

Mix-Up Over Lot Settled, Lady Can Move Into House

Weeks of confusion over whether a lady could finish her house and move into it was settled last week, as Torrance school officials decided not to buy the property. This was the problem:

Mrs. Beanie L. Wells bought a lot on 237th St., near Arlington Ave., some months ago and also purchased a two-story house which was moved in and set down on the property.

However, the Torrance School Board decided about the same time on the same site as the location of its new Adams School. When Mrs. Wells was informed of this, she was in a quandary whether to have foundations put under the house and move in, since the property might soon be used for school purposes.

Mrs. Wells' problem was aggravated by the fact that she had to provide a home for her 74-year-old mother and 93-year-old father-in-law, who were in the process of being moved from Michigan. The lady's furniture also was being moved from the Midwest.

Costs High
Conferring with Mrs. Wells, school officials found that her costs in buying both the house and lot were somewhat higher than the appraised value of the land.

After studying the situation for some time, school officials decided that it could put a school on lots nearby by changing the shape of the site, thereby eliminating the need for Mrs. Wells' lot. The school site as chosen

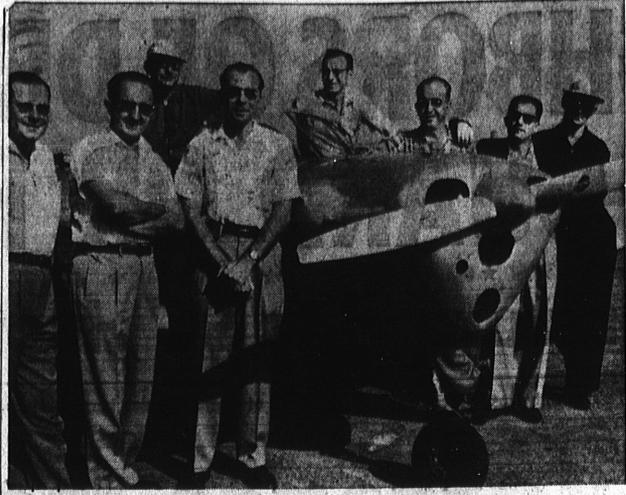
for the school will be a modified S-shape, with playgrounds on each arm of the S, and the buildings located in the middle.

New Site Picked
In other action on acquiring sites for new schools, the educators decided not to buy property at 174th and Ainsworth Ave. for an elementary school, but to obtain property just south of 177th and Yukon Ave. instead.

This property would be a triangular-shaped area of seven acres, immediately north of the planned link of the San Diego Freeway. The new site is more central and is cheaper, officials said.

The school board also decided to abandon a proposed site at Spencer and Amie Sts. due to rezoning of the area for manufacturing purposes.

HARDWOOD SURPLUS
So plentiful are the hardwoods in Nigeria, Africa, that it is not uncommon to find solid mahogany planks used for boardwalks and to cover mudholes.



READY FOR TAKEOFF . . . Members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club line up at the airport before taking off for Bakersfield, Wednesday to visit the Oildale Kiwanis Club. Left to right are Tommy Wilkes, Parke Montague, C. A. Mewborn, Johnnie Johnson, Joe Doss, H. G. Stephens, Dean Virden, and Homer Morgan. Virden didn't make the trip—just went down to see them off. Missed by the cameraman were Clyde Baumgartner and C. J. Meadway. (Herald Photo)

Obituaries

Margaret Underwood
Mass for Mrs. Margaret Mary Underwood, 60, mother of John Underwood Jr., 316 Avenida Atazada, was celebrated last Monday at Hammond, Miss. and Ruppel General Home in Los Angeles.

A native of Vincennes, Ind., she came to California at the age of four and lived in Los Angeles since 1937. She was a member of the Altar Society at St. John the Evangelist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John; son, John Jr.; Torrance; daughter, Mary Williams, French Morocco; sisters, Mrs. Leo Flynn, San Fernando, and Mrs. Joseph Browning, Los Angeles, and four grandchildren.

Bennie Fay Taylor
Funeral services for Bennie Fay Taylor, 48, of San Pedro were held at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel yesterday afternoon with Rev. J. A. O'Gorman, pastor of the St. James Catholic Church of Redondo Beach, officiating.

Mrs. Taylor, a native of Globe, Ariz., had lived in San Pedro for six years. She made her home at 326 11th St., at the time of her death, Nov. 8.

She is survived by two sons, John C. Carr, of 24102 Fries Ave., and Garfield T. Carr; and two grandchildren, John and Frankie Carr.

Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Oscar Walls
Funeral services for Oscar Walls, 68, of 1727 Martina, were held at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel yesterday afternoon with Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church and Worshipful Master Ray Lougee of Torrance Masonic Lodge No. 447, officiating. Mr. Walls, who had lived here for 31 years, died at his home Thursday.

Mr. Walls was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, and Casper Masonic Lodge No. 15, of Casper, Wyo. He was a veteran of service in World War I and the Philippine Insurrection.

He retired from the National Supply Co. last year where he had been employed for many years as a guard.

Mr. Walls is survived by the widow, Alice; a son, George, stationed in Santa Ana with the U. S. Marine Corps; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Ada Summers of Palm Springs, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services for yesterday's service were members of the Torrance Masonic Lodge. Cremation was at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Dora Lee Honrath
Private services for Mrs. Dora Lee Honrath, 68, of 1657 W. 213th St., will be held at 10 a.m. today at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Mrs. Honrath, who had lived in Torrance for 23 years, died Thursday. She was a native of Florence, Colo.

She is survived by three sons, Jay T. Bailey, 1016 Beech, Lee V. Bailey, 1855 W. 214th St., and Reichard E. Honrath of Japan; two daughters, Kathleen Johnson, 1657 W. 214th St., and Doris Whitt, 1617 El Prado; and seven grandchildren.

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Nine Kiwanians in Flying Visit to Oildale Meeting

Something a little different in the way of interclub meetings was experienced here Wednesday when nine members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club flew to Bakersfield for a meeting with the Oildale Kiwanis Club.

The flight was made in four private planes piloted by President Joe Doss, Parke Montague, Johnnie Johnson, and Clyde Baumgartner. Making the trip from Torrance Municipal Airport to Bakersfield as passengers were Kiwanians Clint Meadway, Homer Morgan, Harlan Stephens, Charlton Mewborn, and Thomas Wilkes.

First Such Trip
This is the first time the Torrance Kiwanis Club has tried such a visit, according to President Doss. It was such a success, however, other flying visits are being planned, he said.

One of the incentives for such a visit is the trophy which is awarded each year to the club logging the most maniles during the year while participating in interclub visits.

A Big Push
Wednesday's trip by nine members, multiplied by the miles, gives the local club a big push toward winning the 1956-57 trophy.

And the club will always be able to find pilots, Doss reports. Eight members of the club are licensed pilots, and the flying interclub visits give them an opportunity to enjoy their hobby while strengthening personal relations with other distant Kiwanis Clubs.

Controversy Starts
There are no lengthy presentations by any speaker. The issues are taken for granted. The controversy starts the moment the program opens, and the show closes with the audience participating in a question and answer period.

Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, said of the program.

The featured speakers are the Hon. Camille Chautemps, former vice president and four times premier of France; John C. Metcalfe, American syndicate editor, who also serves as chairman of the council; Arthur Webb, "dean" of British correspondents in Washington, and Dr. Amolak Ram Mehta, distinguished Indian diplomat.

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