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HOMEOWNERS BEGIN FIGHT AGAINST 'ANOTHER' FIELD FOR LITTLE LEAGUE



PAST AND PRESENT — Members of the Torrance Unified School Board, past and present, were honored at a luncheon Monday at the Masonic Hall. Sponsored by the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, the group and guests paid tribute to, above, present board members Bert Lynn, vice chairman, William J. Hanson

and Dr. Kurt Shery, as well as former members Evelyn Carr, Howard A. Wood, George P. Thatcher, Grace Wright, Judge John A. Shidler, William H. Tolson, Rollin R. Smith, Joseph P. Bay, W. A. Garabrant and Robert H. Ellis. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, introduced new and old board members. (Press Photo)

New B-of-A Plant Planned for 101, Crenshaw Corner

Plans for the construction of a new modern home for Bank of America's Lomita Branch were announced this week by Gustav Tams, vice president in charge of branch operations for the bank's Southern California division.

The 60 by 75-foot building will be built in the shopping center at the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd., replacing the present branch quarters at 2201 Pacific Coast Highway.

Expansion of the branch's facilities has been necessitated by the unprecedented growth of business in the area in the recent past. Numerous commercial buildings of almost all kinds have risen there, and many more are now under construction or in the planning stages, Tams said.

"Another of our major purposes in moving the branch to the new quarters is to provide greater banking convenience for the vast majority of residents and businessmen in the area by placing the branch in a more central location," he added.

Residents Object to Traffic Problems, Noisy Loudspeakers

A swarm of indignant homeowners descended upon the city council last night protesting plans to build another Little League diamond in the area sump where two fields are already located.

Residents on Halison and Tower streets further protested that abnormal traffic conditions on access roads had resulted in three neighborhood children being struck by cars within the past year, and that loudspeakers set up at the diamond were nerve-racking because of their loudness.

Officials of the Torrance Little League, appearing for a permit to operate the loudspeakers, were told by the council that

their permit would be withheld pending a satisfactory agreement with local homeowners.

A special committee composed of area residents and league officials was appointed to study the problem.

Appearing on behalf of the homeowners, Mrs. Jeanette Coleston, 5511 Halison St., told the councilmen that they were not objecting to the two fields already in the sump but only to the proposed addition of a third. She stated that two other fields were built only a block away and that, when all five were in operation, it would be "like living in the middle of Chavez Ravine."

After submitting protest petitions bearing 168 signatures of local residents, she pointed out that there were approximately 250 children living in the area of which 124 were boys. Of the 124, she said, just 21 participated in league activities.

She, and other opponents, indicated that they would like facilities for other children in the sump, which has been set aside as a park site.

After members of the council pointed out that money for these facilities had been included in the new budget, new committee members agreed to meet and try to settle differences between the two factions.

MONDAY LUNCHEON . . .

Advisory Committee Pays Tribute to All Past and Present Board Members

Members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon honored all members of the local school board, past and present, at a luncheon held at Masonic Hall.

Present were 13 of the 21 board members who have served since the unified district was established in 1947.

In addition to three members of the current board, vice chairman Bert Lynn, William J. Hanson and Dr. Kurt T. Shery, TEAC officials welcomed Evelyn Carr, Howard A. Wood, George P. Thatcher and Grace Wright, of the original board, Judge John A. Shidler, William H. Tolson, Rollin R. Smith, Joseph P. Bay, W. A. Garabrant, and Robert H. Ellis.

Special tribute was paid to Carl D. Steele and J. G. Arnold, former board members, both deceased.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, introduced guests at the head table, while Assistant Superintendent Sam. E. Waldrip reported on the

\$8,000,000 school bond issue that will be offered to Torrance voters on September 18.

Money will be used for vitally needed expansion of the school system, he

said, and will not cause an increase in the present tax rate.

Already bonded to capacity the present tax rate, by law, must remain the same.

South High Senior Wins \$2500 5-Year Scholarship

Larry John Gunther, 5249 Vanderhill Ave., this week was named as winner of the 1962 Pacific Smelting Foundation's educational scholarship, which will provide \$2500 over a five year period at the college of his choice.

Award was one of dozens of scholarships presented to outstanding Torrance scholars by industrial and civic organizations as well as by individuals.

Award was presented to the youth at South High Schools graduation assembly last week by M. D. Schwartz, president of the company. This will be the sixth scholarship awarded to a deserving high school senior in the Torrance district by the foundation.

Scholarship must be used to obtain a degree in the field of mathematics, science or engineering. Applications were received from top students at North, South and Torrance high schools, as well as Bishop Montgomery High.

Other winners of the scholarship were, Laurence L. George, 1957, engineering;

that the youngster died of hydrocephalitis.

Parents of the child, Michael, were arrested last Christmas day when the youngster was found dead in his crib. Death of the child was at first attributed to malnutrition.

Parents now make their home in Sacramento.

Walter A. Sapp, 1958, mathematics; Howard A. Borer, 1959, math; Larry A. Staat, 1960, math; and John Everard Dowsing III, 1961, electronics.

Retired Director of US Steel Plant Dead; Services Tuesday

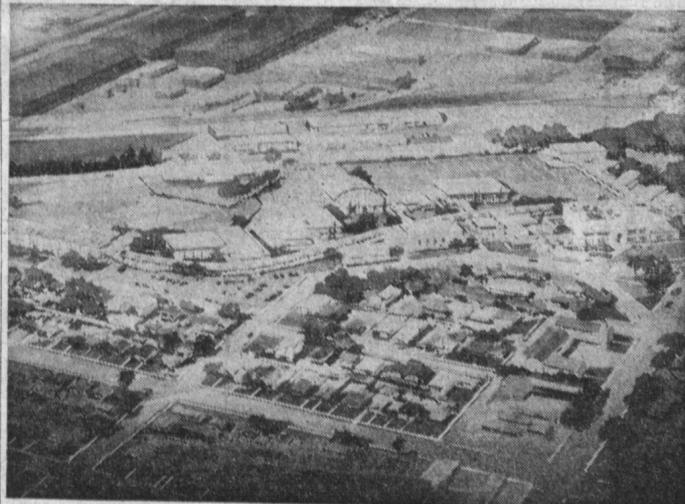
Funeral services for Carl S. Warner, 70, retired executive of U. S. Steel Corporation, who lived at 1452 El Prado Ave., will be held at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary, 1223 Cravens, Torrance, at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Interment will be at Green Hills Cemetery.



CARL S. WARNER
... Dead at 70

Warner died at home Sunday morning of a heart ailment. He was born November 4, 1891 at Duquesne, Pa. At the time of his retirement in 1956, after more than 50 years with U. S. Steel, Warner was superintendent of maintenance and engineering at the Torrance Works of U. S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Division.

Survivors are his widow, Emily Grace, of the Torrance address, and a son, Robert and three grandchildren of Fresno.



FACE LIFTING PROJECT — Artist's rendition of how Torrance High School will appear following remodeling and expansion program underway currently, was released yesterday by the

district. When completed, school will provide facilities for 2600 secondary students. Majority of funds necessary for the project have already been authorized.

Deny Claim in Unauthorized Cremation Case

County board of supervisors yesterday denied a claim for \$100,000 damages filed by a Torrance couple, charging that the body of their 4-year old child was cremated without their permission. Claude W. Bishop, 40, and his wife, Marjorie, 39, were in custody at the time, on charges of manslaughter and child neglect.

Latter charge against the parents was dropped following a hearing before the court of appeals. Manslaughter charge was dropped when an autopsy revealed



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Larry John Gunther, son of Albert and Dorothy Gunther, 5249 Vanderhill Ave., a graduating senior at South High School, this week became the sixth annual recipient of the Pacific Smelting Company's \$2500 scholarship. Youth won award

over competing seniors in four Torrance high schools. Here M. D. Schwartz, president of the company, presents engraved award to the youth as his father, Albert Gunther, looks on.

VIOLENCE FLARES . . .

Release Torrance Youth Held on Assault Charge

A Torrance youth and a Redondo Beach companion were released Monday following their arrest in the weekend beating of another Redondo Beach boy.

Another companion, Niek Rich, 19, also of Redondo Beach, was held on the charge and a felony complaint was issued against him Monday. He was charged with assault.

Rich, John D. Garcia, 18, of 1632 Hickory Ave., and Daniel N. Rathbun, 18, were arrested last weekend following the savage beating of a 17-year old youth with a tire iron, a length of pipe and a baseball bat.

Hospitalized following the beating was Russell C. St. John, 17. Hospital officials said that the youth suffered a brain concussion in the fray, which occurred in the parking lot of a Redondo Beach drive in restaurant.

He told investigating officers that he had left his vehicle to see if any damage had been done when another car backed into him. As he left his car, he said, he was attacked.



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