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BOARD SELECTS NAMES FOR TWO HIGH SCHOOLS

Geography Is Key to Selection

Names for two future Torrance high schools, one to be ready for use within a year, were selected Tuesday night by members of the board of education.

The geographic location of each of the schools is clearly evident by the names chosen by the board. The school in North Torrance is to be called North Torrance high school, and the school to be located near the airport is to be known as South Torrance High School.

Tentative architectural sketches of the plant in North Torrance were approved by the board Tuesday. The plans call for six classroom wings, an administration building, and separate buildings for music, shops, library, physical education, and cafeteria. The new school will be located on a forty-acre site at 152nd St. and Yukon Ave.

An elementary school site located in the Ellinwood tract near Hollywood Riviera was also named Tuesday. Pacific Elementary School was selected for this future plant.

A fourth site, located on the Weston tract near the airport will be named by the board at the next meeting.

In a report on operations of the high school cafeteria, schools' business manager Emmett Ingram informed the board that at current food prices the cafeteria has been running in the red.

From the date of the opening of school to Oct. 31, the cafeteria (Continued on Page 2)

HOTEL ROOM ENTERED, 1902 NICKEL TAKEN

A 1902 nickel, a G.E. radio worth \$45, \$5 in dimes, and a \$15 cigarette case were taken from the Murray Hotel room of Thomas G. Higgins, he reported to Torrance police Monday night.

Thomas, who is employed at North American Aviation, reported that the theft occurred while he was at work. He stated that he did not remember whether he had locked his hotel room door.

American Legion Membership Goal 400



—Press Photo
SEEKING MEMBERS—Membership drive at the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post gets underway this week with a goal of 200 new members. Legion "choo-choo" will play a prominent part in intensive membership drive on Saturday. Above, Legion officers take train for trial run. They are Jim Parks, in cabin, and (left to right) Bob Faren, past commander; Harry Green, commander, and Gordon Arnold, chairman of drive.

LEGION SEEKS TO DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP

Four hundred members in 1953 is the goal of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion, according to Gordon Arnold, first vice-commander.

Arnold, who is chairman of the membership committee, disclosed that the post will stage a one-day membership drive this Saturday.

The red and blue "choo-choo" train that marks the local Legion post will parade through downtown (Continued on Page 2)

Schaefer Heads Noon Toastmasters Club

Walt Schaefer was elected to serve as president of the newly-organized Torrance Noon Toastmasters Club at the first meeting of the group held last Friday at the Ding How Cafe.

Other officers named to serve were Bob Owens, vice-president; Walter Inman, secretary; Roy Peterson, treasurer; and Bill Garrity, sergeant-at-arms.

Regular meetings of the group will be held each Monday at noon at the Ding How.

Bob Owens, Bill Garrity, and Roy Peterson will be speakers at next Monday's gathering. Fred Mills, area governor of Toastmas-

ters International, will be general critic, and Bob Isaacs will serve as speaker chairman.

Attending Friday's meeting were Bill Evans, district governor, and past president of Torrance Evening Toastmasters, Scott Albright and Don Richards, both members of the evening club, and Everett Johnson, Mott Farrell, Bud Hebson, Ed Aiken, Mills, and Isaacs.

J. J. McNally, Union Official, Succumbs

Joseph John McNally, former chairman of the grievance committee at Columbia Steel, died Friday evening of complications following a series of major surgical operations performed last month.

Rosary was recited Monday evening, and Requiem Mass was celebrated Tuesday. Father P. J. McGuinness officiated.

Interment took place Tuesday at Holy Cross Cemetery.

The 35-year-old McNally, long active in affairs of Local 1414 of the United Steelworkers of America, died of complications resulting from a gastric resection, which was performed at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach.

Surviving McNally are his wife, LeVonne, of 253 W. 216th St., and two children, Ronald Dennis, 12, and Sharon, 10.

He is survived also by his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Smith of 1218 El Prado Ave.; two brothers, Richard Francis of Torrance and Robert Joseph of Lomita; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Andre of Torrance, Mrs. Marjorie Hyndon of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Eloise Strinz of Wilmar, Calif.

The deceased's father, Joseph McNally, Sr., a former member of the grievance committee at Columbia, died last July.

McNally, Jr., was a crane man at Columbia until his illness.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge, 1378, of Redondo Beach.

Torrance's Harvey Machine Co. plans to build a \$45 million aluminum reduction plant near The Dalles in Oregon if the Defense Production Administration grants approval, according to an announcement appearing in the Nov. 17 issue of the Wall Street Journal.

Vice President Lawrence Harvey said the plant would produce 54,000 tons of aluminum yearly and could be constructed in 12 to 18 months if approval is granted. The company already has taken 90 day options on land near The Dalles.

Power would be available from McNary Dam, less than 100 miles up the Columbia River from The Dalles, in 1954.

Harvey said private financing has been arranged.

The project is already opposed by some industrial leaders who point to the area's current critical power shortage, the Wall Street publication stated.

Torrance Girds for Fight in Alondra Annexation War

In answer to another threat to shift the city limits of Gardena over to the boundary of El Camino College, a move is once again being started by civic-minded residents of Torrance to annex the entire Alondra Park area to this city.

The effort by Gardena to annex an area containing 24 residences became evident recently when notice of intention, to circulate a petition was placed in the hands of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has reportedly been circulating petitions calling for a special election in the proposed annexation area.

Earlier this year Torrance Unified Taxpayers, an organization of private citizens, spearheaded a drive to annex Alondra Park. City Councilman Nick Draie took an active lead in the campaign, but other members of the council and

Note Rise in Job Seekers

A sharp increase in the labor force available to employers in this area is indicated in figures announced this week by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the California State Employment Service office here.

The number seeking jobs increased from 1234 last month to 1568, this month. Most of these are women seeking temporary or part-time jobs, according to Mrs. Ellis.

Listed as available for employment from the various communities are Torrance, 618; Gardena, 267; South Bay cities, 477; Lomita, Harbor City and Welteria, 206.

Pour Concrete For Foundation

Concrete for the foundation of the new \$36 million polyethylene and ethylene glycol plant of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company will be poured within the next few days, as construction on the huge plant gets underway.

Surveyors and engineers have been active on the site of the plant, to be located at 3651 Del Amo Blvd., since plans for the buildings were announced early in August.

BROOMS FOR BLIND SALE TOMORROW

Torrance will get a clean sweep tomorrow when the members of the Lions club turn out in full force for the annual Brooms for the Blind sale.

Conducted under the general chairmanship of Paul Diamond, the sale of house brooms, children's brooms, industrial brooms, dry floor mops, and whisk brooms, is used to procure funds for sight conservation work among Torrance children.

Warren Hamilton, who is on the sales committee, stated that since school started on Sept. 12, 16 Torrance children have had their eyes examined and glasses fitted with proceeds of last year's sale.

Brooms will be sold by orders being taken by members of the Lionesses, who are soliciting by phone, and they will be sold on the streets tomorrow.

'Rained Out' Turkey Shoot Postponed

The Torrance Rifle and Pistol Range Turkey Shoot has been postponed until Nov. 23, according to H. Paul, rangemaster.

"Due to the rain and the condition of the range it was impossible to hold the shoot as scheduled but weather permitting, we can look forward to a good shoot next Sunday," Paul said.

He stated that the public is cordially invited to come out Sunday and try to win a Thanksgiving turkey just for the shooting of it.

Contractors
Lindgren and Swinnerton of Los Angeles are constructing the chemical plant. Quinton Engineers Limited designed the building.

Purchase of a 140-acre site from General Petroleum and plans for the manufacturing center were disclosed in August by Dr. J. G. Davidson, president of the chemicals firm. At that time he also revealed that his firm had entered into a 20-year contract with GP for the supply of raw materials.

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

Tax Cut
The announcement of plans of the \$36 million enterprise and several other high-cost plants slated for development in the near future brought a sigh of relief from Torrance. (Continued on Page 2)

PIANO SOLD, \$60 GAINED

"Sold it the first day, and got the price I wanted," reported Mr. S. O. Witman, of 2733 Andreo Ave., who advertised an upright piano for sale in the Torrance Press Classified section.

Don't discard furniture you no longer use. Somebody wants it. Mr. Witman sold his piano with the following ad:

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Joe Louis at Local Market



CELEBRITY AT STORE—Joe Louis, former world's heavyweight champion, is looking forward to greeting many of his old friends and fight fans at the new Clark Supermarket in Gardena, corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Compton Ave. Joe will be at Clark's Saturday morning, Nov. 22, from 10 to 12 noon, and he's looking forward to autographing a picture for everyone.

Second Anniversary for Lawson's



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Second anniversary celebration of Lawson's Jewellers, 1317 El Prado Ave., is being staged this week. Above are the staff and owners of the growing local business. Shown, left to right, are Mark Le Baron, manager of the store; Mrs. Polly McArthur, sales clerk; Hal Massie, watch repair; Mrs. Ruth Robinson, credit manager; Mrs. Laurine Trimble, office clerk, and A. Robinson, vice-president of Lawson's.

Rain, Winds Lash City in Bad Storm

Nearly two inches of wetness drenched Torrance last week in a two-day electrical rain storm that struck the Southland suddenly.

During the storm, 1.71 inches fell, bringing the season total up to 1.89 inches. Last year only .52 inches had fallen from July 1 to Nov. 17. Total for the rainy season of 1951-52 was 17.50 inches.

The usual flood conditions existed in downtown streets and in certain residential districts. City street and sewer crews worked overtime keeping the streets and storm sewers open. Numerous minor traffic accidents had Torrance police scurrying from place to place as fast as the rain-slick streets would permit. The fire dept. reported only one call when an Edison Co. transformer on North Madrona fell causing the pole to begin burning.

Brooms For Blind Sale Tomorrow