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INSPECT MEMORIAL . . . Mrs. John W. Beeman (left) stands by portrait of her late husband during ceremonies at Torrance Memorial Hospital yesterday dedicating a new wing of the facility in his honor. Joining Mrs. Beeman here are Henry W. Creger, past president of the hospital's board of directors; Mrs. Beeman's daughter, Mrs. Leavitt; and Mrs. Boris S. Woolley, hospital president. (Press-Herald Photo)

New Hospital Wing Honors Dr. Beeman

Dedication of a new wing at Torrance Memorial Hospital as a memorial to the late Dr. John W. Beeman was attended yesterday by his widow and daughter, members of the hospital's medical staff, and friends of the Beeman family.

The new facilities, to be known as the John Whitney

Beeman, M. D. Memorial Wing, was dedicated as a living memorial to Dr. Beeman who died last February after spending 30 years as a Torrance physician.

Mrs. Boris S. Woolley, president of the hospital's board of directors, called the wing a memorial "to the physician who dedicated his life in service to God and his fellowman."

DR. BEEMAN was a member and past president of the Torrance Rotary Club, and served as chief of the medical staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital. He was treasurer of the hospital's board of directors at the time of his death.

The Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, former pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrance, officiated at Tuesday's dedication service at the hospital. Among others attending was Harry L. Creeger, retired superintendent of American-Standard's Torrance facilities and past president of the hospital board. Dr. Jack Beeman, son of the late physician, is taking a medical residency in Minneapolis and was unable to attend.

A PORTRAIT of the physician and a plaque honoring his name have been placed in the foyer of the hospital's new facilities.

Each room of the new wing is equipped with motorized beds, television, and F. M.

radio. Each of the six rooms offer two-bed accommodations for medical and surgical patients.

South to Present City's Largest Class of Seniors

High school diplomas will be awarded to 1,692 seniors at the four Torrance high schools this evening as commencement exercises are held for the Class of 1965.

Largest of the four classes will graduate from South High where Dr. Kurt Shery, a member of the Board of Education, and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will give diplomas to 639 graduates. The smallest class—271 graduates—will be graduated at West High, newest of the high schools.

West High will begin graduation exercises at 7:30 in the school gymnasium. Board member Bert M. Lynn and Dr. Robert Morton, assistant superintendent of schools for personnel, will distribute the diplomas.

VALEDICTORIAN Adele Palmer and salutatorian Leslie Lane will speak to the theme, "Beyond the Horizon."

North, South, and Torrance high schools will hold exercises at 8 p.m.

A class of 484 members will receive diplomas at North High, where Dr. Donald E. Wilson, a school board member, and S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, will confer the diplomas during ceremonies to be held in the North High stadium.

Student speakers Joan Keller and Ralph Lippman will speak on the theme, "Our Aim Is Toward the Stars." Danny Weston is valedictorian of the Saxon class.

SUZANNE BURR, valedictorian of the South High

EC Honors Leaders of Government

Two El Camino College student leaders were presented major awards at the Student Government Awards Banquet.

Named winner of the Outstanding Student Council Member Award by fellow council members was Archer Zamloch III, who served during the past semester as commissioner of health, education, and welfare.

Student government faculty advisers named Ray Barthel, chief justice of the student court, as winner of the Forrest G. Murdock Award, emblematic of outstanding leadership in all phases of student government.

Membership in Corona del Camino, the college's honor service society was extended to eight new members. They are Craig Thompson, Torrance; Wendy Rea, Hermosa Beach; Maureen Sullivan, Inglewood; Ron Olsen, Glendora; Diane Foote, Torrance; Diane Bryant, Torrance; Bob McConville, Gardena; Don Aimar, Gardena; Barthel; Brenda Jones, Torrance; and Tim Irwin, Inglewood.



NAVAL OFFICER . . . George D. Koren, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Koren, 22618 Nadine Circle, was granted a bachelor of science degree and commissioned ensign in the Navy during ceremonies at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. He entered the Naval Academy on a congressional appointment and was sworn in as a midshipman in June, 1961.

Eighth Grade Rites Set

Graduation exercises for 2,300 eighth grade students will be held tomorrow at the 33 Torrance elementary schools.

Afternoon exercises will be held at Hamilton School, where Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will present diplomas. Exercises will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Crenshaw School, with Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, presenting the diplomas. Wood, Lincoln and Edison schools will begin graduation ceremonies at 6 p.m. Dr. Howard Wood, Dr. Kurt Shery, and Dr. Lloyd Jones will present diplomas at the three schools. Dr. Donald E. Wilson and Dr. Louis Kaplan will award diplomas during 5 p.m. ceremonies at Calle Mayor and Arlington schools. Participating at 6:30 p.m.

will be Dr. Joseph Bay, Perry School; Judge John A. Shidler and Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, Parkway School; S. E. Waldrip, Madrona School; Dr. Robert Morton, Jefferson School; Bert M. Lynn, Casimir Carr School, and Mrs. Evelyn Carr, Carr School.

Towers School will hold exercises at 6:35 p.m. with Dr. Donald Duncan presenting diplomas.

Magruder School will hold ceremonies at 7 p.m. Phillip Magruder, retired industrialist, will hand out diplomas. Dr. Hull and Dr. Posner will preside at 7 p.m. ceremonies for Fern-Greenwood School. The exercises will be held at Torrance High auditorium.

ALSO AT 7 p.m., diplomas will be awarded by Albert

Charles, Victor School; Mrs. Gertrude Aldershof and Dr. Rollin Smith, Adams School; Mrs. Margaret Collin, Seaside (at South High); W. J. Hanson, Newton School, and Mrs. Grace Wright, Anza School. Robert H. Ellis will award diplomas at Steele School beginning at 7:15 p.m., while Dr. Bruce Magner will attend Waltheria School exercises at 6:30 p.m.

Other exercises include: Torrance Elementary School, Dr. Kaplan, 7:30; Yukon School, Dr. Shery, 8; Riviera School, Dr. Wilson, 7:30; Meadow Park, Dr. Lloyd Reist, 7:30; Hillside, Dr. Duncan, 7:30; Hickory, Dr. Morton, 7:30; Sepulveda, Mrs. Watts, 7:45; Arnold, Waldrip, 7:30; Madison, Hanson, 8; and Flavian School, Lynn, 8 p.m.

City May Renew Offer Of Local College Site

A State College Site (An Editorial)

Final rejection of the Palos Verdes Peninsula as a site for a new state college does not mean the end of this area's chances to have the college.

The decision could carry with it the first realistic chance for the college since the trustees selected the Peninsula site two years ago.

Abandonment of the Peninsula site as too costly will send the trustees looking elsewhere again. The Press-Herald is certain the search will be successful. Property in Torrance at Sepulveda and Crenshaw offers still the same possibilities it did in 1963 when the Torrance committee urged its selection as a college site. Its availability may even be greater, city officials have hinted.

Other possible sites, far more desirable than the Peninsula property, still are available and will be considered.

The Press-Herald again urges those involved in the site selection to weigh carefully the generations of students who will be using the college facilities. A college site remote from the areas from which the students will be drawn does not serve its best purpose. The site at Torrance and Crenshaw meets this important test.



ACADEMY GRADUATE . . . Robert K. Heaton, son of Col. and Mrs. Donald H. Heaton of 4405 Paseo de las Tortugas, was commissioned an Air Force second lieutenant and received his bachelor of science degree at graduation ceremonies Wednesday at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The new Air Force officer will be assigned to Amarillo AFB, Tex. for training as a personnel officer.

Rejection of PV Site Gives City New Hope

Torrance officials moved quickly yesterday to put this city back into the running as a possible site for the four-year state college.

The action came on the heels of an announcement in Sacramento that the Palos Verdes Peninsula site was being abandoned.

"There still is tremendous sentiment for a Torrance site," Mayor Albert Isen told his colleagues on the Torrance City Council Tuesday night after commenting that the news from Sacramento meant the Palos Verdes site was "down the drain."

ALL HANDS were in agreement about the need to put Torrance back into consideration as a site, but the agreement stopped there.

Isen wanted City Manager Ed Ferraro and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to begin sending off night letters to all state officials involved.

Councilman J. A. Beasley suggested that the Council reactivate the Torrance college committee.

Chief Adds Medal to Citations

Chief M. Sgt. Loyd Waters, 16707 Faysmith Ave., has been presented the Air Force Commendation Medal at Los Angeles Air Force Station.

Sergeant Waters is chief, Aircraft Maintenance Control, 6592d Support Group, Space Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command, Los Angeles.

The citation accompanying the commendation read in part: Chief M. Sgt. Waters distinguished himself by meritorious service as aircraft maintenance superintendent from Sept. 3, 1956 to April 30, 1965. During this period Sgt. Waters' outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership contributed immeasurably towards the success of the logistic support mission in the space development program.

THE AIRMAN holds the following decorations, citations and service awards: Bronze Star Medal; Distinguished Unit Citation, with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Good Conduct Medal with four bronze loops; American Defense Service Medal with one star.

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three stars; American Campaign Medal; National Defense Service Medal; AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters; The Philippine Liberation Ribbons with two stars; Philippine Independence Ribbon and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

board of trustees was again considering the Torrance site, but that he could not divulge the source of his knowledge.

"I will give you the information next week," he said.

Reactivation of the committee was delayed until a meeting could be arranged between city officials and representatives of the owners of the property at Sepulveda and Crenshaw.

Isen, Ferraro, and Remelmeier will seek a meeting with Santa Fe and Chancellor Western Oil Development representatives this week.

REJECTION of the Palos Verdes site came Monday with the announcement by Finance Director Hale Champion that "it now appears highly likely in fact that the final price would be well in excess of our tests of reasonability."

Champion emphasized that the decision to abandon efforts to acquire the Palos Verdes site was not based on "local attitudes pro and con about having a college there" but on the basis of a determination that the site was more expensive than could be justified.

Area Students Graduating At LA State

Fifteen Torrance students were graduated from California State College at Los Angeles at commencement exercises held June 12.

They were James H. Robinson, 4516 Dellane St., BS; Bradley H. Greene, 21535 Weiser Ave., MA; Roger G. Bly, 347 Javelin St., MA; Alan

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Auditorium Studied . . .

A comprehensive study of the area's need for auditorium facilities has been completed by a private firm and presented to the city. The study by Economics Research Associates of Los Angeles recommends a four-part center including a large area to be used for sports events and banquets; a music theater seating 1,000; a little theater seating 200; and a connecting foyer building to provide meeting space and a joint lobby for other facilities. Total cost was placed at slightly more than \$2 million.

Park Site Acquired . . .

An agreement whereby the city can acquire a three-acre park site in North Torrance from the State Division of Highways and spread payments over a three-year period was announced yesterday by Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem. The site, at 181st Street and Illinois Court, lies adjacent to the San Diego Freeway and was part of property acquired for construction of the freeway several years ago. It now is surplus to state needs, the city has been told.

Light Plane Crashes . . .

A Los Alamitos pilot crashed near the east end of Torrance Municipal Airport Monday evening but escaped serious injury, receiving only cuts and bruises. Robert M. Doherty told firemen at the scene that his plane lost flying speed as he approached the airport for a landing. The plane was owned by the 56 Flying Club based at Torrance and was heavily damaged.