

# COMMITTEE TO HANDLE J. C. PROGRAM IN AREA IS NAMED

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121,178 persons and that the assessed valuation of the district which would be called upon to finance the venture is \$85,007,545 (last year's figures).

Chairman Willett asked the residents and representatives attending what they thought about having facilities for higher education for their children. He appealed for the feeling of the interested persons present what they wanted to do for their children.

Dr. Evans, of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, answering obviously for the city board and not for those addressed, said that the Los Angeles city schools had made a survey of the harbor area among the high school students and declared that they had expressed a strong interest in higher institutions. Dr. Evans, speaking as he did for the Los Angeles city schools, said that more than 80 percent expressed willingness and desire to attend a junior college.

"Unquestionably," he said, "there is a decided feeling of need for an institution of higher learning."

**1,000 Students Needed**  
Chairman Willett then asked what minimum attendance would be necessary to support a junior college. Dr. Evans answered a minimum of 1,000 students and 1,500 would be a good working basis. He estimated that 1,300 would be a good start for a college in this district, based upon his survey.

An abnormal demand for higher education of a trade, semi-professional and business training nature was predicted by the group as a whole.

P. M. Jones of the Inglewood High school board then declared that the survey of the Inglewood board reveals a "desire, a definite desire, in the Inglewood district for a junior college or institution of higher learning. We want a cooperative effort," he said. "We are very interested in a junior college of that kind."

Jones pointed out that transportation must be considered in the program.

At this point, P. J. McMahon, representing the Los Angeles Board of Education, entered the discussion by stating that there are a multitude of complications and steps which have to precede the formation of a new junior college district—especially if some of the areas involved want to pull out of the Los Angeles city district.

Mayor Clyde Marsh of Redondo Beach did not pull any punches and said that he is very much in favor of the idea for a junior college in the Alondra park district.

**Redondo Favor.**  
He was followed by Walter G. Lynch of Redondo, who said that it was the desire of educators of the Redondo district to be in favor of such a movement and that he was quite sure that a majority of the people in the Redondo Beach Union High school district would be in favor of the project.

At this point the Los Angeles city board interests deemed it necessary to step into the discussion again and stated figures which represented what they said to be the junior college levy of various districts. Los Angeles, Dr. Evans pointed out, has a levy of 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, but would have to increase it to 3 cents upon formation of a new college here. He said that Long Beach has a rate of 7 cents; Glendale 7 cents and went on to quote rates which he said amounted to as much as 13 cents for junior colleges. No mention was made of the survey made which indicates that the junior college district proposed for this area can be financed for as little as 1 1/2 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation. This is because of the high assessed valuation of the district which Los Angeles city wants to preserve for its own tax coffers. It was pointed out after the meeting, all of Torrance, Lomita and Gardena being in the Los Angeles high school and elementary school districts.

While stating that he expects a 50 percent increase in retraining students after the war, Dr. Evans pointed out that the Los Angeles city board is ready to recommend a school in the harbor area, centrally located as possible in keeping with the attendance. He admitted willingness to take in Redondo Beach

on this proposal, and also a willingness to take Inglewood and El Segundo cities into the Los Angeles program at the Washington High school project.

**Old Promises**  
Mayor Tolson did not hesitate to point out that the promises of Dr. Evans had been voiced here by various representatives of Los Angeles for the past eight or ten years.

Dr. Evans disclosed, intentionally or not, that only 36 students of the whole harbor area reach Los Angeles City College (the L. A. City junior college on N. Vermont and only 192 attend the Compton Junior College. This renewed the question of the need for a junior college, to serve the areas represented from Palos Verdes to Inglewood, representatives stating that if the school were established, from 1,000 to 1,900 students would go to institutions of higher learning.

Los Angeles interests, continuing their arguments, said that no junior college district had been formed by the State Board of Education since 1931 (in spite of the growth of the Southern California harbor area) and they also said that the county supervisors would look with disfavor on use of Alondra park.

Supervisor-elect Raymond Darby showed up later, however, and said "I am in favor of the proposed arrangement." He said that the reason that no students do not go to institutions of higher learning is that they do not offer trade schools—thus bearing out the suggestion of Mayor Tolson that the junior college take a cue from the war and go into aeronautics.

"If Compton can establish and maintain a junior college," Darby said, "we can. I think it can be worked. If we can do anything for that group (the trades) we must do it."

**El Segundo Supports**  
Superintendent Dan T. Williams of El Segundo city schools was a speaker who declared that there is an interest in the district for a junior college. "I assure you that in El Segundo the people are interested," he said, "in the education of youth and in higher education." He disputed a statement from the Los Angeles group that there was no interest in El Segundo in higher education, pointing out that a survey conducted there showed that the people and students are tremendously interested. Williams pointed out that while he was at Taft Junior college they hauled students for 72 miles to go to school. He said that 25 percent of the high school students want to go to junior college.

That would mean that there are 2,500 students in the Torrance, Palos Verdes to Inglewood district who would go to a local junior college, it was pointed out. Williams expressed no preference as to a location, stating that he was willing to put the junior college where it is needed.

Then Principal Perry of the Los Angeles city high school at Torrance spoke and urged the audience to consider the Los Angeles plan, suggesting a vocational or technical institute, a part of the Los Angeles system, as the first step.

Chairman Willett then declared that the best interests of the young people is what the group has in mind—the establishment of a junior college as economically and as conveniently as possible. He said he had his doubts about the working out of a plan which included San Pedro or Wilmington.

"Get Out of L. A."  
He said he felt a loyalty to the whole area, but not to bound-

dary lines, and urged, if necessary, that the people here "lock horns" with the Los Angeles city district and get out of Los Angeles high school and elementary districts—by legislation if necessary.

He proposed that the district go to the Los Angeles city board and say that "if the people can work out a proper arrangement with you, the area not already in the Los Angeles district will go in, but if not and we cannot get the proper understanding, we will pull out one way or another."

"Los Angeles has been promising higher education for this area for ten years, but we do not have any facilities," Willett said, "and the George Washington project is not any better than the one on Vermont ave."

He even suggested going before the legislature and amend-

## Bowling League At Standstill; Standings Given

By AL COAST

If things seemed a little quiet around the Torrance Bowling Academy last week, it was because there was no bowling. Mr. King closed the alleys for a week for redecorations and re-surfacing the alleys. This is an annual affair, but this year it is a little bit different, not only because of the war, but also because scientific study and development have perfected a substance known as mineralite, which will take the place of shellac as a finish for the alleys. This is much easier to apply and the general upkeep will take much less time. The reports from several Southern California academies are that this new material keeps the alleys in a more uniform condition. So this winter should produce some very good bowling.

The Thursday Night 825 League will continue this week with Schwartz vs. Felker, Dean's Service vs. Army, Joe's Oilers vs. Acme Beer, and Doak vs. The Steak House.

Individual and Team Averages		
Team	W.	L.
Steak House	23	7
Dean's Service	18	12
Felker	18	12
Acme	15	15
Joe's Oilers	14	16
Schwartz	12	18
Doak	12	18
Army	9	21
Player	Av.	
Coast	193	
Richardson	186	
Baker	186	
Clark	185	
L. Sommers, Sr.	180	
Hergenrother	179	
R. Sommers	178	
Schwartz	178	
Schache	178	
Rowe	177	
Blanchard	177	
Godard	177	
Torres	175	
Thorpe	174	
Berggen	174	
Lisco	173	
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Forbes	171	
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ing the school code so that it would let the district do something to provide for the students of this area.

Willett made much out of the fact that McMahon of the Los Angeles schools did not have his school code well enough in mind to point out the ways in which the communities involved in the proposed district could withdraw from Los Angeles city districts.

Attending the meeting in addition to the committee members (some of whom were not present) and those mentioned above, were Miss Allie Blake, El Segundo school nurse; Mrs. Alice Hope, El Segundo Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Dan Williams, El Segundo; August H. Riess, Lawndale; W. C. Melvale, Lawndale; Andrew C. Mayer, Lawndale; J. F. O'Haver, Gardena; John A. Selber, Gardena; F. S. Selover, Torrance Herald; Bernie Strand, principal Torrance Elementary school; City Judge Otto Willett, Torrance; Thomas T. Babbitt, San Pedro schools; Mrs. Kathleen Mumma, Inglewood; Carl Arkwedson, Inglewood; Ruth Blanchard, Inglewood.

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This two-game loss placed Dow Chemical in a close second position of 800, with 6 wins and 4 losses, and Doak in third, 540, with 6 wins and 5 losses.

Wednesday the 37th Brigade boys came ahead with a 4 to 0 win over Columbia Steel. Thursday American Barbers beat Bohn Aluminum 2 to 0, and Goodyear beat National Supply 10 to 7, in a snappy game.

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