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WEATHER

Generally clear weather is predicted today, with a high near 82. Some wind may be expected. High yesterday was 76 with low at 46.

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Council Moves to Outlaw Horror Comic Books

Council Gets Model Law To Consider

Torrance prepared to join the parade of cities outlawing horror and crime comic books this week when a motion by Councilman Albert Isen to draw up an ordinance banning their sale here was approved.

Councilman Isen suggested that the city look at such ordinances as the one recently adopted by Redondo Beach and the one now being drawn up by the county in drafting a proposed ordinance for Torrance.

Target of the new law will be such horror books as those described in a recent Herald article written by Reporter Dick Friend. The detailed descriptions of a vampire at work will be strictly taboo under the proposed new law, it was indicated.

The city attorney has been instructed to draw up an ordinance on the subject for the Council to consider at an early meeting.

Discussions on Riviera School Site Set Friday

A meeting will be held with officials of the Don-Ja-Ran Corporation Friday in an effort to agree upon a school site in the 65-acre tract between Palos-Verdes parkway and the ocean, the Torrance School Board was told Tuesday night.

School Superintendent J. H. Hull said he had received a request for the meeting from Norman Stern, attorney for the corporation.

There has been considerable controversy lately over the area designated by the Regional Planning Commission as a park but proposed for development as a housing tract. School officials declared there is also a need for a school in the area.

Double Sessions Considered

The board members considered for first reading an official statement of policy, by which the order of priority for putting students on "double sessions" where necessary would be third, second, first, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, in that order.

According to present estimates, facilities to be completed next year will house nearly 1100 more students than are enrolled this year. Expected increases in enrollment however will require double sessions for some 2800 students.

The board approved the appointment of Donald Keith Duncan, 29, as principal of Evelyn Carr School. Duncan has been acting in that capacity since the recent death of Principal Donald Robinson.

A teacher with the Los Angeles Schools for four years, Duncan came to Torrance this year as vice-principal of Carr School. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California, and has lived in San Pedro for several years.

El Nido Dispute Continues

A letter from the Redondo Beach School Superintendent informed the board that a committee had been appointed to investigate the question of whether that school district should annex a portion of Redondo Beach now in the Torrance School District.

Board members expressed a desire to meet with the Redondo Beach board after the South Bay Trustees meeting on Dec. 8 to discuss the question.

Indications are that an appeal may be made to the Board of Supervisors if agreement cannot be reached.

Building Funds Told

The Torrance Unified School District has about \$2,310,000 in building funds, with which to construct needed schools in the future, according to a financial report given to the Board.

These funds include money available after current debts are paid, an expected \$312,000 in federal funds, and \$1,600,000 in bonds which can be sold after Jan. 1.

The money from the building fund must be used to build five elementary schools from which the board selected names Tuesday night, South Torrance High School, and any other future buildings.

The board was told that \$700,000 in additional federal funds had been applied for to be used for construction of the proposed South Torrance High School.

At the same time, the board officially selected names for four schools. Following a general policy of selecting names by which schools are given the names of the areas or nearby streets, the following were selected.

West Torrance School for a building to be erected in the Dominguez tract, near the present Steel School.

Anza and Sepulveda Schools for two schools to be located in the Milton Kaufman tract between Sepulveda and Torrance Blyds, west of Hawthorne.

Edison School for an elementary school near 182nd and Yukon Ave.

A fifth name, Parkway School, was tentatively selected for a building for which educators hope to construct somewhere in the disputed 65 acres near Palos Verdes Parkway.

School administrators have had to refuse requests from church groups recently for use of school recreational facilities because of a provision in California law which prohibits it, board members were told.



HOME COMING ACTIVITIES... Lena Halstrom and Judy Wright put the finishing touches on a giant map of the State of California which will be held after the Torrance-Santa Monica football game Friday night until 12 o'clock. The dance will climax a day filled with ceremonies to honor the old gods.

City Asks Change in Land Deed

City Attorney James M. Hall flew to Washington, D.C., yesterday to seek Civil Aeronautics Administration removal of recapitalization clauses on the portion of Torrance Municipal Airport proposed as a major shopping center.

Petitioning the CAA for modification of the terms under which the city acquired possession of the field, the city hopes to clear the way for a multi-million dollar commercial development on the 35-acre triangle east of Crenshaw Blvd. at Pacific Coast Hwy.

Under the present terms of the city's airport agreement with the federal government, the government would have the right to exercise a recapture provision in the deed and take the airport back into federal operation in the event of certain emergencies, or in the event it is used for other than airport purposes.

Seeking Change

The city is seeking to get this restrictive measure changed with regard to the 35-acre parcel cut off by the recent extension of Crenshaw Blvd.

Approval of the city's request by the regional office of CAA was reported by Hall before he boarded a plane yesterday morning for Washington.

It petitioning for the removal of the recapture provisions of the governments quitclaim deed to the city, Attorney Hall pointed out that the development of the triangle would assure proper maintenance and development of one of the city's prime assets, the Torrance Municipal Airport. He cited that the present status of the airport is one of under development.

Good Income

If federal approval of the petition is granted, the city could expect to receive more than \$100,000 from the site, according to the city's petition prepared by Hall. Rentals from the lease would total approximately \$27,000, sales taxes would bring in an additional \$50,000, and land and personal property taxes would provide about \$30,000.

Hall indicated before he left yesterday that he might have an answer from the government early next week.

The area in question has been optioned to Store Properties, Inc., and plans have been drawn for a major shopping center including at least one large department store for the site. Preliminary sketches of the shopping center were drawn up for presentation to the CAA officials as part of the lengthy petition filed by Hall.

Hall will return early next week.

Oil Firm Pledges Big Sum

The General Petroleum Corporation will give \$60,000 to the current fund campaign for the Torrance Memorial Hospital, a top official of the firm revealed here last night.

Speaking at the kickoff dinner for the fund drive, General Petroleum's Executive Vice-President P. S. Magruder said his firm would make the \$60,000 available if the balance of the \$300,000 goal could be raised.

The GP offer brought the total subscribed to the fund over the 50 per cent mark on the eve of the campaign. The hospital staff physicians had previously announced their pledge for \$100,000.

Last night's meeting marked the official opening of the fund raising campaign. The funds raised will be matched with federal money for the hospital expansion program.

City Donations To Chest Close To 62 Per Cent

The Red Feather marker crept up from 60 to 62 per cent of Torrance's Community Chest goal this week, as commerce and industry returns brought total contributions to \$12,374.

Thirty-four per cent of the commerce and industry quota was reported raised to date by Co-Chairmen Sam Levy and Warren Hamilton, who said another \$4,534 must be solicited if the \$6,908 goal is to be reached.

Residential Goal Near

Residential volunteers are striving to raise another \$4,755 needed to round out their \$11,373 goal, according to City Chairman Mrs. Ella Schwartz, who submitted 84 per cent of the residential quota at the first official report meeting held last week.

A program report issued by Tommy Thompson, area chairman, indicates that Torrance ranks third among communities participating in the Harbor Area's quest for \$85,000.

City Banks High

He stated that total residential contributions account for 62 percent of the \$62,161 goal, with all communities continuing to make gains. Quota percentage reports from city chairmen are as follows: Rolling Hills, 154; Harbor City and Lomita, 91; Palos Verdes, 90; Gardena, 82; Wilmington, 42; and San Pedro, 38.

Campaign leaders from five Associated Cities areas are due to make their second reports tomorrow when the Valentine trophy—awarded the Harbor Area for a leading production report at the first meeting—will go to the area reporting the greatest percentage of increase in funds raised.

Council Studies Annexations

An official of an engineering firm has recommended to three of his Palos Verdes clients that they annex their area to Torrance, the City Council was told here Tuesday evening.

Speaking to the Council was J. R. Newville, representative of the Engineering Service Co., who said his firm had recommended annexation to three developers now planning to subdivide property west of Crenshaw Blvd. and on both sides of Palos Verdes Drive North.

City Manager George Stevens showed the Council a rough sketch of the area indicating how it could be annexed through a serpentine strip following Crenshaw Blvd. Whether Crenshaw should be included in the discussion was not answered—most officials indicating that maintenance of the road through the hilly terrain might be a burden on the city.

Several questions remained to be answered about the annexation, members of the Council indicated. They want to know how the potential assessed valuation will provide for the services needed in a residential area, and whether provisions are being made for park sites, school sites and other civic improvements.

There is potentially 1000 acres in the area which could be developed and annexed if desired, it was indicated. The Council agreed to continue discussions with Newville on the proposed annexation.

In other annexation matters, the Council indicated a willingness to go along with people in West Torrance who have circulated a petition asking for annexation of part of the area north of Torrance Blvd. and west of Hawthorne Ave. City Manager Stevens was instructed to assist the petitioners in putting their petitions before the Council in the proper form.

Supervisors to Hear Lomita Zoning Plan

A public hearing on plans for zoning in Lomita and Lomita Pines will be held before the Board of Supervisors in the board hearing room in the Hall of Records on Dec. 16, it was announced this week.

The Regional Planning Commission last week approved the master zoning plan for the area.

Branch Loan Company Officers Meet Here

Managers and credit managers of the 19 Public Loan Corporation office in this area met here Tuesday with Mott Farrell and William Delzell representing the Torrance office.

Edward McGrath and Albert Loester of the supervisory department of the Hollywood office were special guests.

County to Outlaw Horror Comics

An ordinance to ban the sale of objectionable comic books to children in Los Angeles County was ordered drawn up today by the Board of Supervisors.

The ordinance, which will become effective 90 days after it is adopted, came as a result of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's request of a month ago that County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy meet with PTA officials and work out recommendations for legislation which would ban so-called "comic" books which luridly portray crime, sex and horror.

Strong support for Supervisor Hahn's proposal came from Mrs. L. S. Baca, president of the Los Angeles Tenth District PTA.

In writing to Supervisor Hahn recently, Mrs. Baca pointed out that the PTA has been carrying on a "strong educational program aimed at parents," and that legislation against the "comics" will have great benefit for the children of the county.

Mrs. Baca listed the following as "some of the objectionable facets" of horror and crime "comics" which can be fought by legislation:

1. Propaganda against, or belittling of, American institutions or traditions.
2. Inciting prejudice against nationalities, class, race, or creed.
3. Vulgarity, profanity, obscenity, and the glamorizing of crime or other unconventional behavior.
4. Depletion of details or methods of crime.

The County Grand Jury and the Youth Committee also supported Supervisor Hahn's proposal for legislation against the objectionable comics.

CITY NEARS 38 MILLION IN BUILDING

Two new 45-house developments during the first half of November helped boost Torrance's building total for the year to \$37,900,847, with a \$40,000,000 year seemingly assured.

According to figures released by Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the Engineer's Office, permits from Nov. 1 to 15 totaled \$1,208,350.

The biggest chunks of the total were provided by a 45-house development by the American Construction Co. in South Torrance, the value of which totaled \$406,440. Permits for 45 houses in the Milton Kaufman tract near 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave., totaled \$387,330.

Permits for two seven-unit apartment houses, each valued at \$49,800, were taken out by Jack Morris. They will be built at 154 and 156 Paseo de la Concha.

Craft Class for Youth To Begin at McMaster

Youngsters who want to make Christmas gifts were urged yesterday to enroll in craft classes sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Park daily from 2 to 4 p.m., by the Recreation Department at McMaster building, Nov. 29.

Parents who are interested in helping with the classes were urged to contact Mr. Breitenfeist at the park.

Dance to Climax Homecoming

A gala dance will climax Homecoming festivities at Torrance High School Saturday night in the Civic Auditorium immediately following the Torrance-Santa Monica football game. It will last until midnight.

The Tartar Dance Band will play for the affair, to which seniors, juniors, and alumni of 1950-54 have been invited.

With the theme "School Days," refreshments and cookies will be served. Post cards have been sent to alumni, but a list will be available for those who have lost cards. Admission is 50 cents.

The queen will be announced at a giant exchange rally in the morning, when Santa Monica cheerleaders and song queens will come here at 10:15, followed by a trip to that school by Torrance yell leaders and song queens. There will also be a rally for afternoon students.

Competing for the queen title are Barbara Whitley, Frances Frisina, Vicki Hagan, Connie Ericson, and Mitzi Trimview.

Also to be honored at the rally will be last year's song queens Norman Quine, Lynn Lorenz, Babs Hazard, Mary Sue Easley, Sandy Grubb, and Pat Fenton.

In the game, Torrance will battle it out with Santa Monica for second place in the Bay League. The teams are currently tied.

The queen will receive her crown during ceremonies at half time.

Coach Hurt As Dynamite Cap Explodes

Because he sought to save students from what he thought was a fire, a Torrance man who is junior varsity football coach at Hamilton High School, Richard Dankworth, may lose the sight of one eye.

Dankworth, who lives at 4322 W. 176th St., was hit in the face and arms Monday when a dynamite cap concealed in a notebook exploded, spreading metal missiles.

Dankworth said he saw smoke coming from the notebook, sitting on the porch of a bungalow. He started to take the book, thinking it was on fire. Just then, the cap exploded.

A 17-year-old who planted the cap was being held by juvenile authorities. He said he had no intention of hurting anyone, as there was no one near when he lit it. The caps came from an old mine near Lancaster, he said.

Several girls were sitting nearby, Dankworth said. Five students received minor injuries in the explosion.

"I had no idea what it was," Dankworth said. "I thought it was some kind of firecracker. If I had realized how dangerous it was, I'd have turned my back."

Torrance Population Now 54,277, Planners Report

Population of the Torrance and harbor region is past the 200,000 mark, according to figures released this week by the County Regional Planning Commission.

The research group placed the number of residents living in the areas as of Oct. 1, 1954, at 201,817. This total includes Torrance, Carson, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Rolling Hills, and Palos Verdes.

Torrance was credited with a gain of 2927 over the group's previous estimate giving the city a total estimated population of 84,277.

San Pedro was credited with 4,034,931.

Palos Verdes Estates, 4943, up 268.

Rolling Hills, Portuguese Bend, and Harbor City areas, 15,249, up 378.

Carson, Lomita, and Del Amo, 30,732, up 842.

Population of the county is expected to pass the 5,000,000 mark by February or March, according to the report. Present county population was listed at 4,934,931.

Windows Hit By Bee-Bees

A rash of broken windows caused by bee-bee shots was reported to police and sheriff's deputies in widely scattered parts of the Torrance area Monday and Tuesday.

None of the persons whose windows were broken found any trace of the persons who broke them.

Reporting broken windows were Jack Sakauya, of Walteria Cleaners, 3765 W. 244th St.; Tom Jones, of 24401 Hawthorne Ave.; Norma Hudson, of 2942 Dalemead Ave.; Mrs. Karleen Dana, of 2876 Newton Ave.; and Howard Woodman, of Woodman's Stationers, 2107 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Company Finds Easy Solution Despite Mixup

Somebody "gooted" this week at Harvey Aluminum Co., with the result that the company has a number of displaced persons.

Members of the personnel department were surprised this week when workmen started tearing down the building they were working in. Somebody apparently got mixed up, since the new personnel building is not scheduled for completion until Jan. 1.

Officials of the company were not at a loss however. The personnel department is now doing business in an aluminum trailer in the company parking lot across the street.