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STUDY ON CIVIC AUD URGED

A Penny for your Thoughts

While wandering around the carnival midway Friday evening, the Pennies photographer asked several people, "What do events like Rancho Days contribute to the community?"

Mrs. Donald Taylor, 5427 Edgemere Ave.:

"I think it's good for the people of the community to get together at events like this. It is also good for the kids to have something to go to once in a while. The money that's raised will help charity work and the Rose Parade float fund, too."

Joan McMahon, Santa Ana:

"I think it is a lot of fun to get out to something like Rancho Days. The funds which we raise at the booths will help in a lot of charity work The Lion's Club, where I am helping, is using the booth profits to help the blind."

Mrs. James Gerray, 19417 Donora St.:

"It reminds me a lot of my own hometown where we always had carnivals or fairs. This kind of activity makes it seem more like home in a state where it seems few people are native sons. My hometown is Bristow, Okla."

Mrs. Ollie Veatch, 25910 Oak St.:

"I think above all it promotes community spirit, pride, and cooperation. We all get a lot out of something like this. The carnival will help to build a lot of friendship, and cooperation, which I think is important. It helps our charity work, too."

Mrs. Albert Nadel, 305 Via Linda Vista:

"I think it provides a central focus for community interest. Torrance has a lot of people from all parts of the country and all of them have a chance to get together here and enjoy themselves. Everyone likes rides and popcorn!"

New Group Adds Weight To Project

Some 75 residents of the Torrance Riviera beach area have formed a new civic association and endorsed the proposed high-rise apartment construction as "an asset to the area."

Meeting last week, the residents formed the Riviera Beach Improvement Association and elected a temporary board of directors. Their first official action was the passage of the resolution urging approval of the petition for a zone change to permit the high-rise construction.

Named to the board were: Raymond Griffe, Mrs. E. D. Jones, David Dunning, John Scanlan, and Joseph Price.

THE ZONE change, from R-4 to C-1, will come before the City Council Aug. 11 for its third and final public hearing.

Dunning told members attending the meeting he felt the proposed slim-line building would not obstruct the view of residents in the immediate area. The proposed apartment unit requires 70 feet of the property width, leaving 124 feet of the lot available for landscaping.

Another speaker, Richard Wilson, described the 16-story apartment building as "in our front yard." He said the best interests of every resident was served by the slim-line structure.

Aquacade Dates Set

The ninth annual Aquacade and Carnival will be presented Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15, at the city plunge, according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

A cast of 85-90 swimmers will be featured in the aquatic numbers beginning at 8:30 p. m. The theme of this year's show will be "Aquacade '64."

Storm Drain Issue May Go on Ballots

County voters may be asked to approve a \$275 million storm drain bond issue in November if a recommendation by the County Flood Control District is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The project was proposed Friday by the County Flood Control District and would involve 287 storm drain projects.

Some \$23.8 million would be spent on drains in the southeast part of the county, and another \$16.7 million would be marked for projects in Compton and Montebello.

throughout the county. The figure was contained in a report completed last Dec. 6.

SUPERVISOR Frank G. Bonelli, chairman of the flood control committee, said the proposed bond issue includes only those projects which are classified as "critical." He also said the board would defer action until the Aug. 11 meeting.

Construction of the projects would require about eight years, according to Salsbury. County engineers would design the projects, with construction being completed by private firms under competitive bidding.

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ON RETURN VISIT . . . Firemen who fought a roaring blaze at the Farmer Boys Market last December were called back Thursday to battle flames which nearly leveled the remaining structure. The building had not been

repaired following the \$300,000 fire last year and firemen Thursday said property loss was negligible in the blaze.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Flames Destroy Market

A Carson market which had been hit by fire in January was struck again Thursday causing a midday traffic snarl.

The blaze broke out in the Farmer Boys Market on the northeast corner of Carson and Figueroa. At one time during the blaze fire hoses in the street caused closure of the intersection. Some cars were cutting through service stations.

Two witnesses to the blaze, Jeff and Skipp Hornsby of Long Beach told the PRESS-HERALD they were pushing their stalled car out of the intersection when they first saw the blaze.

"The roof seemed to go up in flames almost immediately. The flames were shooting about 65 feet into the air and topping the telephone poles," Skipp said. "Heat from the fire could be felt while we were standing across the street about 100 feet away," he added.

The two young men said they saw three small boys on bicycles coming around a corner of the structure at about the same time they first observed the fire which was reported to the county fire department by a nearby service station attendant.

Three Named To GOP Group

Robert Muncaster, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th District, has announced the appointments of three southwest area persons to the Republican State Central Committee.

The new members are Mrs. Loreen Fehland, 67th Assembly District; Val Davajan, M.D., 68th Assembly District, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens of Hermosa Beach.

To Prevent Double Sessions

Board Slated to Act on New School Boundaries

Boundary changes affecting nine Torrance elementary schools will be considered Monday evening when the Board of Education convenes for its regular session.

The trustees will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the board room, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.

Principal boundary changes involve the new Joseph Arnold School, located near Ocean Avenue and 227th Street, and Victor School, where enrollment has outstripped available classroom space.

Enrollment at the Victor School has reached a maximum and students must be transferred until more facilities can be completed to avoid double sessions. Plans now call for students living east of Anza Avenue to be sent to Flavian or Anza schools. Some portable classrooms will be moved onto the Victor site.

OTHER CHANGES, described by Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of

New Dimension Offered for Measuring Fire

Consider, if you will, the ways to measure the insensitivity, ferocity, or acreage of a fire.

There are one-alarm fires, and those of still greater involvement.

There are thousand-dollar fires and million-dollar fires.

The Torrance Fire Department has a new criteria. They reported that a barn fire Thursday morning at 2130 W. 235th St., was quelled by firemen using only 73 gallons of water.

Ergo . . . a 73-gallon fire.

schools for special services, as necessary to straighten existing boundaries will be considered.

Other major changes will involve students living in the area between Madrona and Hawthorne avenues north of Spencer Street. Those students, now bused to Madrona School, will be taken to Magruder School if the proposed change is adopted.

Plans are being drawn for additions to Victor and Madrona schools. Construction will begin on both sites as soon as bond funds are available.

A PUBLIC hearing on the 1964-65 school budget also will be held. The budget, now pegged at \$16.6 million, is before the trustees for final action. Tax rates will be set by the Board of Supervisors after final action by the local board.

O'Leary to Head Demo Committee

William O'Leary, a Torrance resident precinct chairman in the Salinger for Senator campaign, has been elected chairman of the 68th Assembly District Democratic Committee.

Peter Sysak of San Pedro was named vice chairman and Robert White, a Lomita resident, was named secretary. Eugene Sullivan of Wilmington was named treasurer and Harold Garvin of San Pedro will serve as public relations chairman.

Other members attending the meeting, held at Assemblyman Vincent Thomas' offices, were Louie Stango of Lomita and David Lyman, a Torrance councilman.

Survey Of Use Needed

Development of a civic auditorium in Torrance may move a step closer Tuesday evening when the City Council considers a recommendation for a study on the auditorium.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will recommend that the Stanford Research Institute be retained to conduct a two-part study on the kind of structure to be built and the extent to which it would be used.

The study would require about five months to complete and would cost the city \$19,700—provided the entire study is completed. A review at the end of the first part would determine if further study is necessary.

FERRARO said the study would specifically attempt to answer questions about the need for an auditorium, the cost to the city, and the possibility of a self-supporting auditorium.

The city manager's office already has completed a study of the auditorium. Ferraro told the council the city is anticipating an expenditure of \$1 to \$4 million. "It was thought highly desirable that an independent professional group should study the situation and give us their best opinion."

The council will meet at 5:30 p. m. to face a long agenda occasioned by a two-week recess.

IN OTHER matters, the council is expected to direct the Planning Department to undertake preparation of a master plan for the city. The master plan was recommended by Ferraro two weeks ago. An agreement to provide

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Advisory Board Named - - -

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, vice president of the Torrance Board of Education, has been appointed to the Advisory Board for the California State College at Palos Verdes. The board will advise the college on community relations and program development.

Freeway Studies Begun - - -

The State Division of Highways has advised the city it will begin hearings shortly on routes for the Artesia Freeway between the San Diego Freeway and Normandie Avenue and on the Hawthorne Freeway between the San Diego Freeway and a proposed Route 1 Freeway. Hearings on the routes have not been scheduled.

Post Office Funds Set - - -

An allocation of \$42,000 has been approved for the remodeling of the Torrance Post Office, 1433 Marcelina Ave., according to Congressman Cecil King. The work will include installation of air conditioning, new lighting, and a new customer service area, and painting.

YMCA Offices Ransacked - - -

Someone apparently familiar with the building entered the YMCA at 2080 Washington Ave., climbed over a partition to the storage area, and left the building with about 35 bottles of Coke and 10 cans of peanuts. Damage to the building was estimated at about \$50.

Station Cash Box Tapped - - -

Danny MacSween, attendant at a service station at 18535 S. Western Ave., told police yesterday that the station's cash box was short \$90 after a motorist stopped and said he "just needed a little water."