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Rally Support for School Funds

Building Gets Planners' OK

After a lengthy debate with protesting Riviera residents, the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night recommended that the General Telephone Co. be allowed to build a one-story addition to its present facilities at 616 Puerta del Norte, on the Palos Verdes boundary.

The telephone company had originally asked for a two-story building but nearby residents raised the protest if it would cut off their view. Further, spokesmen for the delegation asserted, they purchased homes in the vicinity with assurance that the present structure would never be enlarged.

Land for the present facility was acquired August 17, 1948 with 65 foot frontage on Palos Verdes Blvd., and 150 feet deep. Additional land for the expansion was purchased September, 1954 from the Don Ja Ran Co., developers of the tract.

James E. Morrison, of 633 Paseo de Los Reyes, whose home is located at the extreme south boundary of Torrance and above the proposed addition, said Saturday his group would be present at the City Council meeting Tuesday to protest the decision of the Planning Commission. He said the residents had been given "curt treatment by Commission members" and intend to carry their problem to the Council.

One-story Planned As finally approved by the Commissioners, the plans call for a one-story addition, with no windows in the rear, and landscaping around the facilities.

Marshall K. Taylor, secretary of the phone company, indicated that his company could make the addition only one story, with another addition later, which would also be a single story high. The building, now 57 by 52 feet, would increase in size to 102 by 122 with the first addition and to 165 by 122 with the second.

The building would be used only for switching equipment and would not be an office building, Taylor declared. He said the phone company would put no windows in the rear of the building, next to homes, and would put on a rock roof with a color approved by a local art jury.

\$4240 Given To Charities By Teachers

Torrance teachers raised \$4240 for various charities in a three-month campaign. John Webster Strom, chairman of the committee, announced last week.

Raised through the Torrance Educational Assn., the money was distributed as follows: Torrance Memorial Hospital, \$1668; Community Chest, \$1130; Dental Health program, \$599; YMCA, \$568; Red Cross, \$267; and California Teachers' Welfare, \$48.

The money was raised as part of a new charity campaign among local teachers, each of whom were asked to give \$15. The slogan used was "Each one gives some."

Members of the committee for the charity program were Bill Clemenger, James Willems, John Harryman, and Dick Hubert.

Sand and Gravel Hearing Tuesday

An extraordinary hearing on the petition of Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., for a variance to cover addition of dry cement to the firm's hopper sales has been set by Mayor Albert Isen for tomorrow evening at 8 p. m.

The variance was recommended for conditional approval by the Planning Commission after a two hour hearing recently. Because of the protests of residents in the area, the Council ordered the special public hearing on the matter.

Mixup Cited In Crockett Appearance

Disney Studio was in no way responsible for the announcement prior to the May 1 Elks National Youth Day observance at Torrance Municipal Park that the Davey Crockett family was to make an appearance at the park, according to a studio spokesman.

The announcement was made by someone else on a false assumption, the spokesman said, and the studio was never informed about the park show until after the event.

Knowledge of the park program registered at the Disney office when numerous letters of protest were received from irate parents.

A letter on the subject appeared on the Editorial Page of this issue of the HERALD.

Cerebral Palsy Center Planned For Torrance

Establishment of a South Bay area center for cerebral palsied children is the aim of a group organized here as the Cerebral Palsy Center, Inc.

Mrs. Frank Coulson, temporary chairman, said the center will offer treatment and training under medical supervision. Much of the work will be on a volunteer basis.

The objective, Mrs. Coulson said, is to provide a treatment and training program that will enable palsied children to lead lives as nearly normal as possible.

Mrs. Genevieve Coulson, of Torrance, is co-chairman of the group, and Mrs. Beverly Asbury is in charge of the committee looking for a building for the center.

Other members of the group are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hill, Wes Greyer, Frank Coulson, and Mrs. Anthony Durizzi. Robert N. Richland is counselor.

Efforts to obtain a building are centering on Torrance, although another South Bay area may be selected.

Information can be obtained from Mrs. Coulson at MA 6-7641, or DA 9-1559. Written inquiries should go to 3410 W. 172nd St., Torrance.

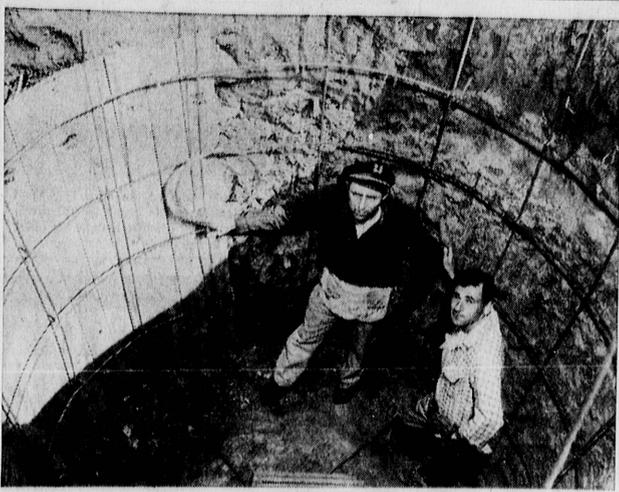
Evans Gives Best Speech

Bill Evans was judged the best speaker of the night Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Torrance Toastmasters Club.

Evans' topic was "My New Career, or Life Begins at 65."

Harold Briggs won the special award service cup for the outstanding contribution of the meeting. His table presentation was named the best.

Other speakers and their topics included Warren Jensen, "My Happiest Travel Time"; Joe Henkel, "Give to Get"; and George Hatfield, a guest from the Gardena group, who talked on "Learn By Doing in Toastmasters."



BOMBS AWAY! ... George Williams and Donald E. Dittman go to work on one of the bomb shelters they have been building recently. In this one, they are preparing for the pouring of cement into the hole to complete the shelter at the home of Williams' sister, Mrs. C. O. Long, of 1408 W. 218th St.

Man Building Bomb Shelter

If bombs should start falling, one local man knows what he is going to do—crawl in a hole. He's sure, too, that it's a good hole. He built it himself. George Williams, of 1923 Border Ave., has constructed a bomb shelter in his front yard which he believes will secure him against any attack. During recent talk about the possibility of atomic attack, he and some friends got together, and designed a bomb shelter.

He has recently completed his own, and one for a friend, and is now working on one at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. O. Long, of 1408 W. 218th St. The shelter is of reinforced cement and is about seven feet in circumference, and about 15 feet deep. Williams figures that the shelter would accommodate four people, and contains a special ventilation system.

Williams and his friends started making the shelters on an experimental basis. They consulted with various experts on the subject and devised their own plans. They figure that a shelter can be constructed for about \$500 to \$900. A regular employee at National Supply, Williams took three weeks off from his job to build the shelters and now works on them in his spare time.

FOURTH ANNUAL YOUTH BAND CONCERT TUESDAY

The Torrance Area Youth Band will celebrate its ninth anniversary by presenting its annual concert in the Torrance Civic Auditorium tomorrow night.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 8:15 p. m. Soloists for the evening will be the four young musicians who recently won the four \$100 cash scholarships in competition with 39 other Torrance area musicians. They are Alan Walter, oboist; Rolf Klemm, violinist; Robert De Simone, pianist; and Shirley Washburn, soprano.

This is the fourth and last concert of a series being sponsored by the Youth Band-Artists Concerts Assoc., an affiliate of the Torrance Area Youth Bands. Regular season ticket holders will be admitted free. Those who do not have season tickets may be admitted for the price of \$1.

Ethel Derouin is general chairman of the association. W. E. Bowen, president of the Youth Band Organization, will present each of the soloists with a check for \$100.

Marty Baum, director of instrumental music at Torrance High School, will be guest conductor. One week later, on Tuesday, May 31, the Youth Band will present a concert in the San Pedro High School Auditorium.

CC Studies Taxes Here

Local tax problems are being studied by a Chamber of Commerce committee composed of Fred Briggs, Loring Bigelow, Douglas Horlander, Abe Robinson and A. E. Thompson. Recommendations submitted by the committee will be considered by the board of directors.

City Manager George Stevens and City Attorney James Hall met May 13 with the group for a review of existing tax ordinances, another meeting was held last Friday, and still another is slated for next Friday.

Hearing Set Thursday On Disposal of Brine

The State Water Control Board No. 4 will hold a hearing on brine disposal methods in the Torrance oil fields at 9 a. m. Thursday in the City Council Chambers.

Planning Commission Secretary George Powell will represent the city at the hearing, which arose out of a brine disposal survey made in this area last year. The board will be headed by Linne A. Larson.

Youth Convicted Of Manslaughter After Accident

An 18-year-old Torrance youth was found guilty Wednesday of manslaughter in a trial that grew out of a fatal automobile accident in Compton recently.

Found guilty was Jack L. Johnson, 18, of 21337 Caroldale Ave.

Highway patrolmen had brought the charge of misdemeanor manslaughter on the grounds that the defendant had run a red light.

The trial was conducted in Compton Municipal Court before Judge Donald Duran. The judge set June 9 for sentence and probationary hearing. Julius A. Aggers, 46, of Downey, driver of a truck, was killed in the traffic accident at the intersection of Rosecrans and Broadway. He died after being thrown from his truck and striking his head on the grille of another car, when the vehicle driven by Johnson crashed into his truck.

The seven-year-old son of Aggers also received serious injuries, and Johnson himself was hospitalized.

Palos Verdes School Board Prexy Re-elected

The incumbent was re-elected in the election in the election of school board members held in Palos Verdes Saturday.

Charles K. Hogle, president of the board, was elected to his second term, while John Nisley was chosen to replace Ed Reynolds, incumbent. Reynolds and Charles Nauart had run with the endorsement of the School Improvement Council, while the two winners ran as independents.

Cigarette Tax Dead For Session—Chapel

Chances of passing a cigarette tax or any other tobacco tax at this session of the legislature are dead, Assemblyman Charles Chapel told the HERALD in a telegram Saturday.

A legislative bill had proposed to put an additional three-cent tax on cigarettes, but opponents of the bill had prevented its passage, Chapel said.

Check Machine Gone

Theft of a check-writing machine at 16822 Glenburn Ave., is being investigated by detectives of Torrance Police force. The machine, valued at \$50 was taken some time during the past six weeks, police were told.

8 Groups Back Bond Issue in June Election

With the June 7 election on the \$10,000,000 school bond issue rapidly approaching, eight organizations have endorsed the proposal.

Thus far, the bond proposal has been endorsed by the Torrance Board of Education, the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance HERALD, Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers, Torrance City Council, and General Petroleum Corp., the city's biggest taxpayers.

The proposal would authorize the sale of school bonds as allowed by law—up to 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of properties in the district. School officials have indicated that paying off of past school bond issues and the city's increasing assessed valuation would allow the sale of a new bond issue.

According to figures released by Superintendent J. H. Hull, the present enrollment will have climbed from 12,457 pupils to about 30,000 pupils by 1960.

Duplication of the present 18 grade schools and two high schools would probably be required by 1960 in order to house the children who would be going to school in the district. The new bond issue would mean an increase of about 10 cents per \$100 of value estimated.

At the present time, Torrance has 264 elementary classrooms and 43 high school classrooms. In September, it is estimated that another 46-classroom high school and 34 additional elementary classrooms will be available.

BRADBEER NEW CHEST CHAIRMAN

Harbor area officers for the 1955 term of the Community Chest Tuesday were named after a general meeting and election of the Harbor's board of directors.

George Bradbeer, 53, of 27011 Dapple Gray Lane, Rolling Hills, manager of the San Pedro office of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., becomes chairman, succeeding Alex Bero, of Gardena.

Elected first vice chairman was Robert Craig of Palos Verdes, who is also chairman William Bullock, of San Pedro, who will serve as chairman of the membership committee.

Elected second vice chairman of the Chest's Associated Cities Management Committee.

Bradbeer, who is a veteran of 33 years with the telephone company, is a member of the San Pedro Lions Club and also director of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce.

Newly elected to the board were: James Vesciglia, Palos Verdes; Ben Blossom, Wilmington; Robert Buchan, San Pedro; Joe Maldonado, San Pedro; and Mrs. Nick Trani, San Pedro.

Nominees re-elected included Mrs. Donald Armstrong, of Palos Verdes and George Post, A. E. Thompson and Cy N. Weber, of Torrance.

Enough Vaccine Here for 2 Days

The second series of polio shots begins here today for first and second grade students.

The first in the series of three shots being administered to school children for polio immunization was completed Friday, with 9500 pupils, in the Torrance area receiving vaccination, according to Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, health officer.

Schools where the vaccine was administered include: Wood, Meadow Park, WALTERIA, Torrance Elementary, Carr, North Torrance and Crenshaw.

The vaccine used was from the Parke-Davis laboratories, one of the two firms whose product has been approved for use in the current anti-polio program. The other firm whose vaccine has received official approval is the Eli Lilly company.

Approval was granted by the National Institute of Health. Scheduled for inoculations today are Riviera, South Bay Christian and Seaside Schools.

Late last week continuation of the inoculation program had not been scheduled for Wednesday, and the green light for further shots was dependent upon the arrival of additional supplies of the serum. Dr. Kogan said.

Only one case of polio has been discovered in the Torrance Health District since the beginning of the current Salk serum program, this being Dale Henderson, 16, of 2450 W. 250th St., Lomita, who was not inoculated.

Planners Delay Action on Brick Pit Two Weeks

Final recommendations on the status of north Torrance's controversial brick pit were postponed for two weeks by the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night.

Action was postponed in order to clarify the status of recommendations and complaints on the brick pit. Complaints were registered against the hole itself as a danger to children, against filling it, and against filling it as a dump.

Opposes Pit Jack E. White, vice-president of the North Torrance Civic Assn., declared that property value in the area would be depreciated by continued operation of the brick pits. He noted that 12 cities in the area banned such operations, and urged that Torrance do the same thing.

Letters from nearby residents, Mrs. Warren Barnes, John A. Guenther, Ward W. Rice, W. E. Barnes, Roland T. DuHemel, C. W. Keith, and Ed Siefeloff were read, protesting more digging in the brick pits.

For Park Use The commission had originally recommended for approval H. M. Guenser's request for more ground to dig up to get clay for his brick-making operation. Under the plan, he would dig the land for clay, and it would then revert to the city to be filled for eventual use as a park.

Since the pits, located near 178th and Arlington Ave., adjoin an area on which Arlington School is scheduled to be built in the near future, the Torrance School Board members voiced protest to any expansion of the digging operations.

RED CROSS SETS ELECTION MEETING

New officers will be elected by Torrance Branch of the American National Red Cross at its quarterly meeting, 8 p. m. Wednesday, in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Anyone interested in getting into Red Cross work is welcome to attend, according to Elizabeth K. Cochran, secretary.

Clothesline Theft

Three army blankets and a handmade quilt were stolen from a clothesline last week at the residence of Joe Henry Carter, 21725 S. Figueroa St. Total value was \$13.



FRED W. MILL ... Heads Accountants' Association

Mill to Head Accountants' Association

Fred W. Mill was named president of the Long Beach chapter of the National Assn. of Cost Accountants at a dinner meeting Wednesday night in the Lafayette Hotel.

The division controller and assistant secretary of National Supply Co., he succeeds Herbert E. Byls, assistant plant controller of Douglas Aircraft Co.

Other new officers include John C. C. Byrne, of Robertshaw-Fulton Controls, and Otha M. Brown, of Richfield Oil Corp., vice president, Carl E. Schy, of H. C. Smith Oil Co., secretary; Walter H. Banifoff, Lane-Wells Co., treasurer; and Frederic O. Mead, William E. Barnett, John T. Kissler, R. B. King, James T. Walsh, Ernest Taylor, Roy F. Cook, Robert L. Swain, and Blaine Arrington, board of directors.

Drop Bookie Charge Here

Bookmaking charges against Mrs. Laurine Louise Trimble, 38, of 23223 Denny Rd., were dismissed last Monday in Long Beach Superior Court, on motion of the district attorney.

Mrs. Trimble said she had been unaware that her front room was used for bookmaking until shortly before the arrest, at which time she had ordered the offenders out.

Judson and Margaret Alsop of Hermosa Beach, pleaded guilty to one of two counts. They will have a probation hearing on June 14, at which time the other charge will be dismissed.

Mrs. Trimble said that she works daytimes, and her absence had delayed her learning about the bookmaking activity.

Administrative Unit Gets Board Approval

The Torrance School Board authorized Roy Donley, architect, to begin work on plans for an addition to the present Board administrative offices at 2335 Plaza del Arroyo last week.

The unit is designed to house the increasing number of administrators hired as the population increases. The building is scheduled to go immediately behind present offices.

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