

Enrollment in Torrance Schools Shows Gain; 2650 In Classes

Enrollment in Torrance schools last week reached a total of 2,650, a figure well above the average daily attendance at the schools in the year 1944-45, reports show.

Torrance high school has an enrollment of 586 in the senior section against an average last year of 506, and of 414 in the junior section, classed as elementary for state school support purposes, against an average of 431 for last year.

Torrance elementary school has a total enrollment of 989 this year, against its average of 924 for last year.

Fern Avenue school has 472 students this year against the average of 459 for last year, and Walteria school has a total of 189 students against an average of 115 for the year past. Walteria showed the largest

gain, the figures reveal. On the basis of 1929 elementary average daily attendance for last year, the Los Angeles schools are receiving this year the sum of \$179,779.07 from the state on behalf of Torrance attendance, and an additional \$40,480 on behalf of high school attendance.

This \$220,269 is in addition to the tax fund raised on Torrance property for the schools amounting to between \$350,000 and \$400,000 this year.

CROP REPORT ISSUED

Despite continuing labor shortages, Southern California growers harvested satisfactory yields during October, according to the monthly crop report issued by the agricultural department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Victim of Jap Cruelty



Sister M. Johnson of Tatagar, India, carries a native whose withered body attests to starvation suffered by Andaman Islanders at the hands of the Japs.

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Stop 'Charity Chiselers' Who Prey On Blind, Lions Club Speaker Urges

Legislation to stop "charity chiselers" who prey upon the blind was cited as one of three objectives of those working for the welfare of the 6000 sightless population of Los Angeles county by Mrs. Dorothy Scott, of Pasadena, herself a blind former Indiana high school teacher and mother of two young children, in a talk to Torrance Lions club Tuesday noon in Civic auditorium.

Mrs. Scott declared that the principal need at this time is a state agency to license the trainers of so-called "guide dogs" that the blind may not become victims and pawns of irresponsible persons. She declared that there are 18 trainers of so-called guide dogs in the county at this time but that actually there is only one place in the United

States legitimately and legally entitled to use of the term "seeing eye dog" in its work. It is, she said, at Morristown, N.J.

Other needs of the blind are a recreation program and a home for the blind backed by the state, she said.

Mrs. Scott said that "seeing eye" dog, "Lana," had enabled her to resume pretty much a normal life in her home city of Pasadena. She declared that her seeing eye dog was acquired at \$150 after much training of both the dog and herself.

She said that she has the youngest children of any person owning a seeing eye dog, both being under 10 years of age, and both born before she became totally blind.

Mrs. Scott declared that two

thirds of the dogs which are candidates for "seeing eye" work are discarded during the training process at Morristown.

Guide dog legislation to protect the 7000 blind persons of California against the guide dog racket is a necessity, Mrs. Scott declared. She said the recreation program is partially being cared for by the Braille Institute of America and that four Lions clubs of her neighboring cities had sponsored a Foothill Service Club for the blind which some day looks to establishing a home for the blind in Los Angeles county.

"The blind have a bond of fellowship which enables them to assist in meeting their problems," Mrs. Scott said. "They want to be together and go together." What is needed is the encouragement and the assistance of the state.

Mrs. Scott was introduced by George P. Thatcher, program chairman for the day.

Bixby Slough Park Proposal Is Offered

Acquisition of 426 acres of land in the Bixby Slough area near Wilmington for county park purposes was asked in a letter filed with the County Board of Supervisors.

The proposal was made by J. A. Bonell, agent for the Dominguez Estate, owner of the property.

Bonell says in his communication that millions of gallons of waste water from nearby industrial plants, now being allowed to run into the ocean, could be treated and salvaged for the maintenance of a 200-acre lake in the slough the year around.

Such a lake, he states, with picnic grounds on its banks, would create a large recreation area in the south part of the county.

The land offered to the county includes a site which has been considered as a site for the proposed Los Angeles harbor district junior college.

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Council Asked To Attend Port Authority Parley

The Assembly interim committee on transportation and commerce created pursuant to House Resolution No. 274, will meet on Dec. 3 and 4, at 9:30 a. m., in the harbor commissioner's conference room, City Hall, San Pedro, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has revealed in a letter to the City Council.

So far the Agenda includes the following items:

1. Creation of a California port Authority.
2. Establishment of "Free Zones" in San Francisco and Los Angeles harbor.
3. State contribution toward harbor development.
4. Re-organization of the harbor guard.

"I was directed to extend you an invitation to attend the hearing," Thomas said.

"In order to expedite the business of the committee, it was suggested that you select a spokesman who will be called upon to testify before the committee, concerning the items mentioned above."

Thomas is secretary of the interim committee on transportation and commerce.

OVER 500,000 VETS HERE

More than 500,000 veterans of World War II have already returned to California and before the year is out the figure may reach one million.

Water Meeting In Inglewood Monday Night

Torrance citizens and public officials interested in the West Basin water problems have been invited to a meeting Monday in Inglewood high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. to hear the topic "What About Water in the Centinela Valley?" discussed.

Three speakers are J. F. Poland, geologist in the ground water division of the United States Geological Survey; Kenneth K. Wright, attorney for the City of Torrance, California Water Service Co. and Palos Verdes Water Co. in the water right adjudication suit against all water producers and users in the West Basin, and Walter B. Kennedy, City of Inglewood engineer.

Poland will present latest information as to the sources of underground water supply, quantities being removed from the basin, dropping of water level and what may be expected as a result.

Wright will discuss "Present Litigation in Regard to Water Resources in This Area," it was said.

Girl's Assembly Speakers Talk On Problems

Mrs. Emma Pixley, supervisor of the academic branch of the Los Angeles schools curriculum division, spoke to the girls of Torrance High about personality on Wednesday. Mrs. Pixley visited the "senior problems" class where she spoke to them about marriage.

An "aud call" scheduled for Friday will feature Dr. Harriett Randall who will lecture about venereal diseases which are the result of wrong living. After her speech she will illustrate her points by showing the girls a movie.

Dec. 4 and 5 are Tag Days for the Girls' League. Money will be used for postage for sending the T. N. T. (the high school paper) to servicemen. Chris Tarpley is in charge.

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