



IT'S ALL YOURS . . . So says Mrs. Evelyn Potter Coles, clerk at Torrance Elementary school, as she hands the keys to the big school plant over to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull. The school, with Fern Avenue, Wakeria and Perry schools, came under Torrance control Tuesday, as a result of adoption of the City Charter last August which automatically established Torrance City School District. While it was Mrs. Coles' last official act for Los Angeles City Schools, she has been employed as a clerk by Torrance City Board of Education. (Torrance Herald photo.)

FOUR SCHOOLS TRANSFERRED TO TORRANCE CONTROL AS LOS ANGELES REGIME ENDS

The people of Torrance became the legal owners of four school plants Tuesday as the Los Angeles City Schools surrendered the elementary units here, to Torrance City School District, and the Perry school district transferred its property to Torrance.

Keys to the Torrance Elementary school, Fern Avenue school and Wakeria school, of the Los Angeles system, were handed over to Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull by representatives of the Los Angeles system. The Perry district Board of Trustees held its last meeting Monday night, and formally transferred its property to Torrance City School District. Attending the meeting with Gordon Mann, John Clotworthy and Wesley Graham, Perry trustees, were Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Torrance City Board of Education, and Superintendent Hull.

Involved in the Perry transaction is the fenced seven acre site on Prairie Avenue near 180th st., five classrooms in a main building, bungalow and an auditorium-cafeteria. Also involved is another seven acre site near 190th st., and Hawthorne Blvd.

The Perry district had approximately \$6,000 in school district funds which will be transferred to the Torrance district funds, according to Superintendent Hull. Custodians will be installed in each of the school buildings at once.

The Los Angeles structures and the grounds are in a bad state of neglect, it was said. Lawns have not been watered nor mowed, plants are in need of irrigation, and there is considerable work to be done in the way of painting, cleaning, floor rehabilitation and other necessities before new equipment can be installed.

The Perry plant recently was repainted, however, and grounds are in good order. Cooperation of the Police department in guarding the school plants has been obtained, according to Hull.

Offices will not be opened until later in the summer, but principals of the various schools already are on duty at the Administrative office of the Board of Education.

The schools of Torrance came under control of the people of Torrance through the adoption last August of a City Charter which, under the Constitution of California, automatically creates a city school district.

The high school was placed under control of Redondo Union High School District, until unification of the Torrance district is accomplished, by vote of the people in January.

Teachers actually under contract to date, in the grades assigned, are:
Kindergarten—Dorothea Ann Benson Hodges, Beryl Wilhoit, Lorine L. Douglass, Helen Wierman, Fannie Bradford Beasley.
First grade—Venus M. Knoll, Emily Stanton Young, Helen P. Boyd, May Rose Dalton, Esther Theriault, Floy Boland, Veda L. Knoll.
Second grade—Marie E. Wiermer, Lynn Jackson, Mary Leech, Isabelle Gilham Showler, Doris Lindsey, Ruby McClelland Cleere, Alma M. Nelson, Edna Earle Wright, Mildred Walker Hanger.
Third grade—Dorothea Hancock Ballock, Gertrude Powell, Eva McCormick Thomas, Eva G. Barnett, Betty A. O'Brian, Marcia McCloskey.
Fourth grade—Ruth B. Lindgren, Jean Graves, Marcia K. Memuir, Betty L. Huizing, Lois L. Gongwer, Marian A. Downing.
Fifth grade—Anna Dietz Lasley, Valda D. Murphree, Irma Lorraine Eyerly, Maxine Hoyle.
Sixth grade—Jennings Davidson, Lora Hall Combs, Melvin Osborne, Mabel T. Holt, Lester Stewart Clemons, Ray F. Reel.
Seventh and eighth grades—Louise Janet Robbins, George Marich, Edmond E. Powell, Vera Robertson, Lester I. Foster, H. M. Huizing, Evangeline Morros, Robert W. Cosby, Esther Barron Crandall, Darrel H. Slocum.
*Abe Mivistan, director of music; *Milton Markham, school nurse; *Furman A. Applegate, attendance officer.
(*) Share with high school.

LETTER RATE OF THREE CENTS IS CONTINUED

Three-cent postage is continuing in effect, as are all other postage schedules, according to Assistant Postmaster Louis H. Deininger. He said that the recent act of Congress continuing the three-cent letter mail and five-cent air mail had been misconstrued by some, who thought a reduction was in order.

CONSTRUCTION TO START SOON ON 180-HOME PROJECT IN NORTH TORRANCE AREA

Torrance Manor, at 174th st. and Crenshaw Blvd., will spring into being late this summer with the construction of some 180 new homes scheduled to start there in August.

According to C. R. White, secretary of Property Management Corp., and assistant secretary of the Torrance Manor Corp., owners and developers of the tract, conditional commitments have been granted by the Federal Housing Administration for the development of the big tract.

The new home subdivision will extend from 174th st. northerly on Crenshaw Blvd., toward 170th street.

The homes will be in the \$7,500 to \$8,500 class, with two and three bedrooms, according to White.

Applications for building permits will be asked in the near future. The tract will be improved with sewers, paved streets, paved alleys and curbs, all utilities. While the development is in Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2, there is a well on the property sufficient to care for the needs of the tract until the water lines from Metropolitan Water District are installed, it was said.

Plans for the development already have the approval of the Torrance City Planning Commission.

Homer Bales is president of Torrance Manor Corp., and the company owns its own lumber and supply yards, it is reported. It is anticipated that first homes in the tract will be ready for occupancy late this year.

Extended Day Care And Nursery Schools Reestablished In City

Torrance Extended Day Care Center and Nursery School came into being Tuesday night, under the jurisdiction of the Torrance City Board of Education. All teachers employed by Los Angeles schools to operate the center were reemployed. The project is financed entirely by state funds and fixed fees charged to parents of children cared for in the centers. They operate at Torrance Elementary School.

The following teachers and housekeepers were hired, head teachers at \$1.19 an hour; teachers at \$1.02 and housekeepers at 86 cents an hour:
Extended Day Care Center—Mrs. Frankie Joy Prime, head teacher; Mrs. Ena Cochran Erwin, teacher; Esther Osborne, teacher; Mrs. Cecilia H. Young, teacher; Mollie Hoke, housekeeper.

Nursery School—Vera Stowell, head teacher; Mrs. Pearl V. Barron, teacher; Ethel M. Bird, housekeeper; Inez J. Brown, teacher; Lillian Couron, housekeeper; Esther B. Smythe, teacher; Mary Ellen Stowell, teacher; Maude Wilson, cook; Mary O. Schmidt, teacher; LaVerne Violet Pearman, teacher.

It was necessary for the Board of Education to establish separate checking accounts for the Torrance Extended Day Care Center and the Torrance Child Care Center, in order that the head teacher may make deposits as required by the auditor of the State Board of Education, and in order that the Administration may draft warrants to pay for the procurement of necessary supplies to operate the program.

The Nursery School and the Extended Day Care Center provide meals for their children while in attendance at the respective schools. The Board of Education approved the action of the administration in establishing the following accounts to serve the Child Care Center; Torrance Laundry, Mayfair Creamery, Union Ice Delivery, Torrance Greater Food Market, DeCarlos Bakery.

The Torrance Herald office will observe its regular holiday and summer schedule, closing on Friday for the holiday, and Saturday, in keeping with the policy of granting employees additional weekend days off for the months of June, July and August.

Former Torrance Student Pardoned For Intrusion In Buckingham Palace

It was a Torrance boy and his ex-GI companion who Thursday night slept in Buckingham Palace grounds, much to the consternation of palace guards who are in a tizzy explaining their laxity in vigilance.

John L. Jensen, 24, son of Mrs. Louise Jensen Buffington, North Bend, Ore., and the late Julius R. Jensen, Torrance attorney, with Wallace McCall, of New Haven, Conn., sailed from New York early in June to engage in a walking tour of England. A major in journalism at University of Oregon, Jensen with McCall had pooled resources, \$1,000, and set out to gather experiences as a background for their journalistic careers. Not by chance, then it is felt, did the youths find themselves object of royal guard surveillance.

A gardener discovered them outside the king's summer house, cozy in their U. S. Army sleeping bags. Galloping off for the guards, in a few moments he returned with armed grenadiers who streamed into the grounds and enveloped the sleeping adventurers. Unable to find a room, they explained, they had walked till they found a wall, climbed it and turned in, not realizing they were in the king's yards.

Husted off to Scotland Yard, the two were saved from further misadventure by the intervention of Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, whose telephone plea in their behalf resulted in their release.

A resident here at the family home on Cota ave., Jensen attended Torrance schools before leaving with his mother for their present home in Oregon.

Clerks 'Meeting' Closes Penney Store Half Day

Customers of J. C. Penney Co., Torrance store, who were eagerly buying "Green Tag Day" bargains last Saturday, received a sudden shock when they were told by a union business agent to leave the store because the clerks were being called to a meeting.

The store was cleared of customers thronging the establishment at 1:30 p.m., and the management was forced to close for the balance of the day due to lack of personnel.

The clerks were called to San Pedro by Haskell Tidwell, clerks' union secretary, according to Manager George Noonan, along with the employees of the other Penney stores in San Pedro and Wilmington.

They did not return to work until the stores opened on Monday morning.



NEW EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MANAGER . . . Mrs. Winona Ellis, right, this week assumed the management of the California State Employment Service office in Torrance from Kenneth E. Bradley, left, who has been transferred to management of the Compton office, which includes jurisdiction over Compton, Lynwood, South Gate and other nearby communities. Bradley had been in Torrance since 1943, and Mrs. Ellis comes to this office from the Fresno C.S.E.S. office. (Torrance Herald photo.)

School Calendar For Year, With Holidays, Vacations, Is Released

Hey, kids, if you want know what to expect in the way of holidays and vacations for the next school year, your first under Torrance City Board of Education, here is the dope:

School will open on September 15 and close on June 18. That means 179 days of school.

The period from December 22 to January 2, inclusive, will be Christmas vacation; the week from March 22 to March 26, inclusive, will be Spring vacation. Friday following Thanksgiving will be a holiday.

Other holidays not included in vacations, are: Lincoln's birthday anniversary, February 12. Washington's birthday anniversary, February 22. Memorial day, May 30. Armistice day, November 11. Thanksgiving day, November 27. New Year's day, Independence day, Admission day and Christmas day already are included in vacations.

If a state school holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Board of Education may declare a local holiday on the preceding Friday or the following Monday. In the case of Lincoln's and Washington's birthday anniversaries, the Monday rule is followed, however.

The County Board of Supervisors may declare additional holidays, such as in the case of presidential elections. The school calendar adopted by the Torrance Board of Education is based on 10 months, and was recommended by the County Superintendent of Schools.

TORRANCE HIGH PLANT IS OPENED TO COMMUNITY USE BY REDONDO HIGH DISTRICT

Torrance high school athletic field, gymnasium, tennis courts and other facilities were made available to the people of Torrance for the summer months, plus the funds necessary to hire needed supervisors in various activities, under an agreement between Redondo Union High School District and the City of Torrance, reached Tuesday night.

Following discussion of the needs for a complete summer recreation program at the high school, the Redondo trustees agreed to permit full use of the entire Torrance high school plant and allocated \$500 for payment of salaries of supervisors during the summer weeks.

As a result, the city recreation program which faced drastic curtailment due to the fact that municipal funds have been cut, Los Angeles school funds have been withdrawn, and Torrance school funds are not yet available, will be able to continue.

In a letter to the Redondo trustees, Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. pointed out the prospect of curtailment of the summer program due to the lack of funds of both the city and the Torrance schools.

Some 20 boys' and girls' softball teams already have been formed, and many will be transferred to Torrance High, where Principal Lloyd Waller already has his offices. Likewise, interior volleyball, tennis and activities of Girl Scouts in their summer program can be encouraged, according to Dale Riley, city recreation superintendent.

The move on the part of Redondo high school trustees was greeted with enthusiasm, and a complete program for use of the high school plant is being worked out by Riley and Waller.

Superintendent of Torrance Schools J. H. Hull said that the Torrance schools will participate as far as finances permit.

Waller pointed out, however, that the ultimate purchase of much of the desirable equipment will be contingent upon approval by the voters of this special 25 cent tax for the school district. He warned that the district is in no position financially to buy this equipment unless the 25 cent

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION ENDORSES MULTIPLE RENTAL PROJECT FOR TORRANCE SITE

Plans of J. H. Pine for development of a 132-family \$1,000,000 rental development at Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez st., won endorsement by the Torrance City Planning Commission yesterday afternoon.

At its executive meeting Wednesday, following the public hearing Tuesday evening, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the Council grant a variance in the R-1 (single family) zone instead of a re-zoning to the R-3 (multiple) zone as requested, by Pine in his petition. The Planning Commission further stated in its communication to the City Council that the variance be based upon the application and plan as presented by Pine, but not to include any other uses excepting those permitted under the present R-1 zoning restrictions.

Under provisions of the zoning ordinance the City Council will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, July 8, before taking final action on the matter.

At the Torrance City Planning Commission meeting Tuesday a great deal of heated discussion took place and was the order of the evening.

A large turnout of property owners in the area of the proposed development was present in opposition to the construction of such a project in that area. Conversely, a number of Torrance citizens who are vitally interested in the housing problem in the city also were present in approval of the development.

Reed H. Parkin, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, voiced the Chamber's approval saying that there are many persons who are employed in Torrance industries who cannot find housing. He stated that in the Doak Aircraft Corporation of which he is the secretary-treasurer, there are many employees, and that less than ten percent are residents in Torrance because of the lack of adequate housing.

Parkin also brought out the fact that included in the proposed development are playground facilities which will furnish a place for the children of residents to play, and aid in keeping the children off the streets.

B. C. Buxton, Torrance property owner and president of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, stated his approval of the project because he believed that the property proposed for the units is not adequate for single family residences and would increase the value of the surrounding property in addition to helping relieve the housing problem in Torrance.

However, the property owners in the area who were present voiced unanimous protests against the project on the grounds that they do not believe that the proposed area is the proper place for such a development. Many stated that they believed that such a project would be a deterrent to the development of that area.

Others objected to the traffic problem that might be caused by a multiplicant area as large as that proposed and feared for the safety of their children on the streets surrounding the area. Maurice H. Fleishman, architect of the Pine development, stated that all traffic would be diverted to Dominguez st. and would not congest the streets on which the apartments would face.

Fleishman also said that the development was designed so that everything in the project would be in a self-enclosed unit. Many letters of approval from Torrance citizens and local industrial plants were read at the hearing, all asserting the great need for adequate housing in the city.

A letter from Columbia Steel Company, where there are approximately 1,450 employees, supported the proposal stating that less than 25 percent of the workers reside inside the Torrance city limits.

The property owners in the immediate area were definitely opposed to the project and many stated that they had no interest in who approved the development or for what reason, they "just don't want it."

Many of the protesting citizens said they believed that it is a fine project, but they do not want it in their area.

The Planning Commission voted to take the proposal under consideration and vote on it when all the members of the commission are present. They planned a meeting for last evening when a vote of approval or disapproval would be sent to the City Council for action.

Protesting property owners who

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Steel Work Now Going Up For Pottery Plant

Construction of the Torrance pottery of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitation Corporation is now in evidence above ground level.

The steel framework of some of the buildings which will comprise the huge plant costing in excess of \$2,500,000 is being raised, and foundations and water and sewer lines are in.

The plant which will employ some 600 persons when it goes into production, will produce vitreous china plumbing fixtures.

	Maximum	Minimum
June 25	71	52
26	71	52
27	71	52
28	77	58
29	77	58
30	77	58
July 1	77	52