WEEKENDER

Wrecking Crews Fell City's First School

(The following stories are reprinted from the Monday, May 28, issue of The HERALD, and form the background for today's news. To get this first-of-the-week news coverage regularly, call The HERALD circulation office now at FAirfax 8-4004.)

Progress has a habit of overhauling some of the historic and prominent landmarks of any community and so it was last week when wrecking crews tore down the old Perry School building at 17831 Prairie Ave., just 50 years after the tattered and tarnished structure was built as the first school in what is now Torrance.

Complete with bell tower and old-fashioned straight back chairs and desks, the original Perry School is giving way to a new administration building and multi-purpose structure.

The Board of Education first called for bids on the new construction on April 17 and awarded the contract on May 1 to A. H. Dohrman Co.

The old school has stood empty as a testimony to the contrast of time, present and past, for about two years. Up until that time it was used extensively for classroom work and as an auditorium.

In 1954 complete modern units were constructed and surrounded the building.

Perry School was named after L. J. Perry, who at one time was head of the Redondo Railway.

Mrs. May Dalton, who first started teaching at Perry 34 years ago, was on hand Thursday and Friday when the workmen began ripping apart the old structure. She still is a teacher at Perry, where she instructs the first grade.

Mrs. Dalton took her first graders out Friday to watch the demolition of the building in which she first began her local teaching career.

She taught the first and second grades when she first went to Perry. She is a graduate of Washington State Normal, in Bellingham, Wash., and taught in Washington for four years before coming to this area in 1921.

Claims Blasted

Blasting what he termed "an attempt to fool the voters of the 17th District," Charles A. Franklin, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th District, last week attacked Congressman Cecil R. King's past statement as an Eisenhower supporter.

Speaking before newsmen last Friday at a San Pedro luncheon, Franklin said: "Mr. King has in the past attempted to fool the voters of our District into thinking that he supports President Eisenhower for better than any Republican ever could. This is a blatant misrepresentation and two key votes by Mr. King prove it.

Airport Pact Scanned

A recommendation that the City Council renegotiate parts of the master lease on the airport, now held by Collins-Dietrich Air Services, was voted by members of the Airport Commission here this week on the recommendation of former commissioner Robert B. John.

Specifically, the Commision voted to recommend that the Council investigate the feasibility of opening the part of the contract which restricts sale of petroleum products on the Airport to the master lease holder. The Commision recommended that the sale of petroleum products be thrown open to other distributors on the airport.

New Narbonne Blaze

Fire in a metal waste basket at Narbonne High School Friday was reported to sheriff's deputies by school authorities.

Officials said the fire was extinguished before any damage was done. It was another in a series of fires that have swept the school during the past year.

A $25,000 fire gutted the administration building of the school in April. Authorities still are looking for the firebug who set that one.

Hot Check Artist

A bad check artist must have known he was living dangerously when he passed a $25 check recently at the Bible Book and Gift Shop, 1619 Cravens Ave.

M. E. Billigmeier, manager of the store, reported to police Thursday that a man unloaded the worthless document in purchasing a book.

The name of the book? "How to Live 365 Days a Year."

Dental Group Elects

More than 80 per cent of the dental troubles in children could be averted through sound nutritional habits, Dr. Bernard Z. Rabinowitch told members of the Torrance Dental Health Assn., at their annual meeting here last week.

A four-point program aimed at alleviating a large portion of children's tooth problems would include fluoridation of water supplies, use of ammoniated dentrifices coupled with thorough and regular brushing, use of all other available decay-preventing measures, and proper nutrition, he

Election of Atty. Donald Hitchcock as president of the association for the next year climaxed the meeting. He succeeds Don Hyde in the group's top post.

Golf Course Blaze

A brush fire swept through a gulley at Palos Verdes Golf Course Saturday afternoon and for a time threatened nearby homes before it was brought under control.

County and city fire units and police cars answered the call and with the help of residents and bystanders battled the flames to a standstill. Damage was limited to a brush section in a gulley just off the fourth fairway.

Hospital Staff Speaks Before Soroptimists

Guest speakers for Soroptimist International of Torrance-Gardena luncheon this week were Dr. Phyllis Wright, Mrs. Millie West and Mrs. Virginia Stoddard, all from Harbor General Hospital.

They related the need for more volunteer "Pink Ladies" to act as substitute mothers for children at the hospital. These "Pink Ladies" volunteer two hours per week to amuse the children, help with putting them to bed, read to them, tell stories and generally act as substitute mothers.

The organization is only eight months old but has become a very important program at the hospital according to Dr. Wright.

Obituaries

Rafael Escobar

Prayer services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary for Rafael Escobar, who died Saturday in a local hospital.

Rev. Patrick McGuiness will officiate at the final rites. Burial will follow at All Souls Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, the baby is survived by John Garcia, grandfather and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Escobar, all of Torrance.

'Healing Touch' Sermon Topic Of Rev. Jolley

"The Healing Touch" will be the sermon topic at the First Presbyterian Church, 1842 Gardena Blvd., Rev. Truman M. Jolley, preaching.

New members will meet for instruction at 9:30 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. with Harold O. Neigh, clerk. At the close of the 11 a.m. worship service, members will be baptized and received.

According to Jack Entsminger, chairman of the board of Christian education, plans are complete for the Children's Day program at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 10th, and also for the church picnic at Banning Park, Saturday, June 16.

LONG TUNNELS

There are 28 railway tunnels more than one mile long in the U.S.

Sermon Text Revealed

"The Restitution of All Things" will be the sermon theme at the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Ave., on June 2, with Pastor Glenn L. Goffar preaching. Saturday's subject will be the second in a series on "Why There Are So Many Churches" and will show steps taken during the years of the reformation and the final steps which must be taken before Christ returns. Pastor Goffar's text is Acts 3:20, 21.

Sabbath School for all ages will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Young People's meeting Friday evening will feature a dialogue on the subject "Believe His Prophets" and will be under the direction of Mrs. Venita Steele.

Thomas Saito Qualifies As M-1 Expert in Korea

Pvt. Thomas M. Saito, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keikichi Saito, 3855 W. 174th St., recently qualified as expert in firing the M-1 rifle in Korea.

Saito is a supply clerk in Company M of the 32nd Regiment of the 7th Division. He entered the Army in February 1955 and was last stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. Saito arrived in Korea in August 1955.

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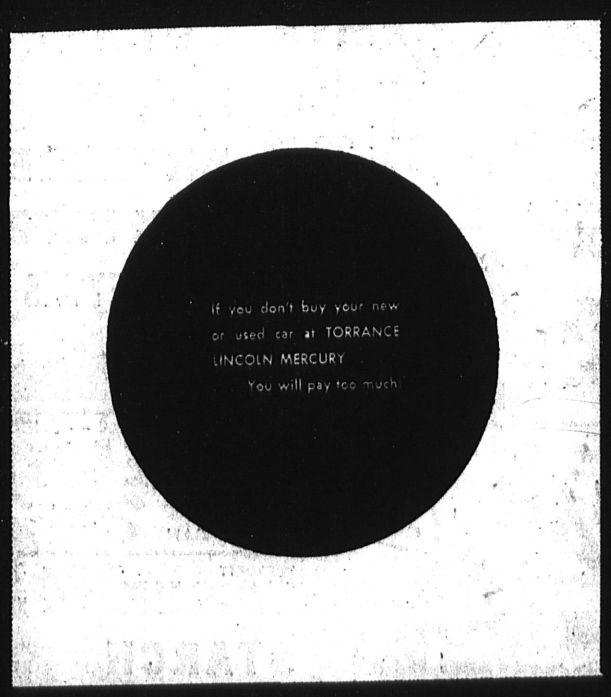

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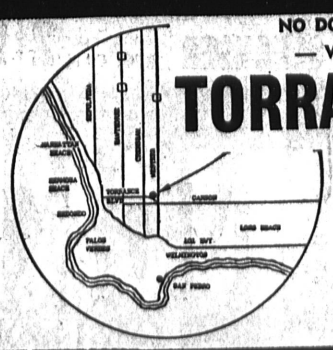

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