

# Council to Check Costs On Building Libraries

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We Rivierans have something extra for which to be thankful this week. Not only do we live in the best section of the best part of the best state in the Union, but we have a City Council who moved very fast in our behalf this week.

Two weeks ago we carried in this column a letter from "Joe Riviera, taxpayer," asking the City Council to give Riviera a branch library. He pointed out that not only is it six miles to the Torrance library (each way) but Redondo Beach, neighboring cousins that they are, are charging us \$2 per year to take books from their library.

Our Torrance Council moved fast, brought up the subject on this week's agenda. Mayor Isen et al agreed that a library for our section was a good idea and the matter was passed to

Willys Blount who will attempt to get financial assistance from the County for the project. The parents and their student children eagerly await the day when the conveniences of a nearby library will be theirs. We personally opine that our Riviera children's grades should certainly go to a new high with reference books available.

Judge and Mrs. John Shidler, 317 Camino de los Colinas, were host to United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign leaders last Sunday at their home. It was a tea to mark launching of "Operation Shalom"—the 1957 UJWF campaign for the South Bay area.

Ella Schwartz, Southern Section chairman, and other civic notables attended the tea. Objective of the 1957 campaign is to rescue 100,000 Jews from the Arab states and the Iron Curtain countries.

Two localities, one a Rivieran, the other of Palos Verdes Riviera, were victims of the "Midnight Auto Suppliers" this week. R. F. Reynolds, 203 Via Pasqual, had two radiator caps lifted from his MG. Don Coleman, 4422 Paseo de las Tortugas, reports four hubcaps stolen off his new '57 Chevy, while it was parked in front of his home.

A new slate of officers—most of them Rivierans by residence as well as trade—were elected to head the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club for the coming Rotary year.

New president, replacing current prexy Chester Smith, on July 1, will be Dr. Richard Samson. Truitt Berryman was elected vice president; Richard Allen, secretary; Lloyd English, treasurer, and lovable Guy Brundage, sergeant-at-arms.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Jack Heptig, Gene Voorhees, and Dr. Herschel Kopp. Site of the election was the Ra-Von restaurant where the group meets each Thursday at noon.

Time to tie a string around your "rememberin'" finger. Next Monday evening at 8 p.m. at Riviera School, the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. holds its regular monthly meeting. Main item on the agenda will be the election of officers for the coming year. A nominating committee headed by Bob Katherman is presently selecting a slate of candidates; his committee having met last Tuesday for that purpose. President Max Ogburn will preside over the business meeting which will be followed by a social coffee hour.

So many calls and commentaries have we received over our item last week on the iron barricades that we feel we should clarify the situation for the benefit of those hundreds of families that have become our Riviera neighbors only within the past couple of years. The posts now date back 10 years. They were erected by Palos Verdes when Cal-Nevada Corp. started building its subdivision atop Hollywood Riviera. The stated original reason for the posts was to prevent heavy construction trucks from coming through Palos Verdes streets to get into Riviera, and the posts were supposed to come down when the building was done. Instead, after some of them were removed by private citizens, the posts were sunk in concrete to assure their permanence.

A wave of notoriety arose over the posts, including stories and pictures in the downtown metropolitan newspapers. When the pressure got heavy, Palos Verdes officials vacated about 50 feet of each street and claimed they were now no streets at all; you can go over and take a look at them—they look like streets to everyone else!

The situation rocked back and forth through the years. At one time a group of Palos Verdians, wishing to facilitate the route of a private school bus, made tentative approaches to taking the posts down but met coolness on the part of some Rivierans and so dropped the matter. A couple of years later the matter boiled up again and this time, got to the point of being on the Homeowners agenda. Speakers at that slimly attended meeting built visions of swarms of autos pouring over Hollywood Riviera like locusts, endangering life, limb, property and children. The opportunity to do something about this most un-American thing died again.

What do we think? We have children too, and we certainly don't want to endanger them. We own our home here and we don't want to jeopardize that. We don't think that taking the posts down will do any such thing. Careful survey of the traffic situation shows that almost all the traffic through

P.V. is on the highways. Indeed, get one block north of the highway and you'll find practically no traffic at all. Not many Palos Verdians will want to wind their way down our time consuming streets when they have broad, fast highways to take them out whether north or eastbound. The few that do come through will be compensated by Rivierans that choose to go out through Palos Verdes and thus remove their cars from Riviera streets. If anything, it would be my guess that more Riviera cars would choose to go through P.V. than vice versa.

There is no argument that we need sidewalks in Riviera to help ensure our children's safebeing; that we must be sure at all times that our traffic signals are adequate. But at the very core of all this debate is not sidewalks nor traffic signals nor other subsidiary things; the very core is that iron barricades on American streets are diametrically opposed to American principles. The case rests on this point alone.

Highlight of the Newton PTA general meeting held last week at Newton School was the election of a nominating committee to choose a slate of officers for their election in April.

Elected to the committee were Mmes. William Forrest, Albert Wilson, Parke Meek, Harry Shires, and William Blakeney.

With Mrs. Henry Graef presiding, the meeting opened with the school band, directed by Richard Baum, playing three selections. Honored guests were introduced including Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, president of the Torrance Council; Mrs. Ross Dorsett, past president of the Newton group; and Mrs. J. H. Blue, president of the Arlington PTA.

Mrs. John Holmes, ways and means chairman, reported on the progress of the Father-Daughter-Father-Son Day to be held this Saturday, March 2. Mrs. Robert Herrick presented her Founders' Day pro-

gram, "Parade of Memories," a skit which covered the years since the founding of the PTA to the present day.

Mrs. Donald Hauser was the proud recipient of an honorary life membership, presented to her by Judge Otto Willett. Mrs. Hauser, whose home is at 169 Paseo de las Delicias, has been noted for years for her work in the community. She served as second and third vice president at Riviera School and ways and means chairman at Newton. She was a den mother for three years. Mrs. Hauser represented the homemakers at TEAC meetings and works constantly with the Council for school betterment. Her work with spastic children is outstanding. She is on the board of the Daniel Freeman Hospital and is legislative chairman for the Torrance Council. Good choice, what?

After the business meeting, third and fourth grade mothers acted as hostesses for a social and refreshment hour.

Kicking off a campaign that will end in a door-to-door drive on Wednesday, April 10, the South Bay Cancer Crusaders have named their Hollywood Riviera leaders. They are Mrs. Milton Feinberg, 408 Camino de las Colinas, and Mrs. W. J. Garrity, 413 Via la Selva. Pointing to the fact that one out of every four Americans now living will be struck with cancer if present rates continue, cancer campaign headquarters urged that Rivierans volunteer to help in this year's drive. You have only to call either of the two Riviera co-chairmen to enlist your aid. Mrs. Feinberg's number is FR 5-5378 and Mrs. Garrity's number is FR 5-7791.

A bank of thanks goes to Rivieran Lee Kendall who recently donated a Chevrolet from his dealership to the local high school. Its purpose is to help the students to learn to drive safely, a most commendable idea.



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