

Weigel Named To Manage New Security Bank

James J. Weigel has been appointed manager of Security First National Bank's new branch in downtown Torrance. Weigel will officially take over his assignment when the branch opens for business Friday, Sept. 16.

His first duty will be as host at open house festivities from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The grand opening will feature Flipo the Clown, balloons, samples of the bank's merchandise and a Treasure Chest of transistor radios and cash prizes.

JOINING Security Bank in 1938, Weigel has served in several branches including Western & Beverly, University & Jefferson, 12th & Maple, Downey and also the bank's Los Angeles head office.

Active in civic and business affairs, he has been past director and officer of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and past officer in the Downey Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in Rotary affairs in Downey and is past commander of the Alondra



JAMES J. WEIGEL

Park Amvet Post and a past officer in the Frontier District Boy Scouts.

He and his wife, Helen, have a one-year old son. The Weigel's reside in La Mirada.

The Old Timer



"The people who tell you never to let little things worry you have never tried sleeping with a mosquito in the room."

Schools Get New Chance At Navy Site

The school district has been asked to prepare a supplemental request for the surplus Navy Annex site and process it through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Superintendent J. H. Hull was informed yesterday afternoon.

The request for the supplemental data will now permit the school district to make a full report of the local situation.

Supervisors Salute City For Progress

"Torrance is a live-wire city and enjoys an aggressive municipal administration which has accomplished a great deal of good for its residents."

With these words, County Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn today commended the city and its officers for ten years of progress which has seen the population of Torrance increase 500 per cent to a present total of more than 100,000 residents.

Accepting the honors for the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce, respectively, were Mayor Albert Isen and Chamber Manager Richard Fitzgerald.

Chace lauded the city for the creation of 18,000 new jobs in the past 18 months and called attention to the fact that retail sales increase in Torrance has been greater than that of any other California city during the past two years.

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Editor, Torrance Herald
In 1956 the tax ceiling of the district was raised seventy-five cents by special election. The Board kept its promise to the voters, using only about twenty cents of the seventy-five cents increase the first year and a little more each year as needed, until now it has reached the maximum again. There are insufficient funds to run the district another year and barely enough



STUDENTS MEET . . . Foreign exchange students gathered at the home of Mrs. John Walti, American Field Service chairman, 376 Paseo de Gracia, Tuesday to discuss plans for the coming school year. From left Gabriele Moretti, Turin, Italy, who will attend Torrance High; Brenda Memali, Montevideo, Uruguay, South High; Pierette Faure, Seine, France, North High; Robble Hole, South High student body president and recently returned from Europe on the Americans Abroad Program, and Linea Hileman, North High, who will attend school in Zurich, Switzerland. (Herald Photo)

by using the reserve to pay the last month's salaries this year.

The things that contribute to the need for more funds are: More pupils, more schools to staff, higher salaries, higher prices for supplies and books, and a greater number of high school students to educate. It costs \$200 more per year to educate a high school student than it does to educate an elementary school student. These are all things the Board can't do much about. That is why the Board is providing the community the opportunity to decide whether we must cut the program or increase the tax rate by fifty cents per hundred dollars in assessed valuation to maintain the pro-

gram.
The average home in Torrance is assessed at \$4,000 or less. It would cost the average homeowner about a n o t h e r five cents a day in taxes to maintain the present program if this tax increase were voted.

The Board is also being pressed to constantly improve the quality of the program.
The big portion, nearly 70

per cent of local taxes, is paid by industry. When you vote this new tax, industry picks up the biggest share of the cost.

It should be pointed out that this is not money for the Board, the superintendent, or the other school personnel. It is money for school operating costs for the children of Torrance.

J. H. Hull

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