

\$10 MILLION SCHOOL BONDS APPROVED 10-1

Turn-Out Light at City Polls

Torrance voters passed the \$10 million school bond issue by an almost 10-1 majority Tuesday. The vote was light, with only 3,518 voters out of an eligible 19,973 going to the polls. Out of the total of 3,518 votes cast, 3,237 were in favor of the bonds. Opponents numbered 275. There were a number of voided ballots, as well.

20 More Schools
The money will be used for setting up 20 additional schools in the local school district within the next five years. An anticipated 15,000 students will move into the district by then.

Of the 20 schools, 13 will be elementary and the others will be high schools. Torrance at present has 18 schools and one high school, with the second one opening in September.

The Torrance school district now has an enrollment of 15,000.

Selling of Bonds
The bonds are to be sold as the bonding capacity of the city increases through growth in assessed valuation. First year's issuance is expected to be between \$1.5 and \$2 million dollars.

Most of the initial money is (Turn to Page 13)

COUNCIL BRIEFS

BUDGET: Hearings on the city's budget estimate for the coming fiscal year will be held June 21 and 28.

TRIANGLE: Final release of the recapture clause on the report triangle (proposed for shopping center) was obtained this week by the city.

VACANCY: Anthony A. Blott of North Torrance was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Robert Waegner, who resigned from the Recreation Commission. The appointment was made by Mayor Albert Isen.

CIVIL SERVICE: The city voted to contract with the Kroeger company to hold civil (Turn to Page 13)

Off-Street Parking Plans Told

As soon as the Engineering Department completes its findings on a tentative spread and a study now under way appraising off-street parking sites is concluded, the Torrance City Council can take action on off-street parking.

The Council was so informed Tuesday night by City Attorney James Hall. City Engineer Ronald Bishop stated that he would take immediate action in the matter.

A progress report on the off-street parking situation was requested by Tom Watson, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Watson's request came on behalf of the Chamber's board of directors.

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SCOTT ALBRIGHT
superintendent of industrial relations

Nat'l Supply Post Filled By Albright

Scott Albright of National Supply company has been appointed superintendent of industrial relations of the Torrance plant, it was announced last week by J. D. Spalding, works manager.

He succeeds D. M. Sowle, who died May 25.

Albright came to National Supply five years ago as an industrial engineer. More recently he had been staff assistant in the works manager's office.

During World War II, Albright served in the Corps of Engineer with the rank of first lieutenant, and at one time was identified with the now famous Manhattan project.

A native Californian, he resides with his family at 2512 Sierra street. The family includes his wife, Irene; his son, Dennis, 11, and daughter, Janis, 7.

He has been engaged in local civic and sports activities, including Torrance Toastmasters and the National Supply softball team.

Zoom, And Away It Goes . . .

Quick as a bunny. That's how Torrance Press classified ads "pull."

Mrs. Judith Johnson of 21522 Denker had the following items to sell:

FOR SALE: Bed davenport and matching chair. Full-size bed complete crib. 21522 Denker. FA. 8-3420

They were gone in a jiffy. Try it yourself. Place your classified ad in the Press. Just call FA. 8-2345. We'll help you word your ad just right and keep the costs down. It's sooo inexpensive.

Man Burns To Death Trying To Light Pipe

A 73-year-old man burned to death last week apparently while trying to light his pipe. Suffering from a three-week illness and from general debility, he appeared unable to help himself in time.

Dead is John E. Grimes, 73, of 1790 7 S. Normandie, Keystone. Probable cause of death was third degree burns, according to Lennox sheriffs.

Grimes, a retired carpenter, had been sitting in the doorway of his garage for about five minutes when his wife, Mrs. Grace J. Grimes, 70, heard him cry for help.

Rushing out, she saw that his clothing was on fire. She threw a sweater which lay nearby over his head and then ran to the water hose.

When she returned her husband had fallen to the ground. His pajamas and bathrobe were completely burned off, according to Lennox Sheriffs.

Council OK'S Bus Fare Hike

The City Council this week gave the go ahead to Superintendent of Buses, Marshall Chamberlain on his request for fare increases on the Torrance Municipal bus lines.

The matter must now go to the Public Utilities Commission for approval.

The report submitted by Chamberlain indicates a general increase of 5c in most zones with a few zones either remaining at the same rate or taking a 10c jump.

Total estimated increase in revenue per month on the four lines would be \$2,600.

Chamberlain pointed out that in recent years costs have steadily mounted, while revenues have declined. No fare increases have been made since March 1950.

New Buses
In an effort to modernize the system and effect operational economy, Chamberlain also recommended that four 45-passenger GMC Diesel buses be purchased at this time on a lease purchase basis.

Both recommendations were unanimously approved by the Council.

It was indicated that the rate increase would be put into effect as soon as final approval was received from the Utilities commission.

Buses would be available for delivery in late October or November.

Fire Causes \$5000 Loss

A fire which destroyed a storeroom, lumber and machinery at 2153 W. 242nd st., Lomita, Saturday night caused an estimated \$5000 worth of damage, according to Sheriff's files.

Cause of the fire was undetermined.

Council Asks Oilmen To Submit Model Ordinance

Oilmen were requested to get together and submit a model oil field ordinance so that the Torrance City Council would know exactly how far the local oilmen would go in improving present laws.

This recommendation was made by the Council Tuesday night when Don Hitchcock, representing the independent oilmen, appeared for a discussion of pending legislation.

Ask Concrete Proposal
The Council was interested in getting some concrete proposal from the oilmen. If a further meeting to discuss the matter was still necessary upon receiving the oilmen's recommendations, such a meeting would be called, Mayor Albert Isen declared.

Additional communications requesting a stricter oil field ordinance were read before the Council Tuesday night.

Petitions
One petition, bearing 42 names, read as follows:
"We knew the oil wells existed when we bought property. Therefore we are not trying to stop them. Our complaint: 1) unsightly surroundings; 2) health hazard; 3) sump holes without adequate fence; 4) unsafe wood derricks.

Another petition, bearing 44 signatures, stated:
"We, the citizens of Torrance bordered on the north by Sepulveda; west by Crenshaw; south by 210th street; east by Arlington, do hereby express our sup- (Turn to Page 13)

Teenagers Charged With Rape

Three Torrance teenagers face a statutory rape charge on complaint of a 15-year-old high school girl who claims the boys forced their attentions on her last Thursday.

The incident allegedly took place at the former baseball park located at Crenshaw boulevard and Pacific Coast highway, according to Sgt. D. C. Cook, juvenile officer, who was assisted in the investigation by Officer Gus Reinwisen.

The girl said that the boys offered to take her home as she got off a bus in Hollywood Riviera Thursday afternoon.

They drove around for an hour and then drove to the ball park. The girl stated that she was afraid to offer resistance to their advances.

After the alleged acts the boys took her to the beach and let her out. She was given a ride home by a lifeguard.

The girl then told her parents what happened and they, in turn, notified police.

Petitions have been filed and a hearing will be held within three weeks at Long Beach Juvenile Court, Sgt. Cook stated. The boys are in custody of their parents.

Cook said he found the parents of the youths cooperative. They were "hurt" that their sons were involved in "this matter. None of the boys had been involved in any serious previous investigations.

Juvenile Delinquency To Be Studied

A committee to study local aspects of juvenile delinquency and delinquency prevention was appointed by Mayor Albert Isen Tuesday night.

This move came at the request of Governor Goodwin J. Knight, who has called on all cities to organize "old-fashioned New England town meetings" to tackle this problem.

State-wide statistics just compiled by the Youth Authority show that the delinquency rate has actually decreased in California while the nation generally has reported increases up to 15 per cent during the year, Gov. Knight revealed.

"I plan to call a state-wide conference in April of 1956 to study the reports of these town meetings and develop a master plan for the improvement of services to youth in California," Knight stated.

Mayor Isen's appointments are as follows: Dr. Kurt Shery, Sgt. D. C. Cook, Mrs. F. L. Burney, Al Turner, Mrs. Helen Leichtweis, Ray Griff, Rev. Nathan Bond, Frank Kristufek, W. E. Walton, Ruth Rogers, and Bob Waegner.



LIGHT MIX-UP . . . Foreign students Lena Malmstrom of Sweden and Max Will of Germany have a good laugh over troubles they used to have with the English language. Lena had trouble with "skirt" and "shirt," Max with

"soap" and "soup." The two will return home this month after a year's stay in Torrance. Looking on are (l-r) Mmes. D. L. Sears, J. E. Popovich, M. M. Schwab, and G. C. Van Deventer.

Max and Lena to Return To Germany, Sweden

Two foreign-exchange students who spent a year living with Torrance families and studying at Torrance high school will return to their native Germany and Sweden this month.

They will take back with them numerous impressions of America and Americans whom they had a chance to observe at first hand.

Max Will of Germany and Lena Malmstrom of Sweden will be leaving Torrance June 10.

Among the most humorous experience which they will take back with them are the occasional difficulties they had with the English language.

Language Mix-Up
At first, Lena had trouble differentiating between "skirt" and "shirt" and experienced many an embarrassing moment when she intended to compliment a boy by telling him what a cute "skirt" he was wearing.

Max, likewise, had his difficulties. His problem was "soap" and "soup" but he learned to tell the difference between the two pretty fast.

Both Max and Lena are unanimous regarding what impressed them most about their stay.

They were amazed at the freedom of expression and the degree of self-government which students in America enjoyed. They found it wonderful that adults and teachers gave youngsters here credit for having opinions and thoughts of their own and that youngsters were treated with the same respect as adults.

Hardest Lesson
When asked what the hardest thing was which they had to learn they both mentioned some pet difficulty.

"I had a hard time getting used to the way Americans (Turn to Page 13)

Dr. Thienes is the president of the Citizens Committee for Better Health, the group which spearheaded the Los Angeles attempt for such an ordinance.

Dr. Thienes is director of the Institute of Medical Research of the Huntington Hospital; visiting professor at USC; secretary and treasurer of the Medical Research Assn. of California; vice-president of the L.A. County Medical Association Research Foundation; author of two textbooks and 140 medical papers which he wrote or directed.

The rabies vaccinations are for the protection of dogs and human beings alike, Dr. Thienes (Turn to Page 13)

CHAMBER COUPONS POUR IN

Response to a compulsory rabies ordinance on the part of Torrance residents is gathering momentum as the Torrance City Council approaches consideration of the matter.

In an effort to determine the wishes of the people, the Torrance Press published a coupon last week asking individuals to endorse a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs.

The results were highly gratifying. Coupons bearing 78 signatures and a petition with 36 signatures, totaling 114 signatures favored such a law. One individual opposed it.

Petition and coupons were submitted to the City Council. Another petition bearing 103 signatures was circulated by North Torrance residents and sent directly to the Council.

Other entertainment will also be featured. Reservations may be made by calling or writing to the Chamber of Commerce.

In Favor Of A Compulsory Rabies Law

The Torrance City Council will soon consider the possibility of enacting a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs.

The best way of convincing the councilmen that Torrance residents want such a law is through as many individual endorsements of the measure as possible.

We urge all local residents favoring such a law to sign this coupon and send it to the Torrance Press as soon as possible. These endorsements will be turned over to the City Council.

"I WOULD LIKE TO URGE THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A COMPULSORY RABIES VACCINATION ORDINANCE FOR DOGS IN ORDER TO PROTECT TORRANCE RESIDENTS AND DOGS AGAINST OUTBREAKS OF THE DEADLY RABIES DISEASE IN THE FUTURE."

Name: (First) (Middle) (Last)

Address:

Date: (Return this coupon to: "Rabies," Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance)



FLORAL ISLANDS . . . Unusual display of flowers and plants was afforded by the ingenious use of floral island displays at the Lomita Community Flower Show held last weekend in Lomita Park. Show officials disclosed that 2,934 tickets were issued at the door, which would indicate at least that number in attendance. —See story page 21.



DIANE TRIMIEW, 16 . . . trim view.