

RECREATION

BOARD PROMISES TO INVESTIGATE SET-UP

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Hear Plan Of Citizen's Committee

The Torrance Recreation Commission Tuesday night promised to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of improving the recreation program of this city by a jointly sponsored city-school program.

They agreed at the same time that the only way to institute a good, balanced recreation program was for all city agencies to cooperate in designing, developing, administering and financing the program.

Funds There
Arthur Sues, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Better Recreation, appeared before the board and pointed out to the commissioners that both funds and facilities for the immediate establishment of a recreation system that would serve the children, youth and adults of this city are available. If the city and the schools are brought together this can be achieved, he said.

Recreation Director Frank Carpenter stated Tuesday that a good recreation program that would serve the needs of the community could be set up here now by fully exploiting existing facilities and funds. He indicated that a long-range park planning program was essential, but that a year-round recreation system could be developed immediately.

Adequate Program
Money to initiate this set up is available now, Sues pointed out. If the money already allocated by the city and the county, and funds easily available through the schools are combined in a joint program, administered by the schools, this city can have an adequate program now, Sues declared.

Pointing out that the city has never had a good recreation program due largely to bad administration, he stated that the most practical and economical way to run the program is under the direction of the schools.

Black History
The city, meaning both the city council and past recreation commissions, has a notorious history of botching up recreation here, he charged. It is time, he added, that we get a good program lined up with good administrators.



ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS—Five top-rank city officials this week received completion certificates following a course in the techniques of municipal administration, given by the International City Managers Association. All five men shown above completed the course. They are, left to right, George Powell, assistant director of civil defense; Marshall Chamberlain, bus superintendent; George Stevens, city manager; John R. Patrick, assistant city engineer; and Frank Carpenter, recreation director.

Gibson Holds Seat on L. A. City Council

Shoestring Strip, Harbor City, San Pedro and Wilmington voters went to the polls Tuesday and re-elected their Los Angeles City Councilman John S. Gibson by an overwhelming majority.

The four communities, comprising the 15th District, turned out approximately 50 per cent of the vote in the primary election. Gibson took an early and commanding lead over his four opponents in the race, and held it to the end. He tallied 16,896 votes in the 233 precincts in the district.

Running second in the tally was George Love, who received 5,003 votes. Peter Sysak and Edward Tyerson got 1,700 and 1,093, respectively.

In the mayoralty race, incumbent Mayor, Fletcher Bowron faces (Continued on Page 3)

Five 'Graduate' Key City Personnel End Training Course

Five top city executives this week received certificates of completion following an intensive course in the technique of municipal administration.

The course, designed to acquaint key city personnel with the over-all problems of civic administration, was taken under the auspices of the International City Managers' Association, according to City Manager George Stevens, who was among the five receiving completion certificates.

Schools Face Bad Shortage of Teachers
Because of the rapid growth in school enrollment in this area, 60 new teachers will be needed for the school year of 1953-54, it was announced at the meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Most of the openings will occur on the elementary level for which 44 new teachers are asked. At present there are 187 teachers in the elementary schools. An additional enrollment of 1,398 children to the present 6,241 enrollment is expected.

On the secondary level, ten new teachers are needed. There are 63 at present. It was stated Tuesday that the present 1,242 enrollment will be increased by 308.

Four new elementary shop and homemaking teachers will be needed to present a complete school program. A nurse and a music instructor are also considered necessary by the school administrators.

The procurement of qualified personnel for Torrance schools has been hampered by the low rate at which teachers are being graduated from universities. A. Posner, schools' personnel director, has reported that competition among school districts to acquire new teachers is strong. He emphasized that the entire state is suffering from the lack of new teaching graduates.

Kiwanians Hear Talk On Cancer

Pointers on the prevention, cure and care of cancer were presented to the members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club Monday night when Dr. Ada L. Hatcher, prominent Los Angeles specialist, appeared as guest speaker.

Appearing under the auspices of the American Cancer Society, Dr. Hatcher was introduced by Program Chairman Ken Anderson.

Outlining the research program of the Cancer Society, Dr. Hatcher stressed the need for widespread public knowledge of the symptoms of the disease. She pointed out that in Los Angeles County alone seventeen persons out of every hundred die of cancer, and that at least one-third of these deaths could be prevented.



RESTAURANT IN A WEEK—Last Saturday morning construction was begun on a new restaurant on Cabrillo ave., near Gramercy st. This Saturday morning the restaurant will be completed and ready for opening, according to Thomas O. Forrester, builder of the structure. The building is of prefabricated sheet aluminum and many other prefabricated and synthetic building materials. So simple to erect are such buildings, that even a girl can do the work, Forrester said. Above, Mildred Bales, sheet metal helper, assembles outside walls of structure, along with Joe Regan, sheet metal worker. Mrs. Bales, a former aircraft factory worker, is using her defense plant skills for peace-time production.

GP WORKER KILLED IN FREAK ACCIDENT

Another Critically Injured

One man was fatally burned and another critically injured Monday at the General Petroleum plant here when a pipe they were carrying struck high tension lines and shot 16,500 volts of electricity through them.

The two were repairing a storage tank on the local oil refinery when a steel pipe they were disconnecting fell against the high tension lines.

Power Shut Off
Fellow oil workers quickly shut off the electric power and pulled both men from the top of the tank. They were given emergency treatment, and rushed to San Pedro Community Hospital.

Charles J. Cunningham, a pipe fitter, of 15413 Fay Smith Ave., died 24 hours after the accident. His helper, Burten M. Hohman, of 15830 S. Western Ave., is still said to be in critical condition at the San Pedro hospital.

The severity of the burns received by both workers was due chiefly to the clothing which the men wore and to shock, a company spokesman said.

The plant had a record of one and one-half million man hours without a lost-time accident, and had hoped to set a new safety record, which would have been reached shortly, it was added.

Cunningham is survived by his wife, Asa, and an eleven-year-old daughter, who reside at the Gardena address.

Hohman is married and has two young children.

Businessmen Elect New Club Officers
Loring Bigelow was elected president of the Waleria Business Men's Club at its regular meeting at The Fish Shanty on Thursday, April 2.

Other officers elected for the next year were: vice president, Dale Wands; secretary, Al Muir; treasurer, Paul Struble; executive board, Herb Jackson, Paul Pendleton, and Paul Struble.

James Whitmer will be in charge of initiation ceremonies for all new members at the next regular meeting, Thursday, April 16.



BOMBS FOR THE REDS—Airman First Class Bill D. Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Garner of 803 Anapola st., Torrance, installs tail fins in a load of 500-pound bombs, just prior to a night mission by U.S. Air Force B-29 Superforts against Communist military targets deep in North Korea. Since the Japan-based 98th Bomb Wing entered the Korean war more than two years ago, Airman Garner and his fellow ordnancemen have done jobs like this every day, loading more than 250,000 individual bombs into the high-flying Superforts for delivery to Red installations. Airman Garner enlisted in the Air Force in September, 1948, and has served in the Far East one year. He has been awarded the Korean Service Medal and the UN Medal.

Fight Looming In Civic Center Move

The opposition that formed last week to the proposed move of civic center from its present location to a site on Torrance Blvd., took on another aspect this week, as petitions in opposition to the original petitions began circulating.

Sounds confusing, but following the announcement that downtown merchants were opposed to a new civic center, a group of residents of Torrance Blvd. began collecting signatures supporting the relocation move.

Foresight
A spokesman for the advocates of the move declared that a great deal of foresight has been shown by city officials in moving to acquire a site for an expanded civic center.

Opponents of the move, on the other hand, claim that downtown business people and property owners stand to suffer serious losses if the relocation step is taken. They contend that there is enough room in the downtown area for any needed expansion of the civic center.

This group has acquired more than 100 signatures requesting a meeting with the city council to discuss the problems more thoroughly. They expect to appear before the council next Tuesday to present their case, a spokesman said.

The advocates of the proposed move have indicated that they have more than 500 signers to their petitions, which are being circulated throughout residential districts.

These petitions, it was reported, will be presented to the council on Tuesday also.

Ad Nets 30 Calls

"I had 30 calls from one little classified ad I ran in the Torrance Press, and I sold everything I had to offer," said Mrs. O. E. Fossum, of 1621 Cota ave.

Results like this prove the selling power of Torrance Press classified ads. Thirty replies to one small ad. Thirty calls that meant sales for the advertiser.

Here is the ad that netted such results for Mrs. Fossum:

BASSINET and stand, \$4. Buggy, \$2.50. Playpen, \$3. Toilet-Baby, \$1. Bath-tub, \$5. Vanity, \$4. Dressing table, \$2. Davenport, \$5. Book stand, chair, mirror, 1621 Cota.

You can turn unwanted, unneeded furniture into cash. Advertise them for sale in Torrance Press classifieds. Just call Torrance 1185.

CLYDE BEATTY CIRCUS HERE ON APRIL 29

Fun and excitement will hit Torrance when the Clyde Beatty Circus, sponsored by the Torrance Optimist Club, comes to town on Wednesday, April 29, it was disclosed today by the club's president, Forrest Myers.

Matinee Show
There will be elephants, lions, clowns, and of course, cotton candy, at both the matinee performance at 2 p.m., and at the evening showing set for 7 p.m. The big top will go up at Abalone and 220th Sts.

General admission will be sixty cents for children, and \$1.20 for adults. Reserved seats will be slightly higher. All proceeds from the show will go to the Optimist Boy's Fund, to finance youth activities.

Tickets
Tickets may be purchased from (Continued on Page 3)

Dairy Offers \$100 in Contest To Name New Milk Drink

A well known dairy here in the Southland, the Mayfair Creamery, is bringing out a new milk drink. The flavor is said to be entirely new and different. So different, in fact, that the company has been unable to find a suitable name for the product.

To quote John Melville, sales manager of Mayfair Creamery, "We are seeking a name for our new milk drink which goes on sale in local markets very soon. We are appealing to residents of the area we serve to help us out — and we're ready to pay \$100 for the best name."

Those who wish to sample the new milk drink before submitting name entries in the contest should call the Mayfair Creamery, Torrance 1887, for information. Details on the contest will be found on another page.

Dan Desmond Wins Moose Club Election

Dan Desmond, showing spontaneous organizational support, was once again chosen to lead the activities of the Torrance Lodge Loyal Order of Moose during the coming year by an overwhelming vote of the membership at the annual election of the lodge held this week, club officials announced today.

The new Moose governor-elect swamped his two rivals, Stanley Heiman and Joseph Piatt, with a total vote double that of his opposition. Desmond governor of the lodge for a single term two years ago, succeeds Marvin McArthur. (Continued on Page 3)



GRAND OPENING BEHIND IRON CURTAIN—Chet Sweet, owner of the new Chet's We-Serve-U gasoline station, disclosed this week that he will stage a grand opening celebration this week-end. He pointed out, however, that an "iron curtain" has been clamped around his business on Western ave., near Carson st., by a competitor. His station is at 21711 S. Western ave. He added that he feels confident Torrance automobile owners would find his station and take advantage of the new service, the opening bargains and the free Pyrex ware and other gifts he is giving away.