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Central High School Plans Dropped Here

Three separate high school plants and not one large one will serve the Torrance Unified School District under a policy adopted Tuesday night by the Board of Education. The board also decided against a junior high school plant for the district.

The decision was made after extended discussion of the problems that would be involved in a high school body of 3500 pupils which Torrance is expected to have some day.

Only general locations were agreed upon—one in South Torrance, one in North Torrance and the existing central plant will be retained—but not enlarged.

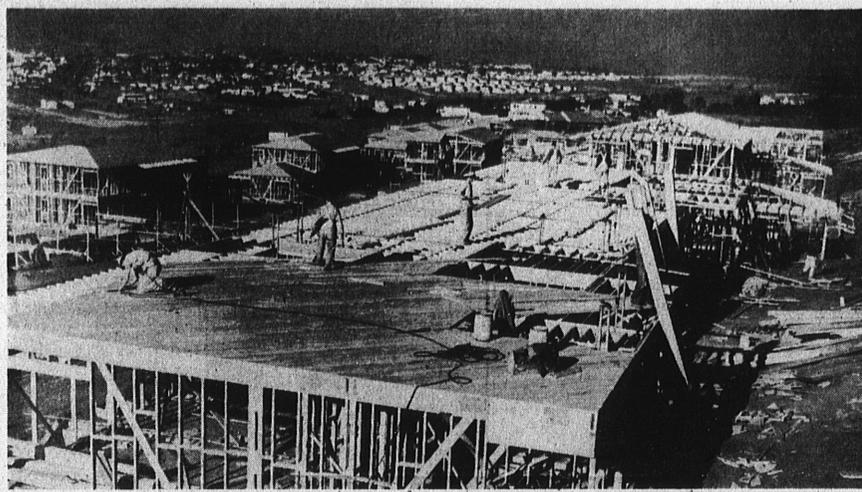
The three-high school policy means that the student body at each can be limited to approximately 1100 to 1200 students, which Superintendent J. H. Hull said was "good educational practice."

Seventh and eighth grades now housed in Torrance High School will be transferred back to elementary schools as soon as the pupils can be accommodated there, under a policy adopted by the Board of Education, definitely shelving the idea of a junior high school.

The Board has adopted the "K-8-4" plan of organization, which means that the kindergarten and first eight grades will be housed in elementary schools, and only the top four grades in high school, according to Superintendent J. H. Hull.

In order to effect this plan, elementary school sites will consist of approximately 10 acres, and the kindergarten will in each case be a separate unit from the rest of the buildings and easily accessible to parents.

Advantages claimed for the K-8-4 plan of organization, with separate playgrounds and segregated classroom units for older and younger units, include reduced transportation costs, it is explained. Elementary schools are in the pupils' (Continued on Page 2)



JUST THE BEGINNING?—Reports were current this week that this \$1,000,000 apartment house project on Hollywood Parkway at the westerly edge of Torrance may be doubled in size before the end of 1949. This photograph shows progress made to date on the construction of a portion of the first 156 units. Most of the apartments will overlook the ocean. It is in the area to be served by the proposed Hollywood Riviera elementary school.

Council Asked to Nix Pyramid Clubs

Curries Builds at Gramercy and Cravens

Construction was started this week on a new \$200,000 business building at Cravens and Gramercy avenues for Curries Ice Cream Company, directly opposite the new Stadium Theater now under construction.

L. H. Brighton of Long Beach, owner of the property, also disclosed that other new units may rise on the triangle opposite the theater before the end of the year.

Ample provision for parking will be made in connection with the building, which will have lunch counter and will contain facilities for the storage and sale of bakery goods as well as ice cream. The building alone will cost \$9800, according to the building permit, and will be 65 by 20 feet in area.

Alvin O'Dell, contractor, said completion was scheduled in 90 days. Plans call for concrete block construction, with concreted parking area.

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Plane Lands in Street at Night; Pilot Not Hurt

Miraculously escaping serious injury or possibly death, a private plane pilot made a night forced landing in the 1800 block of Catalina avenue near the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club Friday night, calmly alighted from his disabled craft and parked it behind a real estate office to wait for morning.

R. H. Reynolds, the pilot, told authorities he had to make the emergency landing when his motor quit due to icing in the carburetor. The pilot, who lives in Los Angeles, told Civil Aeronautics authorities that he had taken off from Compton airport.

Cemetery Plan at Standstill; Writ Issued

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COFFEE FIRM BEGINS WORK ON BIG PLANT

Construction is well under way today on the new Normandie avenue coffee roasting and distributing plant for Farmer Brothers Coffee Company, the initial part of an investment that will eventually approximate \$2,000,000, the Herald learned today.

The new plant, which will be served by a spur track soon to be built off the Southern Pacific-P. E. line at 203rd street, will involve construction of three large reinforced concrete and brick processing buildings 340 by 100 feet, 300 by 150 feet and 250 by 100 feet.

In addition, there is to be a steel truck shed 150 by 36 feet, a garage and canopy 120 by 75 feet and a two-section loading dock adjacent to the roasting plant, one 300 by 20 feet and the other 170 by 20 feet.

The buildings will be equipped with sprinkler systems and an extensive parking area will be paved as well as the area immediately around the buildings.

Farmer Brothers Coffee Company will retain its processing plant in the Los Angeles industrial district, where approximately 300 persons are employed.

Donald R. Warren Company of Los Angeles drew the plans for the project. Award of the negotiated contract was made late last week.

Red Feather Collections Now \$14,400

Contributions aggregating \$14,400 or 79 per cent of the Torrance area budget for the Community Chest were announced late yesterday by B. T. Whitney, chairman of the local Red Feather appeal for 1948-49.

"We are still short about \$4000," Whitney said, "but money is still coming in and we are appreciative of any sums that may yet be turned in."

One elderly woman gave two dollar bills yesterday, while another woman tendered a \$2 money order, saying she was increasing her contribution. Whitney said that sums could be turned in at the Welfare Center on Post avenue, to either the Torrance National Bank or the Bank of America here, or to his office at the Whitney Finance Company on Cravens opposite the fire station.

Volunteers who participated in the recent four-day emergency appeal were commended this week by Edward R. Valentine, general chairman, for their perseverance in spite of difficult weather conditions.

NEW TROUBLE LOOMING OVER CLERK'S UNION

First gun in what appears to be another battle between Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the Retail Clerks' union of the harbor area, and merchants in Torrance, San Pedro and Wilmington was fired this morning when Tidwell flatly rebuffed the offer of the merchants committee to effect an agreement on the clerks' contract which expires Feb. 1, 1949.

Striking out of the arbitration clause in the present contract was demanded by Tidwell, according to L. E. DeLaney, executive secretary of the San Pedro Business Men's Association. It was pointed out by DeLaney that the employing retailers are not asking for anything that is unreasonable and this is the identical arbitration clause which is contained in clerk union contracts in Long Beach, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, chain stores and some 22 basic industries.

Copies of the offer made to Tidwell by the merchants involved were mailed to all retail store employers now under union contract. The complete text of the letter follows:

January 18, 1949
Mr. Haskell Tidwell, Secretary
Retail Clerks' Union 905
San Pedro, California.
Dear Mr. Tidwell:

The members of the San Pedro Business Men Associated, Inc., met Monday night, January 17, 1949 for the purpose (Continued on Page 6)

1-Arm Bandits Hold Los Angeles Man for Hearing

Four "one-armed bandits" of the quarter, dime and nickel-gulping variety will be the principal evidence of a court trial Feb. 11 in City Judge Otto B. Willett's court when Charles I. Fulcher of Los Angeles is tried for violating state gambling laws.

According to Police Chief John Stroth the machines were seized by the district attorney's deputies in a raid on the VFW Hall on Jan. 8. No arrests were made at the time of the raid Stroth said.

Fulcher was later put under arrest by the local police who he came to the station to claim the machines he told police were his. He denied representing any firm or organization and told police he was a "lone wolf" operator of the coin machine devices.

He was released on \$250 bail and appeared before Judge Willett on Jan. 18. Judge Willett reduced bail to \$150 and set Feb. 11 for trial.

Greenwood to Head Up Red Cross Appeal

Harry Greenwood, owner and operator of the Torrance General Insurance Agency, a director of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and member of the Elks Club, will head "miracle workers" in the Torrance area during the 1948 Red Cross funds campaign. Greenwood also is chairman of the Red Cross Steering Committee for the Torrance area.

Announcement of Greenwood's appointment was made by Clarence S. Beesmyer, volunteer general chairman for the entire Los Angeles area.

Greenwood, in a recent committee meeting, disclosed that the Red Cross theme for the 1948 drive is: "Your Red Cross gift provides Miracles Every Day . . . Give Gladly."

Other committee members appointed to aid Volunteer Chairman Greenwood in the Torrance district are Dean L. Sears, 1635 Post avenue, Bob Haggard, 1726 Watson avenue, Blaine Walker, 1750 Martina avenue, Charles V. Jones, 1552 Post avenue and C. T. Rippey, 1611 El Prado.

Greenwood lives at 5330 Carol drive, Torrance.

UNWANTED EVIDENCE—What to do with unclaimed evidence of the type shown above was a headache for Police Clerk Lucille Stroth until she fell upon this simple plan. The same evidence gave their former owners headaches also—when they paid fines of from \$25 to \$150 for consuming too much of it. Whiskey, wine, and beer is returned to people from whom it is taken as evidence if they call for it within 30 days—few do. —Herald Photo.

Don't Do It!

Spare Those Pruning Shears, That Bush May Come to Life!

Your plants frost-bitten? Want to give First Aid? "Do Nothing—absolutely nothing!"

Such is the advice offered home gardeners by four nearby nurserymen and flower growers in answer to questions from householders who wanted to know about plants and trees believed to be damaged by the recent unprecedented cold wave.

"More shrubs and bushes will be destroyed in flames on the trash pile than were killed by the frost," said Roy D. Metcalf, owner of the Western Village Nursery, 1510 West Cravens avenue.

"Do not prune or cut back at this time," warned Metcalf. "Even though your plant or trees seem to be dead. From a recent survey by county officials and from what personal observations I have made, it appears that very few plants actually have been lost due to the ex-

treme cold. Foliage and fruits have been damaged, that is true, but there is no way of telling at the present just how much damage has been done to the plants, bushes and trees."

Corroborating Metcalf's statement was Thos. F. Ward, for 12 years manager of the Keystone Garden Supply Co., 21040 South Main street.

Ward cautioned gardeners against pruning or pulling up plants for at least 90 days.

"At the end of that time," Ward stated, "trim back to the new growth—but not now." The amount of loss in avocados and citrus fruits is not going to be determined by how many froze but how soon the fruit is picked, Metcalf and Ward both said. Avocados should be picked immediately (Continued on Page 5)

Baptists Will Dedicate New Church on Sunday Afternoon

Sunday will open Dedication Week at the Torrance First Baptist church, when the new \$130,000 edifice at Carson street and Manual avenue will be formally consecrated.

Pastor C. Miles Northrup proudly announced this week that only \$30,000 remains to be paid on the handsome new addition to the city's church edifices. The building itself is of concrete construction, of modified Spanish architecture.

The interior is finished in solid mahogany, with a beam ceiling and artistic chandeliers, as well as indirect lighting. Seating capacity is 650, including the balcony and large choir loft.

Installation of a large pipe organ is under way, and a seven-foot grand piano already has been acquired for the new church. The exterior of the building will be floodlighted and an electric bulletin board is being erected.

The program for Sunday follows: 10:45 a.m. Pastor's message: "All Things Are Possible."

3 p.m. Dedication service, message by Dr. Frank Kepner, executive secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention. 7:30 p.m., message by Britton Ross, dean of Torrance Baptist Bible College. Special music by college students.



NEW EDIFICE TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY—This handsome \$130,000 church building, the new home of the First Baptist Church of Torrance, corner of Carson street and Manual avenue, will have its formal dedication beginning this Sunday. The auditorium seats 650 persons and a large pipe organ now is being installed. (Herald Photo).