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Torrance's Valuation Below Estimates by School 'Seers'

This year's assessed valuation for Torrance schools is about \$193,110,000, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday. This figure is some \$3,000,000 less than earlier "guesstimates."

Final public utilities figures, which will not be received until next month, will add to the total. They are expected to be somewhat larger than this year, he said. The \$3,000,000 figure represents about \$70,000 in district taxes.

Waldrip said more study would be needed before he could say what effect this will have, either on the tax rate or on the district's expressed hope of giving teachers and employes a raise. He noted that nearly all of Torrance's neighbors have granted employe pay hikes.

Noting discussions of plans for

a large residential development at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvd., area now zoned for industry, Waldrip indicated that at least one more elementary school would be needed to serve such an area. Subdivision of Walteria Lake also would mean another elementary school or so, he said.

Robert Plomert, Torrance Industries Tax Committee representative, told the group that rezoning of industrial land for homes undoubtedly would up tax bills. Construction work on additions to North and South Highways was held up by a recent plastering strike, Waldrip said, while bids for Towers Elementary School will be advertised within 30 days.



PROOF OF TEAMWORK—A broken propeller from a drone target plane destroyed by National Guard missiles from the Torrance Nike site is examined by M-Sgt. Louis Ramos, launcher platoon sergeant; Capt. Jack M. Daniels, battery commander, and M-Sgt. Dowling Robert, radar platoon sergeant, on their return from annual service practice at Fort Bliss, Texas. The Torrance unit, first National Guard missile firing battery to complete Nike service practice, scored three successful "kills" and posted an unofficial 2802 out of a possible 3000 points, highest score yet attained this year by sites of the 47th Artillery Brigade, which mans Los Angeles Army Air Defense sites.

\$10,000,000 Pickup in Valuation

Torrance picked up an additional \$10,000,000 in its assessed valuation, but not quite as much as was estimated by hopeful city officials.

County Assessor John R. Quinn, tabbed the city's value at \$179,783,360, compared with \$167,271,540 during the past year.

In preparing budget figures, City Manager George Stevens had estimated the pickup in assessed valuation at \$12,000,000, while school officials set their sights on a \$19,000,000 gain.

However, school officials, explained that their more optimistic view was based on the addition of the Victor Precinct to the school district. The area has been part of the city for several years.

It was not immediately known what effect the valuation figure will have on the city's tax rate which so far is slated to rise by approximately 7 1/2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.



SUBCHASERS—Lt. Cmdr. Jordan E. Johnson, 2024 Kathy Way, right, discusses operations of helicopter anti-submarine exercise now staged in Hawaii with a crew member. The 14-day training course is given for reservists. Johnson will return here Sunday.

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Steel Strike Hits Factories

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Geneva Division of U. S. Steel, and another 150 at the Bethlehem fabricating plant in Torrance.

All but a few employes of the Columbia-Geneva Division went on vacation as of Friday. Most are not due back until July 25, if the strike is settled by that date.

Crime-Buster Assaulted by Trio in Torrance Beach Theft

His one-man crusade against crime cost a Lomita man some bruises, but resulted in the arrest of three youths. R. A. Camp, 24, of 24638 Cypress Ave., told police that he saw the trio leave Torrance Beach with hubcaps under their arms and asked them to put them back.

He said they ignored him completely and entered a purple Buick and drove off. Camp decided to follow them to obtain the license number.

After he, his wife, and their four children cruised behind the Buick for several blocks, the suspects' car suddenly came to a screeching halt in the 300 block of Calle Miramar and the three youths jumped out.

When Camp got out of his car,

he was suddenly jumped by the trio, who wielded bottles and knocked him to the ground twice. Mrs. Camp and other residents pulled the assailants off Camp, and the suspects again roared off in their purple car.

An hour later, Gardena police, notified of the vehicle's description, found it in a drive-in restaurant at Rosecrans and Normandie Aves., and arrested the occupants. Booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon were James Cleveland Farnham, 18, of 407 Cloverbrook, Glen Richard Cook, 22, of Los Angeles, and Lloyd Russel Vance, 21, of Compton.

Officers said they did not locate any hubcaps in their car, nor a gun, supposedly seen by a witness to the fracas.

Torrance Schools to Make Like Plato

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student to test himself in reading, listening, and comprehension. A course in speed reading, using new techniques and equipment, is being taught in North High summer school this year, Harold Klonecky, teacher, reported. The course gives the students practice in reading faster and seeks to teach the students to read ideas, not mere words, Klonecky said.

Officials said the course is being considered for inclusion in the regular school program.

Individual Work Examples of individual work in high school classes was shown by Dr. Bruce Wagner, curriculum consultant. These projects were in special areas of interest of the students, he said.

He cited one physics class in which students demonstrated various scientific principals by making model radios, geiger counters, models of oil wells, detailed model planes, an electrical tic-tac-toe board with more than 300 separate electrical connections, astronomical photographs, and many others.

He demonstrated art work made by students, citing development of one boy who formerly drew only cars. Through encouragement in his art classes, the boy now has become a talented portrait artist and furniture designer, Wagner said.

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