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TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES \$3-MILLION CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Unique Method Will Speed Reading, Comprehension

Would you like to read faster . . . and retain more? In this issue of the Torrance Press appears an offer to our subscribers, a Family Program for Rapid Reading that is guaranteed to double reading speed and increase comprehension.

This new and easy method is designed for the entire family, including school-age children.

The Press offers the Family Program for Rapid Reading on a first come, first serve basis. For complete details see page 7-A in this issue.

What is the secret? Surprisingly, it's an almost toy-like ingenious plastic instrument—called a Phrase-O-Scope because it teaches the eyes to grasp the full meaning of long phrases and even entire sentences at split-second speed.

Theory behind it was proven during World War II when scientists perfected an entirely new way for training servicemen to instantly identify airplanes. By flashing pictures of planes upon a screen at split-second speed, they challenged untrained eyes to see more quickly and accurately.

And it worked. By war's end, millions had quickly learned to recognize hundreds of different planes at the fantastic speed of only 1/100th second.

Educators have verified that most bad reading habits stem from early reading instruction when the teacher must hear each word aloud to tell if the child can recognize the word and pronounce it correctly.

Using this system the reader will find no further need to skip words to gain speed and will find that the meaning comes through faster, clearer—and stays with him longer.



AWAITS AMBULANCE—Terry Gummerman, 17, of Hermosa Beach, awaits arrival of the ambulance that will take him to South Bay Hospital later after an accident last weekend on Paseo del Mar in Palos Verdes Estates. First classified as critical, the

boy's condition has improved and he is now considered out of danger. Driver of the car in which the boy was riding, Robert Maxwell Hutton, of Redondo, was treated for minor injuries and released.

Will Seek Voter OK For \$8-Million Bond Election In 1963

Torrance school board members Monday okayed a nearly \$3,000,000 construction program and, for the first time, indicated they would seek voter approval of an \$8,000,000 bond issue in 1963.

Board also approved plans to purchase a 10-acre, \$218,000 plot of land at Ocean Ave. and 227th St. as the site of the proposed Ladeen School.

Controversy developed at the meeting when Board President William Hanson objected to the \$1,000,000 price tag for

the new West High School gymnasium.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, countered by stating that the new gym would be comparable to the facility now in use at South High.

'LUXURIOUS'

Hanson again protested that the South High gym was "too luxurious." "Gymnasiums at South and at the new West High School are more luxurious than those found at most universities, including UCLA," he said.

In other actions the board approved asking

architect Roy Donley and Associates to prepare preliminary plans for the \$702,170 Ladeen School; the \$525,000 rebuilding job at Torrance Elementary; a \$466,000 girl's gym at Torrance High; a \$124,500 addition to the boys' gym at Torrance High; the \$917,000 West High gym; and two homemaking classrooms at West High costing approximately \$93,000.

Board also awarded a \$31,232 contract for construction of a football field and track at West High.

Tuesday Tally of City Candidates

Latest local residents to throw their hats into the ring as candidates for public office were tallied last night by Torrance Press reporters.

Councilmanic candidates Ross Sciarrotta and Naomi McVey brought their completed nominating papers to the city clerk's office Tuesday and have now officially filed.

Tuesday noon Councilman Willys Blount, who will run his papers and is now officially a candidate for office. Taking out papers were Harry O. Karlson, who will seek the post of city treasurer, while Sam Intermill took out a set of papers but declined to state which office he would seek.

Positions to be filled at the April 10 election include mayor, three councilmanic seats, city clerk and city treasurer.

Lomita School

Construction has started on a \$449,000 project which will add 16 classrooms at Lomita Elementary School, 2211 W. 247th St., Lomita. It was announced this week by Superintendent of Schools Jack P. Crowther.

Carter-Mack Builders, Inc. of Harbor City will handle construction of 12 regular classrooms and four kindergarten classrooms at the school, which has an enrollment of 1065 with 130 youngsters attending on a half day basis.

Mobile Unit

Torrance residents and groups have been asked to donate blood tomorrow according to Mrs. Robert Orsini, branch blood-program chairman.

Mobile unit will be stationed at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone Ave., from 2:20 to 7 p.m. Previous mobiles have been at the American Legion Hall.

Persons who wish to donate may make an appointment by calling Mrs. Orsini at FAirfax 8-0647.

Councilman Contributes \$640 for 'Revitalized' Downtown Property

"Revitalization" of the downtown Torrance area took an unexpected twist last night . . . and a city councilman found himself out \$640 as the result.

Councilman Nikola Drale, who had built a part of his office on land he presumed belonged to him, learned, too late, that the tiny triangle of property actually belonged to the city.

Officials okayed the sale of the land to the councilman and both sides agreed that an independent assessor should place a value on the little 99.1 square-foot parcel.

Assessor valued the land at \$6.40 per square foot, about half again the value of downtown property. On a larger scale land would have been priced at \$276.656 per acre.

Drale agreed to the price then ruefully said: "I guess that its some compensation to know that I own the highest priced piece of property in Torrance!"

Torrance YMCA Launches Annual Drive Tomorrow

Business, industrial and professional leaders of Torrance will be on hand tomorrow, when the Torrance YMCA kicks off their money-raising drive with luncheon at the Palms Restaurant. Later that evening, a dinner will be held at the Y for parents of young members for the same purpose.

Monies from both events will go towards a \$40,000 goal set in order to meet the year's budget.

In charge of the luncheon meeting will be Harold Frenz, Chamber of Commerce president.

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Willys Blount Files for Mayor's Post, Fires Opening Shot as Campaign Looms

Councilman Willys Blount, long-time member of the Torrance City Council, yesterday confirmed the rumor that he would seek the post of mayor when he filed his nominating papers in the city clerk's office.

Blount said he would base his campaign on the many issues that will be taken directly to the voters of Torrance.

Commenting upon the alleged "far right" and "far left" sympathies shown by some of the candidates for office in the April 10 elections, Blount said,

"In the light of recent terror bombings in the Los Angeles area, I feel that at

least one of the candidates for office should take a firm stand in opposition to both the "far left" and "far right" extremist groups.

"Activities of both these groups contribute nothing toward the security and safety of the people and it is doubtful that any candidate who endorses or accepts the known policies of either of these two extremes can honestly represent the majority of voters.

"I feel that any candidate who wishes to run for or remain in office should 'stand up and be counted' on this vital issue so that the residents of our community will know

what they're electing with their vote."

Blount also announced the opening of his new campaign headquarters which will be located at 2008 Carson St.

"These offices are open to all of the residents of Torrance, whether they support my campaign or not," Blount said.

"Everyone is welcome to drop by, have a cup of coffee, and discuss the vital issues that will be brought out during the election campaigning."

Sincere, civic minded citizens, interested in working for the good of the community will be especially welcome, Blount said.



WELCOME EDUCATOR — Members of the Torrance school board and administration yesterday morning played host to Dr. Cecil D. Hardesty, front-running candidate for the post of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Introductory session was held Tuesday

morning in the board chambers. Shown here with the candidate are board members Dr. Kurt Shery and Bert Lynn, Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. H. Hull and Hardesty. On hand to meet the candidates were area educators, newsmen and civic dignitaries.



CHALLENGER FILES — Councilman Willys Blount yesterday announced his candidacy for the city's top elective post when he filed his official nominating papers at city hall. Blount said that he would campaign on a pro-

gram of vital issues, of concern to each and every voter in the city of Torrance. He also reported that campaign offices had been opened at 2008 Carson St. and invited interested citizens to drop by for a visit.