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SCHOOL'S OUT—Milt Isbell, 12, gets ready books high in air in front of Greenwood School, for long summer vacation by tossing school. —Press Photo

11-Cent Tax Hike Studied by Council

Grads Win \$50,000 in Grants

Graduating seniors at Torrance and North High Schools walked off with more than \$50,000 worth of scholarships this year, according to school officials. South High, the city's third high school, had no graduating seniors. Fifty-one students won 95 scholarships and awards for outstanding achievements during their high school careers.

At Torrance High, Diane Hinshaw was honored as the school's valedictorian, while three students—Marylyn Brier, Julie Henderson, and Gerald Hickman—were feted as "honor students," ranking at the top of their North High School class.

Scholarships
Winners of four-year-scholarships at North High included Clarence Fuzak, chosen for the Navy's student trainee program; Richard Bybee, winner of athletic and academic scholarships to Brigham Young University; Julie Henderson, North American Aviation Scholarship winner; James Wilson, winner of Northrop, Inc., National Merit Scholarship; Howard Borer, Pacific Smelting Co. Scholarship winner; and Gerald Reynolds, chosen for an Elbridge A. Stuart-Carnation Co. Scholarship.

At Torrance High, Carla Osterlind won a grant to the University of Southern California, while John Bentwood copped a four-year scholarship to Stanford University. Judith Woodford, NHS, and Manfred Mainer and Charlotte Percy, both of THS, were named as winners of scholarships to Whittier College.

Future Teachers
Torrance Education Scholarships, for students who plan to enter teaching, were given to Kiyoko Takeuchi, THS, and Sonja Pesola, NHS.

Linda Jordan, NHS, won the Las Vecinas Woman's Club Scholarship, while Pat Travis, THS, won a scholarship to Pepperdine College.

The North Torrance Lions presented a scholarship to Sonja Pesola, while Kiyoko Takeuchi and John Bentwood received similar grants from the Torrance Lions Club. THS students Mike Mullen and Diane Hinshaw received the Elks Club and Rotary Club Scholarships, respectively.

Ruby Reis, NHS, and Charlotte Percy, THS, were given Torrance Council, Parent-Teacher Assn., Scholarship. Mary Margaret Blount, THS, was given the Torrance Elementary PTA Scholarship.

National Supply Co. grants were given to Mike Mullen, THS, and Rosalie Murray, NHS.

GAA Prizes
At North High, Ruby Reis and Sharon Boge won scholarships of the NHS Girls' Athletic Assn., and Rosemary Sieh was given the NHS Girls' League award.

Sally Mason and Donald Fisher, Torrance High won Robert M. Vandria and Victor Ramirez won Harbor Area Scholarship Award.

Torrance High's Carla Osterlind, won a \$600 grant from the California State Scholarship Commission. Other local finalists and semifinalists included John Bent-

wood, Mike Mullen, Jack Rawnsley, and Joyce Wayt, THS, and Howard Borer, Gerald Hickman, David Klemp, and Linda Jordan, NHS.

Bank Awards
Winners of \$50 cash award in Bank of America scholarship competitions were Sharon Boge and Charlene MacLachlan, NHS, and John Bentwood, Darel Kelley, and Mike Mullen, THS.

Given certificates of merit from the Bank of America were these North High students:

Steve Mearing, art; Sharon Boge, business; Gerald Hickman, art; Linda Jordan, foreign language; Patricia Rizzo, home economics; Charlene MacLachlan, liberal arts; Clarence Fuzak, math; James Wilson, math and science; Richard Bybee, music; James Wilson, science; Charlene MacLachlan, social studies, and Sharon Boge, vocational arts.

Certificates
Torrance High Bank of America certificate winners were:

John Bentwood, math; Diane Hinshaw, science; Darel Kelley, music; Gall Nix, art; Charlotte Percy, English; Kiyoko Takeuchi, social studies; Mike Mullen, foreign language; Garilee Broce, business; Mary Drazkowski, home economics; and Mike Shipley, industrial arts; John Bentwood, science and math; Darel Kelley, music and art; Mike Mullen, liberal arts.

California Savings and Loan League Outstanding Student Awards, worth \$100, were presented to John Bentwood, THS, and Sonja Pesola, NHS.

Other awards were presented to local students as follows:

National Merit Scholarship Award Finalists—Jack Buehler, Clarence Fuzak, Julie Henderson, Carl Thornton, James Wilson, all of NHS.

National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation—Carla Osterlind, THS, and Gerald Hickman, NHS.

Science Award
Bausch-Lomb Science Awards—James Wilson, NHS, and Diane Hinshaw and John Bentwood, THS.

Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow—Joan Clemas, NHS, and Donna Dunklin, THS.

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award—Patricia Vint, NHS, and Diane Hinshaw, THS.

El Camino Press Day first place awards—Rosalie Murray, NHS, feature writing, and Carole Berry, NHS, editorial writing.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Essay Award—Janie Dudley, NHS.

Scholarship-Leadership Awards—Thom McAm—Gerald Reynolds and Patricia Reynolds, both NHS.

Honor Entrance
Honors at entrance (Torrance High)—John Bentwood, UCLA; Carla Osterlind, University of California at Riverside; and Charlotte Percy, Whittier College.

Honors at entrance (North High)—Marylyn Brier and Linda Jordan, UCLA; Julie Henderson, Clarence Fuzak, and Howard Borer, University of California, Berkeley; and Gerald Hickman, Whittier College.

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Recreation Charges Proposed

A split over a proposed 10-cent tax hike for park and recreation purposes erupted during a heated City Council discussion over how to balance next year's budget, Tuesday.

Three councilmen lined up with City Manager George Stevens' view that the city should hike its levy rather than cut down services. An equal number opposed any tax hike, while the seventh member indicated favoring a more limited boost.

Stevens said that he still has to raise another \$150,000 in order to balance the budget at approximately \$4,500,000.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, Willys Blount and George Bradford announced that they will favor raising taxes if necessary. Equally vehement against it were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Nickolas O. Drale.

Councilman Robert Jahn said he wants to wait until he makes up his mind.

Hold Line
Isen said that in view of new county, school and flood control taxes, the city should hold the line.

"One of these days the camel's back will bust," he declared, referring to the taxpayer.

"The county and schools do what they please, but the city suffers because we're like an ostrich," Bradford replied.

Benstead bemoaned the fact that, despite new industries in Torrance, this hasn't done much to bring in additional taxes.

"Industry is paying its fair share. It costs the city plenty whenever a new house is built," Bradford retorted.

Blount argued that during the past four or five years the city has held expenditures "very close."

"We've reached the crossroads. We've got to do something. The people are willing to pay for services they demand," he said.

Hire Employees
Stevens estimated that a 10-cent levy on recreation will raise an additional \$180,000. This would be sufficient to hire new employees needed and also pay for a 5 per cent salary boost for city workers.

"I'm not voting for any new taxes. We haven't had any catastrophe. If we replace the men in the engineering department, we can get along another year," maintained Drale.

But Bradford disputed this. "We can't go on being Santa Claus. One of these days you may have that catastrophe."

On Powder Keg
"We're sitting on a powder keg," charged Beasley. He said that he is worried over fire protection for the Del Amo Shopping Center and houses in West Torrance which are distant from existing fire stations.

"People want protection. We have the responsibility of giving it to them," he announced. "For five years we have scrimped along. We need to raise taxes, at least temporarily."

Councilmen will meet for another budget session Monday at 5:30 p. m.

In addition to proposing a tax on recreation, Stevens also asked that the general levy be boosted from 99.1 cents to the \$1 maximum rate.

Next Tuesday the City Council also will make its report on changes in the bus lines, which will go some \$50,000 in the red during the current fiscal year.

1960 Election on Bonds Urged

A special election for \$4,000,000 of park development bonds should be held in the fall of 1960, the Park and Recreation recommended.

The group also urged that a preliminary survey be held prior to the election to determine public sentiment regarding a stepped-up park and recreation program.

Water Rate Hike Sought

Increase in city water rates in line with rising costs was approved on recommendation of A. E. McVicar, water superintendent.

He said that the increase would amount to 10 cents per month for the average domestic user. This is based on consumption of 3200 cubic feet bi-monthly.

Industrial and large commercial rates are also proposed for increases, ranging from \$3.94 to \$8.63 per month.

The higher rates will give the city an additional \$47,500 in revenues, of which \$22,500 will come from domestic users.

In recommending the price increase, McVicar pointed out that cost of Metropolitan District water has risen from \$20 to \$25 per acre foot, representing one cent for each 100 cubic feet.

"We feel this cost should not be borne by the consumer, inasmuch as the repayment of our bonds is based on the lower cost of water. This additional expense also reduces our ability to finance certain improvements that will be required in the near future," the water superintendent said.

Receive Diplomas
Two Torrance women will receive education degrees from the University of California at Santa Barbara Saturday.

They are Kathryn G. Guethlein, 5427 Reese Road and Margaret Wood McGinley, 2020 Marina Ave.

Mother of the Year Contest in 2nd Week

Interest in "Carl's Mother of the Year" contest is mounting as it enters its second week.

A mink stole, a gold shopping cart full of groceries during the grand opening of Carl's new market, 228th St. and Vermont Ave., are among the prizes offered in the contest which is co-sponsored by the market firm and the Torrance Press.

To win the prizes, any young person under the age of 18 is invited to fill out the official form in today's Torrance Press and state why your mother should be "Carl's Mother of the Year."

The essay, in as many words as desired, must be accompanied by a recent snapshot and returned to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., by the June 30 deadline.

The young writer of the winning letter will be rewarded with a 100 merchandise order at the clothing store of his or her choice as the prize.

The winning mother will receive her beautiful mink stole at the Gay Shop in Torrance.

A handy contest entry form will be found on Page 19 of today's Press.

Benefit Planned to Aid Woman Pay Hospital Bills

Her friends and neighbors are coming to the support of a young Welteria mother-burdened with thousands of dollars of hospital bills incurred during the past seven weeks.

A benefit is planned June 27 at the American Legion Hall to raise funds for Mrs. Virginia Francis, of 3035 Winlock Road, whose husband, Harold, 32, was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage.

Since the illness, approximately \$4000 of doctor, hospital and ambulance bills have been received by Mrs. Francis who has no way to pay for them.

Turned Down
The biggest problem, according to the wife, is that she has attempted several times to have her husband admitted to the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, but has been turned down because of lack of bed space in the neurology department.

Instead of receiving free treatment for the World War II paratrooper through the Veterans Administration, Mrs. Francis says, she had to take him to a private hospital where the bill for the first week alone was \$400.

"Lots of veterans think they are protected, but wait until they find out," she said.

Francis, who formerly operated a service station at Hawthorne Blvd. and Newton St., was stricken seven weeks ago while he was driving a truck in Montana.

No Success
He was brought back here by ambulance plane, and ever since that time Mrs. Francis has attempted vainly to get him admitted to a veterans hospital.

The mother of two young children, Kathy, 3, and Danny, 7, says that her insurance company has

also refused to pay the bills, claiming the illness was pre-existing.

To help pay some of the bills a friend, Mrs. Fern Nash of 4008 Via Larga Vista, Palos Verdes Estates has arranged the benefit party, after the Torrance American Legion Post donated use of its hall.

"We have about 50 cakes promised, and now we are rounding up entertainment," she said.

Seeks Help
The benefit which will include music, refreshments and entertainment will start at 8:30 p. m., and Mrs. Nash is seeking help from civic leaders in making it a success.

"I can take care of myself and the children," declared Mrs. Francis, "It's these hospital and doctor bills that worry me so much."

She said that she was told by the VA hospital officials that her husband was 50th in line for available bed space and that he would have to wait his turn because although his case is considered hopeless, it is not classified as an emergency.

Quartet Admits Lomita Holdup

Solution of a \$2500 1951 Lomita robbery was claimed by sheriff's officers this week with the arrest of four men captured following a gun battle, Friday.

The quartet assertedly admitted robbing the Safeway Store, 2135 Pacific Coast Highway more than seven years ago.

The suspects, Neil A. Young, 32, Robert C. Curtis, 40, Harold E. Smith of Long Beach, and Earle Goutherpe, 40, of Canoga Park, were taken into custody following an exchange of gun shots in a South Gate supermarket.

They admitted to police they held up about 20 markets.

Tree Planting Urged

Planting trees on the north property line of the Civic Center was recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission.

The program is designed both as a windbreak and a screen between the city buildings and the industrial plants to the north.



FINAL PRODUCT — Aaron A. Alberts, left, vice-president, and R. W. Bealls Jr., secretary of Concrete Floats Corp., look over the concrete slips being manufactured by new Torrance firm. The casket-shaped boxes are low inside and the air displaces the water to make the heavy boxes float.

Firm in City Makes Concrete Boat Slips

Old time gangsters may be in for the shock of their lives, but there is a new firm in Torrance which has capitalized on the knowledge that concrete doesn't sink.

As a matter of fact, Concrete Float Corp., of 2410 W. Carson St., is in the business of making concrete slips to cash in on the growing boom in small boat ownership.

Aaron A. Alberts, vice president of the firm, describes his product as "floating sidewalks."

The novel conception in making one-piece, concrete boxes that float has something to do with a law of water displacement, he points out.

Stays in Place
"There is very little pitch or roll, unlike in wooden or plastic slips," he explained.

While now retired gangland leaders reputedly used concrete "overcoats" to dispose of their rivals in deep lakes, the material has actually been used for years for some barges and pontoons.

Under a license from its inventors, the Torrance firm is now marketing its product in Southern California.

The floats are eight feet long and can be coupled to others for additional length. Their width varies from three to eight feet. (Continued on Page Two)

Hearing Set for Rezoning

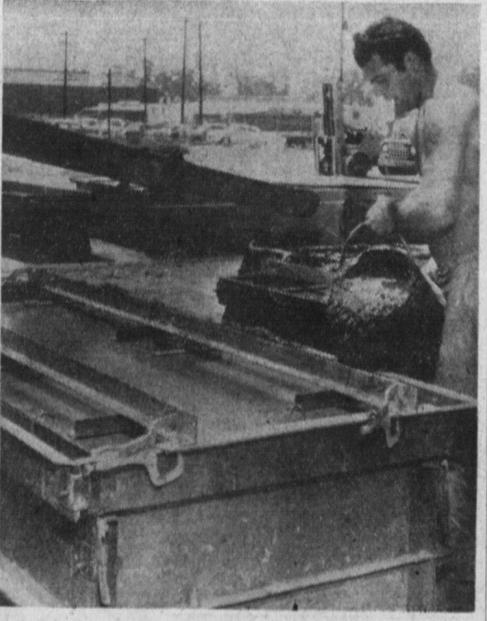
Second hearing on a request to rezone a 97-acre parcel for residential, apartment and commercial use, will be held by the Planning Commission, Wednesday.

At last week's first hearing, Ray Watt and Don Wilson, who intend to develop the land at the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds., outlined plans for the tract.

Of the 402 residential lots, 380 are designed for single family homes and 22 for apartment buildings. Two acres bordering on Crenshaw Blvd. have been designated for commercial uses.

Although the developers gave no figures, there is sufficient land to build approximately 120 apartment units in the tract which is owned by the Getty Oil Co., the official applicant for the rezoning.

A similar request to remove the manufacturing zoning was turned down by the Planning Commission and City Council last year.



POURING FORMS—George Duncan pours concrete around cardboard forms to make the box-shaped concrete boat slips now being manufactured in Torrance plant. —Press Photos

Kittens in New Homes as Result of Press Ad

Two kittens have a new home, thanks to fast results from a Torrance Press classified ad.

Mrs. Nancy Francesconi, of 23903 Fulmar Ave., said that she promptly sold two Seal Point Siamese kittens after she placed an ad in this newspaper last week.

If you have something to sell, buy or rent, call a courteous Torrance Press ad-taker at FA 8-2345 and let her help you with your advertising problems.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The regular summer session will be held at Banning High School this summer from July 6 through August 14.