

# Board Calls Extra Meeting on School Financing

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# 'GOOD NEIGHBOR' FETE SATURDAY

### A Penny for your Thoughts

The YMCA will make its annual selection Saturday of the City's "Good Neighbor." What attributes do you think a person should have to be considered a "Good Neighbor"?

Answering were:

Mrs. Miriam Ashton, 2070 Lincoln Ave., housewife:

"I think a person should live by the golden rule... do unto others as you would have them do unto you. They should be thoughtful and kind to others and show a willingness to help those about them."

Mrs. Fred Zanger, 22833 Dolores, Wilmington, housewife:

"To me a good neighbor is someone who will help out whenever and wherever they are needed, whether its in community activities such as Red Cross and Community Chest or at a neighborhood level where they go in and help a sick neighbor."

Mrs. Clara Stacks, 20948 S. Shearer Ave., homemaker:

"To be a good neighbor a person would have to be friendly, helpful to those around him, and active in community and civic affairs. A community wouldn't be much of a community if people weren't active in its affairs."

Mrs. Samuel Broos, 1001 Sartori Avenue, housewife:

"I think a person who is a good neighbor has to be one who is considerate of others and should take part in civic affairs and support community projects. They should show an interest in others and in their future. One has to be a good neighbor in your neighborhood to be a good citizen in your community."

Mrs. Mary Patterson, 22224 So. Vermont, housewife:

"I think a good neighbor is one who will lend a helping hand regardless of race, creed, or color. He should be active in community affairs and be a parent he should be active in youth activities such as the PTA, Scouts, or the 'Y,' as well."

### For Nixon and Lodge (An Editorial)

We have been attentive to the great debate of the current important election campaign and have tried to be as objective as possible in our conclusions. Nothing has swayed us from our original belief that the nation needs Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge.

Thus far the HERALD has not stated an opinion and, while its position is made crystal clear at this time, it will continue to give absolutely fair and impartial coverage of the local phase of the campaign in the news columns. To do less would be unfair to the great numbers of Democrats whose political position we respect and whom we respect as good Americans.

Astute political disparagements notwithstanding, the fact remains that Vice-President Nixon and Senator Lodge have knowledge and experience in world affairs not possessed by Senator Kennedy. To think otherwise would be to call them stupid, something we haven't heard any sane or responsible American doing lately or, for that matter, over the past many years when both have held high level positions in national and world affairs.

The Republican platform represents a progressive approach to the domestic needs of America today. It does not, however, promise or threaten a dangerous departure from the system that has made America great. It appeals less to minorities—all too ready to turn to the Federal government for their livelihood—and more to Americans who still believe they can rear and educate their families with a minimum of outside help.

We think a vote for Nixon and Lodge will assure the nation of capable and experienced leadership during the coming four years. We trust this position will be taken by a majority of Americans on November 8th.

### Committee of Citizens Now Being Studied

A suggestion that a citizens committee be formed to scrutinize the financial structure of the Torrance Unified School District was given serious consideration by the board of education this week. A special meeting of the board has been called for 6 p.m. today to look further into the proposal.

The proposal for such a committee was made to the board this week by Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn, who spearheaded opposition to last week's election on a 50-cent tax override.

Speaking before the board at its meeting Tuesday night—the first since voters rejected the 50-cent tax override proposal—Lynn proposed a five- or seven-member committee composed of "among others, three homeowners, one member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, a business or professional man, and a builder."

His proposal for the committee was part of a series of suggestions Lynn had offered to the board as a way out of its current financial dilemma.

HE ALSO suggested that the board agree as a matter of policy that the currently imposed 75-cent override be reduced when the need for it diminished, that the board change its meeting night to reduce conflict with city council meetings, and that questionnaires be sent to all school officials seeking their suggestions on getting "more for the school dollar."

The board received but did not act or comment on these suggestions.

FOLLOWING Lynn's presentation, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent for business, presented a comprehensive report on the financial status of the district, pointing out that the current budget contained a deficit of \$270,649 which was being made up from the district's reserve fund.

"This deficit in the budget anticipates a normal operating year," Waldrip said. "If heating costs, vandalism, a deficit in the state funds, or other factors enter the picture, our position would change," he said.

PROJECTION of income for 1961-62 presented by Waldrip indicated that the deficit next year would be about \$921,000 without figuring salary raises.

"If you can wring a million bucks worth of water out of this operation without wrecking it, I, for one, would be most happy," he said.

PRESENTING a 26-point program to the board, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the district, wound up with a recommendation that the board consider a three-year, 75-cent tax override election for next spring—February or March.

A 75-cent tax on an assessed valuation of \$215,000,000 would provide \$1,612,300, he said. The district needs about \$1 million to maintain next year's budget at its present level, and should put \$600,000 in reserve, he said.

AT THE END of the second year, the reserve should climb to \$900,000, and at the third year of the tax, the district would have to go back into the reserve to finance its operations.

Dr. Hull scored the city for rezoning industrial land for residential use, adding that "Mr. Lynn is right in the middle of this rezoning."

IN OTHER matters the board heard officials say that hopes for obtaining the Naval Annex land were "encouraging" and that a new accounting system would save the schools about \$16,000 a year in costs of maintaining students in special schools operated in conjunction with other districts.

### Top Labor Leaders Backing 6

Formation of a special state-wide committee of top labor leaders endorsing Proposition 6, the November 8 ballot measure clarifying assessment practices for golf courses, was announced yesterday by Bob Hope, general chairman of Citizens for Yes on Proposition 6.

Heading the committee is M. R. Callaghan, a vice president of the State Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO) and secretary of the 135,000-member Culinary Workers union.

Regional co-chairmen are

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### PUC Hearing Told Of Water Rate Need

A consulting engineer for the Dominguez Water Corp. said his company was in "dire need" of a rate hike to meet its cash balance demands at a hearing here yesterday before the Public Utilities Commission.

John C. Luthin, speaking for Dominguez, said the company's net income had declined from 6 per cent in 1953 when the

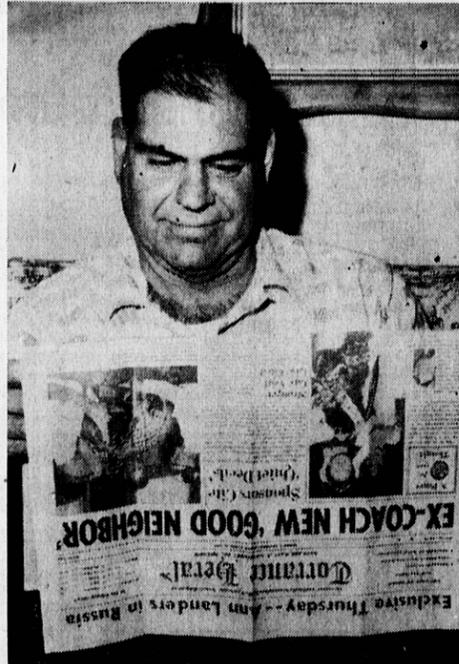
last rate increase was granted, to an estimated 1.4 per cent this year.

Opponents to the request which would raise basic water rates from \$1.75 a month to \$2.50 are expected to appear at the hearing today or Friday.

Commissioner C. Lyn Fox and Examiner Stewart Warner are conducting the hearings in the Torrance city hall.



EXPANSION MOVES . . . Looking over plans for the new city hall addition as work was about to begin this week are (from left) Wade Peebles, director of Public Works; Fred Adams, member of the architectural firm which designed the project; Lee Schless, superintendent of building; Councilman George Vico, and Mayor Albert Isen. The two-story addition is designed to give needed space for engineering and public works departments. (Herald Photo)

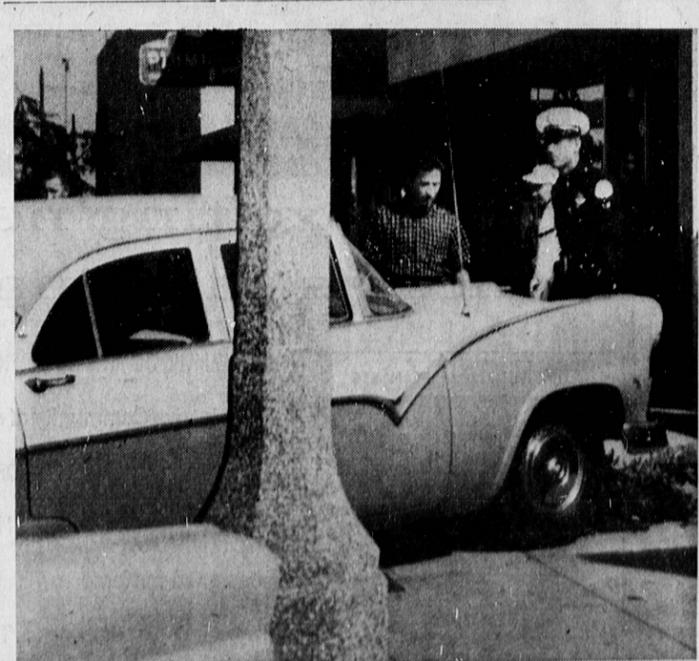


MEMORIES . . . Cliff Greybehl reads story in Oct. 18, 1959 issue of Torrance HERALD on his selection as Good Neighbor of the year by Torrance YMCA board. Good Neighbor Breakfast will be presented at 10:30. Above picture was made Tuesday at Greybehl's home, 1122 Maple, where the North High counselor and "Y" board member is convalescing after a throat operation. (Herald Photo)

### 10 - Acre Industrial Tract To Get Homes

At nearly the same time the board of education was meeting in another part of town to discuss its financial plight brought on by the city's tremendous population growth, the city council voted 4-2 to override its planning commission and rezoned another 10-acre industrial plot to permit construction of residential units.

THE COUNCIL voted to permit multiple-family residential construction on the site now occupied by the Roger Jessup Dairy on Del Amo Blvd. east of Hawthorne Ave. It has been zoned for heavy manufacturing.



TREE BUSTER . . . Police Lt. Donald Nash talks to 19-year-old Jimmy Richard Sanders of 1545 W. 215th St. on Marcelina Ave. after his car struck one belonging to Victor W. Winther, of 1830 Torrance Blvd., and drove it onto sidewalk, breaking down one of the city's new downtown trees. Sanders was arrested by Torrance police later on a charge of possession of narcotics and on suspicion of driving while under the influence of narcotics. (Herald Photo)

### Expect 3000 to Attend

Torrance will name its 1960 "Good Neighbor" at the annual YMCA "Good Neighbor" breakfast at the Y Building, Washington and Arlington Saturday morning.

The yearly event, which attracts nearly 3000 out for a breakfast of pancakes and all the trimmings, will open at 6 a.m. and serving will continue until noon, according to Dr. Rollin R. Smith, chairman of the event.

SATURDAY'S breakfast will be the 15th time it has been held, Dr. Smith said.

A total of nine nominations for the coveted award have been received by the YMCA board and will be studied at a board meeting tonight. The winner will be announced promptly at 10:30 a.m. Saturday during the breakfast.

ENTERTAINMENT throughout the morning will include musical numbers by various local individuals and groups, plus the awarding of prizes throughout the morning.

Seventy of the organization's Y-Indian Tribesmen will be on hand in full feathers as an added feature, according to Manager Joe Wilcox. The Y-Indian Tribes are one of the many activities sponsored throughout the year by the Torrance organization.

A CONTEST designed especially for hungry youngsters will be staged at 11:30 Saturday. At that time, boys and girls may compete in a pancake eating derby—and the biggest eater will win a trophy.

Another trophy—this time a shiny red bicycle—will be awarded to the best ticket seller among the more than 1000 YMCA kids who are out now promoting the annual event.

DETERMINATION of the winner probably will not be made by Saturday, however, (Continued on Page 5)