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VICTOR TRACT VOTES TO ANNEX TO TORRANCE BY NARROW MARGIN

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Zoning Dispute May Hit Courts

Possibility of legal action against the city on the refusal of the City Council to approve the ordinance rezoning the land acquired by McDonald Bros. at Crenshaw and Carson for an industrial subdivision was hinted after the Council meeting here Tuesday with the announcement that Atty. Donald Armstrong was being retained to "take such legal action as is necessary to protect the interests of McDonald Bros."

The announcement was made by R. G. Harris, official of the industrial development firm, after the Council voted 3-2 against adoption of the ordinance to rezone the property as approved by the city back on Feb. 14.

Requested in the rezoning application, first initiated nine months ago, was the change of a 30-foot strip of C-1 zoning along Carson St. and a 60-foot strip of B-2 zoning behind that. Requested was M-1 zoning for the entire 90-foot strip along Carson.

Work Already Started
By a 3-2 vote with Councilmen Blount, Draie, and Schwab in the affirmative, the Council voted on Feb. 14 to rezone the area. The action came after months of negotiation on conditions about the development. As a result of this action, the firm has initiated the expenditure of about \$500,000 on the project.

The ordinance, which would officially order the change of zoning, was presented to the Council last week—nearly 90 days after the original approval.

The municipal elections held April 10 changed the balance of the Council, and opponents of the industry, led by Mayor Isen



(Herald Photo)
A HEAT BEATER... Amelia Flores, 29, downtown office worker, tries a fan and a Coke to beat the heat as the mercury hit a record 97 here yesterday afternoon. The temperature was the highest for May 16 recorded by the local Fire Department, official weather station for the area.

Education Board Okays Boundaries

Board of Education members faced objectors to their proposed 1956-57 school boundaries for the second straight time at the group's Tuesday meeting, but those on hand to challenge the board's stand on the boundaries went away happy. Shortly after the board held a hearing on the boundaries, members passed unanimously on the dividing lines.

(A listing of school boundaries for next year may be found on Page 31.)

Parents from the Seaside and Crenshaw School areas at first objected, then went along with the board on the boundaries as the reasons behind setting the boundaries were unfolded.

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull said, "We have made estimates of fall enrollments in order to set up boundaries which will equalize our pupil load."

'Ridiculous'
One parent said his child has changed schools three times in as many years because of the constant switching of boundaries. "This is a ridiculous situation," the objector claimed.

After some discussion, the majority of the parents seemed satisfied that the proposed boundaries were the best for all students and parents in the district.

Tom Bakove, of 22425 Kathryn Ave., congratulated the board after the hearing, saying, "You all deserve a vote of thanks from the townspeople for the good work you're doing on a real tough job."

Other Business
In other business, the board authorized Joe Arnold to be its official delegate at the Los Angeles County School Trustees Assn. and the Los Angeles County School Administrators

Three Vacancies Open On Board

Fifteen candidates will be on the ballot tomorrow for the biennial Torrance Board of Education election, with only three board seats open. Polls will open precisely at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.

Three incumbents will seek election to the board for second terms, although only one, Mrs. Grace Wright, was previously elected. Joseph Arnold and Darwin Parrish were appointed to the school board in 1954 to fill a vacancy left by the death of Carl Steele, and Arnold last fall to fill in for Dr. Rollin Smith, who resigned.

Mrs. Wright is the only member left of the original board, which was elected when the Torrance Unified School District was formed in 1947.

The 15 candidates here comprise the largest ballot of the 86 Los Angeles County districts which will be voting for board members tomorrow.

Three doctors are seeking office. They are Dr. Donald G. Cortum, 383 Calle de Andaluca, D.O.; Dr. Warren Low, 2806 Eldorado, O.D., and Dr. Eleanor Thill, 3310 Primm Way.

Cecil Alter, 2220 Arlington, and Howard Perry, 321 Ponthill, are two real estate men who are seeking one of the three seats up for grabs.

Two aircraft men, William C. Boswell, 2842 Orando, of North American, and Clyde Haslet, Hughes Aircraft, are entered in the race.

Candidates engaged in local industrial work are John K. Keason, 2108 W. 182nd St., an oil producer, and Clair Olsen,

Annexation Wins By Eight Votes

By a narrow margin of eight ballots, voters in the Victor Precinct voted Tuesday to annex their mile-square area to the city of Torrance.

One hundred and thirty-three voters cast ballots in the election—201 were registered. By annexing to the city,

the area raises the city's total area to about 20 square miles and adds about 700 to the city's population. The annexed area is bounded by Torrance Blvd. on the south, Hawthorne on the east, Del Amo on the north, and the Redondo Beach city limits on the west.

A last-minute attempt to sway voters against the annexation by the use of a mimeographed circular whose source was not apparent failed. The circular, distributed widely in the area, pointed out that the area was served by one of the world's finest fire departments—the Los Angeles County Fire Department—and one of the world's finest police forces, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. It also criticized Torrance benefits.

Police On Spot
On-the-spot testimony of the efficiency of the Sheriff's Department with regards to this particular area may have swayed some votes Sunday evening. A traffic collision in the area of serious proportions brought Torrance police to the scene in the matter of minutes, but the Sheriff's Office was not able to get officers at the scene for nearly 20 minutes.

Bystanders at the accident at the time expressed comments favorable to the annexation because of the added availability of Torrance police and fire protection units. No one argued with the efficiency of the County Sheriff's Office or the fire department—just that it was seldom that units were immediately available to the isolated County area.

Canvass Awaited
The annexation will become official on the canvass of the votes cast Tuesday and on the official recognition of the annexation by the City Council. The Council has previously indicated its approval of the matter.

The area annexed to Torrance this week is made up mostly of rural agriculture areas, dairies, flower ranches and scattered light commercial and manufacturing. Among the businesses brought into the city by the annexation are the Quinn's Dairy, Green's Concrete, Van Lingen Body Shop, Arthur Lambert, Jensen Eggs Ranch, K. E. Watts Sall Plant, South Bay Humane Society, Morgan Farms, Mira Loma Ranch, and other commercial establishments along Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave.

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LOMITA BOY GROWS OWN DOPE GARDEN

Sheriff's deputies got a real hot tip from an informant Monday that led to the arrest of a 15-year-old Lomita boy on charges of possession of narcotics.

The boy, who told his mother he was growing "some sort of flower" in the family's back yard, actually was cultivating his own dope crop. When deputies confronted him at about 4 p.m. Monday, he readily admitted growing 208 marijuana plants, authorities stated.

"I was going to sell the stuff for about \$20," deputies quoted him as saying after they took him to Lennox Sheriff's Station for booking.

The brush tale of disguised youthful enterprise unfolded when authorities received a call about the "garden." They went to the boy's home where the suspect accompanied them in the rear of the house for a looksee at the plants.

Officials said they found numerous marijuana plants growing in the garden. All apparently were being well taken care of.

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380 TORRANCE SENIORS TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Graduation diplomas for 1010 graduating eighth grade students, 380 seniors, and 80 adult education students, will be presented on June 13 and 14 by members, and former members, of the Torrance Board of Education.

Schedule of graduation ceremonies will be as follows:

| Wednesday, June 13 | |
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| North Torrance | 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Grace Wright |
| Meadow Park | 7:00 p.m. Joseph P. Bay |
| Madrona | 7:00 p.m. Darwin D. Parrish |
| Seaside (At THS) | 7:00 p.m. Charlton A. Mewborn |
| Wood Elementary | 7:00 p.m. Howard A. Wood, M.D. |
| Fern-Greenwood | 7:30 p.m. Joseph Arnold |
| Newton Elementary | 8:00 p.m. Charlton A. Mewborn |
| Torrance (At THS) | 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Grace Wright |
| Thursday, June 14 | |
| Carr Elementary | 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Evelyn Carr |
| El Nido | 5:00 p.m. Joseph Arnold |
| Crenshaw | 5:30 p.m. Joseph P. Bay |
| AlterWia | 6:30 p.m. Charlton A. Mewborn |
| Perry Elementary | 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Grace Wright |
| Hillside | 7:00 p.m. Joseph P. Bay |
| Steele | 7:00 p.m. Darwin D. Parrish |
| Aviera | 7:00 p.m. Joseph Arnold |
| Torrance High | 7:30 p.m. Charlton A. Mewborn |
| North High | 8:30 p.m. Joseph P. Bay |
| | Darwin D. Parrish |

Youth Band to Celebrate 10th Anniversary May 23

Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., will hold its Tenth Anniversary Concert at the Civic Auditorium, next Wednesday evening.

Organized in May, 1946, the Youth Band has long been an outstanding musical organization in Torrance. This year's program is planned to be the largest in the group's history.

Complete instrumentation for this event will be provided through the use of harp, contra bass clarinet, and contra bassoon.

Soloists for the evening will be winners of the annual student music competitions sponsored by the band, Susan Moody, Violin, Jack Johnston, clarinet, and Michael Mullen, piano.

Special Guests
Special guests for the evening will include Clarence Sawhill, director of bands at UCLA, William Schaefer, director of bands at USC, and Ralph Rusk, head of the public school system at USC, and former president of the National Music Educators Assn.

J. W. Davidson, director of instrumental music at Torrance High School, will be guest conductor.

Band Active
The youth band, besides playing concerts and parades during

the year, also sponsors the Youth Band-Artist Concerts Assn., and the Miss Torrance Beauty Pageants.

Former students and others associated with the band have been contacted urging them to attend this special concert. Regular season ticket holders will be admitted free. Additional tickets will be available at the



"Hold still, dear. I just want to practice a little discriminatory taxation!"



ROTARY SPEAKER... Harlan Wendel, manager of the Pacific District of the Extension Division of DuPont Co.'s public relations department, will speak to members of the Rotary Club tonight on the topic, "Progress Must Be Created." Wendel has received enthusiastic response to other appearances in the area.

RETHWISCH COMPLETING SC DELINQUENT INSTITUTE

Gus R. Rethwisch, of the Torrance Police Department, will be one of 22 police and juvenile officers attending the graduation dinner at the Ingewood Country Club tonight, marking the completion of their special studies at the Delinquency Control Institute of the University of Southern California.

Rethwisch has finished a 12-week course in delinquency prevention, special techniques, social and legal aspects, and field trips.

Now in its 10th year, the institute is the only one of its kind in the nation. Total graduates since its organization in 1946 number 333. Ten have been from foreign countries and 71 from states outside of California, according to Dr. Henry Reining Jr., dean of the School of Public Administration which sponsors the training.

It is estimated that the DCI graduates have given professional services to over 1,200,000 juveniles under the age of 18 years.