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TO LEAD GROUP . . . Newly elected officers of the Italian-Catholic Federation chapter here were installed Saturday at 8 p.m. during a dinner-dance meeting of the organization at the Nativity Church Parish Hall. New officers include (seated) Mrs. Nicholas Zupparde, president; Mrs. Joseph Malingagio, recording secretary, and (standing) Sam Plazzi, financial secretary; Joseph Zahoryin, first vice president, and M. J. Bertuzzi, treasurer. Officers not pictured include Malingagio, second vice president; Nicholas Zupparde, sentinel, and trustee Anthony Zamperini and Michael Catena. (Press-Herald Photo)

In Record Dispute

School District Begins Legal Action in Matter

Four children, removed from a Torrance school because they must listen to records their father contends were made by a subversive firm, will not return to class until the records are removed, according to their father.

John H. Tofflemire, 3419 W. 228th St., has told Dr. J. H. Hull his children will not be enrolled again until "all communist materials" are removed from the school.

Legal proceedings involving one of the children, Anna Marie, have been started by the school district. The girl, now 8 years old, falls under the compulsory education laws of the state and must be enrolled in a school.

District officials have notified Tofflemire and indicated they will turn the case over to the city attorney for prosecution if the girl is not enrolled in a public or approved private school or receiving certified tutoring.

The three other children are not yet 8 years of age and are thus unaffected by the compulsory education law. A fifth child, Robert, 9, is still attending school.

At issue is the use of records made by Young People's Records of New York. Several months ago, parents contended the records are made by a subversive firm and designed to be detrimental to children. The firm, parents noted, was cited by a congressional committee on Un-American Activities.

Educators To Attend Conference

Representing Torrance Unified School District at a one-day seminar on controlling and reducing clerical and office costs Wednesday, will be Roland K. Petrat, Bernard G. Running, and Dr. James G. Sibert.

The seminar will be conducted at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles by Wallace J. Richardson, professor of industrial engineers at Lehigh University and a recognized authority on work sampling.

Topics to be discussed include: organizing for cost control and reduction in clerical operations, conducting work sampling studies, setting up a forms control program, and controlling quality in clerical operations.

Purpose of the seminar is to enable representatives to return to their companies qualified to start their own work sampling program and to train others to use the technique.

Staff of Yearbook Now Busy

Work on the 1966 edition of Bishop Montgomery High School's yearbook, Excalibur '66, has begun under the direction of Father John Joseph.

Student work is supervised by Rick Simonson, editor-in-chief for the staff. Simonson hopes to produce a yearbook which can win the All-Catholic Award given to Excalibur '65.

Aim of the yearbook, according to Father John Joseph, is to recap the events of the year for students, covering faculty, administration, and student events.

Key staff members include Jim Sibole, senior class editor; Richard Romero, under-class editor; John Walsh and Teri Koke, literary editors; Dan Strnad, art editor, and John Creasy, photographer.

A special feature of the Excalibur '66 will be a photographic essay on Montgomery school life, highlighted with color photographs.



YEARBOOK STAFF . . . Father John Joseph, moderator of the yearbook staff at Bishop Montgomery High School, discusses plans for the 1966 edition with Teresa Koke, literary editor, and Rick Simonson, editor-in-chief. The annual, Excalibur '66, will record the events at Montgomery for students. Last year's annual earned the All-Catholic Award, given annually to yearbooks and newspapers produced by students of catholic high schools.

Armed Bandit Strikes In Daylight Robbery

Civil Service Board Must Act On Eligibility

The city's new garage foreman may not be eligible for his job, but only the city's Civil Service Commission can make that determination.

That is the substance of a ruling by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier which will be considered by the Torrance City Council Tuesday. The council will convene at 5:30 p.m.

Remelmeier, reporting on issues raised during a meeting last Dec. 28, will recommend that the matter be referred to the Civil Service Commission, which must determine the qualifications of Richard Rozendal.

ROZENDAL was appointed to the foreman's position after civil service examinations which ranked him third on the eligibility list. During the Dec. 28 meeting, Sam Hunnegs, representing Local 1117 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, contended Rozendal was not eligible to take the examination and that City Manager Edward J. Ferraro violated civil service rules in making the appointment.

Remelmeier has ruled that Ferraro violated no rules, either by the appointment or by delegating his authority to make the appointment. Remelmeier also said the rule of eligibility in question requires only six months of service before taking a civil service examination.

HUNNEGS maintained the rule requires six months of service following the end of the employee's probationary period — which normally is six months. Remelmeier, commenting on the rule, noted, "The law

is so difficult to interpret and so ambiguous that a contrary conclusion can be reached by reasonable men."

"THERE IS substantial doubt from the face of the record that Rozendal met the specifications for the position," Remelmeier said. He warned that a final determination cannot be made without taking evidence and added, "The Civil Service Commission is the proper party to take such evidence and make (the) determination."

Remelmeier also recommends that the commission make a study of the eligibility rule in question and draft an amendment which will clarify the question of employee eligibility for promotional examinations.

Bomb Scare Routs Family Before Dawn

Threats to bomb a South Torrance home early yesterday morning apparently were groundless, Torrance police reported.

Billy E. Adams, 22602 Evalyn Ave., reported the threats about 2 a.m.

Mrs. Adams answered the telephone and was told "There's a bomb under your house scheduled to go off in five minutes."

"Don't be funny," she replied, dismissing the call as a prank. A short time later, the caller again telephoned the Adams home and repeated his threat.

Adams then called police, who found no bomb in their investigation.

City Might Seek a New Betsy Ross

Ever design a flag? If not, here's your chance.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will request permission to conduct a "Design Your Official City Flag Contest" from the City Council Tuesday evening. The request is the result of several informal inquiries by citizens and a Girl Scout Cadet Troop.

Rules for the contest will be announced following approval of the contest by the council.

The winner will receive a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond.

Mountain Of Waste Talks Set

A "Gray Mountain" of waste material will be the subject of talks between city officials and spokesmen for U. S. Gypsum Corp. in early February, according to a spokesman for the city.

The mountain — a slag heap on U. S. Gypsum property — has been called a nuisance by residents of the Pueblo section of Torrance, the area on Del Amo Boulevard between Crenshaw and Van Ness.

Health Department officials ruled the mountain of waste material is not a health hazard after an inspection in December, but residents contend the growing stack creates other hazards in the Pueblo.

ASSISTANT City Manager Jerome I. "Jerry" Scharfman, who has been meeting with the residents, said he and John Ebbinghouse, manager of the U. S. Gypsum facility, had agreed to discuss the problem and try to arrive at a solution.

In the meantime, City Councilman David K. Lyman has asked City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to make a check of city ordinances and to determine if some other legal remedy might be available.

LYMAN SAID the waste material has no value and will not be used for anything, so he feels the area may properly be classified as a refuse dump. As such, Lyman noted, city ordinances require a conditional use permit.

He asked Remelmeier to investigate the matter and report to the council.

Seaside School To Host Session

The Feb. 8 school bond election will be discussed by a three-man panel at Seaside School Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Appearing in the panel at the regular PTA meeting will be Dr. Bernard Garen, supervisor of construction for the district; Mrs. Kenneth Watts, president of the Board of Education, and Dr. Kurt Sherry, past president of the board.

Victim Ordered Down on Floor During Holdup

A 22-year-old liquor store clerk was robbed of about \$100 early Friday afternoon.

The clerk, Deno P. Papadakis, told Torrance police he was approached by a man who asked for change to make a telephone call about 1:15 p.m. When Papadakis opened the cash register, the man pulled a gun and ordered him to "lie on the floor."

"I'm not fooling," the gunman told Papadakis. When the youth complied with the orders, the gunman removed the currency from the cash register, the fled from the store, located at 23804 Crenshaw Blvd.

Papadakis said the bandit was between 30 and 35 years old, about 6-2, and weighed about 220 pounds. He wore a blue sports coat and dark slacks.

Earlier Friday, police were called to a market at 1617 Cabrillo Ave. to investigate the theft of about \$150 from a cash register. The thief entered the market through a skylight sometime Thursday.

Man Surrenders Self to Police

An unemployed riveter wanted by Torrance Police for violation of state narcotics laws surrendered himself Friday afternoon.

Robert H. Williams, 19, of 18307 Van Ness Ave., telephoned police and asked if they held a warrant for his arrest. A short time later, he went to the Police Station and surrendered.

Williams was charged with possession of marijuana under a warrant issued by South Bay Municipal Court and signed by Judge Otto B. Willett.

He was released on bail of \$2,750 later Friday.



WILLIAM DICKSON
Odd Fellow Noble Grand

Odd Fellow Lodge Sets Ceremonies

William Dickson of 917 Acacia Ave. will be installed Wednesday as the Noble Grand of the Torrance Odd Fellow Lodge 495.

New officers will be installed during ceremonies at the Torrance Masonic Temple, 2328 Cabrillo Ave.

Other officers to be installed with Dickson include Jerry Furlough, junior past noble grand, and Wolford Edwards, vice noble grand. Other officers will be announced at a later date.

All Odd Fellows visiting the area have been invited to attend the ceremonies, which also will be open to the public.

Athletic Chief Honored . . .

A capacity crowd of co-workers, friends, and family members turned out Friday night to salute Elmer S. (Red) Moon, who is retiring from the city after serving 28 years as an organizer and coordinator of all athletic activities for the recreation department. On hand to toast Moon were members of the City Council, the Recreation Commission, and recreation professionals from throughout the Southland. Mrs. Moon, the couple's four children and some of the grandchildren joined the affair. "I'm glad I was born of this generation," Moon said when replying to the toasts.

North Wins 'Civil War' . . .

North High defeated South High, 60-50, in the first of two Bay League basketball games between the crosstown rivals Friday night. Torrance High also was victorious, winning its 18th game of the season — against one loss — against Morningside, 75-63. Details may be found on today's Press-Herald sports page, A-6.

Road Project Readied . . .

Apparent low bidder for the repaving of the west side of Normandie Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and 212th Street is the Vernon Paving Co. with a bid of \$27,397.64. The bid, nearly a third under the engineering estimates for the project, was the best of nine received by the Los Angeles City Board of Public Works. Award of the contract for the work is expected within the next 10 days.