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GOING UP IN FLAMES in a fire which represented a total loss is the United Sulphur Company at 1811 213th st. Two firemen were injured and one was overcome by the smoke fighting the wild blaze. Three engine companies came out to give battle.

BOOM ALMOST UNEQUALLED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

It has been rumored that a huge construction project involving from 2300 to 2500 homes will soon go up in North Torrance across from the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation with the borders being Hawthorne blvd., 190th st., Beryl st. and Del Amo blvd.

Homes which will be constructed are expected to cost from $12,000 to $14,000.

This development, which is being considered by the Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation, is said to be the second largest single tract development in the history of Southern California, the largest being Lakewood Village.

The proposed undertaking would follow in the wake of a similar huge development in the process of construction on Hwy 101 near the Fish Shanty. This $20,000,000 project which calls for 1238 homes, of which close to 200 are being constructed at present, is being engineered by Harry Kissell, president of the Ellinwood Corporation, developers.

Purchases, which are said to be near completion, are being made from the Dominguez Land Company by the Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation. The Kauffman Corporation has done other large-scale construction work in Southern California and has recently been engaged in developing small tracts in Torrance.

Bennett Chosen AMS President

Warren Bennett of 24651 Hawthorne blvd. has been elected Associated men student president at El Camino college. Bennett, who is taking the police officer training program, is president of the Mayans' Circle "K" organization, a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma, and is on the college track team.

Parade Will Open Park, Ball Season

" . . . peanuts and pop-corn, and cracker-jack . . . " will be the order of the day Saturday, June 20, when the Little League will start its baseball season officially beginning with a pre-game parade from in front of the city hall all the way out to the newly constructed professional baseball diamond near the proposed extension of Crenshaw blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

Dignitaries

City dignitaries will be invited to ride in the parade which will get under way at noon. One truck for each one of the six uniformed teams will carry the players to the playing field amid flying banners.

Parade Route

The parade-route has been designated as follows: from the city hall (Post and Cravens) east on Post to Sartori; south on Sartori to Cabrillo; south on Cabrillo to Carson and 5-Points; north on Cravens to Marcelina; west on Marcelina to Carson; from there to the ball field located at about Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw.

Three three-inning exhibition games in which every one of the teams will participate will be played that day starting at 2 p.m. While admission to games is free,

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FACTORY GUTTED BY FIRE

Firemen furiously battled a raging fire which tore through the United Sulphur Co. on 213th st. near Border yesterday about 2:00 p.m. trying desperately to subdue the billowing blaze and smoke before an unfavorable wind carried the fire to nearby residential units.

It had not been determined yet as this paper went to press what the cause of the fire was. None of the four company employees was trapped in the fiery structure, nor was any one of them injured.

It was evident that the United Sulphur Co. represented a total loss.

Bob Kettering of Gardena, one of the employees, sat by stunned as the building went up in smoke.

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Dance Group Holds Annual Performance

The Three Arts Dance Studio, 2252 West Carson Street, Torrance, will present their Ninth Annual Dance Revue at the Torrance Civic Auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday June 23 and 24 at 8:00 p.m.

There will be two big nights with a different show each evening. Tickets are available at the Three Arts Dance Studio or the box office the night of the shows.

Tuesday

Tuesday evening will consist of two big acts: "Soda Fountain U.S.A.," and "Dancing on a Moonbeam."

"Soda Fountain U.S.A." will

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—Press Photo

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL President Doug Moir (right) and Vice-President Norm Hawkins have not mistaken one of the construction poles for a baseball bat to see whose team goes to bat first. They are only having a little fun "pretending." Actually they have been extremely busy getting the new playing field ready for League play this Saturday, June 20. One of the dug-outs is visible at the left while it was still under construction.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL GRANTED PAY HIKE

Play Program Still Lagging

Tuesday night's city council chamber resembled a wedding ceremony with all present but the bride. Members of the city council waited from 7:30 p.m. till 8 p.m. for members of the board of education to appear. The board had been invited to meet with the council to discuss the recreation issue.

Mayor Mervin Schwab and members of the council were left waiting impatiently while board members never did show up.

On being contacted about the matter, Board President Judge John Shidler declared that he had called the city hall "around 7:30 p.m." in order to make a change in plans. Since no one was there to answer the phone, no further efforts were made.

Other board members seemed ignorant of the fact that a meeting with the city council had been called to precede the board meeting. They had no idea even what the meeting was to be about.

The recreation meeting which never occurred followed weeks of counter-invitations initiated by the city council which asked that the board come to the city hall for the discussion. At one of its recent meetings, the board agreed to meet with the council at its convenience for a discussion of the recreation issue.

Petition Will Ask Pension For Bartlett

July 9 will start a pension petition circulating for City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who has been re-elected to office for the past 32 years, according to Irvin J. Hallanger, deputy city clerk and city accountant.

Bartlett, who has served the city in a "careful, capable, efficient, and impartial manner" would get $301.21 a month for the rest of his natural life, according to the petition. The figure is calculated on the basis of the state retirement set-up.

The purpose of the petition is by no means to discourage Bartlett from continuing in his office or from running again. Since

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Mrs. Cantle Still Lives in Magic World

Some people never do stop living in that world of magic and make-believe usually associated with childhood.

Mrs. E. S. Cantle, of 1309 Florwood, is a case in point. She still puts her imagination to work and will transform a boat into a car if she feels so inclined.

Recently she did just that and with less of a strain on the imagination than any of those childhood fantasies. All Mrs. E. S. Cantle did was call the Press Classifieds and asked that the following plain words be inserted:

WILL TRADE 12' boat, 7½ A. P. "New" Elgin motor, steel tractor, complete: for good running car. Call Torr. 3877 J.

The phone calls came and in a matter of minutes after the Torrance Press came out the "transformation" took place. Why not let us transform what you have into what you want?

THS STUDENT TO ATTEND BOYS' STATE

Greg Jenkins, a junior at Torrance high school and the new student body vice-president, has been awarded a scholarship to Sacramento's Boys' State which is sponsored by the American Legion.

Jenkins, who received the award from the Torrance post of the American Legion, will leave for the one-week affair June 19.

Purpose

The purpose of Boys' State is to give a group of outstanding boys a "living course in American government." The 400 boys from all over California who will attend Boys' State will have elections among themselves and fill such offices as parallel those of the actual state. When the elections are completed they will go on a tour of inspection in Sacramento and study the various offices for which they have been chosen.

Jenkins was chosen on the basis of over-all excellence and qualities of leadership.

Need Not Use Special Tax, Reserve Fund

Happy endings seem no longer reserved for fairytales since the board of education discovered that it had more money than it thought it had and was consequently in a position to give the much-discussed pay-raises to all its teachers, principals, vice-principals, classified personnel, and also the superintendent of schools. This policy was advocated and is being heartily endorsed by this paper.

Dr. J. H. Hull, who had originally intended to discuss the matter further rather than make a recommendation last Tuesday night, declared that as of 4 p.m. that day such "bright things happened" that he could definitely and safely recommend the all-around pay-hike.

Additional Funds

Dr. Hull stated that some additional money turned up which permitted the added expenditure. He found out that the school had a $65,000 balance left over from last year's estimated income; $15,000 came in from the state for excess growth; and the secured assessments were $22,000 higher than expected.

Because of this, the school will not have to cut into its $150,000 reserve nor worry about having to raise a special tax eventually.

All Affected

The increase, which will affect 140 classified personnel, 312 cer-

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Positive Hazing Policy Adopted

Nine concrete points were made a matter of school policy Tuesday night in regard to future initiation practices. This action follows in the light of a recent forceful letter written by a father who objected to certain unwholesome practices which had come to his attention. The school board's action endorsed in effect the suggestions made in this matter by the father and by this newspaper.

The following are the rules which were adopted by the board after a cross-examination of a number of the Torrance high school Varsity Club initiates, the initiators, and Coach Cliff Graybehl:

"Recognizing that good school organizations are an asset to a high school and that the Varsity Club is valuable in the development of a good boys' athletic program in the high school, the Board of Education presents the following guides:

"1. All initiation procedures in any school organization must be prepared in writing in advance and submitted to the principal for approval.

"2. Hereafter, the Varsity Club will have at least two sponsors.

"3. The practice of taking boys out and leaving them to find their way home in a large metropolitan area will be discontinued.

"4. The use of laxatives is prohibited.

"5. Things which run the risk of being misunderstood or injuring a boy should be avoided.

"6. It is pointed out that some organizations now require boys to paint houses, or steps, work on a group project which is of service to someone, wash cars, mow lawns, or do some constructive work of some sort instead of going through

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Employers' Meeting Scheduled

A meeting of all employers operating under the Mercantile Agreement with Retail Clerks Local 905 has been called for Monday, June 22, at 2:30 p.m., to be held in the office of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, Suite 14, 1308 Sartori Ave., Torrance.

In announcing the meeting, Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers Council, said that the discussion will center around the reopening of the contract as of August 1, by the union, for the consideration of hourly and weekly rates of pay only. A negotiating committee will be elected, and this committee will open meetings with the union immediately, he said.

The Monday meeting of the employers' association will be open to non-members, according to Selover.

—Dixie Lee Studio Photo

THIRTY-SEVEN GRADUATES of Nativity School were awarded their diplomas at the Nativity Church last week by Reverend P. J. McGuinness. Scholarships were awarded as follows: one-year scholarships—from the Holy Name Society to Kenneth Loew and from the Catholic Daughters to Kathleen Geraghty; two half-year scholarships from Father McGuiness to Daniel Algarme and Nancy Harris. The following medals were also awarded: Kenneth Loew, general excellence; Edward Bernardin, religion; Kathleen Geraghty, mathematics; Warren Eldridge, spelling.