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## REPORT ON PARK BONDS ORDERED

### Planned Sites, Projects Asked

A report on the sites to be acquired and the projects contemplated under the \$3 million park bond issue to be presented to the voters on April 8 was ordered up this week by the city council.

Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem was instructed to present a report to the council next Tuesday evening outlining the suggested sites to be purchased and the current park sites to be improved if the voters approve the \$3 million issue at the municipal election.

Discussion of council policy on this matter led no place Tuesday night.

**Small Parks Urged**  
Councilman Nick Draie said he wanted the council to agree to a policy that would call for development of a number of small neighborhood parks in the residential areas of Torrance rather than a plan for a large park.

Bob Jahn agreed that a new policy should be developed, saying, "I'm against some of the sizes and locations in the proposals offered last October."

The need to establish a policy quickly so the backers of the proposal could promote passage of the issue was emphasized by Mrs. Louis Bisou, who headed the petition committee which put the proposal on next month's ballot.

**Policy Asked**  
"Actually, we should have the policy now," she stressed. She pointed out that even a week's delay as the council suggested would work as a handicap to her organization in selling the merits of the bond issue.

Mrs. Bisou said most of the people thought the proposal would be a duplicate of the October, 1957, issue which failed at a special election.

What Van Bellehem will recommend to the council apparently will be left mostly to his discretion at the discussion failed to settle on any definite statement of policy in the matter.

"We've got our work cut out for us," Mrs. Bisou said later. "With the policy and information on what is proposed for the bond issue money not due until March 18, that leaves us only three weeks to sell it," she added.

### Civic Group In Lomita to Seek Center

Cooperation on the part of various Lomita groups to secure a branch County Civic Center for Lomita was discussed by Dr. Richard T. Woods at the March 6th meeting of the Lomita Civic League. Since the constitution of the league provides that securing such a branch center is one of the prime objectives of the organization, Marshall Pine, president, has given assurance of hearty support for the plan set forth by Dr. Woods.

Edward Pratt, of the Lomita Little League, presented the needs of his organization. The league voted to contribute \$75 to finance a minor league team in the Lomita Little League. Increased efficiency to be made possible by the erection of the new \$8,000,000 Harbor General Hospital, financed by a bond issue, was the theme of the address by the director of the hospital, Alfred I. Thomas. He revealed that at present patients sometimes have to be moved on stretchers three-quarters of a mile to be X-rayed, and supplies had to be moved that distance to outlying bungalow wards. He discussed the needs of the large out-patient clinic, and the lack of adaptability of the wards to changing demands.

### SHS Sidewalk Plans Rejected by State

The State Division of Highways has nixed a city proposal to build a temporary sidewalk from Calle Mayor to South High School.

An asphalt sidewalk was proposed on the south side of Pacific Coast Hwy. so that children would not have to walk in the mud or in the street. The state, however, said that concrete sidewalks were required.

### Four Injured in Five Car Crash

A five-car collision resulted in minor injuries for four persons Monday afternoon.

The bumper-to-bumper crash occurred on Western Ave., in front of Harvey Machine Co.

Drivers were Kay Susuma, 17, of 22805 Madison St.;

Mary Jean Bessa DuMoulin, 30, of 1303 W. 253rd St.; Clarence Dupree Johnson, 29, of Los Angeles, John Wyly Prestridge, 44, of Hawthorne and Patricia Anne Duggan, 29, of Manhattan Beach.

#### Drivers Injured

Injured were drivers Johnson, Prestridge, Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. Myrtle Prestridge, 49, also sustained injuries.

In another accident Monday at 174th St. and Prairie Ave., Avon Bean, 29, of 953 W. 228th St., was thrown from his motorcycle when he collided with a car driven by Elsie Kerchief Salyer, 40, of 3210 Sonoma St. Bean was taken to Harbor General Hospital with minor injuries.

#### Strikes Truck

Robert Edward Livingston, 43, of Tujunga, was slightly injured when his car struck a parked truck registered to Roy Jennings, 4401 Emerald St. Leonard Russell Bowman, 42, with the United States Navy at Long Beach, was driving the third vehicle involved in the accident which occurred on Pacific Coast Hwy. west of Ocean Ave.

### Chamber Will See Mexican Film Tuesday

A color-sound movie titled "Wonderful Mexico" will highlight the March Membership Breakfast of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be held at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 Torrance Blvd. on Tuesday, Mar. 18, according to co-chairmen, Clifford Nickle and George Naylor, and will start at 7:30 a.m.

The film will show scenic views of Mexico City, Acapulco, Taxco, Cuernavaca, and other points of interest that are on the itinerary for the forthcoming nine day Chamber "Friendship Tour" scheduled for April 18-19 to April 26-27.

Anyone interested in the tour may attend the one-hour meeting by calling the Chamber Office for reservations.

### Kiddies to Get Day Off from School Monday

There will be no school Monday for the students in the Torrance Unified School District.

Although Junior and Susie will have the day off, their teachers will be on duty, taking part in the city's Business, Industry, Education Day, visiting local business and industrial firms.

Classes will be held as usual on Tuesday.

### Library Board Will Discuss Plans Monday

Plans for a library building which would be built adjoining El Retiro Park will be discussed at the city's Library Board meeting next Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance Library.

Possible objections to the plans as presented to the City Council by Architect Marion Varner may be raised because the building has a flat roof, while the Hollywood Riviera Art Jury has declined to approve homes without gabled roofs in the area.

Varner's plans call for a building of about 3000 square feet. The city has about \$31,000 allocated for construction of the building, long sought by residents of the area.

### Lad Rescued From Pond by Gardena P.D.

Gardena police pulled a Torrance youngster to safety Tuesday after the 8-year-old fell into a pond.

Gordon Miller, 8, of 18505 Spinning Ave., slipped and fell into the pond at a brick firm, 17799 S. Western Ave., when he and his brother Gregory, 10, and a friend, Larry Downing, 7, of 18402 Haas Ave., were playing near the water.

Gardena officers were called to the scene and pulled the youngster to safety and Torrance police officers escorted the trio home.



**TREATING SUMP . . .** Richard Houston pours chemicals into drainage structure adjacent to the Southwood Sump on Merrill St. while Joe LaPorte (standing) and Bill Volmerding stand by. The three men, members of the city's sanitation department, sprayed the sump from the north side and put additional chemicals in the south side drain to eliminate odors and organisms which had been the subject of neighborhood complaints. (Herald Photo)

### Local Court Contract Let

Contract for construction of the new Torrance courthouse was awarded Tuesday to Pacific West Coast Corp. of Los Angeles on the firm's low bid of \$328,016, it was announced here by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The court will be a branch of the South Bay Municipal Court and will be located in the Torrance civic center.

Construction is expected to start later this month or early next month, Chace said.

### Council Nixes Plan To Skip Rubbish Fee

A request by Mayor Albert Isen that a system be set up whereby householders could receive exemption certificates if they state they do not use the city's combustible rubbish pickup service was denied by the council Tuesday.

Councilman Nick Draie, who has opposed the rubbish pickup charge, spoke against the request, saying that the city should cancel it for all if it was going to exempt a few.

Isen said a number of householders had contacted him saying they did not use the service.

### Fourth High School Need Seen by 1962

West High School probably will be needed by September, 1962, Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance schools, told the Torrance educational advisory committee Monday.

It is the job of Hamilton's department to predict where children will be going to school when they move to Torrance and to keep track of them once here. They also recommend boundaries for elementary attendance districts. School planning often is projected five or six years ahead.

**Figures Told**  
The West High figures are based on the need of the schools if youngsters at the other three schools were not placed on double sessions. Additions at North and South High Schools will increase capacities of those schools. West High will be on 40 acres at Del Amo and Henrietta.

Double sessions, which have declined from 48 to 17 per cent of youngsters in the past four years, should virtually be eliminated by September, 1959, if present plans can be completed, he said.

**NHS Senior Nominated For Air Force Academy**  
Thomas Steinemann, 17, North High School senior, has been nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy by Rep. Cecil R. King.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Steinemann, 3737 W. 173rd St., Steinemann will report to March Air Force Base Monday for examinations. He has a high scholastic record and is a student body officer.

### Rivets Reports

Chances are pretty good that Torrance will get more rain, adding to the 22 inch which fell earlier this week, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog. Rain probability today is 70 per cent.

High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (67-46); Monday (66-40); Tuesday (63-44); and Wednesday (64-43).



**ART FOR CHILDREN . . .** Saturday will be Children's Day at the Torrance Art Group's member exhibition being held at the Torrance Plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd., from 2 to 5 p.m. A movie, "The Face of Lincoln," will be shown and Moni Gillett, local artist, will give a talk designed for children. Here, Neil Andren and Larry Vocke, of Cub Pack 201-C, and Mrs. R. A. Baker hear Miss Gillett explain some of the features of Mrs. Baker's work, "Reflections." (Herald Photo)

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Scanning the headlines, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked this question:

"A foreign visitor to Torrance last week commented that American movies gave his countrymen the wrong impression about Americans. Do you think that U. S. movies also might give Americans the wrong impressions or wrong examples?"

Mrs. Charles Ross, 20525

New Hampshire Ave., nurse's aid:

"Sometimes I think that they do give wrong impression. Children often get the wrong ideas from movies. Gangster movies especially are not very good for them, I think."

Arnold E. Bertleson, Redondo, fisherman:

"I think they give the right impression of what life is like. They show the right way of life and people do live like that. They show that a person can go to top and that's the right to believe. Of course, a lot is Hollywood stuff is over."

Dorothy Wainwright, 2067

Reynosa Dr., housewife:

"I don't go to movies. As a Christian, I don't believe in it. I suppose it depends on what you see, but I do not think most of them are fit to be seen and give many wrong ideas."

Roger Rupe, 4702 Catham

St., manufacturing employee:

"Good movies today are realistic, adult, and true to life. They're the best in the history of the industry. There is a lot of slop put out by Hollywood too."

Angle McKittrick, 21121 S.

Normandie, housewife:

"I think children sometimes get wrong ideas from the movies. They often want to copy bad ideas they see in the gangster pictures."

Richard Dolezal, Iowa City,

Ia., postman:

"American movies give foreign countries a wrong impression, and a poor one at that. In Mexico, they seem to think all Americans are millionaires. I don't think movies have much effect on people here though."

## Dope Addicts Can Be Cured; But Books Show Only a Few

By VONDA CARLTON  
Herald Staff Writer

In this, the final in a series of articles describing the narcotics problem as it pertains to Torrance, the HERALD exposes scare tactics currently being used purporting that there are no known "cured" addicts. The article also describes the treatment and lack of treatment of addicts. Finally, it tells of the symptoms of the addict . . . something every parent should know.

Despite all claims to the contrary, dope addicts CAN be cured.

Granted, the "cures" are few and far between . . . but there is hope for the hooked addict.

Two world-famed narcotics hospitals, the Public Health Service Hospitals at Lexington, Ky. and Fort Worth, Tex., revealed that less than 15 per cent of the victims of drug addiction are being successfully cured.

During the 20 years the two federal hospitals have been in operation, more than 35,000 addict-patients have been admitted.

One out of every three ad-

dicts treated comes back for another "cure."

In fact, 40 per cent of the admissions to the hospitals are repeaters.

Seventy-five per cent of the drug addicts who volunteer for treatment in Federal narcotics hospitals demand to leave before they fully benefit from medical and psychiatric treatment.

Many addicts have been in and out of the federal hospitals as many as 20 and 30 times, never once staying long enough to be cured.

These facts were revealed during a recent Senate investi-

gation on the treatment and rehabilitation of narcotic addicts.

Thus far, most of the nation's leading authorities on dope addiction agree that hospitalization is the only hope for addicts.

**Best Hospitals**  
They also agree that the two federal institutions are the best of their type in the world today.

Why are they failing to save 85 per cent of those admitted? One of the chief reasons is "voluntary admission." This allows a patient to leave at any

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