

Lions to Hold White Cane Days This Weekend

Torrance Lions Club will again participate in the annual White Cane Days tomorrow and Saturday to raise funds for their program to aid the sightless and sight conservation.

President Sam Van Wagner reported that during the past five years funds have paid for 300 free eye examinations, 270 pairs of free glasses, 12 series of orthoptic exercises, two Braille writers for children, an electric magnet presented to Torrance Memorial Hospital to remove steel particles from eyes, six cases of eye surgery, and a scholarship for a teacher to train for instructing blind or partially sighted children.

He pointed out that all the money is spent in Torrance to help local cases.

SMALL BOAT CLASSES

A 12-week class in small boat handling and navigation meeting Monday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Fern Avenue School Cafeteria, is now open for registration.

The class is being offered by the Torrance Evening High School in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary with Coast Guard certificates being issued upon completion of the course.

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WHITE CANE DAYS—Will be observed here tomorrow and Saturday by the Torrance Lions Club, which will collect funds for aiding the blind. Displaying the containers are Ray Wyatt, left, and Sam Van Wagner, president of the club.

Hahn Rips 'Unnecessary' Ripping up of Highways

Better cooperation between the Metropolitan Water District, the State of California, the County Engineer, the County Road Commissioner, and city engineers in planning future utility projects so that they will be coordinated with road improvements was urged this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn in a letter to Robert B. Diemer, general manager and chief engineer of the Metropolitan Water District.

"I think it is a severe waste of taxpayers money to tear up a street after it has just been paved, as well as inconvenient to the property owners adjacent to this roadway and to the motoring public," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He pointed out that for the past three years, the County and the cities of Los Angeles and Hawthorne had been improving El Segundo boulevard between Central avenue and Aviation boulevard.

When construction of the portions between Avalon boulevard and Figueroa street and from Vermont avenue to Normandie avenue was nearly completed this summer, it was learned for the first time that the Metropolitan Water District was planning to install a five-foot water main along El Segundo, from Santa Fe avenue to the beach

cities, sometime within the next year.

"It seems unfortunate that the Metropolitan Water District did not plan to lay the ten-mile, five-foot water main, that will serve the south bay area, on El Segundo boulevard while construction of the road was under way by Los Angeles County.

"It is my understanding that there has existed for some years a critical water shortage in the El Segundo - Hawthorne - South Bay area, and the need for more water has been called to your attention during the past few years," Hahn continued.

"Just using common sense, it would seem to me that the construction cost of laying a new five-foot water pipe about ten miles from Santa Fe to Aviation on El Segundo would be cheaper on dirt rather than to wait until the County improves it with asphalt and concrete and then rip it up to lay the pipe," he said.

HAMMOND JOINS NAVY

Another local man enlisted in the Navy this week at the Torrance Navy Recruiting Station, 16422 South Vermont avenue. He is Donald Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hammond of 2311 W. Del Amo Blvd. Donald is now in "Boot Training" at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.



YOUNG FIREMEN—Sue Ann Luup, 5, Miss Fire Prevention, and Tommy Lovelady, 5, junior fire marshal, are given tips on how to drive the fire engine by Engineer Wesley Christian, as city gets ready to observe Fire Prevention Week beginning Oct. 5.

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Letters to The Editor

To the Editor:

I was pleased to read in your papers of the fine report made recently to the City Council of Torrance by the Committee for Decent Magazines and Publications. The Committee has undoubtedly accomplished a good job. Further, they probably were called upon to spend many untiring hours in the unselfish interest toward the betterment of the community.

It is not the purpose of this letter to criticize the work in any way. I sincerely believe the Committee is due every credit that can be bestowed upon them.

In the interest of the many untiring hours devoted by many of my neighbors in community development, I would criticize you men for your allowing their work to go unnoticed.

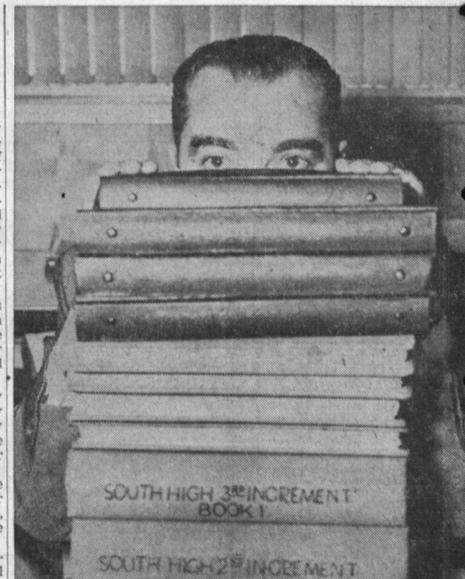
It was with considerable pride that we announced to our members in the December, 1957, issue of the North Torrance News the following:

"Due to a letter from our organization to the City Council concerning lewd literature on the news stands of our city, a committee is being formed by City Council action. The committee will be composed of magazine distributors, dealers, councilmen, and citizens and will review doubtful publications to keep objectionable material off of the stands."

Nothing was said at the time of the appointment of one member from the organization pointing up the need for such community action. The various City Councilmen were shaping up for a coming election and, being a non-political group, we did not wish to curry favor. You could have pointed this up.

Again, with the completion of the project, you could easily point up the courtesy of recognizing the ones that showed the community the need of such action. As newsmen, I believe it a civic duty.

JOHN G. L. CRAIN



IS IT KILROY?—No, it's James E. Crocket, director of new construction for the Torrance Unified School District, peering over a stack of books full of plans for new schools in Torrance. The school official did a double-take when he studied enrollment figures which showed that school enrollment will be more than 2100 students larger next fall—the equivalent of three new elementary schools. The school district is holding a bond election on Oct. 14 to get money to build needed new schools to relieve double sessions.

2100 Increase in School Enrollment Seen for 1959

The stark has brought Torrance school officials a lot of small problems, but the trouble is that those small problems are constantly getting bigger.

Tabulation of the latest enrollment figures shows that kindergarten (class of '71) outnumber eighth graders (class of '63) by 2 to 1 and the present high school seniors (class of '59) by 4 to 1.

What these figures mean to the school is more buildings, more teachers, more books, more supplies, and in fact, more of almost everything.

In terms of next fall's enrollment, this means that it will be more than 2100 students larger than this fall's because there are 2100 more kindergartners than there are seniors. Next fall's attendance growth will be the equivalent of at least three new elementary schools.

Area Variance

In some areas, the baby problem is even knottier. Although district-wide, kindergartners outnumber eighth graders by 2 to 1, some areas show an even larger ratio. At Flavian School, the ratio is 5 to 1; at Anza and Calle Mayor Schools, it is 4 to 1; and at Sepulveda and Steele Schools, it is 3 to 1.

Without careful planning these schools will get bigger and more crowded faster than other elementary schools. That creates particular problems for Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services, who must figure where the children go to school, and James E. Crockett, director of

new construction, who must see that new facilities are built.

Expect 36,000

On the high school level, more and larger high schools must be planned, because by the time today's kindergartners become the class of '71, enrollment will have zoomed past 36,000, even if no new people move into town. That's 50 per cent larger than today's totals.

Building officials have put up 24 new schools during the past 11 years and anticipate a number of new ones by the time Torrance has gained all the children that its homes and apartments will accommodate.

The Torrance Unified School District has had to get state loans to build new schools for the past several years and probably will continue to need the help.

Bond Election

An upcoming school bond election on Oct. 14 will determine whether the schools get needed money for new buildings to house the mushrooming population. If the bond issue fails, the school construction program will stop and a mounting double session problem appears the only result.

The enrollment figures which are giving school officials so many headaches are these: Kindergarten, 2840; first grade, 2461; second grade, 2264; third, 2035; fourth, 2070; fifth, 1912; sixth, 1807; seventh, 1722; eighth, 1353; ninth, 1397; tenth, 1232; eleventh, 1116; and twelfth 717.

Pilot Club Has Guest Speaker

Mrs. Adel Burchfield, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Pilot Club of Torrance, and members of the committee, Mrs. Herma Tillim and Mrs. Ruth Shrum, have arranged for a very timely program for their dinner meeting tonight.

Dinner will be served for Pilot Club members and their guests at Caprino's restaurant at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speakers

Speakers for the program to follow will be Leonard K. Keefer of the Citizens Committee for Voluntary Unionism and Edward T. She'lock, Regional Director of the Utility Workers Union.

The Pilot Clubs in Pilot International do not endorse any candidate or legislation, but try to present information on both sides of forthcoming legislation so that their members are better informed of the issues involved.

Annual Sale

The Pilot Club will hold its annual rummage sale September 27 at 1963 W. Carson street. Hours will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

In addition to the good selection of clothing for men, women and children; there will be