CONTINUATION SCHOOL

Trustees Approve Class, Delay Action on School

Torrance School Board members will establish continuation high school classes here next month, but they may have some second thoughts about building a continuation high school.

Trustees tabled action on a proposal to establish the continuation high school Monday pending additional study of the matter.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, sought authorization to begin planning for a continuation high school on a portion of the 17-acre site which the school district expects to obtain from the U.S. Navy.

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THE LAND has been earmarked as the site of a proposed vocational training center and for expansion of the Torrance Elementary School facilities.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the Board of Education, objected to locating the continuation high school on the site with the vocational center. She said close proximity of the two schools would create confusion among the public and expressed fears that the proposed vocational center would be identified as a "school for dropouts."

A continuation high school is for students between 16 and 18 years of age who must leave school in order to work, or who are otherwise unable to attend a regular high school.

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THE PROPOSED vocational center, however, is being viewed as a supplement to the four comprehensive high schools and as a center for vocational training of adults.

Dr. Kurt Shery said he felt it foolish to plan a continuation high school for the Navy land. "We haven't got title to the land," Dr. Shery said. "Let's wait until we do get the land."

Trustees did approve the assignment of a principal for the continuation high school and authorized hiring of counselors for the new school. Howard C. Shoen, curriculum coordinator at South High, will head up the continuation high school program. He will devote part of his time to the adult education program as well.

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CONTINUATION high school classes will be offered in two local high schools next month, as required under provisions of state law. The continuation high school, as such, is not a mandatory requirement.

Dr. Hull told trustees his main reason for recommending the actual establishment of a continuation high school is to get extra money from the state for the program.

"Let's see if the additional money will offset the additional costs," Bert M. Lynn said.

Action on the proposal to establish the high school—initially in portable classrooms — was postponed on motion of Dr. Shery.

This is the time to prune your deciduous fruit trees as well as crepe myrtle and some overgrown shade trees.

There is a new type telescoping pole available with instant adjustments to add heights from 6 to 12 feet. This unique tool is very handy if you have much overhead pruning to do.

After you have finished pruning be sure to paint all cuts over 1 inch in diameter and then spray the entire tree and surrounding ground area with lime sulfur and oil solution to get the overwintering bugs eggs and fungus.

If there are any signs of borer activity from last summer, holes in bark, etc., spray the area under the tree and around the trunk with a borer solution of ethylene dichloride.

This should get your fruit trees ready for the spring soon to come.

Garden Checklist

1. Violas and pansies can still be set out over a bulb bed. Primula Malacoides, the fairy Primrose, can go in for an early spring border in shaded beds.

2. The perennial vegetables — artichokes, asparagus and rhubarb — are not only good eating, but are attractive in the ornamental garden. They can go in now.

3. The greens will be greener if you spend a day spreading manure around your shrubbery beds and spring planting areas. The rains will leach the nutriants down into the soil to the root zone where you want them.

4. Many choice camellias are in bloom now. Browse the nurseries for your favorites. They make nice companions for azaleas in late winter. Set out rhododendrons for a big show later on. Give them all filtered shade and rich, peaty soil.

5. This is an important time for dormant spraying of fruit trees. Ask your nurseryman what to use and the easiest way to apply it.

Bank Shows Profits

United California Bank's net operating earnings for 1965 hit a record high of $20,178,759, an increase of 12.6 per cent over the $17,919,512 earned the previous year, Frank L. King, chairman of the board, announced today.

He said operating efficiency and effective use of funds enabled the bank to increase earnings significantly despite the higher interest rates on regular savings accounts that became effective in January, 1965.

King reported that earnings per share were $3.52 based on the average shares outstanding in 1965, compared with $3.18 in 1964.

The higher interest rates attracted additional deposits making it possible for the bank to meet an extremely strong loan demand which prevailed throughout the year. Total deposits at year end were $2,813,385,434, compared with $2,734,792,520 at the end of 1964. Total loans rose to $2,059,278,890 from $1,784,524,696.

Capital funds increased from $224,403,066 to $228,561,928. Included in the growth of capital funds are $35 million in capital notes issued last January which brought $70 million in principal amount of capital notes outstanding.

Exchange Students At BMHS

Marie Atanasio, an exchange student from Chile, is now attending classes at Bishop Montgomery High School. Miss Atanasio is sponsored by Youth for Understanding.

A native of Rancagua, Chile, she is living with the Emil Huskamp family in the Riviera section of Torrance. She is one of 70 students, selected from among some 900 applicants, to be enrolled in schools in the United States.

Miss Atanasio is taking classes in English, religion, and American history while at Montgomery. She will receive no credit for classes completed here since she was graduated last year from high school.

She plans a career in psychiatry and hopes to become better acquainted with the United States during her stay. An honor student, Miss Atanasio received special recognition for her accomplishments in French, English, and science during graduation exercises in her native Chile.

Insurance Is Topic

"Insurance Information Night" will be the theme for the regular meeting of South Bay Hangar Sessions Thursday at the Torrance Recreation Center. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

A panel which includes Jack Cronan of San Fernando Insurance, Duke Stoddard of USAIG, Fred Mclemore of INA, Art Lyon of IAU, and John Colliard of AAU will present a general information program on all aspects of insurance as it affects aviation.

A question and answer period will follow the panel discussion. Jack Egan, manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport, said no attempt will be made to sell insurance, but to present general information.

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