

Survey of Libraries Continues

Patrons of the Torrance libraries were reminded today of a survey now being made by the Torrance Library Commission as part of an over-all study relating to future development of the libraries.

Library patrons will be given a questionnaire when they check out books. Commissioners have asked that patrons complete the questionnaire and return to the library staff. No signature is required.

Deadline for returning questionnaires is Feb. 28, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

Ferraro, in a report to the City Council, has recommended the establishment of a municipally operated library system, independent of the County Library System. Torrance libraries are now operated under a contract with the county, but county officials will not renew the present contract when it expires in June, 1968.

Statistical information compiled through the current survey, along with other information to be collected by the city staff and the Library Commission, will be used in making final recommendations to the City Council.

Extension Granted

Slow Wage Survey Miffs Councilmen

J. A. Beasley called for improved communications between the city's administrative staff and the City Council last night following a sharp debate on a wage and job classification survey now being conducted in the city.

Beasley provoked the debate when he called for abrogation of the contract between the city and J. L. Jacobs of Chicago on grounds that the firm had failed to meet its Dec. 1, 1965, deadline.

The survey, Beasley was told, is almost complete and three members of the council have been meeting with representatives of the city employ groups to discuss preliminary results. The final report will be submitted to councilmen in about 30 days, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said.

"If we can't have the facts we will never have an adequate salary and job classification system," Ferraro said. Mayor Albert Isen, who accused Beasley of not having all the facts early in the debate, called the survey "the most difficult we have undertaken." He said a report accepted before employees have discussed the results would be "premature."

"I AM ALSO a member of the council and I was not aware of (the meetings)," Beasley said. "I think we need better communication."

He told councilmen he was concerned because "I've heard nothing for three or four months." Apparently satisfied with the answers he received, Beasley ended the debate.

IN OTHER action last night, the council:

• Denied a petition for a rehearing on a zone change involving property 2043 and 2049 W. 182nd St. Councilmen last week rezoned the property from R-3 to R-2 following protests from area residents about a proposed apartment complex.

• Referred to the Civil Service Commission an ordinance which will give the council the right to amend the city's job classification plans without approval of the Civil Service Commission.

• Referred to a council committee a proposal by the city's Airport Commission that portions of the city's airport property be frozen pending a study of possible future development of the areas.

• Authorized Fire Chief J. J. Benner to have working drawings for the city's fifth fire station prepared. The station is planned for the West Torrance area on land near Del Amo and Hawthorne boulevards.

Annual Talent Show Planned by Seniors

"Route 66" will be the theme of the 1966 Senior Talent Show to be held at Bishop Montgomery High School Wednesday, Feb. 16. The annual show will be staged in Montgomery's new gymnasium.

Nikki Brajevich and Jeff Stone have been named general chairmen of the show. Senior class moderators Sister Catherine Joan and Father Ambrose are advising the two chairmen.

Acts will be centered on the "Route 66" theme and feature stops in such cities as New York, Chicago, and Denver—along with a stop in Ogallala, Neb. (Population 3,159 in 1945; 1,942 in 1965). Featured acts will include a modern dance number by Sandy Holtz, Cathy Griffith and her gospel singers, Bev Kelly in a dramatic reading, and some special acts.

Joe Pickett is in charge of the sets, which will be patterned after a pavilion at the New York World's Fair. Homeroom presidents, class officers, and talent show chairmen are now reviewing acts to determine which performers will have a place in the show.

Proceeds from the talent show will be used to finance the 1966 senior class project.



BEGIN CONSTRUCTION . . . Mayor Albert Isen (right) turns the first shovel of dirt for a new neighborhood shopping center while owners and builders of the project check blueprints to make sure the mayor is in the right place. Giving directions are, from left, Jack Rogers and Chris Sorensen, owners of the project; Ed Taubert, representing Imperial Bank, which will finance the center, and Milt Wenzel, general contractor for the project. The new center, located on the northwest corner of Anza Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, will have 13 stores.



BANK DIRECTORS . . . Directors of Imperial Bank were re-elected to office during the bank's annual stockholders' meeting last week. Directors include (standing, from left) Edgar Morris, CPA; Franklin Raynor, president of Raynor Realty; former Governor Goodwin J. Knight, and Robert Goldberg, investment manager. Seated, from left, are Warren M. Gordon, attorney; George M. Ellings, chairman of the board; George L. Graziadio, president of Imperial Bank, and R. A. Watt, president of R. A. Watt Construction Co.

\$140 Million More in Aid to Schools Sought

By LEONARD KREIDT Education News Service An increase of more than \$140 million in state support of local school districts will be requested of the California Legislature this year by the State Board of Education.

In presenting the State Department of Education's proposal, which the board approved, Dr. Ronald Cox, chief of the department's Division of School Administration, noted that California has slipped from fifth to eighth among the 50 states in the funds per child devoted to education.

The proposal includes \$16 million in supplemental support to low-wealth districts, raising their effective wealth for education purposes up to the average for the state, or \$13,200 in assessed valuation per child in average daily attendance in elementary school, \$34,500 in high school.

ALSO INCLUDED is a \$10 per child increase (about 4 per cent) in foundation programs for all school districts on an equalization basis at a cost of \$35 million.

A larger financial incentive to promote school district unification is part of the proposal. The board will seek to have the present \$15 per child bonus for unified districts increased to \$35 at a cost of \$26 million.

The board proposes to increase the \$10 state bonus for reduction of class size in Grades 1, 2 and 3 by \$10 per child in 1966-67 and by an additional \$5 per child in 1967-68. Total cost would be \$13.5 million.

OTHER PROPOSED increases are: \$15 million for special education, \$14 million

pointed, frustrated, maybe even disillusioned" to find that he had advanced to a kindergarten not up to the standards of his pre-school class.

This means that districts not now maintaining kindergartens would have to establish them, but kindergarten sessions would have to be at least 180 minutes long, and class-size standards set for pre-school programs (15 children per class) would have to be maintained.

Public Notice

PH-3785 1525 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC SALE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH F. MARKS, deceased. ALSO known as JOSEPH FRANK MARKS, deceased. Good cause existing therefor, and it being for the best interests of the estate of JOSEPH F. MARKS, deceased, will sell at private sale, to the highest and best bidder, subject to the confirmation of said Superior Court, on or after February 15, 1966, at his office, 220 N. Broadway, City of Los Angeles, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, all the right, title and interest of said deceased at the time of his death, and all the right, title and interest that he acquired either before or after the time of his death, in and to all of that certain real property described as follows, to-wit:

The north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 7 of Tract 2761, in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Book 28, Page 72 of Maps, in the office of the County Recorder, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1821 Dale Avenue, Torrance, California. Subject to 1965-66 taxes, conditions, covenants, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights and interests of way of record. The terms and conditions of sale are cash in lawful money of the United States upon the confirmation of sale. Certificate of title and 1/2 escrow fee at expense of seller. Escrow must be opened with a bank, title company or savings and loan company. Bids must be in writing and will be received at the aforesaid office of the undersigned administrator. Dated: January 28, 1966. J. BALDO M. KRISTOVICH, Public Administrator as Administrator of the estate of said Deceased. MA 5-3911 Ext. 64282 W—Feb 2, 9, 1966.

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