

NINE CANDIDATES' FILE FOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION; OTHERS EXPECTED TO ENTER

Nine candidates for the five offices on the first Torrance Board of Education had filed petitions in the City Clerk's office at the close of business yesterday, and the filing closes at noon today. The election is March 18.

Included in those filed were petitions for four members of the Torrance Charter Committee which drafted and successfully presented to the people of Torrance the City Charter by which the people of Torrance this year assume control of their schools from Los Angeles.

L.A. Schools Start Stripping Property Here

Two of the eleven bungalows at the Torrance Elementary school being used for development classes this week were being moved to Gardena.

While the right of the Los Angeles Board of Education to move the buildings from Torrance has been challenged, it was indicated that the entire group of 11 units, representing a present day valuation of upwards of \$100,000, will be moved during the next few months.

Torrance taxpayers consider the bungalows "real property" and as such the property of the people of Torrance in view of the organization of the Torrance City School district as provided by the newly adopted City Charter.

Students come to the development classes from some 12 Los Angeles schools, including Gardena, Lomita, Orange, Denker, Dominguez, Carson Street, Harbor City, 18th St., Amestoy, and Torrance.

Many of those coming to the classes from "Torrance Elementary school" are residents of the Shoestring strip area.

It was reported that the two bungalows moved will house the students from Gardena and 18th St. schools. Each class is held to 20 pupils, it has been pointed out, although each bungalow has a capacity of 40.

In order to remove the bungalows, the cyclone fence posts were cut with torches and the netting removed.

It is anticipated that some of the bungalows might be earmarked for use in the new school proposed at Halldale Avenue and 216th St., in the Shoestring strip area, and others at Harbor City.

Steps to prevent their removal until the claims of Torrance taxpayers against the Los Angeles school system are adjudicated now are being contemplated.

Central Location For Fire Station Being Requested

Considerable opposition is being voiced against the location of the proposed new fire station at Cabrillo Avenue and Lincoln Ave., because it would be virtually on the "edge" of town.

A more central location is desirable, it has been pointed out, since the growth of Torrance will be to the north, west and southwest.

The City Council Tuesday night placed on the March 18 ballot a bond proposition of \$125,000 for the new central fire station to replace the condemned earthquake-damaged and inadequate structure now in use. The Council also is proposing that \$60,000 be spent to repair and remodel the present station into a police station, court building and jail.

Use of the county park land at Carson St. and Madrid Ave. is out of the question, it is reported, since the county will not permit the park land to be used for any other purpose.

Members of the City Council and fire underwriters together with Chief J. E. McMaster have been viewing a site at Torrance Blvd., Engracia Ave. and Sartori Ave. as being a desirable location for the proposed new station.

While the city owned lots at Craven Ave. and El Prado has been considered, but it is believed that they would be unsatisfactory due to the narrow streets, traffic and inability to get equipment in and out of the station.

Permit To Build \$175,000 Job Taken By G.P.

The General Petroleum Corp., 190th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., this week was issued a \$175,000 building permit from the Torrance office for the construction of a cracking heater reformer unit, according to building department records.

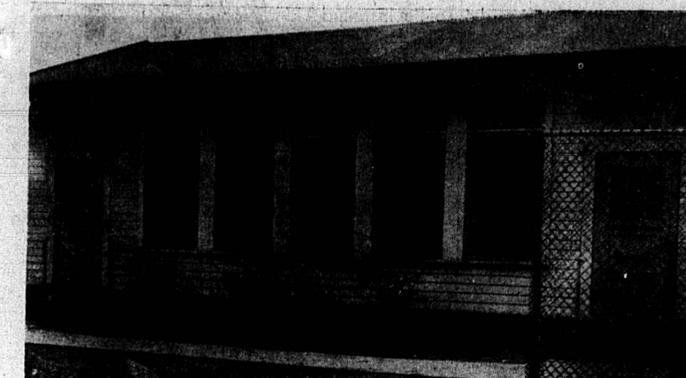
This G. P. permit brought the total permits issued here during the past week to \$193,158.

The following permits make up the total:

- John P. Malone, 1629 Iris Ave., residence, \$4,581.
- John P. McEwen, 24233 Los Codona Ave., residence, \$5,000.
- F. W. Meyers, 1238 Crenshaw Blvd., addition to residence, \$1,877.

- R. S. Tilton, 2326 W. 230th St., mixed-in residence, \$2,000.
- L. J. Hester, 1610 Date Ave., residence, \$4,500.
- R. W. Jessup, 3480 Huntington St., concrete block refrigerator for cooling milk, \$400.
- San Canelleire, 23175 Hawthorne Blvd., dwelling, \$800.

Those signing the petition for Mrs. Evelyn L. Carr, recalled by Howard G. Locke, arc: Dean



TORRANCE TAXPAYERS LOSE \$20,000 . . .

Because duly elected taxpayers' representatives did not react with sufficient speed to prevent the move, Torrance taxpayers suffered a \$20,000 loss with the removal of two school bungalows, one pictured above, by Los Angeles schools to Gardena. Wasted in ample time for action, members of the Charter Committee named by the City Council requested advice from county authorities as to the claim of Torrance to the bungalows. Told that they are considered real property to which Torrance School District is entitled, and advised to file a restraining action against the Los Angeles school board, the group appealed to the City Council as legal representatives for funds to protect the Torrance taxpayers. The Council Tuesday night referred the request for funds to the Council "as a whole," pending advice from the city attorney, who was not present, and adjourned until the regular meeting Feb. 11. Yesterday morning, the bungalows were moved. There are nine more, valued at \$90,000, on the same (Torrance Elementary) school grounds, plus numerous other like structures at other Torrance schools which belong to the people of Torrance by virtue of the vote of the people Aug. 20, ratified by their legislature Jan. 7. No other official body could act since the Board of Education will not be elected until March 18. (Torrence Herald photo.)

PRIVATE ACTION NECESSARY TO RESTRAIN L.A. FROM REMOVING SCHOOL BUILDINGS

If Los Angeles Board of Education is to be prevented from moving more than \$100,000 worth of school buildings out of Torrance, the effort must be financed by individual taxpayers and not with city funds.

That was the reply of the City Council Tuesday night when asked by James L. Lynch and President Reed H. Parkin, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to take necessary steps to protect the interests of the taxpayers pending election of the Torrance Board of Education.

County Opens Hospital To General Cases

Harbor General hospital at Torrance Monday opened its doors to patients suffering acute illnesses and needing medical, surgical and obstetrical care. It is expected that this will help to lighten the critical load being carried by the Los Angeles County General hospital. So grave is the situation at the Harbor hospital that it is serious contemplation stopping all admission until the load is adjusted to the capacity to give adequate nursing care, since, in hospital language "bed" also means the care that goes along with it, it was pointed out.

Dr. Howard West, medical director, Department of Charities, in a report to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the board, stated that when it was purchased from War Assets Administration, the Harbor hospital had been planned for the type of patient that was admitted for the first time on Monday. But because of the necessity for reconditioning, cleaning, painting and equipping, immediate intake was not possible. The first patients, approximately 200 chronic invalids transferred to the Harbor hospital in July of last year, formed the nucleus around which a personnel organization was started. Later 100 male ambulatory patients with quiescent tuberculosis were sent from Camp Action and placed in the barracks building formerly used for enlisted Army personnel. In December, the first psychiatric ward was reconditioned and 20 female patients were sent from the General hospital in Los Angeles to relieve the crowded conditions of the Psychopathic unit. A nursing staff was recruited and a voluntary attending staff of 94 physicians, taken largely from the Harbor and Southwest areas were given temporary appointments pending permanent organization to give medical and obstetrical care and to assist in the training program for internes and resident physicians. Under the terms of the purchase agreement from War Assets Administration the Harbor hospital must be operated as a fully approved and accredited hospital for those young men whose medical training was cut short by the call to military service.

Dr. West, in his report, stated that the Los Angeles County General hospital is carrying a peak load. The entire hospital capacity of 3,492, as of January 30, contained 3,504 patients, which means an average increase of about 12 patients per day. The very critical situation as pointed out by Darby, lies in the nursing shortage. There are only 500 general duty nurses per 8 hour shift, which means that the hospital gives less than an average of 15 minutes personal attention to each patient per shift.

New School At Strip Delayed, Architect Says

While hopes of residents of the Shoestring strip east of Torrance for early start on construction of a 15-classroom elementary school at 216th St. and Halldale Ave. were jolted as B. L. Kimball, board of education architect, recently revealed that litigation involving title to the land will delay the beginning of work until April, parents of the area were assured that their children will find the doors of Torrance City schools wide open to them in September.

Kimball's statement reversed optimism created by recent letters to the Shoestring Community association in which Vierling Kersey, superintendent of schools and Roy Becker, of the board of education, both said that construction would start shortly.

The school is scheduled to be completed by September, according to Kersey.

It is said, however, that if the opening is delayed students will be permitted to attend the Torrance schools, as in years past.

Two such buildings have been prepared for removal from Torrance elementary school, to Gardena, and there are nine other such buildings at that school having a total value of upwards of \$100,000.

Although the City Council had been told that the money from the city would be in the nature of an advance, to be paid back when school district funds become available, Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr. said that "it would be a rather dangerous situation for the City Council" and for that reason refused to consider the matter. He said that former City Attorney J. E. McCall had promised to have remedial information for the council but as he was not present the city could take no action.

City Attorney Otis B. Willett is out of town for two weeks.

Parkin declared that it is the opinion of the Chamber that it is perfectly in order for the City Council to restrain Los Angeles from removing the buildings until the claims of Torrance against the Los Angeles system can be adjudicated following the installation of the Torrance Board of Education late next month.

Mayor Sherkey replied that a "referee" will make the adjustments, but county school officials have pointed out that there is no provision for any adjudication other than in the courts until after the board is elected.

The county had advised the restraining action, it was said, and it must be taken by a "taxpayer" with private counsel. Meanwhile, with the Council's refusal to consider the matter of providing the fee, steps were being considered by private citizens to raise the funds to go to court in behalf of the taxpayers. The appeal to the council had been placed on the ground that the council is the only elected representatives of the people to protect the taxpayers' interests in matters of this kind.

Supervisors Get Petition To Grant Park Land To El Camino College

The Board of Trustees of the El Camino Junior college district presented to the Board of Supervisors, at its Tuesday meeting, a request that 40 acres, more or less, out of the southwest corner of Alondra park be conveyed to the district as a permanent site for El Camino College, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

In support of their application and as showing the need for this site, the trustees stated that a study of population trends indicates that within a period of 10 years, the school population of this area will be increased 2 1/2 times, which means there will be 16,500 high school students enrolled in the four high schools within the district. Of these at least 8,000 will be in the two upper grades, out of which it is estimated that at least 50 percent will attend El Camino college.

The present session of the State Legislature passed an enabling act permitting such a transfer by the County of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby stated that the matter had been taken under consideration by the Regional Planning and Parks and Recreation departments, which have indicated that the development planned by the El Camino college would not interfere with but would definitely augment the present plan of the county for the development of Alondra park.

The matter was referred to the county counsel, the Parks and Recreation department and to the Regional Planning Commission for a report back to the Board of the advisability of granting such a request.

DRUNK DRIVER

Leo Aliven Percy, La Habra, was fined \$100 in Torrance City Court yesterday following his plea of guilty to drunk driving. Percy's driving privileges also were suspended for the ensuing 30 days.

Alondra Park College Deal Is Explained

A. B. No. 62 by Assemblyman Glenn to sell and convey to any school district, with or without compensation, any land acquired for park purposes by special assessment proceedings, if such land has NOT been used by the public for park purposes for a period of ten years. The bill was an urgency measure.

This measure makes it possible for the County of Los Angeles to grant to the newly formed El Camino Junior college a 75 acre portion to be used as its campus.

A. B. No. 62 was the first Assembly bill to be signed by the governor in the present session of the Legislature.

Communities to be served by the new junior college at Alondra park include Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lennox and other areas not a part of the junior college district such as Gardena, Lomita, Palos Verdes and the Shoestring strip area. Students from those areas will be accepted at the college until such a time as Los Angeles Junior college facilities are provided for them at more convenient locations.

The supervisors are expected to act on the Alondra park location at an early meeting.

Kean Held For Manslaughter In Woman's Death

Arraigned in Justice Court, Gardena, on a charge of manslaughter, following the death Friday of Mrs. Dora Schandt, 23-year-old traffic victim, Paul Kean, 24, 23877 Park St., pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace Frank Carrell. Trial was set for February 11.

Mrs. Schandt is said to have succumbed to injuries received last January 5 when struck by a motorcycle ridden by Kean. A six-year-old daughter of the victim also was injured in the mishap, sheriff's deputies said.

Kean was arrested at the scene of the accident by deputies and later booked for drunk driving.

He told officers that he was traveling close behind an auto that actually struck the mother and daughter and he was unable to stop his motor in time to avoid running them down. The auto, Kean said, continued on.

The child was reported to have sustained serious head injuries, broken nose and shock. The accident occurred at Hillworth Ave. and Pacific Coast highway when Mrs. Schandt and her daughter attempted to cross the roadway. Mrs. Schandt resided at 25923 Hillworth Ave.

TORRANCE TO GET AIRPORT 'CLEAR AND CLEAN' MARCH 19; CAP LEASE TO BE REVOKED

Torrance must wait until March 19 to take complete control of the Army-developed Lomita flight strip as a municipal airport despite the fact that as of last Friday it had an interim permit to occupy all of the 480-acre airport.

This was revealed by Reed H. Parkin, chairman of the City Aviation Commission, after conferences with Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr. and Representative Cecil R. King.

Torrance High School Accepted Into Bay League

The California Interscholastic Federation Council Saturday was unanimous in approving Torrance high school's entry into the Bay League, according to Lloyd Waller, vice principal of Redondo Union high school.

Waller revealed that Torrance will become the eighth school in the circuit and is scheduled to play its opening game in the CIF against Redondo Oct. 19.

A couple of practice tilts and following the meet with Redondo, the locals are slated to play Long Beach Oct. 24, San Jose Oct. 27, Inglewood Oct. 28, Santa Monica Oct. 31, Beverly Hills Nov. 7, Leuzinger Nov. 14, and its final game of the football season with El Segundo on Nov. 21.

Within the next two weeks, a decision will be reached establishing the number of games to be played on each home field. The locals may expect at least three home games and possibly four, Waller said, unless other arrangements are made by Torrance whereby certain advantages are offered.

Each home team has the choice of playing the game in the afternoon or at night. In the case of this city, where a lighted field is not available, footballers will either play afternoon tilts or travel to their opponents field for night play.

Torrance's entry into the CIF Bay League increases the Marine league with four schools in the L. A. City system's league in the neighborhood, Narbonne, Gardena, Banning and San Pedro.

Retail Merchants Group Endorsed

The Retail Merchants Division of Torrance Chamber of Commerce was endorsed formally by the chamber directors on Monday. Thus the unit became a part of the Chamber of Commerce in its industrial, commercial and civic development program for Torrance.

The Merchants division met on Tuesday to draft plans for a membership campaign to the end that a substantial majority of Torrance merchants will become associated with the new organization effort.

Under the terms of an interim permit, A. B. Leonard, of the War Assets Administration, real estate division, was preparing to turn the entire airport over to the City of Torrance as of Friday at midnight when he heard of the acceptance of the Holmes check in San Francisco.

He then informed the city officials that he could do nothing further until the term

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Retail Clerks' Contract Gets Okay At Harbor

Although Torrance merchants late last night said they had not been presented with the new contract calling for pay increases for 700 harbor area retail clerks, reports indicate San Pedro Business Men association had completed negotiations with Retail Clerks Local 905.

The wage contract calls for a \$5 to \$10 weekly increase to the store employees.

In a joint statement, R. S. Kimball, secretary of the employers' group, and Haskell Tidwell, representing the union, said the new contract provides a 40-hour work week replacing the 45 hours worked under last year's contract.

Wage and hour exceptions to the master contract were made for pharmacists and furniture salesmen who remain on a 45-hour week. Pharmacists received weekly increases of \$25, and furniture salesmen commission adjustments expected to net them up to \$70 more each month.

Wage scales range from \$32 a week to unclassified women workers with no experience to \$115 a week to assistant drug store managers who are pharmacists.

On their option, employers may set five or six days as a work week. Sunday work calls for 20 cents an hour overtime.

The agreement runs to Jan. 31, 1948, but wage and hour negotiations may be reopened any time after July 31, 1947, on a 30-day written notice from either group.

A four-day "cooling off" period in disputes provides for intervention of a joint committee.

Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

TEMPERATURE	Maximum	Minimum
Jan. 30	66	38
31	66	38
Feb. 1	66	38
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PRECIPITATION	Storm Total	Season
Jan.	0.00	0.00
Feb.	0.00	0.00
Mar.	0.00	0.00
Apr.	0.00	0.00
May	0.00	0.00
Jun.	0.00	0.00
Jul.	0.00	0.00
Aug.	0.00	0.00
Sep.	0.00	0.00
Oct.	0.00	0.00
Nov.	0.00	0.00
Dec.	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00