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SCHOOLS TO OPEN HERE WEDNESDAY

Schools Expect 15,250 Students

Some 15,250 students are expected to attend classes in the Torrance Unified School District, when schools open next Wednesday, officials said Tuesday. All but three of the city's 16 elementary schools will have children on double sessions, with Riviera School expected to go on the double schedule as tracts now under construction are finished. Only Fern-Greenwood and Torrance Elementary Schools will have no double sessions, officials said. Hillside School will have double sessions only in the first grade.

No Double Sessions

The opening of North High School will eliminate double sessions on the secondary level. The new school expects an enrollment of 1160, while 1354 are

anticipated at Torrance High School.

It is estimated that Seaside School, with 1090 students, will welcome the largest group of elementary pupils, followed closely by North Torrance Elementary School, with 1068, and Carr School, with 1050.

The two schools which will open for the first time next week—Steele and Newton—will house some 827 and 718 students, respectively.

Enrollment Up

Total enrollment is up about 3700 students from opening day of last year.

Estimated enrollment at the schools this year, compared with figures for opening day last year, are as follows:

School	Est. 1955	Sept. 1954
Carr	1050	896
Crenshaw	947	495
El Nido	436	489
Fern-Greenwood	944	887
Hillside	496	None
Madrona	725	572
Meadow Park	696	459
Newton	718	None
North Torrance	1068	956
North Torrance Elementary	1068	822
Perry	875	600
Riviera	600	768
Seaside	1090	908
Steele	827	None
Torr. Elementary	752	702
Walteria	728	1030
Wood	776	645
North H. S.	1160	None
Torrance H. S.	1354	1909
Total	15,242	11,568

MERCHANTS DISCUSS CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Discussion of Christmas promotion plans as well as a review of successful projects already under way occupied attention of members of the Retail Merchants Division at a breakfast meeting yesterday at the Westerner.

Carl Duncan, of Trends of Fashion Store and president of the Division presided, assisted by Tom Watson, manager of Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Emphasis was laid on plans for outstanding Yule season decorations with the suggestion that expense should be shared more universally in the downtown district. Hereafter merchants have assumed all of the costs. Special events of interest to children also were suggested.



CLASSROOM DAMAGE . . . Here is view of classroom at North Torrance Elementary School, damaged over the week end by vandals. Books, papers and other school supplies were strewn over the floor of several of the rooms and windows were broken to gain entry. The Seaside Elementary School

also was entered, with damage described by authorities as much more extensive. Lights, clocks, stoves in the home-making room, mirrors and windows were demolished in Seaside entry. Authorities are seeking culprits who inflicted costly damage.

Schools Hit by Hoodlum Raid

Vandals smashed into two Torrance elementary schools over the Labor Day week end and broke windows, threw books and papers all over several rooms, and got away with a number of valuable articles from one of the schools. Torrance Police are investigating illegal entry

in the Seaside Elementary School, 4651 Sharynne Lane, and the North Torrance Elementary School, 17220 Casimir. It is believed the damage was inflicted by juveniles, according to Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile officer.

Seaside School was hardest hit.

Windows Broken

Principal Lloyd Jones said the office and home-making rooms were the only sections of Seaside School to suffer damage. Five windows were smashed to gain entry to the rooms, and stoves, refrigerators, light fixtures, and clocks were severely damaged, he said.

Jones stated the culprits threw a greenish soap chemical, found in the office, over the floor of the home-making room. Workmen have been scouring the floor for two days trying to clean up the mess, he continued.

Stove burners, ice box food containers, shelves and timing devices were all damaged, the principal said. Three large mirrors in the home-making room were smashed also.

Files Emptied

Jones' files were ripped up and thrown throughout the office. A handbook for new teachers, which the principal had just completed and which was being prepared for the mimeograph machine, was torn up, he said.

Listed as missing in the Seaside School entry are such kitchen utensils as drinking glasses, cups, a punch bowl, water pitcher, silverware holder, pyrex dishes, egg beaters, measuring cups, and a great deal of stainless steel utensils and silverware.

North Torrance School suffered minor damage, with the major part of the damage being inflicted on windows, which were broken by the vandals in gaining entry.

Mrs. Margaret Denmark,

principal of the school, said three rooms were entered in the raid. Most of the damage was restricted to the smashed windows, she said, however, books and papers were strewn throughout the rooms.

The vandalism will not effect the scheduled opening date of the two schools, the two principals said.

School officials are putting in some pre-school overtime in trying to straighten up the two schools, however.

Lomitan Dies In Crash of Plane Sunday

A 45-year-old Lomita pilot and his companion were killed in a plane crash near Point Arena, Sunday, as they were testing the craft for a cross-country flight.

Harold W. Kirkpatrick, of 23344 Pennsylvania Ave., and Mrs. Clarence Keer Gill, 44, of Gardena, lost their lives when their plane crashed in a clump of pine trees near the coast. There was heavy fog at the time.

They were overdue on a flight through Boise, Ida., and Los Angeles, and searchers found the plane after a rancher reported hearing a plane circling low with a sputtering engine and then a crash. Searchers surmised that the pair had planned to refuel at San Francisco.

A part-time flight trainer at Torrance Municipal Airport, Kirkpatrick was helping Mrs. Gill test the plane before a planned cross-country flight. He and Shelby Gill, the dead woman's husband, were fellow employees at Northrup Aircraft Corp. The Gills owned the plane.

Funeral services for Kirkpatrick will be held in South Norwalk, Conn., his home town.



LIONS JOIN PARADE . . . Lions Club members joined the march of Torrance service clubs in support of the Torrance Dental Health Assn. this week when President Mott Farrell (left) handed the club's check for \$200 to Don Hyde, president of the dental health group, to assist in the work with Torrance school children during the coming year. The association had received contributions previously from the Torrance Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs.

Firemen Ready To Make Switch

Firemen were getting ready this week to make the big switch, probably the last move the central station will make for a number of years, according to Chief J. J. Benner.

Benner said yesterday that he hopes to get the green light today to start moving into the new station at Crenshaw and Carson, which will become the new nerve center of the city's scattered fire fighting forces.

Could Move Fast

"If I gave the word, the men would have us moved tonight," he stated.

Almost as anxious for the move is City Building Superintendent John V. Russell, who is waiting for the firemen to vacate the present premises next to the City Hall. Russell

Call Issued for Census Workers

City officials have been able to delay the start of the city's special census three days, City Manager George Stevens reported to the City Council Tuesday evening. The delay was sought to facilitate the recruitment of about 70 enumerators which will be needed to make a count of every resident within the city limits of Torrance.

Special Census Supervisor Elijah B. Lewis will be in Torrance one week from today, Sept. 15, to begin the task of lining up the enumerators and start the house-to-house count of the city's population.

Delay Asked

City Manager Stevens expressed a disappointment that the census was not delayed until late in October—late enough to include all possible new residents of Torrance prior to the deadline for inclusion of the report in computation of this fiscal year's state funds which are apportioned on a population basis.

The city manager has estimated the city's population at 65,000, and if his estimate is confirmed out by the census, it will mean that the city has increased more than 20,000 in population since the November 1953, special census.

Applications Taken

Persons interested in serving as enumerators during the estimated three weeks of the special census are being asked to make application in Room 6 of the Torrance City Hall at 1511 Cravens Ave., in downtown Torrance.

Persons selected must be able to work full time every day for the duration of the census. They will be paid at the rate of 6 cents for each name correctly recorded. Cost of the census is paid by the city although persons employed will receive their pay through the Census Bureau.

Date Changed

Notification of the dates for

H. C. Allen, Restaurant Owner, Dies

Services will be held at 3 p.m., tomorrow, for Herbert C. Allen, 69, restaurant owner in this area for more than 20 years, at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel, with the Rev. H. Milton Sippel and the Torrance Masonic Lodge officiating. He died Tuesday at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

His family requested that donations to the cancer fund or a First Christian Church memorial in lieu of flowers.

The owner of Allen's, he operated eating places here for many years, and had planned to open a new restaurant at 1407 Cravens Ave., next week.

Mr. Allen was a charter member and past president of the Society of Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartets in America, Inc.

A former member of the Lions Club, he belonged to the Masonic Lodge of Sand Springs, Okla., and the First Christian Church.

A native of Indiana, he lived at 1447 Post Ave.

Survivors include his widow, Inez; son, Hugh C. Allen, of Torrance; daughter, Lois Coleman, of Culver City; two sisters, Mrs. Oma Freeman and Mrs. Myrtle Clark, both of Sand Springs, Okla.; granddaughter, Lynn Patricia Coleman; two grandsons, Robert and Ronald Allen; aunt, Minnie Hathaway, of Alhambra; and cousins, J. O. Allen, of Kansas, and Stella Minton, of Alhambra.

4 Hub Caps Taken

Four hub caps were stolen from her car as it was parked by her home, Mary Sheats, of 1746 1/2 W. Carson St., told sheriff's deputies Sunday.

the census was made to the city last Friday by Harry L. Nolder, area supervisor for the Federal Bureau of the Census in Los Angeles. He set the date for Lewis to start at Sept. 12, which was reported in the HERALD Monday. The three-day delay was granted at the city's request, Stevens said.

Information concerning the qualification for employment in the census may be obtained by calling the city manager's office at FAIRfax 8-5310. Persons must be citizens of the United States and at least 20 years old, officials have announced.

1450 Signatures On Petition for Anti-Rabies Law

Petitions bearing more than 1450 names were presented to the Torrance City Council this week by Mrs. Herma Tillim, of 18914 Osage Ave., who asked that the Council reconsider the proposal to adopt a compulsory rabies inoculation law for Torrance.

Appearing with Mrs. Tillim was Mrs. Ruth Smith, of Manhattan Beach, who told the Councilmen that three of her four sons had been forced to take the Pasteur shots after contact with a rabid dog and that one son, who is 13, had been forced to stop the treatment after nine shots, when he began showing symptoms of encephalitis.

"I just pray that he has received enough of the vaccine to forestall rabies," Mrs. Smith said.

Bad Rabies Area

Mrs. Tillim pointed out to the Council that California was considered one of the nation's bad rabies spots, and that other areas had checked the spread of the always fatal disease by adoption of compulsory inoculation laws.

"Do you want the State to come in and force laws on you?" she asked the Councilmen. She indicated that if the rabies incident reached critical levels, that the State would come in and establish arbitrary quarantines in an effort to curb the spread of the disease.

Can Be Curbed

Also speaking to the Councilmen was Mrs. Ruth Vaughan, of 1724 Juniper, who cited a reply she had received in answer to a query to the United States Department of Health.

Rabies among dogs can be controlled through the use of widespread immunization programs, she was told.

The Council received the petitions and other printed material on the case and adjourned without further action.

The inoculation proposal is scheduled to be on the municipal ballot next spring.

Most weeks, two more rabid dogs were reported in the Torrance Health District, according to health officials.

The latest dog, a black cocker spaniel owned by Edward Viening, of Manhattan Beach, died yesterday after being picked up Tuesday. Officials were checking on possible animal and human contacts. It was the 16th rabid dog reported in this district and the 71st in Los Angeles County this year.

Last week, an Alredale owned by Dr. W. A. Gray, of Redondo Beach, was diagnosed as rabid after it was found at 162nd and Hawthorne Blvd. There were seven known animal contacts and one human contact to this dog.



WOW! IS THE WORD . . . That's about all anyone could say about last week's record 11-degree mercury reading in Torrance, which wiped out a 16-year-old all time record for temperatures here. Sandra Lea Constance, Miss Torrance of 1955 and Miss California last year, contends that the heat wasn't so bad at the beach.