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MILLION DOLLARS INVESTED IN SCHOOLS IN TORRANCE

Torrance High School Has Highest Per Pupil Rating in Los Angeles District for the Past Fiscal Year

An investment of well over \$1,000,000 is represented in the Torrance high and elementary schools, according to the annual appraisal and inventory of Los Angeles city school properties made by the Los Angeles board of education.

Valuation of Torrance High school is given as \$758,179, or \$1.105 per capita, highest percentage in the system. The board values its investment in Torrance and Fern avenue elementary schools at \$382,249, or at the rate of \$561 for each pupil that attended last year, it was explained.

The total area of the Los Angeles elementary school district is 696 square miles, or considerably more than the 450 square miles in the Los Angeles city. Area of the Los Angeles city high school and junior college district is 1094 square miles.

Valuation figures for elementary and high schools in this section given as follows in the inventory: Torrance high school, \$758,179; Gardena, \$967,463; Narbonne high school, \$569,794; Torrance and Fern avenue elementary schools, \$382,249; Waverly, \$46,955; Lomita elementary and Orange street schools, \$126,410; Harbor City, \$130,175; Gardena, \$221,865. Per capita costs per pupil for these schools is given as follows: Torrance high school, \$1.105; Gardena, \$967.463; Narbonne high school, \$569.794; Torrance and Fern avenue elementary schools, \$382.249; Waverly, \$46.955; Lomita elementary and Orange street schools, \$126.410; Harbor City, \$130.175; Gardena, \$221.865.

YOUNG GIRLS complain of man's ATTENTIONS

Edward Murphy, 1429 221st street, was placed under arrest last night, following complaints of residents on Plaza del Amo and vicinity that he had accosted several young girls and according to their story had attempted to entice two of them to his car. It is also stated that Murphy had picked up a woman pedestrian, offering her a ride towards her destination, but that his conduct towards her had been such that she demanded to be let out to go on her way on foot. He denied having molested any young girls.

Murphy was arraigned this morning before Judge Robert F. Lessing to answer to the charges. He pled not guilty and will be tried October 1.

Motorist Charged With Murder

On the death of Laurence von Schoenert, 1635 Florida street, Long Beach, who died in Seaside hospital after he had been struck down by a motorist, Robert Marshall, 1681 Cedar street, Torrance, was placed in jail at Long Beach, charged with murder. Von Schoenert was a bystander at the scene of another accident last Monday evening, when he was struck and fatally injured.

The complaint against Marshall was issued by Deputy District Attorney William Brayton, and embraced charges of hit and run and drunk driving. It is stated, Marshall, who has been employed in Wilmington, has been residing for a short time at the home of his father-in-law, Eugene Newton, at the above address in Torrance. He and his wife are separated, according to Mr. Newton, who stated that he had known Marshall for the past twelve years, and that his present predicament is the first time he had ever been in trouble so far as he knew.

Colden Speaker At Mass Meeting

Honorable Charles J. Colden, Congressman of the 17th district, who recently returned from Washington, will be one of the speakers at a mass meeting to be held in Wrigley Field, Saturday, September 21. Production for use, rehabilitation of the unemployed and political conditions at Washington will be discussed by Congressman Colden. Congressman Byron N. Scott and State Senator Culbert L. Olson.

Large Order From Water District Puts Columbia Mill On 100% Production

Operations in the rolling mill department of the Columbia Steel Company plant in Torrance have been put on a 100 percent capacity basis to fill a 4000 ton order recently received for the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct.

The contract received by Columbia Steel amounts to over \$200,000 and represents approximately one-third of the steel to be milled in California for the Colorado River water project. The steel to be milled in Torrance will be used in reinforcing the large conduits and tunnels, according to Don Kinsey of the Metropolitan Water District.

The speeding up of operations in the rolling mill, it is understood, will also necessitate increased production in other departments of the Torrance plant, and will result in substantially larger payrolls for some time.

Helen Brodie Goes To Hospital Today

Mr. and Mrs. James Brodie took their little daughter Helen, who was severely injured in an accident on Sartori avenue two years ago, to the General hospital today to undergo a serious operation, which it is hoped will correct the condition the child has been in since her injury. Helen was struck by a car driven by Miss Ruth Blackhall, which jumped over the curb in front of the A. & P. store and pinned the child against the wall. She suffered a broken neck, crushed chest and other injuries, which kept her confined to a hospital for many weeks.

Valuable Rug Is Stolen Sunday

Burglars who forced entrance to the home of D. A. Upham, 909 Via Coronel, Palos Verdes Estates, during the absence of the caretaker, Joseph Sakal, last Sunday, removed an Oriental rug valued at \$1500 and a vacuum cleaner estimated at \$85. Upham, who resides in Mineral Wells, Texas, is at his eastern home. He is said to visit his Palos Verdes Estates residence for two weeks during the summer, the balance of the time it being under the care of his employe. No clues to the burglar that were of value were found.

Foul Play Suspected In Death

Deputy sheriffs who have been investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Chris L. Anderson, 420 Olwell street, Hermosa Beach, whose body was found in his wrecked car at the foot of a cliff in the Palos Verdes Estates on Monday morning, September 9, have abandoned the suicide theory in the light of additional evidence which was gleaned from the scene of the tragedy last week.

Facts which caused them to place a foul play construction upon Anderson's death were these: Both ignition and transmission in Anderson's car were locked, the keys were in his pocket, and the emergency brake had been set; the victim's watch, which his wife stated he was in the habit of winding at 9 o'clock had stopped at 3:04 o'clock, indicating that it had run more than 24 hours; Anderson carried his driver's license in his wallet, which was not in his pocket, but was given up to the officers by a Portuguese fisherman camped near by who said he found it 155 feet from the place where Anderson's body was found.

Further indication that the plunge over the cliff was not accidental was shown by the fact that although the dirt road leading to the bluff takes a steep drop of about 20 feet on to a flat, the flat slopes upwards to the edge of the bluff.

Anderson left his home Sunday afternoon to go to a ball game. He was accompanied by his daughter Cecilia, age 13, whom he left at

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BLANKET APPLICATIONS FOR SEWERS WILL AID TORRANCE

Eight Projects Included in Proposition Filed By Sanitary Sewer District Board; Will Serve 150,000 People in County

Blanket applications for eight WPA projects that would provide sanitary sewer facilities for more than 150,000 residents of the county, in various districts, were being supplemented today with detailed applications.

The applications are being filed at the direction of the board of directors, at the suggestion of Chief Engineer A. K. Warren.

Four of the projects are on behalf of County Sanitation District No. 2, which serves the territory around and south of Monterey Park, lying between the San Gabriel and Los Angeles rivers, and extending south to Artesia street. One would extend the trunk sewer in Atlantic boulevard northward into Monterey Park.

Another would extend the Old River School road trunk to serve the territory east of the Rio Hondo, between Pico and the Rio Hondo. A third would extend the Slauson avenue trunk east along Slauson to Eastern avenue near the Los Angeles river. The fourth project proposed is erection of offices at the treatment plant at Harbor City.

The other four projects are within Sanitation District No. 5, which serves Torrance and the area to the north and south, from Harbor City to Inglewood. One is the extension of the North Torrance trunk sewer near 208th street. Another would extend the Warfield avenue trunk that starts at Alondra Park and runs west to the sand hills.

The third is the proposed El Nido trunk sewer, to serve the block of county territory between Torrance and Redondo Beach. The other is an extension of the South Inglewood-Orange avenue trunk along Eighth avenue between Lincoln and Arrior Vitae streets.

Extension of the Downey-Bellflower trunk sewer is proposed under the Public Works Administration, Warren explained.

A detailed application is nearing completion for a project to serve the area between Hollywood, Riviera and Malaga Cove.

Koiner Is Named As Consultant

C. W. Koiner, former manager for the Southern California Edison Company in this district, has been appointed consulting engineer for the federal public works administration new power division and will have headquarters in Washington, D. C. Koiner left the employ of the Edison company three years ago to return to Pasadena as city manager. A job he has held some years prior to his association with the power company.

Buildings Will Furnish Employment For Many Local Men

Jobs for many Torrance men will be provided by the construction of the three public buildings pictured on this page. In addition to the workmen actually engaged in erecting the buildings, many others will benefit through the manufacture of steel and other building materials which will be used.

On the other hand, if two-thirds of the voters at the election on Friday, September 27, do not vote "Yes" the buildings will not be built and Torrance men who are out of work will have to take their chances at getting work in other cities, and in competition with men who live in these other cities, who will have first claim on the jobs.

Federal government has definitely stated that NO MORE DIRECT RELIEF will be given to people out of work, which means that those who fail to get a job will be thrown on the county and supported by local tax money. In the last analysis, the taxpayer is going to PAY ANYWAY. If we build these fine new buildings, we will have something to show for our money. If we do not build them, we will pay and get nothing in return.

As an incentive to cities to launch building projects, the federal government has agreed to pay approximately half of the cost of labor and materials, so that the cost of constructing ALL THREE BUILDINGS will amount to ONLY 3c to 10c PER MONTH to the home-owner in Torrance, depending upon the value of his home.

The proposed buildings are not extravagant in design, purpose, or furnishings. Each building will house a much needed city activity.

LIBRARY—Our present frame library building does not meet the city's needs in any respect. The new building

TORRANCE CITY HALL



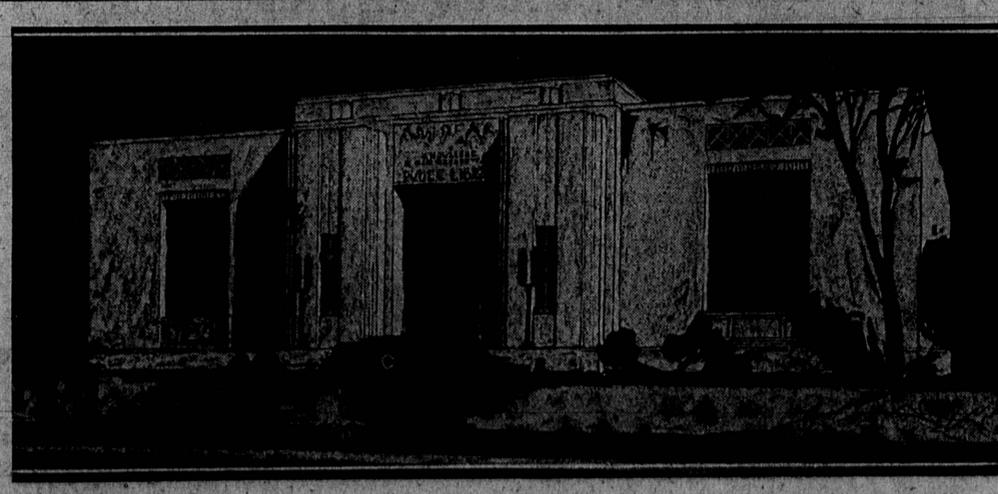
will provide separate rooms for children and adults with greatly increased space for books, as well as a lecture room. Its construction will practically assure the establishment of a regional library with a much larger and more diversified selection of books.

CITY HALL—Overcrowded conditions in the rooms over the fire hall (now used as a city hall) are seriously hampering the proper functioning of city departments. Storage and filing space in properly protected vaults for vital records is sorely lacking. Rental now paid for offices of the water department would be eliminated by moving the water department to the new city hall.

AUDITORIUM—Since the earthquake damaged the high school auditorium beyond repair, there is no place for holding large meetings or school functions. The school board is making no provision for re-building the school auditorium,—not even in the proposed new \$13,000,000 school bond issue to be submitted in November. By locating the municipal auditorium near the high school as contemplated, it would serve for both school purposes and community events.

Remember, the \$4,000,000,000 the federal government is spending is going to be spent somewhere. We can't stop that, but we can have part of it spent here, provided we vote "Yes" on September 27. We need these buildings and will have to provide them in the near future. Let's get them NOW when Uncle Sam is willing to pay half the cost. Every registered voter is entitled to vote, whether he or she owns any property in Torrance or not. Let's all pull together for a better and more beautiful city. Let's do our share to bring back prosperity and self respecting employment for our men out of work.

REGIONAL LIBRARY BUILDING



MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

