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Commission Revamped

Council Asks School Aid For Recreation Program

Promises to participate fully in the city's recreation program made at the time of the establishment of the Torrance Unified School District, were cited Tuesday night, when members of the City Council appeared before the School Board to request their assistance in reorganizing the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab and Councilmen Victor E. Benstead, Nick Draie, and Harvey Spelman, appeared to concur in the opinion that school administrators and personnel are better qualified to direct a recreation program aimed primarily at the children than are city councilmen.

School Appropriation
In addition, it was pointed out the school district contributes only about \$4,000 yearly to the recreation program, which costs the city approximately \$40,000 annually.

President of the School Board Judge John Shidler pointed out that the schools are looking for money the same as the council is. He stated that the board felt that tax money gained by the schools should be used for education primarily.

The recreation program is historically the responsibility of the city, it was said. Only in recent years have the school districts assumed any of the responsibility and management of the program, one board member stated.

Building Program

Shidler disclosed that the Civic Center Act made it possible for schools to divert tax money into recreation, but that the board tried to keep their contribution at a minimum so that the school building program could move at top speed.

Councilman Spelman stated that he thought that the council approval (Continued on Page 5)

PREPARE DUMP SITE FOR USE

New Torrance city dump will be in use within ten days, according to Ralph Perkins, whose crew of city street workers are busy now grading and excavating the dump site, and cleaning off trees and shrubs.

A drive-way for trucks to enter the dump is being prepared, and the city crane will be moved to the spot this week, Perkins said.

The 40-ton drag-line bucket crane will dig large pits, 30 or 40 feet deep, to hold the refuse and trash that will be dumped there.

Dirt removed from the site will be hauled to the North Torrance Park to fill in low spots, and will be sold to private contractors for \$1.15 per load to help defray the cost, Perkins said.



SPEAKER—Lt. Gov. Goodwin Knight will deliver a campaign speech Monday, August 11th, at 9 p.m. at Torrance High School.

Knight to Talk Here Monday

Lt. Gov. Goodwin Knight will make a Republican campaign speech Monday, August 11th, at 9 p.m., at Torrance High School, it was announced this week.

He will speak on behalf of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, and Bob Finch.

Finch, a candidate for Congress in this district, will also be a guest speaker.

The lieutenant governor will appear at 9, following an address at El Segundo High School.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, it was disclosed.

Safety Week Committee Appointed

Announcement of the members of the Directing Committee to head the Chamber of Commerce sponsored School Children Safety Week was made by President Robert I. Plomer, Jr., today.

The committee is headed by Mrs. Evelyn Carr, and consists of the following members: E. E. Wilson, E. Timbs, Murray Hamilton, John Melville, Mrs. Grace Wright, Harvey Spelman, Nick Cucchi, Dr. Howard Wood, Emmet Ingram, John Mock, and Dale Tsenberg.

SCHOOL BUDGET ADOPTED

Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District Tuesday night adopted the 1952-53 school budget, totaling \$2,107,778.

This figure represents a \$200,000 increase over last year, and includes pay hikes for school personnel and administrators.

Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools, disclosed that as much as \$118,000, and possibly as much as \$200,000, will be received by this district from the Federal Government under public law 874. This money has been granted for operational expenses.

Last year the schools got \$152,000 from the Federal Government, he said.

A letter from the County Counsel disclosed that final condemnation papers had been filed on the Ellinwood property in South Torrance. This property has been selected as the site for the second Torrance high school.

Dr. Hull read a letter from San Diego State College answering our request for names of possible teachers for this district. The reply stated that most of their graduate teachers had been snapped up by local schools, and so they could not help us. Dr. Hull pointed out that elementary school teachers are at a premium now.

Talent Show Draws Large Sunday Crowd

More than 400 persons attended the first Avalon-Sepulveda Park Community Family picnic and children's talent show last Sunday afternoon, according to Mrs. Dorothy Kemper, park director.

Winners in the contest were Barbara Jean and Jackie Meadow, 6-year-old tap dancers; Pauline Valoria, hula dancer, who won in the competition among children 6 to 9 years of age; Sharon Schiavio, accordionist, winner of the 9 to 11 years of age competition; and Robert Lorenzi and Sandra Glenn, song and dance team, who won in competition among special teen groups.



INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES—R. L. Minckler, president of General Petroleum Corporation, helps Dr. J. G. Davidson, president of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, get acquainted with Torrance, new site for the latter company's polyethylene and ethylene glycol plant. General Petroleum sold Carbide and Carbon Chemicals a 140-acre site adjacent to its Torrance refinery upon which the \$36 million plant will be erected.

Israel Subject of Talk by Local Man

Conditions in Israel observed during a year stay in that country will be the subject of an address by Charles Babbitt before the Rotary Club of Torrance this evening.

Babbitt, an executive of the Cal-Metal Corp., recently returned from Israel, after a year there supervising the construction of a factory for Joint Pipe Imports Ltd., suppliers of irrigation and water pipes, to be used primarily on government-owned co-operative farms.

Israel is the only country in the Middle East that has an adequate system for supplying good water to the public, Babbitt states.

Compulsory Education
General living standard is high, and education in the new country is compulsory up to the secondary level.

Under the socialistic government that exists in Israel, 60 per cent of all industry and agriculture is owned by the government labor unions, Babbitt reports. Private capital owns the remaining 40 per cent.

There are modern restaurants, hotels, theatres, and night clubs in large cities such as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

200,000 Arabs
Hebrew is the language spoken by the 1,400,000 Jews in Israel. There are now only 200,000 Arabs (Continued on Page 5)

Tool Stolen

Tony Reyes of 2511 Redondo Beach Blvd. reported to Torrance Police this week that for the second time in recent months someone has stolen a power edger from his home.

Revised G. I. School Bill Announced Here

Korean veterans will attend College under a revised G. I. bill according to Merl Sloan, Director of Student Personnel at El Camino College. The first information bulletin from Washington indicates that the old bill has been revised and streamlined.

Monthly Allowance
Veterans will be eligible for one and one-half days of college training for each day in service since the outbreak of the Korean fighting—up to a maximum of 36 months. Veterans in G. I. bill training will receive an education allowance each month from the government, to meet part of the expenses of their training and living costs. Tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment will not be paid by the government; instead, they will have to be paid out of monthly allowance. According to Sloan, rates

for veterans in full-time training in Colleges are \$110 a month, if they have no dependent; \$135 if they have one dependent, and \$160 if they have more than one dependent. Those in training less than full time will receive lower monthly rates.

Heavy Enrollment
Tuition free Colleges, such as El Camino, are expecting to enroll the great majority of these veterans, according to the College official, since tuition & fees will be paid out of the veterans pocket instead of by the Veterans Administration.

New Library Hours Told For Keystone

Hours of the new Carson library, and extended hours of the main Keystone library were announced this week by John Henderson, county librarian.

The Carson branch library, as it has been officially named, will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with evening hours from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays only.

The Keystone library will be open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m. on both Tuesdays and Thursdays, Henderson disclosed.

Mrs. Dorothy Barker, librarian at the Keystone branch library, has been appointed to the same post at the Carson library, which is located in Unit No. 2 of Avalon Village, 231st St. and Avalon Blvd.

The changed hours for Keystone and the new hours for Carson go into effect on August 15th, the opening date of the new branch.

The Carson Chamber of Commerce is planning a civic ceremony for that date to dedicate the Carson branch library, it was reported.

Reservists End Summer Maneuvers

Lt. Russell D. Cockrun, of 1655 West 216th St., returned home this week after summer maneuvers with the 63rd Infantry Reserve Division at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation near King City, Calif.

Cockrun is one of the ten officer members of the division who fly the famous "puddle-jumper" light planes which are the "eyes" of the infantry.

These airborne infantrymen fly reconnaissance missions, provide artillery and ground troop observation.

Owner Protests Illegal Dumping

E. J. LeBow, of the Lebow-McNee Oil Co., reported to Torrance Police this week that unknown persons are dumping refuse and rubbish on one of the firm's holdings.

The property is located at 237th St. and Walnut.

He asked that the city aid him in putting a stop to this illicit dumping.

Eastern Firm Buys Site

140 Acres Near GP Plant Selected for Big Factory

The fabulous industrial boom taking place in Torrance got another boost upward today as the announcement was made that the new \$36 million polyethylene and ethylene glycol plant of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company will be located here on a site purchased from General Petroleum Corporation.

Dedication Set

NEW ADULT CENTER TO OPEN SOON

State and local recreation officials will be on hand Sunday, August 17th, for the formal dedication of the new Torrance Adult Recreation Center.

Paul Roettger of the Recreation Commission will serve as master of ceremonies at the dedication, which will begin at 12 noon. Open house will follow the ceremony.

The new center, located on Cravens Ave., adjacent to the library, provides recreational facilities, including indoor and outdoor sports, for adults only, it was reported.

Built of redwood and brick, the main lounge of the building features a stone fireplace, comfortable furniture, and a television set. An exhibition of shuffleboard and horseshoes will be presented at the dedication. Refreshments will be served.

Registration Dates for El Camino Set

Registration for the fall semester at El Camino College has been set for September 15, 16 and 17 according to Merl F. Sloan, director of Student Personnel. Complete information on registration is now available at the College with the fall schedule of classes expected to be ready for distribution about August 15. With an all-time high in enrollment expected, additional courses are to be offered and additional faculty employed.

New Courses
Courses in Homemaking, Power Sewing, Home Nursing & Upholstering will be offered for the first time in September. Additional permanent classrooms have been provided with the completion of the Life Science Building. A modern three-wing library is under construction and scheduled for completion in the Spring of 1953. Contracts have been let for additions in vocational & technical laboratory and classroom space which will double present facilities.

Office Open
College offices will be open throughout the summer and counselors will be on duty to aid prospective students in planning their College careers. Information may be obtained by calling MElo 4-6631 or PLymouth 6-1421.

Dr. J. G. Davidson, president of the chemicals company, revealed that a 140-acre site immediately adjacent to GP's Torrance refinery has been chosen by his company which had also entered into a 20-year contract with GP for the supply of raw materials.

Local Workers
More than 350 persons will be employed in the new plant, in addition to many local workers to be employed in the construction.

Officials of the chemicals firm disclosed that plans for the new manufacturing center are well underway, and that construction will begin as soon as all bids are in, and essential materials are made available.

Tax Cut
It is anticipated locally that this \$36 million enterprise and several other high-cost plants slated for development in the near future, will increase Torrance's assessed valuation so greatly that taxes will be rolled back next year.

In commenting on the selection of Torrance for this large factory, Dr. Davidson stated,

"We feel that being located right next door to the source of raw materials is a most efficient arrangement. In addition, Torrance offers excellent climatic conditions and transportation facilities, as well as fine living conditions for the approximately 350 people the plant will employ."

Plans for the new plant were originally revealed by Dr. Davidson on July 28, shortly after Certificates of Necessity were issued by the Defense Production Administration. The actual site had not yet been chosen at that time.

"Squeeze Bottles"
The plant is being designed to produce from 50 to 60 million pounds of polyethylene and from 5 to 10 million gallons of ethylene (Continued on Page 5)

Democrats to Meet Friday, Map Campaign

Members of the 17th District County Democratic Committee and representatives of various Harbor Area Democratic Party organizations will meet tomorrow evening in Wilmington.

Local Democrats who will attend the meeting include Leo Benstead, county Democratic committee; Mrs. Edward Schwartz, state Democratic committee; Nick Draie, president of Torrance Democrats; and Victor E. Benstead.

Purpose of the meeting is to set up machinery for the coming general election in November, party officials disclose.



FLYING FOOTMEN—Soldier pilots of the 63rd Infantry Reserve Division in summer camp at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. Airborne infantrymen of light aviation unit fly reconnaissance missions, provide artillery and ground troop observation. Capt. Clayde J. Robbins (left) and Lt. Russell D. Cockrun stand before light reconnaissance plane. Cockrun lives at 1655 West 216th St.



SOMETHING NEW—Sparkling, new administrative and customer offices are features of the remodeling done recently in the Torrance McMahan's store, located at 1308 Sartori Ave. Efficient, fast service of sales and charge accounts is made possible by the new arrangement shown above, according to Mgr. Charles Markland. Clerk Jonell Kreag is seen waiting on a customer. Gloria Reid is busy with the bookkeeping in the left hand corner. Remodeling sale is being held this week-end, with free gifts for the ladies, Markland disclosed.