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D. A. AUDITOR CONTINUING CHECK INTO BAIL SYSTEMS

Court Records Checked by D.A.

An audit of warrants issued in South Bay Municipal Court during the years 1953, 1954, and 1955 was nearly completed late yesterday, and a special D.A. investigator was ready to go on to 1956, Deputy District Atty. William B. Keene told the HERALD yesterday.

"Some discrepancies have been found," Keene said. He declined to elaborate, saying that a statement would be issued later.

Torrance Police Chief Willard Haslam had told the City Council previously that Harris said the discrepancies were apparently a 50-50 proposition, that the city and the court shared the blame for the errors.

Ground, Fine Buzzing Pilot

A young Iranian flier accused of terrifying housewives when he "buzzed" the Seaside area had his wings clipped Monday by Municipal Judge John Shidler.

Hossein Shahim, 28, of Los Angeles, was fined \$100 after having been found guilty of flying low over a residential neighborhood. He was ordered not to fly for six months as a condition of two years' probation.

Shahim was arrested by Officer Ray Slagy after he landed at Torrance Municipal Airport on Sunday. Prior to the landing, more than 40 residents of the Seaside district called police to complain that a light plane was swooping near their homes, to within 50 feet of the ground in the low-lying Waleria Lake area.

"I can look DOWN into the plane and can almost make out the color of his eyes," declared one frantic woman as she phoned from her hillside house.

Shahim, who was flying a plane rented at Hawthorne Airport, said he came to the local field to get a cup of coffee. He claimed to have been confused by a change in the airport's usual landing pattern.

"You have caused more disturbance to more people than anyone who has been in this court in a long time," Judge Shidler told the swarthy defendant.

Shahim came to this country from Iran two years ago to study electrical engineering at El Camino College.

Drale Hit by School Bus

Obrien Z. Drale, father of City Councilman Nicholas O. Drale, will celebrate his 74th birthday today in Torrance Memorial Hospital as the result of injuries sustained when he was struck by a school bus Monday morning.

Drale, who lives at 3588 Redondo Beach Blvd., was walking along Redondo Beach Blvd., east of Crenshaw Blvd., about 8 a.m. Monday morning, when he was struck by the private school bus. He received compound fracture of the right leg. He was reported in good condition.

The bus, owned by the Hawthorne Christian School, was driven by Earl Perrine, 45, of Inglewood. Both Drale and the bus were eastbound on Redondo Beach Blvd. A number of school-bound children were on the bus at the time.



MOVING IN . . . Helping Mrs. Anne Armstrong, first grade teacher at newly-opened Flavian School carry some of her books into the classroom are Alane Johnson, Dan Valeska, Debbie Landers, Hollie Barbie, and Principal William J. Clary. The new school opened Monday with 530 students, relieving the double session problem at Steele School.

350 Volunteers Open Fund Drive

More than 350 volunteer workers—the largest soliciting group in Torrance history—gathered yesterday at Civic Auditorium for the kickoff meeting of the general public campaign for the Little Company of Mary Hospital. The group will undertake solicitation of personally selected families in Torrance with first calls being made today. Some 20,000 pledge cards for the new hospital are racked at Old City Hall, from which the volunteers will select the individuals they wish to approach as donors.

Sam Levy, campaign chairman, expressed confidence that the women will exceed their \$100,000 goal.

Cannot Fail

"I have been engaged in fund-raising activities in Torrance for 37 years," he said. "This is the largest turnout of volunteer workers I have ever seen for any cause. With the spirit and determination of these women behind it, this campaign cannot fail."

The group heard George W. Post, general gifts director, and Elaine Tweedy and Clara Conner, women's corps co-chairmen, give brief talks of encouragement. Fred A. Kraus, campaign director, outlined suggested methods of solicitation for maximum results.

Cards Disappear

Immediately after the Auditorium gathering was adjourned, the ladies went to Old City Hall, where for the next three hours they searched out the cards of prospective donors. Each worker was asked to take 10 cards for solicitation. By noon, nearly 2000 cards had been removed from the racks

Buildings Needed At Perry, Fern

Recommendations for replacement of Fern School, the Perry administration building, and 24 temporary buildings in use at five schools were received Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education. After a study of buildings in the district, particularly with an eye to possible earthquakes, J. E. Byers, structural engineer, made the recommendation to the board. The board took the matter under advisement.

Biggest item which would be replaced would be Fern School, a two-story structure built in 1924. In his report, Byers noted that the building was not earthquake-proof in accordance with the Field Act of 1933. It also lacks many modern facilities now used in school, he said.

Costs Cited

Modernizing and bringing the school up to earthquake requirements would cost about \$247,000, he estimated, which is about 78 per cent of the cost of building a new structure, which would be about \$319,000.

Remodeling the school would put it out of use for about a year, he said, while a new building could be built on the east part of the site, and the old site, located on the west part, could be used during construction.

Building Inadequate

The administration building at Perry School, built in 1914, is a wood frame structure inadequate in many ways, Byers said. When proposed widening of Prairie Ave. is completed, the street would be within five feet of the school.

The building now houses administration offices and three classrooms, although the rest of the classrooms on the site were built within the last two years. Byers recommended that the building be replaced by a more modern structure.

Removal Asked

He also recommended that temporary buildings in use at five sites be replaced as quickly as possible. All are of barracks-type construction.

They include all eight buildings at El Nido School, 10 buildings at Meadow Park School, five at Crenshaw School, two at Casimir School, and one at Carr School.

NEIGHBORS PROTESTING MARION AVE. WALKWAY

A petition protesting the plans to put a walkway for South High School students at the end of Marion Ave. was presented to the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

Presented by R. E. Schroeder, 4905 Marion Ave., and Maurice Gorchester, 4906 Marion Ave., and signed by 75 residents of the area, the petition protested plans to put the access walkway to the school at the end of Marion Ave., which abuts on school property.

School officials said the walkway was planned there as an access road to Calle Mayor. The only other entrance to South High would be through a driveway a half-block south, leading to the school parking lot, and officials opined that this would not be safe for students walking to school.

Residents protested that opening Marion Ave., a dead-end street to the school, would cause a great influx of traffic down Marion Ave., which has no sidewalks. They said they felt that many parents would drive down the street to let their children off, endangering both residents and walking students.

Residents also feared that students might park their cars on the streets, especially during football games and other special events. The football field will be located directly east of the area in question.

The board took no action at the meeting on the petition.



GOES ON DISPLAY . . . Torrance's Nike facilities at the Airport will be on public display from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Visitors will be able to see the Army's supersonic guided missile, storage facilities, and other parts of the base.

Nike Site Sets Public Showing

The recently activated Nike guided missile launching site at Torrance Municipal Airport will hold its first open house here Saturday, according to Capt. Clayton Sandoe, commanding officer of Battery D, 865th AAA Missile Battalion (Nike). Two phases of the open house have been scheduled, Captain Sandoe said.

One will consist of a tour for city officials and officers of civic and social organizations, and will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The second phase will be a general public showing of the guided missile facilities beginning at 1 p.m. During the afternoon, and the public will be taken on tours of the installation and see films on the Nike in action.

Crew To Drill

Features to be shown during the tour include the Nike launching area, rocket fueling demonstrations, crew drill, and the participants will be shown how the missiles are brought from underground storage to surface for loading.

Families with children have been given a special invitation by Captain Sandoe.

The Torrance Nike installation is one of a ring of such defense installations around Los

SCHOOL HIT TWICE IN THREE DAYS

Burglars made two raids within three days at the Carl Steele Elementary School at 19300 Inglewood Ave., according to police.

In a week end incursion, a thief made off with \$27 from the cafeteria after gaining entrance by breaking a window.

Early Tuesday, about \$4 was taken from a storeroom by a burglar who entered a rest room, then loosened acoustical tile in the ceiling to crawl through a low attic.

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Local Library Will Be Regional Center

Plans to expand the Torrance Library to serve as a regional center for libraries in this area and as the depository for a collection of scientific books was announced this week by County Librarian John D. Henderson.

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian here since the Torrance Library moved into its present quarters at 1345 Post Ave., in 1937, will become regional librarian.

Expansion Planned

The present collection of 18,000 books in the main library and its Waleria and North Torrance branches, will be expanded considerably by Mrs. Jamieson said. Since Torrance is the center of a large industrial area, the local library will gather a large collection of scientific materials, she said.

City building officials are studying plans for expansion of present facilities. Among the ideas being studied are addition of a mezzanine to the present building, doubling the

stack capacity; possible use of the old city hall for the library; or construction of new facilities. Additions to the present library seem most likely, it was indicated.

The county furnishes books for the Torrance library under contract with the city.

Regional Center

Under the new plan, the Torrance library will become regional center for 13 branch libraries, including Waleria, North Torrance, Carson, Dominguez, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Manhattan Heights, Lawndale, Strawberry Park, Moneta, Keystone, and Lomita.

The Torrance facilities will be used as distribution center to channel all books in the county collection to the other branches. Formerly, each branch library ordered directly from the downtown center. The reorganization is designed to provide speedier and more efficient service to book borrowers, Mrs. Jamieson said.