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MORALE BUILDERS . . . Using the tools of the craftsman to help in the morale building program at the Harbor General Hospital are a few of the members of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post No. 170 of Torrance who are shown building a concrete curbing around the croquet court for the use of ambulatory tuberculosis patients at the local hospital. Pictured are (left to right, kneeling) Vince Proulx, Jim Wilkes and Jim Parks. (Standing) Bill Diamond and Paul Dunlap.

Million Dollar Mark Broken By New Permits

With the granting of a \$30,000 building permit for the construction of a new Sisters Home which will house the faculty of the Nativity Parochial School, building permits issued this week by John Patrick, building inspector, broke the million dollar mark as the first quarter of 1948 drew to a close.

Also helping the total break the seven figure mark this week were permits issued to Property Management Incorporated for 18 homes evaluated at a total of \$103,000. The new five and six room residential structures will be constructed in the 17200 block of Crenshaw boulevard and in the 2700-2900 block on 174th street.

Total for the year's first quarter was \$1,126,100. Last year's first quarter figure was \$2,194,186 which included, however, one permit to the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation for \$1,500,000.

Two permits of a commercial nature were also issued this week, one to the Columbia Steel Company for \$10,000 for a new office building and the other to Mellinkoff and Milstein for \$8000 for repairs to the Torrance Theater.

Other permits issued during the week included: Herbert Rittmiller, 1641 Hickory avenue, residence, \$9520; Union Oil Company, 1640 Arlington avenue, service station, \$6000; Frank Flint, 3924 Newton street, garage home, \$3750; David Richter, 17224 Crenshaw boulevard, residence, \$6000; C. E. and

Croquet Games Aid Morale Plan At Harbor Hospital

To a normal healthy person pleasures of life enjoyed by most normal people. Confined by steel fences and stone walls nor by the moulds of public opinion but by a weakness of body that has made strenuous exercise impossible, the chance to engage in a mild game where the spirit of competition enlivens the day and quickens a dreary pace, the "old man's game" of croquet provides some of the same thrill that it would be to throw the winning pitch in a world series, said Len Edney, general service manager of the hospital.

"The praise of the community for providing both the equipment and the actual manual help in building a croquet court at the Harbor General hospital goes to members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, who provided a set of mallets and balls, and to Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post No. 170 who provided both the materials and labor to building a concrete curb around the court," he said. "These two organizations are to be commended for aiding in the task of keeping a healthy mind and restoring a healthy body."

Hearing On Parkway Due

The final hearing on the petition to vacate 105 feet of the Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway (known as Catalina avenue) in the Hollywood Riviera section of the City of Torrance is scheduled for April 15 before the City Planning Commission.

The vacation is being asked by Sunhaven Properties to permit building of a multiple rental project there. Some 349 units are planned for the development. The Sunhaven owners will surrender an equal amount of land for parks, schools and civic buildings. It has been pointed out that the 225-foot right-of-way of the parkway never will be needed for highway purposes.

J. E. Clark, 21401 Vermont avenue, residence, \$9200; and Edgar S. Frenger, 20720 Hawthorne boulevard, 28 unit trailer park, \$5500.

Education Tax For Next Year May Be \$2.39

The estimated tax rate for all education in Torrance, including junior college, will be approximately \$2.39 per \$100 assessed valuation in 1948-49, exclusive of any bonds that may be voted later this fiscal year, according to J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

Hull said that the reduction from \$3.03, the 1947-48 rate, is due to the fact that the special 50 cent tax voted for elementary schools in Torrance, and 14 cents voted for high school purposes, will not apply next year.

He analyzed the 1948-49 potential tax rate as follows:

- El Camino College operating expense, \$0.25.
- El Camino College building fund, \$0.35.
- Retirement of Los Angeles School District Elementary bonds, \$0.095.
- Retirement of Los Angeles High School District bonds, \$0.045.
- Elementary district operating expenses, \$0.90.
- High School operating expense, \$0.75.
- Total, \$2.39.

CAPT. A. L. MARE TO ADDRESS MEET OF RESERVE GROUP

Captain Anton L. Mare, port director of the U. S. Naval Station, Terminal Island, will be the featured speaker at the April 8 meeting of the South Bay Chapter, Reserve Officers Association, Lt. Comdr. Richard Capron, newly-elected president announced this week.

The program will also include installation of new officers. Buffet dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., at the Hermosa Biltmore hotel, Hermosa Beach, in the Egyptian room.

Here's where I stand

1.—The present Board of Education is proceeding with plans for an extensive bond issue. I have previously stated my opposition in "Letters to the Editor." I have said, "We need new schools, but let's not bond ourselves for more than we need." This is not the time to plan a ten year expansion program. I believe that because of the uncertainty of the times, excessive building costs and curtailed financing from lending institutions, our expansion plans at the present should not exceed a two year period. The excessive bond issue now planned does not even contemplate such necessary improvements at the high school as a gymnasium, athletic field and swimming pool, all of which are greatly needed and would serve the community far better than unnecessary and empty class rooms. If elected to the Board of Education, I will do my best to prevent sale of bonds voted until actual need arises.

2.—The new high school district will be taken over by the Torrance Unified School District on July 1, 1948. Despite outstanding work by administrators and teachers, no one will say that they will be retained. They have proven their ability and have the loyalty, confidence and respect of the students and of this community. Further upheavals in personnel are unhealthy, unnecessary and uncalled for at this time. These outstanding administrators and teachers should be retained and assured at once of their employment.

3.—Charter Amendment No. 1 would change elections for the Board of Education to a time approximately one month after our city elections. I urge that this amendment be defeated. Vote NO! Besides extra expense, popular interest would not be present to the same degree as when the school election is held at the same time and in as many voting precincts as the city election. There is no doubt but if the election date were changed, a few hundred votes would control. Let's continue to hold the school board elections at the same time as the city elections, thus assuring a maximum of interest and the largest representative popular vote.

ALBERT ISEN

Attorney at Law
Candidate for Board of Education
Election April 13, 1948

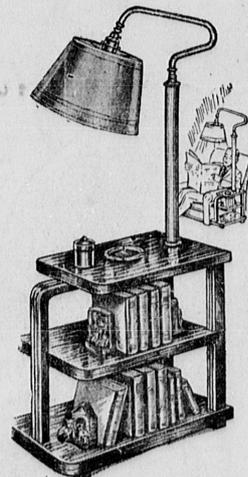
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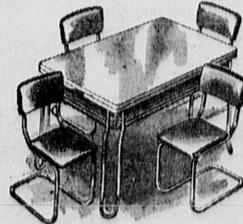


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- Attempted sale of Bus Lines,
- City Attorney errors,
- Cost of Court Fight,

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We must stop all this mal-administration or go bankrupt; so elect three new men for your Council.

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Candidate for Council

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