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DEVELOPERS 'TELL ALL' IN PROPOSAL TO ANNEX HUGE AREA TO TORRANCE

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New High School Zoning Adopted

A school zoning plan, providing for three high school districts of roughly equal population, was set up Tuesday night by the School Board.

This plan will be used to set up boundary lines for the soon-to-be-opened North Torrance High School, and for future planning.

The effects of this plan would be:

1. No south Torrance student now attending Torrance High School would be transferred. This affects about 500 students.
2. All north Torrance students now attending Torrance High School would be transferred. This affects about 725 students.
3. All central Torrance students would continue to attend Torrance High School.
4. All south Torrance students entering high school after this September would go to North Torrance High School until South Torrance High School is ready for use.

Placing each of the present elementary schools in one of three districts, the plan is designed to assure a reasonably equal school population in the city, and later to place high schools to minimize shifting of students.

Districts Set Up

Elementary schools were placed in the following districts:

North Torrance—Carr, Crenshaw, El Nido, North Torrance, and Steele.

South Torrance—Riviera, Seaside, WALTERIA, Meadow Park, Hillside, and Newton (Pacific).

Central Torrance—Fern Greenwood, Torrance Elementary, Wood, and Magnolia View.

Long-range estimates show that the three high school districts would remain roughly equal until 1961, when North Torrance High School would pull away from the other two, and that Torrance High School may finally have the smallest enrollment of the three. This does not include the possible effect of the annexation of Palos Verdes territory.

School officials hope that at least some of the facilities at South Torrance High School may be ready for use in September, 1957.

SEASON TOTAL NOW AT 5.05 INCHES

Rains brought the season total to 5.05 inches in Torrance, the Fire Department reported last night. The three-day storm early in the week dropped 1.08 inch on the streets, flooding many areas, but causing no serious damage.

Temperature range yesterday was a high of 67, and a low of 38.

TEN-YEAR ENROLLMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED

Projected enrollments in the three high school districts for the next ten years are as follows (for the first two years, the number of South Torrance students attending the other high schools are included in parentheses after the total enrollment):

	THIS	NTHS	STHS	Total
1955-6	1358(472)	977(249)	2335
1956-7	1288(330)	1306(514)	2594
1957-8	1018	959	999	2976
1958-9	1104	1080	1110	3294
1959-60	1113	1182	1204	3499
1960-1	1238	1277	1324	3839
1961-2	1284	1609	1449	4333
1962-3	1359	1790	1619	4768
1963-4	1524	2139	1853	5516

School officials declare that these figures may be conservative. From the figures, it appears that both North and South Torrance High Schools would require additional classrooms before 1962, if they were not to resume double sessions.

They Can Move Anything - But Whew - This Mud

The Owl Trucking Co., who advertise that they can move anything, were up against almost insurmountable odds, yesterday.

Mud, thick, gooey, brown mud, nearly bogged down their efforts to move a 200-ton refinery unit from one location of the General Petroleum refinery to another.

Truckers loaded the gigantic unit, which measures 113 feet in length, onto a special truck and dolly set-up, and attempted to pull out onto Crenshaw Blvd. The mud gave them trouble.

Portable winches finally gave the needed boost, allowing the pulling truck to maneuver out onto dry pavement.

Police officers stood by to reroute traffic while the huge rig lumbered across the roadway.

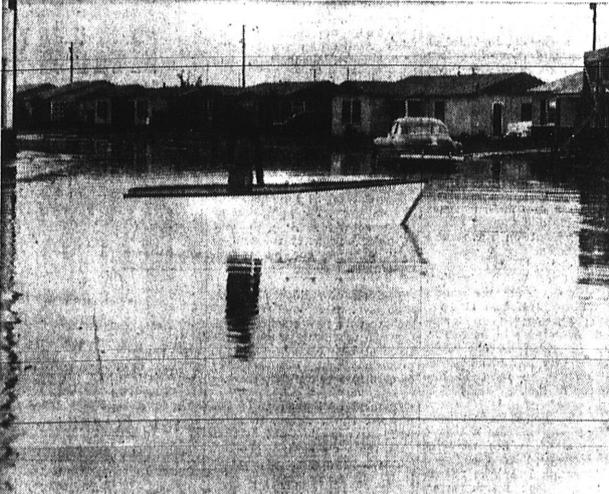
Fund Drive Aides Named

Torrance's Red Cross fund raising army began to take shape this week as Area Chairman Albert Isen announced the names of those who will serve as top ranking officials.

Isen reported that leadership posts have been filled as follows: W. A. Folker, 1527 Post Ave., advance gifts chairman; Mrs. Grover Whyte, 1620 Post Ave., residential chairman; Merwin M. Schwab, 1508 Acacia Ave., commerce and industry chairman; Mrs. Murray Studnick, 1328 Acacia Ave., business chairman; and John W. Strom, 1750 Martina, school chairman.

The local chairman said that he and his aids "will get to work immediately" on organizing a full team and formulating a sound, effective program in the interest of assuring a "record-breaking" successful campaign for 1955.

"This," he said, "may involve one or two changes in the procedure used in former Red Cross campaigns."



HIGH TIDE . . . Boatman Robert Watts, of 18841 Crenshaw Blvd., had no trouble getting his boat up and down the canal which, in dry weather, is 188th St. This picture was taken Tuesday noon looking west from Crenshaw Blvd.

Rain May Delay School Opening

Torrance School Board members have been casting their eyes skyward recently looking for pennies from heaven with which to build schools, but all they could see Tuesday night was rain.

Inspecting its water-logged agenda, the board:

1. Heard a report that recent rains may delay or hamper the opening of Hillside School, set for Feb. 1.
2. Learned that continued rains could delay construction of North Torrance High School, Carl Steele School, and Newton (Pacific) School to a point where they would not be ready for use in September as planned.
3. Heard from two property owners whose yards have been filled with mud from construction work at the Newton (Pacific) School.

Equipment Moved In

Although desks and other school equipment are being moved into Hillside School this week, the board was told, work on playground and surrounding areas is not yet complete. The area is at present a sea of mud.

Asphalt paving and other grading work remains to be done at the school. Board members were hesitant to open the school with no provision for playgrounds, not to mention the problem of little feet sloshing through the mud.

The board mulled over the possibility of putting the school on half-day sessions so that play periods could be dispensed with, until playgrounds are completed.

The board decided that an immediate move of the 660 children, all of whom are now attending WALTERIA School, is necessary. The attendance at WALTERIA is now approaching a point at which triple sessions might be necessary.

Bids Open

Bids are scheduled to be opened Jan. 21 for Newton (Pacific) School and on Feb. 3 for Steele School. Officials fear now that continued heavy rains could delay construction so that the schools would not be ready for use in September.

The opening of North Torrance High School, now under construction, likewise could be delayed by the rains.

Two property owners, Robert Werley of 4926 Pacific Coast Hwy., and John William, Bill

DA Refuses Complaint In Auto Death

A woman driver who ran into a gas company worker, fatally injuring him last Dec. 17, was freed of all responsibility for the death as the District Attorney's office refused to issue a complaint, it was revealed this week.

Mrs. Vaundis Cline, of 15322 Chamera Ave., was driving the auto which fatally injured William Gratton, 42, of 18919 Yukon Ave., last month.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Perry Thomas said that from testimony given in a coroner's inquest he would not issue a manslaughter complaint.

ARMED PAIR ROBS STORE

Two men allegedly armed with blue steel, automatics made off with \$100 in cash from a liquor store at 1954 Carson St., over the week end.

Walter O. McLanigan, owner, told officers J. E. Davis and Wally Nitz that the men showed their automatics, handed him a paper sack and ordered him to clean out the cash register.

Services Yesterday

Funeral services for Omer E. Turner, 70, a retired special police officer, were held yesterday at the Church of Christ, with the Rev. Elmer Prout officiating. He died Saturday.

A native of Texas, he lived at 2030 W. 231st St.

He is survived by his widow, Mary; two sons, Stacy, of Torrance and Jack, of Encino; four daughters, Margaret Gardner, of Seal Beach, Vestel Riney, of Fullerton, and Marie and Yvonne Turner, both of Torrance; three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Burial was in Inglewood Park, with White and Day Mortuary in charge.

Girl Driver, 11, Overturns Auto

An 11-year-old Lomita girl who was learning how to drive tried to go up a telephone pole and rolled the car on its side, sheriff's deputies reported Sunday.

Myrna A. Harris, of 1837 W. 253rd St., accompanied by her father, was turning the corner at 257th St. and Eschman Ave., but instead hit a telephone pole guy wire, overturning the vehicle. Neither was seriously injured.

World's Largest They Say

A \$1,500,000 bowling palace, reported to be the largest automatically equipped center in the world, will be constructed in a multi-million dollar "miracle-mile" center in the very near future, the HERALD learned yesterday.

To be constructed on Hawthorne Ave. near 174th St., the structure will be one of many to be built in the new district. Included will be a Penny's department store, a Newberry's, and other leading firms, it was reported.

Builder of the million dollar center was identified as Anton (Tony) Vogel, president of a corporation which recently constructed a 50-lane pin palace in Clifton, N. J.

The structure will house 54 lanes for bowling, a restaurant, cocktail lounge and a community hall, it was reported.

Featuring the latest in automatic equipment, including AMF pinsetters, the bowl was described as being "the latest conceivable word in community centers."

Developer for the center is the Walter Marks Co., of Beverly Hills.

School Name Now Newton, Not Pacific

Pacific School is no longer Pacific School. It's Newton School.

By official action Tuesday, the School Board changed the name to avoid confusion with a school of the same name in Manhattan Beach. It was pointed out that duplication would be confusing for the public, newspapers, county and state school officials, and the mailman.

The new name was selected after Mrs. Marilyn Livingston, of 5017 Milne Dr., resident of a nearby area, pointed out the difficulties. Following a general policy of selecting the name from the area or nearby street, it was named for Newton St.

Outboard Motors Taken

Two outboard motors, mounted together, were stolen from a boat at 16411 Wilton Pl., Karl Kay reported to police.

Abuse Charged; Mother in Court

A young Lomita mother is slated for a court hearing today, on charges that she hurled her 6-weeks old baby against a rocking chair, breaking his leg.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Mrs. Elizabeth Bernice Remington, 23, of 26401 S. Western Ave., Friday, on charges that she was cruel to her son, David, Sgt. Warren Nickens, of the Sheriff's juvenile bureau, jailed the woman after neighbors told that the child was abused.

Mrs. Remington allegedly told investigators that she is planning to get a divorce from her Navy husband, now out at sea.

Nickens quoted the mother as saying that she didn't want the children. She has two others.

The tot was taken to Hillside Clinic suffering a leg fracture.

Complete Plans For Area Shown

Representatives of the huge land holding firms of the Palos Verdes hills laid their annexation proposals on the line for the City Council Tuesday night in the first formal presentation of facts and figures in the controversial question.

Earl O. Hanson, armed with fact sheets, maps, and diagrams, spoke to the councilmen for nearly 60 minutes, expressing the views of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., the Capitol Co., and the Rancho Palos Verdes Corp., who own the 10 square miles of nearly vacant land.

School requirements, an issue which has brought members of the Board of Education to the fronts of their chairs, also were discussed by Hanson.

He admitted that the cost of a new school the first year would set back the district more than \$14,000, the difference between revenue from the area and costs; but in 1957-58, the district could make \$50,072 on the land and home taxes, he reported.

School officials have expressed concern over the annexation, taking a dim view from a financial standpoint.

Present Maps

Maps showing residential, commercial, recreational, and industrial properties were presented to the council. Land on the north slope of the Palos Verdes hills will be developed first because of easy access to the territory.

Development of Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Road on the south portion of the area will make land there available within three or four years, it was indicated.

Industrial property will be the present Dicalite plant in south Torrance, the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. mine on "radar hill" atop the hills, and a granite quarry now operated by the Livingston Co., near the Portuguese Bend Club gatehouse.

A commercial tract is scheduled for an area near the top of the hill, as well as along Palos Verdes Dr. South near Marineland's new oceanarium.

Marineland, Portuguese Bend, and several smaller land holdings would be made county "islands" by annexation, and Rolling Hills and Miraleste would remain unincorporated areas.

Could Make Money

Money-wise, charts showed that addition of the 10 square miles could be a dollar making proposition for the city.

Hanson said that his board of experts, including Larry Smith, economic consultant; Seaward H. Mott, planning consultant; and Quinton Engineers Ltd., utilities consultant, were agreed that with careful planning, the area would be a "financial and material" asset to Torrance.

Area to be annexed is now considerably larger than the communities of Westwood and Bel Air, exclusive residential sections of West Los Angeles.

The territory fringes the present Rolling Hills, Miraleste, and Portuguese Bend residential sections, where large estate homes are now built.

Considered was all land from the Dicalite Co., above south Torrance, to the Pacific Ocean, east to Palos Verdes Dr. East, above San Pedro, and west to the City of Palos Verdes Estates boundaries.

Lot Size Discussed

Sizes of lots, an issue which exploded like a bomb at recent Los Angeles County Planning Commission meeting, was discussed Tuesday night.

Hanson said they contemplated no homes on lots smaller than 7000 square feet, and the major share of single family units would be built on parcels not smaller than 9000 square feet.

He contrasted the lot sizes with those of the present Palos Verdes City, but not with the Rolling Hills - Portuguese Bend areas, from where considerable agitation has been forthcoming. Residents there are holding out for parcels of 12,000 to 20,000 square feet.

Hanson reported that 1320 homes were planned the first year, netting the city a tidy \$178,006 in revenue in the 1955-56 fiscal year.

Costs to the city, he says, will run only \$97,372, leaving the city on the black side of the ledger, with \$78,634 in reserve.

Costs Questioned

Initial capital outlay expenses, however, were spread

Wage Increases Granted Clerks In Food Stores

After prolonged negotiations, agreement was reached Tuesday between Retail Clerks Local 906, AFL, the Harbor Area Employers' Council and Food Employers Council, Inc., on the 1954-55 Food Agreement covering some 700 food clerks employed in Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita, Gardena, and portions of south Los Angeles.

A wage increase of \$3 per 40-hour week, or 7 1/2 cents per hour, in all classifications, following the pattern established in most of the rest of the state, was agreed upon, retroactive to Nov. 1, 1954. The journeyman rate is \$83 for 40 hours, under the new agreement.

Negotiations conducted with the union through Ben N. Scott, acting secretary-treasurer, by representatives of the Harbor Area Employers' Council and the Food Employers Council, started in September and featured a long series of meetings which evidenced the improvement in relations between labor and management in the Harbor Area and point the way to future development of the fast growing district," according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council, stated.

The contract anniversary date is Oct. 31, 1955. Members of the union voted to accept the terms of the agreement at a series of meetings Tuesday.

Electric Motors Stolen

Stolen from a construction job at 181st St. and Bailey Dr. were two electric drill motors, John Dennison reported to police.