be invited on July for the erection of shops, warehouses, barracks, armories, and other military buildings to be used in the defense of the Torrance industrial area if needed, Colonel Frye said.

Exact locations of the military installations have not been disclosed by the Army. The \$1,000,000 earmarked for Torrance.

SCOUT SCRIBE REPORTS JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

By RICHARD BENTWOOD
Scribe, Jamboree Troop 24

IRVINE RANCH, July 15—Jamboree Troop 24 from the Harbor District left for the Jamboree grounds at about 9 a.m. Tuesday morning and arrived at about 10 a.m. the same morning.

The BSA Jamboree does not officially start until Friday, so we are now participating in what is called Pre-Jamboree. We have been working hard preparing for the official opening and we hope to have one of the best displays of camping methods and programs.

It has been a bit windy and there is plenty of sand which is not too welcome. Many of the boys have been trading neckerchiefs, slides and patches, and other slightly prized items. There are boys from all over the United States here.

King Reveals:

North Torrance To Get Branch Post Office

The Post Office Department soon will open a classified carrier post office in North Torrance, according to Congressman Cecil R. King, representative of the 17th District.

Congressman King said the matter of securing quarters had been referred to the Post Office Bureau of Facilities.

Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance postmaster, said that a department inspector had toured the area a month ago and stated that he would recommend a carrier station for the area. Mrs. Conner said a carrier station was one in which mail was distributed to carriers who would work out of the new post office.

In addition, regular post office services will be offered the public including the sale of postage, money orders and parcel post.

N. R. Abrams, assistant postmaster general in the Bureau of Post Office Operations in Washington, told Mrs. Conner that the "rapidly expanding area" indicated the great need for a carrier station to serve the thousands of new residents of North Torrance.

WEATHER

Low clouds this morning but clearing by late forenoon today with hazy afternoon sunshine and little change in temperature with a high of around 76 degrees at the beaches.



EASTERN SCOUTERS . . . Tommy Thompson, manager of the General Petroleum Corp. refinery here, tells a group of Boy Scouts how gasoline is made by the Flying Red Horse process. The boys are from Litchfield, Hillsboro, and Carlinville, all in Illinois, and toured the local plant while in California to attend the huge Jamboree now in session near Newport Beach. The Scouts were part of a batch of 250 boys to tour the plant—the second such group to visit the refinery within a week.

577 Youngsters Make Alondra Swimming Trips

The Kiwanis Club's "Learn to Swim" campaign was a howling success the first week as 577 youngsters crowded into buses to make the trek to Alondra Park, so states Doris Avis, supervisor.

The number making the trip on Thursday increased almost 100 over the number, 481, who made the trip the first day, last Tuesday.

Already the Recreation Department office is beginning to pile up the lost loot. There are towels by the box-load, lunch boxes, goggles, shoes, and assorted small fry treasures. Parents may claim lost articles by applying at the Recreation office in the Civic Auditorium any week day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or they may make inquiries through the directors at the various playgrounds.

"It would be helpful if parents would in some manner inscribe articles which the youngsters take to the pool with the name of the boy or girl to whom the article belongs," Miss Avis said.

Elect Local Man Governor Of Area 9 Toastmasters

Joseph E. Dalton, engineering staff assistant at the local plant of the Columbia Steel Division, has been elected to serve as governor of Area Nine, District One of Toastmasters International, it was announced this week.

Woman Incurs Major Injuries In Crash

A Torrance woman who received major injuries in an auto accident on Alameda Ave. near 127th St. early Friday morning, was reported in serious condition at Los Angeles General Hospital yesterday.

The woman, Ruby Gribben, 34, of 17083 Elgar Ave., received a cerebral concussion, fractured ribs, and head lacerations in a collision with a car driven by Gilbert Huerta of Los Angeles, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Mrs. Gribben told investigating officers that she was driving south on Alameda Ave. when the car driven by Huerta passed her and then turned left into a side street right in front of her. Unable to avoid a collision, she crashed into the rear of his car, she said. She was alone in the car.

Huerta told police that his car had run out of gas and that he was pushing it along Alameda.

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Ex-Assemblyman To Run Against Vince Thomas

John T. Rawls, 50, first Democratic assemblyman from the 68th District to be elected to the assembly, said this week he would seek reelection to the office now held by Vincent Thomas at the next election.

Rawls was elected to the assembly in 1952 and served a two-year term. The former San Pedro businessman is a graduate of the University of Southern California, where he obtained his AB in Political Science. He later studied law at UCLA for a year.

The former assemblyman was a member of the Democratic Central Committee from 1930 to 1932 before going to the State Legislature. He lives at 787 15th St., San Pedro.



JOHN T. RAWLS
... Hat in the Ring