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SCHOOL PROPOSAL IN CLOSE WIN

Earlier Vote Reversed by Slim Margin

A second attempt to gain voter approval of a proposed 50-cent increase in the maximum budget tax rate for the Torrance Unified School District won by a narrow margin here Tuesday as 13,854 voters gave the issue a thin 430 vote margin. Complete but unofficial returns show 7142 yes votes and 6712 no votes.

Balloting, which was slightly heavier than in the Oct. 11 election on a similar issue, showed the opponents to the measure lost only slight ground in the intervening four months, (less than 100 votes) but the proponents picked up nearly 2000 votes to reverse the outcome of the 1960 vote.

OBVIOUSLY jubilant—and not a little relieved—at the outcome was Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the school district, and administrative officials of the schools. "The community is fortunate in the outcome of the election," Dr. Hull said.

"A LOT of people worked very hard and deserve the credit for the hard-won victory," he added.

He expressed the appreciation of the board of directors for the support "in this crisis in the face of all the negative factors." He referred specifically to the gloomy picture being painted in Washington by officials of the new Kennedy administration.

As it did in the first election, the Riviera section gave the proposal its strongest backing. Weak points again included the general downtown area and the western part of North Torrance.

THE PROPOSAL approved Tuesday will permit the operating tax rate of the district to be raised from \$2.40 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$2.90. The funds can be used only for the operation of the district—principally for paying teachers' salaries, officials pointed out during the election campaign.

Buildings and capital improvements are paid from bond funds and state loans, it

was emphasized. THE ADDITIONAL funds will not permit an expansion of the school programs, it was indicated, but will permit the district to maintain the level of instruction somewhere near its present level. Some major economics will still be needed to keep the district within its budget during the three years the increase tax rate will be in effect, Dr. Hull pointed out.

Many of the suggested economies recommended by the citizens committee in its report last week will be given serious consideration by the board of education, it was reported.

Police in Burglary Wave Plea

Residents were warned to lock their doors upon retiring or leaving their homes in the wake of a new series of "cat burglaries."

The warning was issued by Det. Lt. Don Hamilton of the Torrance Police Department following five recent burglaries in the southern section and one in the north.

Investigators said the south end footpad crept into homes while the occupants were asleep and made off with wallets and purses containing about \$200.

Victims were Raymond Dorsey, 2807 Danaba St.; Victor Butler, 2704 Clarendon St.; Jean Christie, 2706 Normelyn St.; and Dan Kimbell, 2653 Dalemead St.

In the other end of the city, a burglar who entered the home of Thomas Dawes, 4107 W. 175th St.; escaped without loot after he was seen and pursued James Conrad, 4103 W. 175th St.

Lomita CC To Hear Job Expert Talk

Paul J. Schotanus, director of the service department of the Los Angeles County Employment Bureau, will address the general meeting of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday at a luncheon at the Wayfarers Restaurant, 2230 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The county executive will speak on "The role of the Employment Security Agency in the Community," according to B. Kenneth Gibson, Chamber manager.

Edward Gregory Jr., manager of the Torrance branch of the Southern California Gas Co., is program chairman. He has emphasized that the meeting will be open to the public.

16 U.S. Team Members Die In Tragedy

Two area residents were among members of the U.S. figure-skating team killed in a flaming crash of a Sabena Airlines jet near Brussels, Belgium, yesterday, press dispatches reaching the Southland reported. Deane McMinn, who resided at 2248 W. 247th St., and Rhode Michelson, a Banning High School student, were among the 18 young American skaters killed as the plane crashed on a flight from New York, killing 73 persons.

McMinn was a former Olympic judge and champion figure skater, and was coach



GLENN F. HAWLEY To Direct Symphony

Honor Band To Perform Here Tonight

The Western Los Angeles Honor Band and Symphony will present "An Evening of Music" tonight at 8 in the Torrance High School Auditorium in Torrance. The Honor Band is directed by Robert L. Jones and the Honor Symphony by Glenn F. Hawley.

Both of these groups are made up of high school students from 13 Western Los Angeles High Schools. There is a total of 133 students in the two musical groups. There are 29 students from North High, 45 from South High, seven from Torrance High, two from Washington High, 19 from Santa Monica High, two from Westchester High, four from Inglewood High, five from Hawthorne High, five from Gardena High, six from Leuzinger High, three from Redondo High, one from Banning High and one from Narbonne High.

The Honor Symphony will play the "Chorale and Overture" by Tchaikowsky, "Symphony in F Major" by Dittersdorf, and the "Hungarian Dance No. 5" by Brahms. The Honor Band will perform "Excerpts from Andrea Chenier" by Giordano, "Victory at Sea" by Rodgers, "Symphonic Suite" by Williams, "Tambo" by Cavez and "Band of America March" by Lavallo.

These Honor Music students will then audition, along with Honor musicians from nine other bands and symphonies for the privilege of playing in the Southern California Honor Band, later at Los Angeles State College.



CHANGES HANDS . . . Riviera Hospital, which lies south of Sepulveda Blvd. on Kent St., has been sold to a group of local doctors and laymen who have formed a non-profit corporation. It was reported here this week. No changes in the medical staff are contemplated by directors of the 93-bed hospital, according to Dr. John Bourne, M.D., chief of staff at the hospital. The Riviera is a general medical and surgical hospital and carries a three-year accreditation by the joint commission.

City Court Group Gets Backing of Neighbors

Optimism that Torrance is gaining in its battle to have the permanent facilities of the Southwest Branch of the Superior Court located here when it is removed from its temporary quarters in Inglewood was expressed on several fronts this week — and backed up with action.

A major coup in the battle was registered by local back-

ers when the cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach adopted strong resolutions calling for the permanent location of the court to be made on the Torrance civic center.

AT THE same time, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce backed the local move by asking that the

court be placed on the Torrance civic center, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has named a committee of four executives to make a recommendation to its board.

Named by the Torrance Chamber as its Courts Committee were John Ebbinghouse, manager of the U. S. Gypsum plant here; A. E. Thompson, manager of the Mobil refinery; Fred W. Mill, National Supply Co. controller; and James M. Hall, former Torrance city attorney who maintains a large private practice in the South Bay.

ON AN expanding front, local forces this week launched campaigns to get other nearby cities to back the Torrance proposal and to stir up general rebellion against selection of Inglewood as a permanent site because of the crowded parking conditions and expense of clearing land for the courthouse construction and minimum parking facilities.

Torrance has offered land necessary for construction of the courthouse on its civic center on Torrance Blvd. between Maple Ave. and Madrona Ave., and has assured county officials that ample free parking is available.

FORMAL hearings before a three-man committee of Superior Court Judges has been scheduled for April 26 by Chairman Lloyd S. Nix. Colleagues from the Superior Court bench serving with Judge Nix on the committee include Judges Ben Koenig and William P. Haughton.

A hearing on the location was scheduled in Los Angeles last night, but was postponed at the unanimous request of the board of supervisors who requested L. S. Hollinger, county administrative officer, to make a new report which would include details on possible costs, parking, and availability of land. Also requested was information on population centers with the inclusion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula areas included in the district along with other suggested

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and manager of the skating team which was flying to Prague to compete in the world championships. He was an officer of the U.S. Figure Skating Assn. for the past eight years. It was his first year as manager for the U.S. team.

The Michelson girl was described by Southland skating officials yesterday as an outstanding artist, and one that would have gone on to become one of the world's great skaters.

Several other members of the team are from Los Angeles and North Hollywood.

Mother Louise Of Marymount Authors Article

Mother Louis, R.S.H.M., of the Marymount foreign language department, is the author of an article on Charles Peguy in the fall issue of Romance Notes. It is entitled "Rassembleur Des Siecles De L'Humanisme Chretien."

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Area Soloists Named for Los Cancioneros Concert

Soloists with Los Cancioneros are busily engaged in last minute rehearsals in order to give a professionally polished performance of Honegger's "King David" which will be presented in El Camino Campus Theatre Feb. 24 and 25 at 8:30 p.m. Sharing honors at

the podium will be Mrs. Tom Mabin, director of the 50-voice mixed chorus and Dr. John Backus who has organized the 35-piece orchestra which will provide the accompaniment.

Chosen to act as the narrator who explains the action as



DISCUSS CONCERT . . . Lyle Heck (left) who will narrate the "King David" concert to be given at El Camino next week by Los Cancioneros, discusses part with Mrs. Tom Mabin, director of the chorus; and Dr. John Backus, director of the orchestra. Leading Southland soloists have been named for the program.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With funds being raised all during the year for charities and other activities, five people were asked the following question.

"What is your opinion of charity drives?"

James Richardson, 2610 W. 182nd St., Redondo Beach, electrical inspection: "I think that local drives are alright if they are approved by the Chamber of Commerce, as being worthy. But it seems to me that there is too much money going to people who don't really need it. The people who should get it are the ones who are neglected."

Ralph Kleiner, 2009 Belmont Lane, Redondo Beach, electronic technician:

"I think these drives are a good thing. There are so many people that need help badly. I think it would be a good idea if one big organization was formed and that some of these small drives that the turning people against charity could be stopped."

Jean Dixon, 1202 Stanford Ave., Redondo Beach, office worker:

"I've heard so many comments on different drives. Lots of people say many drives are frauds. But I think they are for good causes. There are quite a lot of them. Maybe combining two or three of them would be a good idea. Everytime you turn around there is a drive on. It's kind of on working people."

Albert Castro, 14810 1/2 Budlong Ave., Gardena, aircraft worker:

"I think these drives are alright. I think they are well handled and I feel that the money which is collected is used wisely. I know there are a lot of drives but there are also so many reasons and causes too."

Jim Ridenour, 1116 Elm, Torrance, grocery clerk:

"I guess these drives are alright. After all, they have to get their money somewhere. Most of these organizations seem to be honest and I feel they are distributing the money collected to the right place."