

# Talking About Three Neighborhood Park Plans Proposed

By MARK EUBANK

Mostly sunny today and tomorrow, however there is a possibility of some night and morning fog or low clouds. The high today should reach 74. The low tonight will be around 51.

A late May storm struck the Central California area Saturday afternoon bringing over an inch and a half to the San Francisco Bay area.

The storm, as it moved south, was expected to weaken considerably and precipitate most of its moisture on the northern slopes of the Tehachapi Mountains. However, it unexpectedly gathered strength and forged on over the mountains bringing rain to the Los Angeles Basin and points southward.

The amounts varied from .13 at Torrance to 1.79 inches at Mt. Wilson. After the front passed over strong gusty winds began to blow. At 3 p.m. Sunday a gust reached 18 m.p.h.

Monday morning was clear and cool. In the afternoon the winds again began to blow. At 4 p.m. Monday a gust reached 26 m.p.h. which was the highest wind speed recorded since April 1. Monday evening the clouds began to gather and by 10:28 a light rain began falling. By 12:30 a.m. .08 of an inch had fallen in Torrance. The rain increased throughout the night and by morning a total of .19 of an inch had fallen.

Seeing as how it is May 23 the last few storms could be considered late and also unusual, although, two year ago we had .02 of an inch of rain in a freak June rain.

The highest temperature last week was 82. The lowest was 46. The total rainfall for the week is .32 of an inch. The total rainfall for the month is .42 of an inch. So far this May we have had more rain than we have had in the last two Mays.

## North High Concert To Be Held Tonight

North High's second Spring Concert will be held in the school gym, Thursday, May 23 8 p.m.

The Orchestra, Chorus and Modern Dance have combined to make this one of the most interesting and entertaining events of the school year.

The Orchestra will present three main numbers as well as accompany the other presentations. Choir members will sing several numbers, and special feature of the Choir presentation will be a piano solo by Lee Ruecker.

The Modern Dance club will do a Siamese Dance, a "parasol" dance to the Carousel Waltz and "Limelight" as well as a modern square dance. Choreography and costumes were done by students.

Leaders of the participating groups are Martin Baum, Mrs. John Bosco and Mr. George Zavisian.

## Tom Okada Elected Head Of North Hi

Tom Okada has been elected Associated Student Body president of North High school for the fall semester of 1957. Assisting him as vice-president is Leila Santer.

Other student council officers elected recently are Cindy Akers, recording secretary; Amy Akashi, corresponding secretary; Janet Coleman, commissioner of publicity; Barbara Cage, commissioner of activities; Carole Atkins, commissioner of pep; Mary Ogawa, commissioner of finance; Yvonne Knight, business manager; and Bob Halliwell, club coordinator.

Also selected for next year are the cheerleaders and song queens. Cheerleaders chosen for pep, skill and personality are Cindy Akers, Maureen Frank, Mary Lyn Judge, Joanne Miller, Pat Reynolds and Nancy Terheggen.

Song queens are Barbara Cage, Carol Lesar, Beverly McEwen, Sharon Prosch, Dianna Standley and Jean Taylor.

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# Three Neighborhood Park Plans Proposed

(This is another in a series of articles Louis J. Kroeger and Associates for the city of Torrance. These proposals will soon be acted upon by the City Council. These articles are intended to familiarize residents with the various neighborhood park developments which have been proposed.—Ed.)

A large part of the proposed \$5 million recreational bond issue is intended for the development of neighborhood parks.

One major park, about 35 acres in size, is recommended for the area bounded by 190th st., Crenshaw Blvd., 174th st., and Prairie ave. The park is to be located north of 182nd st. along Yukon.

This park would serve a population of 7,430 residents living in an area of 640 acres. Present recreation facilities include Edison and North High schools and McMaster park, totaling 33 acres, plus the five acres of the

proposed Yukon school.

If the proposed site is not considered large enough, an alternative site has been proposed along Crenshaw Blvd. where several parcels of land of the proper size are available.

No city purchase of land, if gifts to the city materialize, have been recommended for the area bounded by 190th st., Western ave., 174th st., and Crenshaw Blvd.

The need for parks at this time is not great, the report states. Because one potential 10-acre park site is being turned over to the city and because one estate area (at 182nd st. and Arlington ave.) of about 10 acres may become available soon, it appears as if future re-

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commercial zoning area along 190th st. and agricultural, oil, and dairy land on the extreme western section.

The area to the west is hilly and there is some drainage problem in this area.

Anza ave. is an artery which divides the community into two potential neighborhoods.

There are two schools, one undeveloped park and one large "sump" area completely surrounded by houses. These potential or actual recreation areas are well distributed over the community.

The whole community is within a mile-and-a-half of the ocean and adjacent to the recommended sports center.

## Open House Scheduled

Open house at Torrance Evening high school will be held Friday, May 24. Activities of students in adult classes will be displayed. The event held at 2200 W. Carson st., is open to the public.

During the open house classes in woodworking and machine shop will be in operation. The cake decorating class will have on display in room 112, Science building, cakes decorated for special occasions.

All other class projects will be displayed in the Torrance high school cafeteria. From 7:45 to 9 p.m. the dressmaking, millinery and knitting classes will model garments made by students. The Personality and Appearance class will demonstrate the principles of good grooming and correct dress for every occasion.

Refreshments decorated by the cake decorating classes will be served. An original ceramic piece by Rosalie Woodin, ceramics teacher, and a decorated cake of original design by Bertha Stotz, cake decorating teacher, will be given as door prizes.

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