

"KEEP HARRIET HARDY" MOVE GAINS

Taxpayers Rap New Dump Proposal

Keep Land On Rolls Is Appeal

A new "angle" was introduced into the campaign of residents of the new Kettler Knolls section and others in the vicinity against the expansion of the city dump at Plaza del Amo and Western avenue when taxpayers recalled the resolution adopted by the City Council at its last meeting objecting to removal of property from the tax rolls.

"Why take this 10 acres of land off the tax rolls when the city wants only a worthless two-and-one-half acre 'hole-in-the-ground,' the filling of which will contribute to the value of surrounding land?" one taxpayer asked.

Original petitions from several hundred residents of the area objected to the expansion of the dump at all. They asked that the dump be closed, and the land be converted to a park or recreation area.

The Recreation Commission followed this up by proposing that the ball park be moved to Plaza del Amo and Western.

The 10 acres of land containing former brick clay excavation, is east of Border avenue and south of Plaza del Amo.

Owners were trying to sell 10 acres to the city to get rid of the "hole," but City Manager George Stevens said all he wants is the "hole."

Many petition signers are reported to have changed their attitude on the closing of the dump now if the city fills the "hole" with solid materials or earth, and does not further expand the dump.

But, they said, taking 10 acres off the tax rolls with no indication as to its future use is adding an unfair burden to all taxpayers. If just the two and one-half acre hole is all that is needed, it was said, why buy more? If the 10 acres are bought, who knows what might happen in the future? There is no assurance that the dump will not be expanded right up to our back doors, one resident said.

New Location

Another step forward for the Press, in its second year of operation, is made this week, with the opening of their new offices, located at 1628 Gramercy Ave. (next to Curries, and across from the Stadium Theatre).

Easily accessible, with drive-in parking, the new location offers every convenience to its customers who wish to avail themselves of Press Classified Columns.

As an added convenience, extra copies of the Press may be obtained at Food King Market, Ideal Ranch Market, Carson Mart, and Ralph Liquor Store.



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Election Recount Open to Public

Isen Says Public Is Welcome

The recount of the ballots cast in the April 11 Torrance City Council election which will be held Monday, June 5, in Superior court, will be open to the public, according to Lawyer Albert Isen, representing Victor E. Benstead in the case, announced.

Benstead, nosed out in the counting of the ballots by Willys Blount by seven votes alleges errors in tabulating the ballots.

His contest was resisted by City Attorney C. D. Smith but Judge Arnold Praeger overruled Smith's demurrer and denied a petition to return the contest to the City Council.

Isen said that the recount has (Continued on Page Three)

185 Retail Stores In Torrance

Torrance has 185 retail trade establishments with receipts of \$13,794,000, employing 640 persons in 1948, the census bureau's preliminary business report showed recently.

Comparable figures for 1939 to show the percentage gain will not be available until the bureau issues its final report.

The report also showed that Torrance has 14 wholesale trade establishments with receipts of \$10,466,000, employing 164 persons; 54 selected service trades with receipts of \$780,000 employing 138 persons; six hotels with receipts of \$60,000, employing seven persons; five amusement establishments with receipts of \$116,000 employing 20 persons.

Torrance Voters Increased by 396

TORRANCE — An increase of 396 in the number of registered voters between Feb. 16 and April 13 was announced yesterday by Registrar of Voters Ben S. Hite. The February registration was 8640 as compared with 9036 in April.



SHOWN ABOVE—Is the 1950 Queen of Torrance, Jackie Johnson, sponsored by Merl Norman, cosmetics, surrounded by the Torrance Teen Club; Beverly Moore, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Zachary, backed by the Lions

Club; and Ann Mondor, sponsored by Rotary Club. All funds derived from the fifth Annual Queen Contest, sponsored by the Junior Women's Club will go toward the new Y.W.C.A. building fund.—Photo by Photo Arts Studio.

Tract Maps For 625 New Homes Pass

TORRANCE — Tract maps which promise construction of 625 more homes here have been approved by the City Council.

Largest of the tracts is one proposed for development on the northwesterly corner of Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards. Planned by Marvin Wagner, it will contain 434 dwelling units.

Two other maps approved were for a 135-lot subdivision just north of the Seaside school by Truman Browne and a 56-lot addition to his Pacific Hills tract in WALTERIA by K. Sande Senness.

Letter to the Editor

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Superintendent of Schools
Los Angeles 12, California

May 25, 1950

Editor, Peninsula Press:

In response to various inquiries and requests for specific information, we are enclosing herewith statements and conclusions reached by the Office of the County Counsel with regard to certain election matters.

In the matter of a write-in candidate, and the method of marking the ballot, the following circumstances have been cited:

1. Name written in but no initials used.
2. Incorrect initials used.
3. No cross (X) after name of write-in candidate.

Since, in all the inquiries received by this office, there has been no conflict presented by the fact that there was more than one write-in candidate in any district, and since there could be no resulting confusion in the matter of names, all the ballots cast for the write-in candidate should be counted as valid. If the name is written in, that would signify that the elector intended to vote for the candidate of that name and the cross (X) would therefore be unnecessary. The same reasoning would apply to a mistake or the absence of initials since there was only one write-in candidate and therefore no confusion as to similar names.

We trust that these statements will help to clarify several points on which there seems to be some misunderstanding.

Cordially yours,

C. C. TRILLINGHAM

County Superintendent of Schools

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185 Protest N. Torrance

Protests by Mr. and Mrs. Aron Wiebe, 17303 So. Atkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McBee, 17315 So. Atkinson, were heard last week by City Council against the issuance of a beer license, applied for to the State, at 17312 So. Crenshaw because of the location. Councilman Blount advised the Council that a petition of protest, signed by 185 persons, had been sent to the State Board of Equalization and asked that the Council also register its protest with the Board by airmail.

Office Ransacked

LOMITA, May 25. — Burglars who ransacked a contractor's supply office at 1820 W. Pacific highway, escaped with three typewriters and an adding machine valued at a total of \$321, sheriff's deputies were told yesterday.

Liability Pilot Law Advocated

Concern of some residents over planes approaching the local airstrip may result in a public liability law similar to that now in effect for motorists.

This opinion was expressed recently by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of an Pedro, who said he might propose such legislation at the next assembly session.

Thomas has been conferring with operators of the field and local city officials over complaints of low-flying craft in the area which have been voiced by the group.

Appointments For Summer Program Made

The following personnel will be appointed June 19, 1950, for the Summer Recreation Program under the classification indicated, in accordance with the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and Recreation Director:

Betty Schaefer, Women's and Girls' Dir., June 19-Sept. 2; George Whiting, Office, clerk, June 12-Sept. 2; Richard Leech, Sr. Rec. Worker, June 19-Sept. 2; Doris Avis, Rec. Worker II, June 19-Sept. 2; L. Tillotson, Rec. Worker II, June 19-Sept. 2; Jane Bobo, Rec. Worker I, June 19-Sept. 2.

X-Ray Project Asks Funds

Letter was received by City of Torrance from the Los Angeles County X-Ray Survey Foundation requesting an appropriation of \$2,564 as Torrance's share for the support of the project. Correspondence was referred to the Finance Committee and the City Attorney for drafting the necessary resolution to make the appropriation.

Lost Your Best Friend?

If your romantic canine has temporarily been led astray by some passing fancy and now doesn't know how to get home, there's no need to worry. A Press Lost and Found ad will quickly spread the news all over Torrance and before you know it a Press liner will phone you to come and get your "adventurer" back. It's E-E-E-Z-Y to place a Lost and Found Ad. You merely phone Torrance 1185 and ask for an Ad-taker.

Election Result Held Ultimatum

Resulting from public sentiment and the impending change of policy on the Board of Education, a growing move to retain Mrs. Harriet Hardy on the Torrance High School faculty is reported this week.

Miss Hardy, girl's vice principal, "resigned" when told that her position was to be abolished. Her resignation was "accepted" by the present Board of Education.

Immediately after the "resignation" became public, a move to keep Miss Hardy was started, with petitions circulated first by students of the high school and later by public spirited citizens. Petitions were circulated jointly asking for the resignation of Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull.

The petition, reported to bear several hundred signatures are to be handed to the new Board of Education after July 1, it is said.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the old Board will be asked to rescind its action accepting Miss Hardy's "resignation," and to return her to the faculty in a position befitting her training, experience and qualifications. It is said that Miss Hardy has turned down good positions elsewhere, because she wants to remain in Torrance and make her home here.

The action on this matter, it is said, may mark a change in the "anti-woman teacher" attitude which has prevailed here in recent months.

However, experience of many in the three-year life of independent Torrance schools has shown that anyone who "crosses" Superintendent Hull may as well pack his bags and be on his way.

Whether the Board election of May 19 will change this attitude is a matter which the community is watching with interest, it is said.

Border Ave. Opening Asked By Residents

Opening and paving of Border avenue from 222nd Street to Santa Fe avenue will be asked of the city in the near future, according to residents of the new Kettler Knolls section who are instituting the move.

At present the only access to the new Kettler tract from the central Torrance area is over a half-street of Border avenue which terminates at Plaza del Amo.

Residents not only will petition that the street be paved for its full width between Santa Fe avenue and Plaza del Amo, but that it be opened and paved from Plaza del Amo north to 222nd St.

The city paved Border avenue last year for its entire length to the Doak plant at 222nd St., but the street has not even been opened south of that section. It goes through a piece of city property just north of Plaza del Amo.

Residents of the new Kettler section also are said to be planning to ask for street lights in the area.

\$9,764.94 Allocated To Parks

Appropriations were made this week for the purchase of the following equipment, materials and supplies for the Recreation Department to furnish playgrounds and recreation buildings:

Softball and baseball equipment needs, \$412.13; Materials for water line at McMaster Park, \$955.23; Completing water and gas lines, El Retiro Park, \$463.48; Game equipment needs, summer program, \$664.40; Craft supply inventory for summer program, \$678.77; Miscellaneous athletic equipment, \$776.48; 1 1/2 No. 11 steel pin Merry-Go-Round, El Retiro Park, \$297.75; 50 picnic tables for all areas, \$550; Ping-pong table—new and fixing old, \$225; WALTERIA—service equipment for 50, \$167.95; El Retiro—service and kitchen equipment for 75, \$512.43; McMaster—service and kitchen equipment for 75, \$512.43; McMaster Park development equipment:

(1) softball diamond backstop (inc. planking), \$750; (2) playground equipment (total \$644.99); Two used pianos for El Retiro and McMaster centers, \$150; Two record players—two recreation centers (at \$75), \$150; 50 metal folding chairs—WALTERIA, \$210; 100 metal folding chairs—El Retiro, \$420; 100 metal folding chairs—McMaster, \$420; Office equipment for new recreation office, \$783.92. Total \$9,764.94.

El Prado Now 1-Way Street

TORRANCE — An ordinance making a two-block stretch of El Prado a one-way thoroughfare has been authorized by the City Council, it was indicated today by City Manager George Stevens.

The street between Cravens and Manuel avenues is to be restricted to easterly traffic on the south side and westerly traffic on the northerly side. The stretch is separated by a wide parkway.

Also authorized, according to Stevens, were stop signs on both sections of El Prado at Arlington avenue, on 234th street at Western avenue, on 236th at Western avenue and on Calle Miradores at Calle Mayer.

School Ballots Canvass Surprise

After a maze of conflicting announcements from the school administration office, ballots of the recent Board of Education election were canvassed and declared official at a surprise meeting, Friday, at 2 p. m.

The only ones present, outside of administration personnel, were Dr. Howard A. Wood, Mrs. Evelyn Carr and Mrs. Grace Wright, a newspaper photographer and Addis Thomas, who said he found out about the canvass by accident.

(Editor's note: A letter from the office of the County Superintendent of Schools regarding write-in candidates and votes, of great interest to all, is to be found elsewhere on this page.)

One school official had announced the canvass for "a week from Tuesday" which would have been Memorial day, a holiday.

Another attaché of the administration office said that it would take place Monday, May 29.

Our contemporary newspaper quoted the school office as saying it would be held at 8 p. m. Friday, May 26.

Many citizens had expressed an interest in the canvass and had planned to attend, and Thomas pointed out that it followed prior procedure of doing things so as to attract the smallest amount of public notice possible.

There was no change in the



One hundred sixty-seven seniors will be holding their breath Monday June 5 at their annual Senior Breakfast, when the giant hands of the dial pictured above will point to the two seniors who will receive the Bulova watches awarded by Gary's Jewelers of Torrance. The giant dial pictured above is connected to an eight-day

clock which will stop Monday during the breakfast. At this time, Class President Joe O'Toole, will indicate the two winning seniors, and the award will be made by Mr. Edward Raphael, owner of Gary's Jewelers. Pictured above with the dial.—Press photo.

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