

Board Again Delays Decision on Tax Override Form

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ANTI-WEED PROGRAM HITS SNAG

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the YMCA's Navajo Project, the contribution of food, clothing and toys, is the best way to help these Arizona Indians?" This question was asked five people with their answers following.

Doug Cannon, YMCA program secretary: "Yes. Because it gives everyone a chance to actually share with others. In this way we have a feeling that we have contributed something to help others. I think it is a very worthwhile cause and opportunity to serve."

David Surber, 1109 Elm St., "Y" member: "I think giving to the Navajos will help them feel good and keep warm. I know that if I were a Navajo I would be happy to get food and clothing and would appreciate the help."

Bill O'Keefe, 2424 Arlington Ave., Torrance Elementary student: "Yes. One of the best ways to help these Indians is to make sure they get clothes and food. Especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. The toys are nice for those little Indians, too."

H. B. Kirkpatrick, 1229 Portola Ave., drive contributor: "I am taking a bundle of clothes down to the 'Y' right now to add to the stockpile of things for the Indians. Any help given those who are in need is good. These donations go direct and get there in time to help."

Douglas Hoffman, 17107 Illinois Ct., "Y" member: "Yes. I think this Navajo Project is a good thing for these people. I have been there and seen their condition. They live on boiled mutton and pan bread. They need a more balanced diet and warm clothes."

Final Action On Committee Also Pending

A final decision on the amount and any time limits on the Feb. 14 override tax election scheduled by the board of education was put off again this week as the Tuesday meeting of the trustees found only three of the five members present.



REV. H. MILTON SIPPEL Stays as TEAC Chief

Sippel to Keep Post In TEAC

The Rev. H. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church of Torrance, was re-elected moderator of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at that organization's November meeting here Monday.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, former Torrance Council PTA president, was elected vice moderator at the luncheon meeting held at the Masonic Temple, Cabrillo and Plaza Del Amo.

Other officers include Miss Marilyn Jensen, assistant director of recreation for the city, who was elected secretary; and Mrs. Kenneth Watts, treasurer. Mrs. Watts represents the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn.

The Rev. Mr. Sippel represents the Torrance Lions Club on the TEAC roster, and will be serving his second term as the group's moderator.

He is a past president of the Torrance Ministerial Assn. and is a member of the city's parks and recreation commission.

Bum Check Season in Full Swing

The increasing tempo of the holiday season also means an increasing tempo among bunco and bad check artists. Det. Mickey Fisher warned Torrance area residents yesterday. Reminding merchants and residents that bad check passers reap a \$500 million harvest each year, Fisher said the prime season for their operation is during the holiday season when they can take advantage of the rush and the temporary clerks in stores.

Both Walter Garrabrant and Clinton Cooke were out of town, the other trustees were told.

For the same reason, the board deferred action on naming of a citizen's committee to look into the school financial status, a committee suggested after defeat of a 50-cent tax override proposal last Oct. 11.

ALTHOUGH NO concrete action toward the tax election was completed by the board, it did discuss at length the financial picture facing the district.

Costs might be reduced in some areas, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the board. He pointed out, however, that it would hurt the educational program in some instances and could threaten accreditation.

HE NOTED again that Torrance schools have been operating at a cost of \$62 per pupil less than the average during the past year, and that the district has been consistently low among other districts of the county.

Increasing class sizes would effect a major reduction in costs, Waldrip reported, but added that Torrance now has three to five more students per class than neighboring districts.

SUPERINTENDENT J. H. Hull warned that cuts in the program would decontribute toward making Torrance a "second rate" school district.

"It will be up to the people to decide," he said. "We will give them the facts and they can decide what kind of education they want their children to have."

John Barton, who said he wanted to present the homeowners' problems, pointed out that property taxes and assessments were "putting a squeeze" on the average homeowner.

Local property taxes are too high, he said, as well as other special assessments for lights, sewers, and other items.

"WE SYMPATHIZE with the homeowners' problem," said Hull. "The local property tax is the only local source of money we have. The state gives us some funds and the federal government about two per cent, and the rest has to come out of local property taxes."

Unlike city government, he said, the schools have no other source of local revenue.



DRIVER INJURED . . . Ambulance attendants place Catherine G. Lippitt, 43, of Manhattan Beach on stretcher after her auto and another driven by Jack S. Stanton, 16, of Los Angeles, collided at Hawthorne Ave. and Torrance Blvd. Monday afternoon. The Manhattan Beach woman was treated for facial injuries at Little Company of Mary Hospital. (Herald Photo)

Kennedy's Torrance Lead Slightly Over 600 Votes

President-Elect John Kennedy carried Torrance by a thin margin of slightly more than 600 votes out of more than 40,000, tabulation of the semi-official returns in the office of Benjamin S. Hite, county registrar of voters, indicated yesterday.

Tabulation of the city's 175 precincts and 192 polling places, gave Kennedy a total of 21,207 votes and Richard M. Nixon 20,579.

KENNEDY RAN behind his party, as indicated by the vote given Congressman Cecil King, who received 27,454 votes in Torrance while his GOP opponent, Tom Coffee, was getting 14,222.

Democrat Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, whose district covers all but the Hollywood Riviera district and one North Torrance precinct, beat GOP candidate Richard Glazier by a vote of 22,820 to 11,418.

IN PRECINCT 130, part of the 67th Assembly District, Democrat Clayton Dills received 133 votes and his GOP opponent received 70.

The 18 Hollywood Riviera precincts, which included 21 polling places, went as a bloc for Nixon, giving him 2784 votes while Kennedy received 1285. Kennedy carried in 115 of the city's polling places while Nixon carried a total of 73. Four precincts wound up with a tie for the two candidates.

THE Prohibition Party candidate received 93 votes from Torrance voters while Adlai Stevenson received 11, Lodge Kennedy, 1; Lodge Rockefeller, 1; Harry Truman, 1; Khrushchev, 1; Goldwater-Smoot, 1; Norman Thomas, 1; Phillip Randolph, 1; and others, 13.

Assemblyman Charles Chapel, who was re-elected in the 46th Assembly District, carried the 18 Hollywood Riviera precincts by a vote of 2657 for Charles Sohner, his Democratic opponent.

IN THE FIVE 46th District Board Votes Short Term Investments Short-term investments of \$900,000 in building funds were approved Tuesday night by the board of education. The money would draw interest for the district until they are needed—in about 90 days.

Handling of Matter Hit By Several

Three councilmen joined forces to put a halt to the city's continuing anti-weed program this week after airing charges of "poor handling" of complaints, excessive charges for work done, and improper notices of costs to property owners. Councilmen Willys Blount, George Vico, and J. A. Beasley voted against adoption of a resolution authorizing the work on a series of lots in the weed abatement program, killing the measure with two members of the council absent.

HANDLING OF the program was sharply criticized by Blount. He said complaints had been made to him that property owners who inquired about their assessments were received with "incivility and rudeness" and were given little satisfaction.

One property owner, speaking up from the audience, cited his case where he received a notice that it would cost about \$15 to have his property cleaned, but received a bill for more than \$200.

ANOTHER SAID it had cost about \$15 last year to clean the property but that this year's assessment was in excess of \$200 for the same property.

Mayor Albert Isen spoke up for the program, handled by private contractors, saying the property owners had the right to clear their own land if they did not wish the city to do it for them.

"I think this program has improved the city's appearance tremendously," he said.

IN OTHER matters, the council asked for a check into city policy and regulations on maintenance of sewer laterals after Councilman Drale requested that the city assume responsibility for all laterals under city property.

It was indicated that normal procedure is for the property owner to assume the responsibility for the complete lateral.

DAMAGE to sewer lines from tree roots in the Torrance Gardens area, which it is believed will cause serious trouble during the next few years because of the shallow rooted trees in the area, was cited as the reason for considering the question. An answer to the query is due back before the

Department Commander Sidney F. Jelin has called the first business session of the meeting for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. A Department Constitutional Convention will be held on Sunday at 10 a.m. in conjunction with the DEC meetings.

Steve Rosmarin, department senior vice commander and chairman of the DEC meeting, announced that department committee reports will be presented and acted on at the first business session on Saturday afternoon. Other business sessions are scheduled for Sunday morning and afternoon.

The constitutional committee will be concerned with two amendments, one in regard to the requirement for a quorum for department committees, and the other with the establishment of a statewide "Ready" committee.

DIET IS NOT the only factor in maintaining health. Sufficient rest, regular exercise, and recreation are necessary too. Most important of all, of

course, is the periodic medical examination. A person who has reached middle age without a recent medical examination, including a urinalysis, should see his family physician even though he is apparently well. By this means and by following the common sense rules of health, all of us can do much to avoid the consequences of diabetes.

An opportunity to obtain a free test for the presence of this disease may be obtained without cost by any individual in Los Angeles County during the period from Nov. 13 through Nov. 19.

Anyone interested in a booklet concerning diabetes may obtain it by writing to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

patient drinks continually greater amounts of liquids. At the same time, the muscles cry for sugar to help them in their work, and this in turn induces the patients to consume more food. Along with increased thirst and appetite there are other symptoms of diabetes such as drowsiness, loss of weight, dry skin, weakness, pains in the legs, and general nervous irritability.

It should be remembered that increasing weight is a dangerous burden to put upon middle-aged bodies, and that overeating of all foods, especially starches and sweets, is to be avoided.

A free diabetes detection clinic will be held today from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Women's Club, 1422 E. Gracia Ave., under the sponsorship of the Diabetes Association of Southern California.

carried in the blood stream because of the lack of a secretion (now known as insulin) from the pancreas.

TO WASH away the unused sugar, the kidneys increase the quantity of urine, and the

especially in the older adult groups. Most susceptible are overweight, middle-aged persons, particularly women with a family history of the ailment.

Diabetes is a condition in which the body cannot use sugar in a form which can be

Ever since the discovery of insulin many years ago, the medical profession has been well equipped to deal with diabetes. The disease of itself need not be fatal if it is discovered early. If the patient cooperates with his physician, the condition can be satisfactorily controlled.

FINDING THE diabetic is largely a matter of public education concerning the nature of the disease, its symptoms, and motivation of the public to the need for periodic testing es-

Student in Confession On Holdup

18-year-old college student yesterday admitted holding up Torrance liquor store last week end because he needed money for a date, according to Det. Lt. Donald Hanson of the Torrance Police.

He was arrested at his home at 5208 Clear Ave., was John Dean Crain, a student at Harbor College, who assertedly confessed to posing as a deaf mute and taking about \$200 from a clerk at the store at 2087 Torrance Blvd.

Thieves Get \$4000 From Home Tract

Thieves who apparently used a truck for the operation carried off nearly \$4000 worth of appliances and building hardware from a Torrance home development project, Torrance police were told yesterday.

Russell Miller, construction superintendent for the Property Management Corp., said thieves broke into two storage areas in a tract being constructed at 180th St. and Arlington Ave. and made off with 16 garbage disposers, 11 dishwashers, two sinks, and 14 boxes of hardware.

On Attack Craft

Phillip G. Costa, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sullivan of 1725 240th St., Lomita, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard currently being overhauled at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.

Upon completion of overhaul, the Bon Homme Richard will move to her new home port San Diego.

CITY BAND IN PARADE

Participation of band students from Torrance's three high schools in the Rose Parade was approved Tuesday night by the board of education.

Letters from R. S. Pyle, Chamber of Commerce president; and Evald C. Moller, Rose Parade music committee chairman, invited local participation in the Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day. The city also will have a float in the parade.