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TAX NEED UPHELD, BOARD SAYS

A Penny for your Thoughts

When the "Penny" photog saw a group of teenage youngsters in serious conversation at Normandale playground, he asked, "What are you up to?" Five answered as follows:

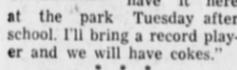
Jack Taylor, 14, 1119 W. 230th St.:

"We have just formed a club made up of boys and girls of our age and call it 'Knights and Ladies.' I have just been elected president and this is our first meeting. We plan philanthropic as well as social activities."



Jane Larson, 13, 1123 W. 230th St.:

"I am vice president and chairman of social activities. We have a Valentine party planned for our first event. We will have it here at the park Tuesday after school. I'll bring a record player and we will have cokes."



Harry Maynard, 14, 22803 Halldale:

"We think we have a good idea here. I am sports chairman and plan to organize tournaments. Tennis and volleyball will be our main sports, although we may get over to Sea-Aire Park for golf."

Mary Henderson, 13, 23515 Halldale:

"I was elected secretary and I am taking down the minutes now on this meeting. I will organize bridge and card games for some of our parties. We have some plans for learning etiquette and good manners."

Paula Shultz, 12, 1141 W. 228th St.:

"We just elected me treasurer of our club. I will handle our money, but we don't have any yet. We plan to do things and make things to sell to raise money. We will use most of it for charity—like the Community Chest."

Fund Drive Set

The League of Women Voters of the Palos Verdes Peninsula will hold its annual finance drive Feb. 14. Members of the community who are interested in the active participation of citizens in government will be asked to give support to the drive.

The non-partisan league gets 60 per cent of its financial support from membership dues and contributions. However, dues are kept as low as possible so that any interested women of voting age can join.

Forward Weister Hits 66

Forward Bob Weister, star of the Torrance High School varsity basketball team this year, shattered school and CIF records Friday night with a 66-point assault on the baskets as the Tartars beat Lawndale 103-48.

Weister's performance erased a four-year-old CIF record set by John Rudometkin, current Trojan star, who scored 62 points while playing for Santa Maria High School.

FOR THE Tartars, it was nearly a one-man show as Weister hit from the floor and the foul line for the new CIF record.

Guard Harry Taylor contributed 16 points, while Bill Roberts, a leading Tartar scorer, was held to two points. Center John Sender scored 21 points for the Lawndale team to pace the losers.

THE SCORING spree also led the Tartars to a new school game record, erasing by one point the record compiled nearly 20 years ago when the Tartars ran up 102 points (Continued on Page 6)



SETS RECORD . . . Forward Bob Weister, star of the Torrance High School varsity basketball team, set a new CIF Southern scoring record against Lawndale Friday night by scoring 66 points. Previous record was 62 points set by John Rudometkin four years ago. (Herald Photo)

School Study By Committee Cites Needs

Eighteen recommendations in seven different categories have been made to the Torrance Board of Education by a special five-man committee studying school financial problems, according to Board President William C. Boswell.

In connection with Tuesday's school support election, the committee noted that "additional funds are needed to meet the expanding needs brought about by the explosive growth of the Torrance Unified School District."

The school board is experiencing some of the same problems facing the people, business, and industry.

Recommendations include possible reductions in seven areas, study of eight other areas, a \$3 charge for adult education classes, no increase in present class size of 34 per class, and a simplification of present budget reports. No price tag was placed on any of these suggestions.

THE REPORT also noted: "A careful review of large volumes of comparative statistical data presented by the superintendent, his staff, and education consultants has convinced the committee that the Torrance Unified School District is operated as efficiently, and in most cases more efficiently than most comparable unified districts in the county and state.

"In the course of its study, the committee reviewed the entire operating budget including areas suggested by Dr. Hull and his staff in which potential economies might be effected."

SCHOOL Board President Boswell said the Board of Education owed a great debt of gratitude to the five members of the committee—Nelson Rucker, Arne Tonneson, Leonard Ensminger, Robert Tripplitt, and James W. Cassidy.

"These five men have spent two months in carefully studying the program and we appreciate their efforts," he said. "Since we received this report only last Tuesday, we are in no position to take hasty action. We must carefully study the recommendations and figure their cost, both in terms of money and their effect on the

educational program for boys and girls.

"EACH committee recommendation will get our serious consideration," Boswell said. "An orderly program to effect any change decided upon is important to avoid disrupting the school program."

"We must remember, however, that school problems differ in some respects from those facing industry. Industry turns out a product which is designed to bring a profit. The Board of Education tries to spend money wisely to turn out good citizens, properly educated."

THE BOARD is certainly aware that it must operate economically to make the tax last for three years. With mushrooming enrollment and inflation, we have had to struggle to make the money go as far as it has."

The report noted that some economies could be effected simply by not hiring more personnel as the district grows. "Recommendations of the committee reflect the practices being commonly followed by business and industry."

"We believe the prime purpose of the school system is the classroom instruction of students in the fundamental educational disciplines," the committee report said.

IN LINE with this belief, the committee gave the Board of Education the following suggestions:

1. Possible reduction in number of (a) educational consultants; (b) high school counselors; (c) clerical force in certain areas; (d) supplementary teaching aids; (e) nurses and medical service; (f) speech therapists; (g) psychologists.

2. Review of (a) instrumental music program costs; (b) bus transportation system; (c) cus-



YOUR VALENTINE . . . Betty Baker, Torrance miss, has been Miss everything from Torrance High Homecoming Queen to Miss Torrance. Pretty Betty is chamber of commerce receptionist. (Herald Photo)

Dr. Lawlor to Speak Here Again Wednesday

Dr. William V. Lawlor, chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on Education of the California Legislature, will speak here for the third time in recent weeks when he addresses a public forum at the Torrance High School auditorium Wednesday evening at 8.

The meeting, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, is open to the public and there will be no admission charge. Jaycee President Bob Vroman emphasized.

Dr. Lawlor's committee submitted a comprehensive report to the Legislature last fall calling for sweeping revisions of the state's educational policies with the view toward beefing up the teaching of fundamentals.

The committee, in a series of public hearings, probed deeply into the objectives and duties of schools, teachers,

and curriculum. Many of the highpoints of the commission's study will be discussed in detail by Dr. Lawlor Wednesday.

Local Hospital Staff to Hear USC Professor

Dr. Rene Cailliet, associate professor of physical medicine, University of Southern California Medical School, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the medical staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital. "Cerebral Vascular Disease: The Challenge of Management" will be the topic of Dr. Cailliet's talk, according to Dr. Robert F. Nielsen, program chairman. The speaker will discuss the management and rehabilitation of the patient who has had a stroke.

Driver Pinned by Car In Pre-Dawn Accident

A 20-year-old Inglewood man was thrown from his auto and pinned between it and the curb in an early morning accident yesterday at 190th St. and Arlington Ave.

Michael John Moore, who was the driver of one of two vehicles involved in the crash, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital where his condition was described as

good yesterday afternoon.

Donald William Houk, 21, of 20016 Hinsdale Ave., driver of the second car, was slightly injured but refused medical attention.

The Houk auto was described by investigating officers as a total loss while the Moore auto was heavily damaged.

In a second crash early yesterday, two men received minor injuries when their cars collided on Crenshaw Blvd. just north of Carson St.

David Lawrence Kirkpatrick, 21, of El Segundo, was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a facial cut; and Warren Dwight Corbin, 36, of 3217 W. 177th St., was treated for facial cuts by a private physician.

Bookmaking Charge Jails Torrance Man

A 48-year-old North Torrance man was arrested by Torrance officers and members of the Sheriff's vice squad Friday on charges of bookmaking.

Booked at the Torrance jail and transferred to the Sheriff's custody was William Alonzo Owens, of 2501 W. 182nd St., who was charged with operating a bookmaking establish-

Officers said he may have been handling as much as \$4000 to \$5000 a day.

Owens was convicted of bookmaking in 1947 in Los Angeles and was placed on three years probation and fined \$200. He was arrested again by Torrance police in 1953 on similar charges.

Five New Stores Nearing Completion On Mall of Del Amo Shopping Center

The Del Amo Shopping Center has moved a major step closer to its ultimate development as one of the largest shopping facilities in Southern California with the completion of a complex of five new stores.

According to Peter De Francisci, planning director for the Del Amo Estate Co., owners and developers of the center, the completion of the store group brings to fulfillment the west section of the shopping center's central mall, extending between Broadway and Sears Roebuck department stores.

THE FINISHED stores, collectively containing more than 130,000 square feet, will be occupied by the J.C. Penney Co., F. W. Woolworth Co., Lerner Shops, Leed's Shoes, and Ontra Cafeteria. They will join Wetherby-Kayser Shoes and Silverwood's who already have

opened in the west mall section of the huge center, located at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds. in Torrance.

With the completion of the store buildings, the various retail establishments are readying interiors; fixtures, and displays in preparation for official openings at various times during March. All of the stores will be in operation by the month's end, De Francisci stated.

AS DESIGNED by Welton Becket and Assoc., who are serving as architects for the overall center project, the newly completed store units will represent a cost of approximately \$2 million, exclusive of land and interior improvements. Oltman's Construction Co. is the general contractor.

over a main floor and full basement. Provision was made in the design of the Penney Store so that a second story of some 30,000 square feet could be added at a future date.

ACCORDING TO Ken Doyle, who has been assigned as manager of the store by the Penney organization, the store will be one of the most extensive in the chain's operation in centers, offering the latest in customer shopping conveniences, including escalator service between the first floor and basement level.

The Woolworth unit will be 21,000 square feet in size while the Ontra Cafeteria will contain 17,000 square feet. The Lerner's store will total 13,700 square feet and an area of 6000 square feet will be occupied by Leed's Shoes.

IN LINE with the type of

construction utilized for the other buildings in the center, the units feature basic reinforced concrete construction. Individualized store fronts include extensive use of glass accented with stone materials. Terrazzo also is utilized for flooring in all entranceways.

De Francisci said that the new stores all contain basement storage and service sections. They are served by an underground tunnel providing direct shipping, loading and receiving facilities.

HE ALSO pointed out that all of the store buildings are served by the center's immense parking lot. Covering more than 45 acres, the parking area provides space for nearly 6000 automobiles. With a parking ratio of two and one-half square feet of parking for every one square foot of store sales area, the Del

Amo parking lot is larger than any shopping center in the vicinity and exceeds parking facilities of many of the center's in Southern California, De Francisci said.

The entire Del Amo Center, comprising 75 acres, represents the results of the most advanced concepts in the planning and construction of regional shopping centers. When totally complete it will include more than 40 shops for men's, women's and children's accessories, apparel, shoes, toys, jewelry, specialty shops, and service stores. In addition to the two large department stores, the center also contains a major supermarket and drug store as well as several business and professional units.

The investment in the overall shopping project is expected to exceed \$13 million by the time the master plan of development is fully achieved.



SHOW CHARACTER . . . William Holloway, 8, of 23139 Doris Way, is preparing a puppet for a show planned next Saturday at the Arts & Crafts Center, 22730 Lupine Drive. The public is being invited to the 2 p.m. event being staged by the center's puppetry classes.