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ANNEXATION PROPOSAL RENEWED

City to Protest Closing of Depot

City backing of a plan to seek transfer of the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot to the Torrance storage area was implied Tuesday night by the Council after an employee of the depot appeared before the Councilmen with a plea for such help.

April 1 Dance Slated to Raise Funds for Youth

An April Fools' Dance to raise funds for a youth center for Torrance teenagers, will be held for the adults of the city at the Civic Auditorium on April 1, according to Larry Lippincott, president of the Youth Coordinating Council.

The youth group recently announced plans to raise \$10,000 toward a youth center, hoping to get matching funds from the city or some other source. A teen-age dance, held on March 19, raised \$200, with Centennial High School's band and furnishing music.

Al Chandler's "Sparklers" will play for the dance, to which a number of civic leaders and members of the city Council, Recreation Commission, Board of Education, and others have been invited.

Representatives of the Torrance Recreation Commission have been helping the Coordinating Council organize the dance, with more events planned in the future. Advising the youngsters are Harry Van Bellehem, Tony Gallo, and Mrs. J. L. Hines.

Tickets may be obtained from high school students, or by calling FA 8-4108. They will also be available at the door the night of the dance.

Kiwanians To Peddle Goobers

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club and their wives will turn peanut vendor to swell the club's youth benefit fund, it was announced yesterday by Dr. William Casey, who was named chairman of a special peanut sale committee by President Gerald Eastham.

Participants in the sale will be peanuts at various Torrance locations throughout Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9.

Net proceeds of the sale are scheduled to be used in administering various phases of the club's benefit program for children.

"Citywide peanut sales have been conducted elsewhere with great results," Chairman Casey stated. "And we look forward to saying 'nuts to you' at a profit locally."

FAST WORK ON COUNTY CIVIC CENTER FORECAST

Rapid action in the location of a branch County civic center to serve Carson, Dominguez, Lomita, Lomita Pines, Miralote, Rolling Hills, and Palos Verdes was forecast Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chase.

The County Regional Planning Commission has already begun studies to determine the exact location for the center, he said.

Chase revealed that the County's Chief Administrative Officer, Arthur J. Will, has stated that money for the purchase of a site and preparation of necessary plans will be included in the County's 1955-56 budget.

Will's action was brought about as a result of a letter from Chase on March 22 requesting that immediate studies be made of the possibility of

City Seeks Municipal Court

Steps to re-establish a Municipal Court branch in Torrance, probably on the new civic center site, was taken by the City Council here Tuesday evening.

City Attorney James Hall was authorized by the Council to prepare a resolution to be presented to the Board of Supervisors asking that a court be established in Torrance again. The present municipal court business of the city is handled by the South Bay Municipal Court in North Redondo Beach.

Space for a future court building has been incorporated in the site planning of the new civic center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave.

"Backing for a court in Torrance could be expected from attorneys in the area as well as the large number of litigants who are now forced to make the trip to the beach city for court matters, Hall indicated the city could probably count on the support of the South Bay Bar Assn. in the move.

The Torrance city court, which was presided over by Judge Otto B. Willett until two years ago, was abolished in the Superior Courts Reorganization Act. Judge Willett and Judge John A. Shidler, both of Torrance, now reside in the South Bay court in North Redondo.

"A committee is now in the process of screening possible recipients of Fair profits," Familo said. "The aim of the Jaycees is community betterment, and this year's fair will be dedicated to that goal."

He and his helpers have already begun plans for the five-day affair, and representatives of civic, fraternal, and charitable organizations have been invited to attend a dinner meeting Wednesday night at the Alondra Park club house to hear details.

"This second Community Fair should bring even more attention to Torrance," Familo asserted, "because events of this nature seem to grow on people."

He indicated such special attractions as a queen contest, scores of commercial and industrial exhibits, nightly entertainment, kids' day, a giant midway lined with rides and games, and valuable door prizes which will be given away all during the fair.

Among local young men at work on various aspects of the event with Familo are Keith Pilschel, finance; Elliott Koth, concessions; Bob Johnston, personnel; Fred Hansen, (Continued on Page 4)



NEW LEGAL AIDE . . . Attorney Stanley Remelmeier has joined the city's legal department here on a temporary basis to assist City Attorney James M. Hall with the city's legal business. Remelmeier began a 60-day term of service with the city Monday.

Other spokesmen for the depot told the HERALD yesterday that the prime objective of the personnel there and San Pedro organizations backing the depot was to halt the disestablishment order before it became effective.

Talk of moving the depot operation to the Torrance area was given little significance by personnel at the depot.

As a result, of Council action Tuesday the city will seek to use its influence in halting the order shutting down the depot facility, according to Mayor Nicholas O. Drake. Official action to encourage the establishment of the facilities here might be undertaken later if the government continues with its plans to close down the San Pedro establishment, Drake indicated.

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Community Fair Chairman Announce Dates

Lloyd B. Familo of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, recently appointed General Chairman of the Community Fair to be held July 13-17, has announced that proceeds will go to some deserving civic beneficiary, just as last year's.

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NEW CITY BOOSTER . . . Tom Watson, (right) new manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, chats with Chamber President Paul Lorange during a brief check-in visit here Tuesday. Watson plans to assume his duties with the Chamber tomorrow.

Residents of Los Angeles "Shoestring Strip" and unincorporated areas will be among those voting on \$133,000,000 worth of school bonds, \$60,000,000 in sewer bonds, one charter amendments, and four school board posts at elections, next Tuesday.

Of the school funds, \$20,000,000 is slated for use in the southern area, if the bond issue passes.

The bond issue includes plans for the following:

A new elementary school at 220th and Meyler Sts., and additions to existing facilities at Harbor City Elementary and Halldale School.

A new high school in the Palos Verdes area, additional funds for the new Narbonne High School, money for remodeling the present Narbonne High School into a junior high school, and cash for a new junior high school at 22nd and Figueroa Sts.

Gym and field facilities at Harbor Junior College.

Three Separate Issues

The elementary, junior and senior high schools, and junior college proposals are three separate issues.

Of the \$60,000,000 sewer bond issue, the only project in this area is an interceptor system, with an estimated cost of \$480,000, in the 190th and Vermont Ave. sewer district.

A proposal for a city charter amendment would raise salaries of Los Angeles city officials as follows:

Mayor from \$18,000 per year to \$25,000.

City attorney, from \$15,000 to \$22,500.

City Controller, from \$12,000 to \$18,000.

City Councilman, from \$7,200 to \$12,000.

Four Offices Open

Four offices at large on the Los Angeles Board of Education are sought by 27 candidates. The only candidate from this area is Donald B. Pugh, 48, San Pedro marine contractor, who is seeking office No. 5 on the School Board ballot. He is president of the Pugh Construction Co.

No city councilman is to be elected from this area since Councilman John Gibson was elected in 1953 for a four-year term. Half of the councilmen are elected by districts every four years.

Torrance's Red Cross fund campaign was "within a few dollars" of going over the top of the city's quota of \$13,900, Fund Chairman Albert Isen reported yesterday afternoon.

Donations and firm pledges received account for all but few dollars of the quota, Isen said.

Credit for the near-victory was given to the many volunteers who secured the donations.

Isen said donations received this morning will still count for the city's quota. The report luncheon, which marks the deadline for the drive—is at noon today.

Drilling Is OK, But Singing Bad, Lady Tells Law

It was noisy enough in her neighborhood without workmen singing as they drilled an oil well next door to her, Mrs. Martha Zeman of 3926 W. 254th St., told Torrance police Sunday.

It wasn't the noise of the drilling that bothered her, but the assorted, basses and tenor voices, she said. Police cautioned the workmen, who are now leaving.

Election Slated For Hill Voters

The on-again-off-again proposal to annex 6500 acres of Rolling Hills area to the City of Torrance is on again, officials of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. revealed here yesterday.

Publication today of a legal notice of intention to circulate a petition seeking the annexation of the area to Torrance heralds the move which will start the annexation proceedings all over again in Torrance.

At a special meeting of the City Council last evening, Great Lakes was given the green light to proceed with the proposal to annex the area as inhabited territory. The Council action followed a special meeting of the Planning Commission at which such a recommendation was voted.

Instead of attempting to annex the huge area as uninhabited territory, the matter of annexing will be put to a vote of the people residing in the area, according to Ivar O. Hanson, general manager of Palos Verdes Properties, a subsidiary of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp.

Boundaries of the area to be annexed contain essentially the same territory proposed for annexation in the previous proceedings, but they have been changed to include the Chadwick property near Palos Verdes Drive North and Crenshaw.

Peninsula To Benefit

In seeking to annex the area by election as inhabited territory, officials of Palos Verdes Properties state that the future residents on the peninsula will benefit by the annexation by having "immediately a strong and established governmental facility. Good city management with well directed police, fire, and other civic agencies will improve the already desirable aspects of Palos Verdes," the notice states.

The proposed annexation will also bring benefits to present Palos Verdes property owners, "the statement continued. "Instead of attempting to create their own government, the new property owners will acquire an experienced and capable city administration. Property owners on the peninsula will have the benefits inherent in local handling of local problems."

These statements are contained in the firm's notice published today as the reasons for the proposed petition.

Former Plan Halted

The annexation procedure was halted a few weeks ago with the disclosure by a representative of the Rancho Palos Verdes Protective Assn., a group of Rolling Hills and Portuguese Bend residents, that a total of 19 registered voters resided within the boundary of the area proposed for annexation as uninhabited territory. Such procedure is not valid unless the area contains fewer than 12 registered voters, according to law.

The Torrance City Council formally repealed the resolution on intention to annex at its meeting Tuesday evening and canceled the scheduled

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Half of 1954 Graduating Class Went to College, Survey Shows

About half of Torrance High School's 1954 graduating class went to college, a recent post-card survey by school officials indicated.

Some 38 per cent of the 223 graduates returned post cards in the survey made by James Halle, boys advisor.

Of the 85 cards returned, 63 ex-Tartars indicated that they were going to college full or part time, while 24 said they were working either full or part time.

Two-Thirds Leave City

Eighteen of those working remained in Torrance, while 86 were working in other cities, and seven others joined the service—two in the Navy and five in the Air Force.

Jobs that former students are now holding ranged from waitresses and laborers to one

'Wanted' Navy Captain Adds Stripes

The Navy captain who passed at least two bad checks in Torrance recently promoted himself since the last time he gave non-fund checks, Torrance police were informed this week.

They learned that the man, who gave his name as T. B. Stevens, also is wanted by San Diego authorities for cashing bad checks there as a chief petty officer in June, 1954. The FBI is seeking the man for impersonating an officer. Stevens showed Navy identification.

He gave a bad check for \$30 at Ben's Delicatessen, 1300 Sartori, and one for \$27.50 at the Bottle Shop, 2087 Torrance Blvd., recently.

Watches, \$190 Take

Six watches and \$150 in cash was taken from his home Sunday, George R. Simpson, of 24-412 Narbonne Ave., told sheriff's deputies. The burglar came through the front door, he said.

Police Rescue 11-Day-Old Boy From Crib Bars

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GREENWOOD FOURSOME . . . After working together as a trumpet quartet for one year, four youngsters from Greenwood School won a superior rating in the Southern California Solo Ensemble Festival. Each group was graded according to age and ability. The winners are left to right, Ricky Boucher, Gary Tiernan, Darel Kelley, and David Fiorelli.