



FACULTY PLANNERS — Mrs. Genevieve Ramirez and Mrs. Ruth Bradley, secretaries; Dr. Robert Ford, principal, and Assistant Principal Paul Hawkins are shown planning classroom utilization at West High School to open in September.



STUDENT PLANNERS — West High School planning commission at work making recommended selections for the senior rings. Left to right, back row: Pamela Hayman, Cynthia Homeyer, secretary, Margo Redford, LaVonne Lunds, Mike Holdener. Front row, left to right: Sharon Kniss, Stan Shockley, Delaine Couchman, vice-president; Sheldon Edner, Craig Peroutke and Janet Welhouse. Absent from the picture was Richard Grossman, president.

'West High Story' Will Reach Climax as Newest Secondary School Opens Sept. 12

By LYLE R. ALBRO (Torrance School District)

The "West High Story" (the opening of a fourth high school in Torrance) may never draw the attention of the millions of people who have acclaimed the famous Broadway musical (whose title rhymes with it), but to the 1,030 students who will enroll in September the event will be far more important.

Like the beginning of the famous musical, probations, scores of students, teachers, parents, and administrators have spent months in planning and preparation. But when the overture (Star Spangled Banner) is played on the morning of September 12, the "West High Story" will begin a much longer run than any Broadway or Hollywood production has ever had.

One of the key points in the West High planning was to take advantage of some of the good points of the school within a school idea, yet retain the advantages of centralized administration. This decision was the result of visits to many high schools, a study of literature, and an attempt to improve on what was traditional by Dr. J. H. Hull and the staff.

The main characters, known as the Planning Commission, made up of representatives of the new student body, is headed by temporary officers Richard Grossman, president; Delaine Couchman, vice president; and Cynthia Homeyer, secretary. A progress report from this group, which has met weekly since February, reveals that the student handbook is nearly complete, seniors sweaters and rings have been selected, the school colors will be beige, brown and gold and the athletic teams will be known as the "Warriors."

COURSE OFFERINGS

As a result of two years of work on the part of curriculum consultants, coordinators, and teachers, some 120 different courses will be available in the areas of fine arts, foreign language, health and driver education, homemaking, industrial arts, language arts, mathematics, physical education, science, and social studies.

ATHLETICS

Football will include Varsity, Bee, and Cee teams, who will play the first year on a freelance schedule with the following neighboring high school teams: Palos Verdes "B" (here); Palos Verdes Varsity (there); Lawndale "B" (there); Lawndale Varsity (here); St. Francis "B" (here); St. Francis Varsity (there); Bishop Montgomery "C" (here); Barstow "B" and Varsity (here); Lynwood "C" (there); Palmdale Varsity and "B" (here); SHS "C" (there); Sylmar Varsity and "B" (here); Alondra "C" (here); Victor Valley and "B" (here); Boulder City, Nevada, Varsity (here); and Temple City "C" (there).

Most of the home games will be played at the North High School stadium.

As a member of the Pioneer League, West High basketball teams (Varsity, J.V., Bee, and Cee teams) will play Palos Verdes, Lawndale, Lennox, Aviation, El Segundo, Beverly Hills and Culver City. Other athletic teams in track, baseball, tennis and wrestling will also be formed and scheduled within the rules of the Pioneer League.

Dr. Robert Ford, principal, and his assistant, Paul Hawkins, wish to extend their gratitude to parents, students, teachers and district office personnel for the fine cooperation they have received in the initial planning of the school. "Planning," stated Dr. Ford, "has come a long way, but we have a long way yet to go; however, with the excellent help we are getting from everyone I am confident that West High will be one of the finest schools in the country when it opens its doors in September."

Unlike a Broadway pro-

duction where the theatrical critics attend a first performance, evaluate it, write about it in a way that either "makes" or "breaks" the show, the "West High Story" will probably receive annual "rave notices." With each year's performance will come a new program, a new cast, and a new audience. When the grandchildren of the 1963 graduating class put on their costumes and grease paint, make their entrance, and play the show—may they play their roles as well as their forefathers did at the first performance in 1963.

Month-Long Celebration At New Guaranty Bank

New, independent Guaranty Bank, opened just two weeks ago in Torrance, continues its month-long celebration contest until May 18.

Recipients of special announcements containing lucky numbers are urged to come in to the bank to register their lucky numbers before the contest closing date, according to D. P. Loomis, president. Numbers must be registered in order to be eligible for prizes. Additional lucky numbers are still available at the bank for South Bay residents who have received an announcement in the mail.

Contest prizes include a color TV set, a hi-fi set, and hundreds of dollars worth of free Guaranty Bank savings accounts.

The new bank, located just south of the Del Amo Shopping Center, has had exceptional success in attracting customers from the entire South Bay district, Loomis reported.

"We are very gratified at the response to the bank's opening," said Loomis. "We confidently expect that Guaranty Bank will be a symbol of service to the residents, business and industry of our area, because our philosophy of personal attention to each account is backed up by the many advantages independent banking offers to customers," he added.

Organized, directed and managed by local residents and community leaders, Guaranty Bank is the only independent bank in Torrance, fulfilling a long awaited need in the community.

Henry C. Griswold is chairman of the bank's board of directors. Serving with Griswold on the board are D. P. Loomis, president of Guaranty Bank, Theodore E. Cummings, John F. Grube, M.D., James M. Hall, J. R. Higgins, Jr., George W. Schneider, E. J. Sorensen, and John A. Wilson, Jr., M.D.

Presently in interim quarters, the bank's permanent building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the fall. The building, with land and adjoining lot, will represent an investment in excess of \$300,000.

Guaranty Bank is offering full banking services, including checking and savings accounts, home improvement, automobile, business and personal loans, and credit and collection service. Upon completion of the bank's permanent building, safety deposit box service will be added to the bank's facilities.

New Realty Office Officially Opened

Fredericks Realty this week announced the opening of their new branch office at 4126 Sepulveda in Torrance.

The \$70,000 real estate office is a preview of large, modern offices to come to the South Bay area. In addition to the real estate dept., Fredericks will have an income, insurance and complete escrow dept's.

Manager of the Sepulveda office is Ralph Cameron who is a familiar face in the real estate business, having worked in the Gardena-Torrance area for the last seven years.

Fleet Auxiliary

Election of officers for 1962-63 will highlight the meeting of Harbor View Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit 217, Thursday, May 3. Business meeting at 8 p.m. in Ulbrand Hall, 1125 South Gaffey St., in San Pedro Mrs. William Davis, president will conduct the membership meeting. A social hour will follow with Mrs. Elvis Patterson and Catherine Loro serving as hostesses for the refreshments.



NEW LANDMARK — First of a series of magnificent new realty offices opened its doors yesterday with the official ribboncutting for Fredericks Realty, 4126 Sepulveda. Included in the office will be facilities for sales, insurance, income property and escrow.



REALTY OFFICE OPENS — Shown opening the doors of Fredericks Realty office, 4126 Sepulveda, for the first time yesterday are Ralph Cameron, manager; Beverly Conrad, escrow manager, and Fred Fredericks, owner. Official ceremony was held in the early afternoon.

Rivierans to Hear Story Of Galapagos Isle Jaunt

Ever dream of getting away from it all and settling on some remote island? In 1960, 88 families from the Seattle area decided to make that dream come true, bought two old freighters, formed a company and sailed to the Galapagos Islands, which are located just 600 miles from the equator.

On Monday evening, May 7, at the Parkway School, 220 Via Riviera, Hollywood Riviera, at 8 p.m., Charles Hillinger, feature reporter, will relate his personal experiences with the group of Americans who attempted to establish a colony on the islands. His colorful movies of their activities and surroundings will highlight the story. The many disasters and inconveniences suffered by these people will be described in his lecture. Only one man and one family remain on this remote primitive place, the rest of the 88 families having returned. The officers of the association are: John W. Johnson, president; John D. Haidinger, vice president; Mrs.

Charles Hopkins, secretary; Mrs. Louis Kaplan, treasurer; Robert Katherman, corresponding secretary. The board of directors are Thomas Roach, Karl Stefek, R. D. Sullivan, David B. Halstead and R. D. Dodge.

The meeting will also feature a "welcome neighbor" program for homeowners of the Palos Verdes Riviera.

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