

Year-Round School Proposals Nixed by Board

Use of Civic Auditorium Also Held Impractical

North Torrance parents offered two alternatives to crowded high school classrooms this fall, but Board of Education members indicated that Torrance High School will still be on double sessions this September unless a more workable plan is devised, according to School Superintendent J. H. Hull.

The board turned thumbs down to two proposals offered by a group of 18 homeowners at the Tuesday evening meeting here. Utilization of the Civic Auditorium for classrooms, or putting the school program on a year-round basis were the two plans offered by Ed Williams and Anthony Blotti, who acted as spokesmen for the delegation.

15 Classes Needed

"The auditorium simply isn't equipped for classroom units," Superintendent Hull explained. "Even if partitions were devised to separate the large main hall into separate smaller units, not enough class space would result. We need 15 additional classrooms to get us off double session."

As for the year-round basis, whereby school attendance would be staggered by quarters, Torrance's summer school program makes this virtually impossible, Hull said.

One Year Plan

"We should not ask our summer school people to give up their studies to make room for the high schoolers when the problem can be solved temporarily by double sessions," he said. "We are planning to run on that schedule for one year only, by September, 1955, the North Torrance High School should be ready for use."

Solicitation of bids for the new high school, located at the southwest corner of 182nd St. and Yukon Ave., began this week, and contract will be awarded on Monday, Aug. 16, the superintendent continued.

"We will speed the building as fast as possible, and construction is scheduled to begin within a week after the bid is awarded," he said. "Plans are to complete the structure this

following spring and equip it in the summer months, making it ready for occupancy in the fall.

Snag Foreseen

Only apparent snag which would obstruct full-speed construction is the current carpenters' strike, which already has stopped work at Hillside School, Hull said. "If the strike is not settled by the time the bids are to be in, we will need to extend the time limit, because a contractor must know the wage rate of his carpenters before he can complete his bid," he explained.

Although the strike has halted work on Hillside School, construction and improvements are continuing at a fast pace at other elementary schools, Hull reported.

New School Readied

The nearly-completed Crenshaw School will be furnished and equipped this summer at a cost of \$15,016.29, lot's bid awarded at Tuesday night's meeting. The building should be ready for occupancy this fall, he said.

The four-classroom units at Waleria and additional units at Riviera have been completed and will be open in September, the superintendent continued. Meadow Park School has been enlarged by 12 classrooms of the movable bungalow type, and additional bungalows have been moved to the Evelyn Carr and North Torrance schools.

The Board also has approved a preliminary plot layout for Pacific School, which will contain 14 classrooms and an administrative unit. Plans probably will be drawn up and construction started late this fall, according to Hull.

Two New Schools

Negotiations also are under way to purchase two school sites in the Del Amo area, where approximately 6000 new homes are scheduled to be constructed in the near future.

In other action, the Board sought a possible solution to the problem of who will be educating school children in the 80 acres of undeveloped county territory on the eastern border of Redondo Beach, south of the unincorporated El Nido community, recently annexed by Redondo.

Under terms of the annexation, no provision was made to include the area in the Redondo Beach School District. The county previously had granted it to the Torrance District.

However, since the inhabitants are now residents of Redondo, the Board will direct a letter to administrators in that city requesting that they undertake the responsibilities of schooling children in the area.

Top County GOP Leaders Slated For Local Meet

Attorney Boris Wooley of Torrance is completing plans for the monthly meeting of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly to be held at 7 p.m., July 28, at the Firestone cafe in San Pedro.

The meeting, limited to 100 reservations, is expected to serve as the "kick-off" for the county-wide assembly campaign with special emphasis on the campaigns of Robert Finch, for congress, and John Wild of Torrance, for the State Assembly.

Those who attend are promised a program of high ranking speakers and will be greeted by several outstanding candidates on the Republican ticket. Reservations must be made by tomorrow evening by calling Attorney Wooley's office, FA 8-2580 or Mrs. Virginia Selover, FA 8-5489.



THE PACE SETTERS . . . Co-chairman Nolan Stuckey of the Torrance Community Fair project hands gift certificates from the J. J. Newberry Co. store here to the week's leaders in the race for the title of "Miss Community Fair." Leading for the second week is Jackie Pagac, left, sponsored by the Torrance Soroptimists, and in second place is Ella Mae MeLeod, sponsored by the Torrance Lions Club.

Rivierans Told Torrance, CWS Water Identical

The question of water in the Hollywood Riviera—some they want and a lot they don't want—was the subject of considerable Council discussion here Tuesday evening as a score of Rivierans attended the meeting to get the matters straightened out.

First on the agenda was the proposal suggested recently that the water service in the Riviera would be better if the system were fed by Torrance Municipal Water District instead of the California Water Service.

The entire Riviera as well as the Seaside Ranchos and Seaside Heights area is served by the California Water Service lines.

Added Costs

Comdr. William A. Mason, former president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association and presently a member of the city's Planning Commission, said that an "infinitesimal portion of the people of the area want to change," and indicated that the \$600,000 which has been estimated as a cost of acquiring the system, is only a preliminary figure and would not cover the costs.

In addition to acquiring the mains now in the area, he told the Councilmen, money would have to be provided to remove the steel tanks now serving as reservoirs in the area (one of the main objections to present service, to construct new reservoirs), to lay a new main to the area from the Torrance reservoir, and put in a new pumping plant to get the water up there.

Water is Same

He pointed out that the water now being distributed to the Riviera and Seaside area is identical to that served by Torrance mains. It runs about one-third wet water and two-thirds Metropolitan Water District water, he said.

"The people have now obliged themselves for sewer assessments, may be faced with the problem of draining part of the area, and do not want to take on additional costs for the lots there," Mason said.

On the matter of draining lots Mason later reported that officials and members of the homeowners association in Hollywood Riviera had voiced their opposition to any plan to assess all residents to assist in the flooding problems facing a few residents on Paseo De Gracia.

Residents Protest

Several residents of the area indicated that they would protest the spreading of any assessment district "up the hill" from the flooded saucer.

Mayor Nicholas Drake reviewed the situation at the request of R. C. Herrick, and said that little could be done without the approval of residents in the area.

The section of Paseo De Gracia contains about 14 homes and is a natural bowl from which the water will not drain.

Costs of draining the area have been estimated at figures ranging from \$36,000 to more than \$100,000.

Trailer Stolen

Sven Sorenson, Pacific Palisades, reported to Torrance police that a two-wheel trailer was stolen from construction equipment at Ellinwood Tract sometime over the weekend. He also reported someone had been using two tractors there.



PROMOTION DAY . . . Capt. Bert Pinckney, commanding officer of the 43rd Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, plus Warrant Officer bars on Lee Wynn, assistant communications officer for the squadron. Standing by to receive her Warrant Officer bars is Evelyn Shirley, personnel officer. Carl Shirley, left, received second lieutenant bars. He is transportation officer. The squadron is based at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Obituaries

Mrs. Goldie Beale

Funeral services for Mrs. Goldie Beale, 1221 Acaacia Ave., who died yesterday at Seaside Memorial Hospital, will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Mrs. Beale, a housewife, had moved here about a year ago with her husband. She had spent the rest of her life in Vandergrift, Pa.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis; two sons, David, Torrance, and Harry, Whittier; a brother, Thomas Kness, Ford City, Pa., and three grandchildren.

Malcolm Mead

Funeral services were held Monday at Stone and Myers Mortuary for Malcolm Mead, 41, who died Thursday at his home, 20513 Royal Blvd.

A native of Alabama, Mead had lived in Torrance for four years. The Rev. Douglas Jeffrey of the First Baptist Church conducted the rites and a private cremation followed.

He is survived by a sister, Mary Elizabeth Conway, of Salinas.

MORE FRUITS USED

City consumption of fresh fruits has increased about 50 per cent since 1940.



QUEENS AND MORE QUEENS—The Long Beach Miss Universe Contest doesn't have a thing on us. We still have a couple of queen contests going, besides the one that just finished in Waleria. First, there is the Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant. This is conducted by the Torrance Youth Band. The queen will be chosen July 30, 1954, at the Civic Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. The first prize will be a weekend of entertainment at fabulous Las Vegas. She will be picked on merits of beauty only. There will be a grand evening of entertainment, including beautiful Anita Aros with her Stradivarius. She is the popular TV and screen star. Last year, our own Miss Torrance was Sandra Lea Constance. Miss Constance has since, so I understand, landed a movie contract. She is Miss California in the Miss Universe Contest at Long Beach.

One of the most popular items in Torrance today is our fried chicken. If you haven't tried it lately, ask your neighbor about it.

The other queen contest is in conjunction with the Community Fair. This Fair is being conducted by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. The individual contestants are being sponsored by the service clubs of Torrance. The queen will be chosen for popularity and for votes cast by ticket donations. All donations will be used for charitable purposes. The climax of this super-duper, stupendous, colossal event will be a four-day carnival (Aug. 10 to 15). There will be fun in the sun for everyone. The queen will be crowned on the final day of this gala affair.

Now, I don't want to seem over enthusiastic, but if you want to try something new, come in and have some fried chicken with Charley. If you like fried chicken, you'll love it here.

A patron at the bar had just consumed four cocktails. He put his money on the bar for the drinks and walked out. The bartender turned to another guest at the bar and said "Did you see what that guy did? He left me a \$2.00 tip and forgot to pay for his drinks."

Don't forget that fried chicken. Bring the family to-night, come in and EAT WITH CHARLEY.

OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK

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MONDAY, JULY 26—
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Retail Zone Study Asked

Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr. doesn't think the city has the right kind of commercial zoning to attract large developers and he has set the machinery in motion to get a review of the situation made by the Planning Commission.

Voicing the fear that the city would grow up top heavy in homes and leave no area for large commercial developments, Councilman Benstead asked that the Planning Commission look over the city zoning situation again and zone some areas for commercial purposes before they all get houses built up on them.

Perry VP Assigned

Richard Welte, former teacher at Arcadia, has been assigned as vice principal of the Perry School for the coming year by the Board of Education.

ANNOUNCING SUNDAY SERVICES OF THE FIRST BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TORRANCE

TEACHING THE WHOLE BIBLE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH REV. HOWARD A. JONES, PASTOR SERVICES NOW HELD IN THE YMCA BUILDING 2080 WASHINGTON AVE. WEST OF ARLINGTON & PLAZA DEL AMO INTERSECTION 10 A.M. — 11 A.M. — 7:30 P.M. BRING YOUR BIBLE AND BEST FRIED WITH YOU FA 8-5539

El Nido to Host Doll, Hobby Set

El Nido Playground, 188th St. and Hawthorne Blvd., will host a Doll and Hobby Show tomorrow and the Craft Room will be open at 1 o'clock for contestants to set up their displays. At 2 o'clock the judging will begin.

Ribbons will be awarded for the largest collection, most unusual, most interesting, and most attractively displayed, in both sections. In the doll section ribbons will be given for largest, smallest, oldest, prettiest hair, prettiest eyes, best dressed, best foreign doll, best character doll, best rag doll, best wardrobe and best clothing made by child.

In the hobby section ribbons will be awarded for kit models, original models, fancy work, stamp, shell, rock, coin, and other collections. Specimens should be labeled and displayed as attractively as possible.

This event is open to anyone desiring to attend. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation of Los Angeles County, the Torrance Unified School District, and the Torrance Recreation Department.

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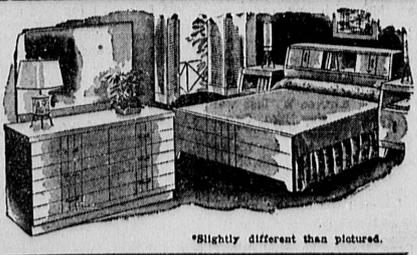
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