



RING-A-LING — Head "school marm" of the Torrance Unified School District, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, rings the school bell that will bring about 5000 children in Torrance back to school next Monday, Sept. 17. Though the garb

may be that of 1890, Superintendent Hull assures parents of children in this area that the latest in educational theory is used in schools of the Torrance Unified District. —Torrance Press Photo.

5000 ENROLLMENT EXPECTED

Schools Here Open For Fall Term Monday

About 5000 children in the Torrance area will report to school this Monday, September 17 when schools of the Torrance Unified School District open their doors for the start of the fall semester. This is an increase of about 1000 over those entering school last year.

Ready to receive the children will be a staff of over 220 at the ten schools in the district. Helping to alleviate the increased load of students entering school this fall is the opening of three additional schools, the Crenshaw, El Nido, and Greenwood avenue schools. This will enable all buildings with the exception of one to begin the school year without double sessions.

All of the elementary schools are open, and it is urged that parents of pupils not previously enrolled in the Torrance schools register their children before the opening day of school. This may be done today or tomorrow. A birth record is required of any new student.

GREENWOOD SCHOOL

Raymond Ellerman, principal of the Greenwood Avenue School wished to emphasize that all children from the 5th grade in the Fern-Greenwood school zone should go to the Greenwood School for instruction. He added that the names of the children will be posted outside the door of the classroom to which they are to go.

For the assurance of parents, crossing guards will be posted at the corners of Fern ave., and Torrance blvd., and at Crenshaw and Torrance blvds.

KINDERGARTENS

Any child who was four years

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Why Not Convert!

—from goods to cash, that is!

It doesn't take long to make money if you use the Torrance Press Classified, according to Mrs. D. Boone Kirks, of 2116 Gramercy Ave., Torrance.

Mrs. Kirks was overwhelmed last Thursday morning when she received calls an hour after the paper reached the streets, and sold the typewriter before noon Thursday. "I knew that typewriters were scarce but I didn't realize how many people were anxious to buy a good used typewriter."

Mrs. Kirks isn't the only one in Torrance with a good used item for sale—how about you? Surely you can find used chairs, tables, an old washing machine, or easy equipment that is no longer used. Why not sell it and buy something that will fit your present needs? Those old items are no doubt just the thing your neighbor is looking for and you don't know it. So tell her with a classified ad which costs only 60c for 15 words.

Below is the small 60c classified which paid so much dividends to Mrs. Kirks. For Sale Misc.:

Standard Underwood Typewriter, good cond. \$29. See at 2116 Gramercy.

Police Captain Examination May Be Held

With the recent passing of Capt. Frank Joseph Schumacher of the Torrance Police Department, Detective Capt. Ernest Ashton falls heir to the No. 1 captain's badge. Ashton is senior captain, and Capt. Willard Haslam holds the other only captain's badge in the department.

Chief of Police John Stron said that such appointment of another captain to succeed to the vacancy left by Schumacher is a matter for the Civil Service Commission to decide. He added that if the captains post is to be filled a promotional examination for such post would be given for which all the sergeants in the department could apply.

Whereas Capt. Schumacher often acted as Chief of Police in the absence of the Chief, Stron said that no "assistant chief" post existed in the department, and the captain that happened to be on the day shift would take his place in his temporary absence.

Chief Stron also pointed out that the seniority of one officer over another is only affected where vacation time is concerned.

AT CIVIC AUD.

Constitution Day to Be Feted Here

Arrangements are now completed for the program for the Constitution Day observance to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium next Monday evening, Sept. 17, at 8:15 p. m., according to Realtor William T. Faulkner, committee chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, sponsor of the event.

Guest speaker will be Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the Americanism Educational League.

The program, as now arranged is as follows: a. Band music, by the Torrance Area Youth Band, directed by James H. Van Dyke; b. "America, the Beautiful," by the Torrance Barbershop Chorus, directed by Herbert C. Allen; c. Music, band; d. The National Anthem, barbershop chorus; e. Music, band; f. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by City Manager George Stevens; g. Invocation, by Rev. C. M. Northrup; h. Address, Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of

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Sewers for Riviera Area Are Sought

Petitions are now being circulated in the Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos area to form districts for the installation of sewers, it was announced by City Engineer Jacob Joseph.

Three districts in the Hollywood Riviera section has been proposed and one in the Seaside Ranchos area. Total estimated costs of Hollywood Riviera proposed Sewer District No. 1 is \$257,348. There are 509 parcels of land in this district. Estimated cost of Sewer District No. 2 is \$234,172 with the third Hollywood Riviera Sewer District proposed at an estimated cost of \$202,955. There are 523 parcels in Sewer District No. 2 and 495 in Sewer District No. 3.

The Seaside Ranchos Sewer District is planned at an estimated cost of \$82,536.30.

Committee to Probe Parking Needs Named

Dean Sears and C. V. Jones were appointed to serve on a committee to investigate the number of street parking spaces in the downtown district of Torrance and as to the necessity for parking meters, it was revealed this week by C. T. Rippey, chairman of the Torrance parking authority.

This action was taken at a meeting of the group held last Thursday evening.

A committee to release publicity on facts was also named. Chosen to serve on this committee were Emma Roberts and J. H. Paget.

Rippey also reported that City Manager George Stevens is to prepare a map of street parking facilities, of off-street parking facilities, and presently available vacant lots in the central downtown area that might be reasonably financed.

HOW FINANCED

When asked as to how the purchase of lots might be financed Rippey replied that three methods

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Keystone Group Supports Thomas In Slough Action

The Keystone-Avalon Chamber of Commerce Monday night voted to support Assemblyman Vincent Thomas in his efforts to investigate whether there is any civil responsibility or criminal negligence in connection with the tragic drowning of four youngsters over the weekend in Bixby Slough. It is reported that Attorney Gen. Pat Brown promised Thomas to assign a special investigator to probe the matter.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles City Council voted to re-open studies for a stabilizing drain for Bixby Slough. Drowned last weekend in Bixby Slough were: William Gerald Ward, 8, of 3401 N. Gaffey st., apartment

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ALONDRA PARK RESIDENTS RENEW ANNEXATION PLEA

LINES FORM FOR BATTLE ON HOG FARM

With the battle of the flies and odor ever on the increase in the newly built Torrance Gardens development at Crenshaw and Torrance blvds., residents in the area charged this week that the city fathers should take action concerning a nearby hog ranch. They believe that the ranch located within three blocks of the tract, is the cause of the now unhealthy situation.

It was also rumored this week that residents in the area might start the circulation of petitions to have the area in which the ranch is located re-zoned. They say that the near proximity of the ranch attracts flies, which they claim a health menace to the children newly moved into the area.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers, of 826 Kronblum ave., had this to say: "The flies in our home are just terrible. At first we were amazed. We couldn't figure out where they came from. We then discovered the presence of the hog ranch nearby."

It was also pointed out that the ranch is not visible from Torrance blvd. due to the geography of the land.

Maurice Hattem, of 820 Maple st., said that he and several of his neighbors had noticed that there were swarms of flies in the area as well as a very unpleasant odor pervading their homes at certain times of the day. Upon investigation, they discovered the ranch, which they believe is the cause of both flies and odor.



LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN—Joe Mongial, of the Torrance Escrow Guaranty Company and Safety Committee chairman of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, takes a look at one of the posters to be used by the Jaycees during their accident prevention campaign getting underway this week. The last two weeks in September has been proclaimed Accident Prevention weeks. Story page 3. —Torrance Press Photo.

Council Delays Rule On Longren Factory

Amidst petitions, letters, and the presence of protesters of the Longren Aircraft expansion "hot potato" request, the City Council Tuesday night temporarily squirmed out of a delicate situation by postponing decision on the matter until its next meeting. The plant is located at 2576 Carson street.

In face of a letter from O. W. Sawyer, 2612 W. Carson street, and a petition signed by about forty residents in the nearby area of the plant, received by the Council, the body voted to postpone decision on the matter. Councilman Nick Draie pointed out, for the record, that this was the first time that such an issue had been postponed by the Council. Many of the homeowners in the area were present at the meeting.

COMMISSION LETTER

The Council also referred to its next meeting a letter from the Planning Commission recommending that the zone variance be granted Longren Aircraft to expand its present facilities.

Included in the recommendation to the Council, however, are the conditions that there be no burning at any time at the plant, that off-street parking be provided for employees and that the area be surfaced to prevent dust, that Dats and Elm avenue frontages be beautified, that all machinery be housed within buildings and that the company install such additional sound-proofing as may be necessary to control excessive noise from machines.

Residents protesting the proposed expansion because, among other reasons, of the noise, dust, and unkemptness of this industry in the center of a residential section, pointed out that a like request on the part of Longren was refused in 1949.

SOAP BOX DERBY PLANNED

Baron Michele Leone At Kids Day Breakfast

Baron Michele Leone, a breakfast at the Civic Auditorium, and a local Soap Box Derby, are all part of the Kids Day events planned for September 22 this year by the Kiwanis Club, according to Charles Wallace, publicity chairman.

Wallace said that Baron Leone has agreed to be at the Civic Auditorium from 9:30 a. m. to 11 a. m. Saturday morning, Sep. 22 to hand out lollypops to the kids at the breakfast.

The Kids Day Breakfast, which will be served from 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon, will be at a nominal cost of 50c per person. The public is invited to attend this breakfast of fruit juice, hot cakes, bacon and coffee.

DERBY AT 2 P. M.

The Soap Box Derby, will be held at 2 p. m. at Sepulveda Hill, west of Hawthorne blvd., on Sepulveda blvd. Wallace said

that about 18 boys from the ages of 8 to 12 years of age are expected to participate in the race.

Purpose of this annual Kids Day, sponsored by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, is to meet the cost of the Alondra Park swimming program, which the club sponsors with the Torrance Recreation Department each year by providing transportation to and from the park for the kids.

Wallace said that it is hoped that this year's Kids Day will help pay for last year's swim

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City Council May Block Move - Hall

A new move to annex the Alondra park territory from Redondo Beach boulevard to Compton boulevard, between Crenshaw avenue and Prairie avenue has been undertaken, but it has been met with the statement of City Attorney James Hall that the City Council may have the power to block the annexation.

Mrs. Anthony J. Stafferi, who lives in the Alondra county unincorporated area, told Councilman Nick Draie that she is one of a group anxious to circulate petitions to annex to Torrance. She said the people in the area do not want to join Gardena nor any other adjacent city, but want to become a part of Torrance.

The people need more adequate police and fire protection, and they want the right to attend Torrance schools, it was said.

By annexation, the area automatically would come into Torrance Unified School District. Alondra Park, with its golf course, clubhouse, swimming pool, as well as El Camino College, also would be brought into the confines of the City of Torrance.

While proponents of the annexation move declared that they do not believe the City Council has the moral right to refuse to annex territory, particularly where there is need for better local governmental facilities including schools and protection of life and property, the City Attorney said that they might possess the legal right.

HALL'S STATEMENT

City Attorney Hall told the Torrance Press that "It is my opinion that if the Council desires, it could block the annexation of Alondra Park to Torrance and there could be no remedy."

"They could do this by refusing to adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the filing of intention to circulate the petitions, or they could block annexation after the petitions have been presented at a hearing of the matter."

In event of such action by the Council, he said, the proponents could file a writ of review in Superior Court to determine their rights under the law and thus possibly force a vote on

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WATER BOND HEARING SET FOR SEPT. 19

Hearing for the proposed \$2,000,000 water bond issue, badly needed here, has been set for next Wednesday evening, Sept. 19 by the City Council Tuesday night.

Number of signatures thus far obtained by the Jaycees and other petition circulators were not available at press deadline. The Jaycees have undertaken to sign up 50% of the needed signatures. About 1000 signatures are required to put the issue to a vote.

City Manager George Stevens requested that the Council set the hearing next Wednesday as he hoped that all the petitions would be in by then.

Meanwhile, it was asked that all circulators having petitions with 25 or more signatures bring them to Bert Lamb, 1740 Date ave. Those with less than 25 signatures on their petitions are requested to call Lamb at Torrance 984-J and report the number of signatures thus far obtained. It was stressed as a matter of urgency that this be done so that a tabulation on how many more signatures are needed may be made.

Elects Officers

New officers of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association were elected at a meeting of the group held Sept. 5.

The new officers are as follows: Jack White, president; David Dyer, vice-president; Ann Collins, recording secretary; Mrs. Janice Bates, treasurer; and Larry Gatti, auditor.



MOCAMBO STAR—Walteria chimpanzee, "Chimp," owned by the Caswells of Walteria made a hit at Hollywood's famous Mocambo Club last week. "Chimp" is shown in his famous circus act costume. See story page 3.

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