

MERCURY UP; WATER DOWN



BEATING THE HEAT . . . Lots of youngsters who had no water at home early this week found plenty of cooling liquid in the Torrance Municipal Plunge. The pool was filled with record crowds of youngsters and oldsters

as it opened its doors full-time. Learn-to-swim classes are being held in the morning, while recreational swimming is featured during the afternoons and evenings, as well as Saturdays and Sundays.

Officials Are Alarmed by Low Water Pressure Here

Temperatures soared and water pressure dropped in Torrance this week, leaving many residents of higher areas with no water at all or only a trickle.

Angus E. McVicar, water superintendent, told City Councilmen Tuesday night that the lack of pressure, especially in the southwest portion of the city — southwest of Crenshaw and Sepulveda — had reached the critical stage. Other parts of the city also reported lower pressure.

Water department representatives visited homes in critical areas Tuesday, asking residents not to water their lawns or use water for any but absolutely necessary purposes. McVicar indicated that residents might be asked to curtail water use during future hot spells.

New Mains Needed

The situation should be alleviated by next year, when larger mains will be installed, he reported.

Although no official temperatures were available because of vandalism at the fire department weather station, householders peering at their thermometers in the central part of Torrance, noted the mercury passed the 100-degree mark. At the beach, the mercury hit 90 Monday and 88 Tuesday. Slightly cooler temperatures were recorded yesterday and the weather bureau predicted lower readings today, with early morning fog along the beaches.

Phone Calls

Police and water department officials were flooded with calls from residents of the Walteria, Pacific Hills, Torrance View, and Seaside areas reporting that they had no water at all or only a trickle to protect them from the heat. Other areas of the city reported that pressure was somewhat lower than usual.

The complaints started pouring in at 5:30 p.m. Monday, when residents came home from work and started watering their lawns. They continued throughout the day Tuesday.

Housewifeirate

One irate housewife told the HERALD, "I've got no water at all. I can't get a drink, wash my dishes, wash my clothes, and my baby is crying and it's awful when I try to change him. My toilet won't work. It just makes me furious to see the people down below me watering their lawns."

"We have plenty of water. There is no need for anyone to think there is a shortage of water," McVicar told the Council.

"What has happened is that

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LOOK MA, NO WATER . . . Vera Robinson was just one of many Torrance residents who thought they would cool off this week by taking a shower. Then, they discovered that the water pressure in higher areas was so low that they didn't have any water. Officials blamed the shortage on the city's lawn waterers.

LEGISLATURE HELPS LOCAL TAX PICTURE

If signed by the governor, the state aid bill recently passed by the legislature would require the Torrance Unified School to levy only 50 cents of the authorized 75 cent override tax, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the school board Tuesday night.

The legislature recently passed a \$37,000,000 state aid bill, although \$73,000,000 had been requested. The governor will sign the bill, according to reports from Sacramento. Of the money appropriated, about \$340,000 would come to Torrance, for an average of about \$184 per pupil.

Final Rate Pending

Determination of the city's final tax rates will depend on the city's assessed valuation. In other action, the board made plans for erection of two temporary quonset huts on the

new South High campus to house showers, gymnasium facilities at the school, Pacific Coast Hwy. and Calle Mayor. will not be completed until late next year, although the school will be opened in September.

The board also authorized preliminary foundation studies on Hamilton School and Calle Mayor School and authorized the use of tilt-up concrete construction for Yukon School.

Start This Year

Construction on all three buildings is slated to start this year. Hamilton and Yukon School will serve north Torrance, while Calle Mayor School will be just north of South High School.

Bids to repaint the interior of Torrance High School were rejected by the board because they were too high. Low bid was \$28,000 against a \$10,000 estimate. The board voted to let district employes do the work a little at a time.

Police Arrest Hit-and-Run Driver Here

Leonard Francis Wilson, 47, of 2754 Dalemead St., is released on bail today following his arrest on charges of hit-and-run driving and drunk driving.

According to local police, Wilson was the driver of the 1950 sedan which collided with a car driven by Paul Hobart Dunkelberg, of Long Beach, Saturday.

The accident occurred at Crenshaw Blvd. and 247th St. Mabel H. Dunkelberg, also of Long Beach, received minor injuries in the accident and was taken to a private physician.

Torrance officers took Wilson into custody at his home.

Boy Critically Hurt While Riding Bike

An eight-year-old Torrance boy was in critical condition yesterday at Harbor General Hospital following an accident Tuesday afternoon.

The youth, Frank Yates, 21717 Reynolds Dr., was riding his bicycle when he collided with a car driven by Rice F. Reeves, 2081 Atlantic Blvd., Long Beach. The accident occurred at 5008 Carson St.

The youngster suddenly swerved diagonally across the street and into the side of the car, according to police reports.

Reeves told officers he had seen the youth on his bicycle at the curb but could not avoid hitting him when the youngster veered into his car. Two witnesses completely exonerated the driver of the car, police said.

The boy has a skull fracture but was reported showing some improvement yesterday by hospital authorities.

Children's Foundation Plans Dinner Tonight

The Harbor Area Exceptional Children's Foundation will hold a potluck dinner tonight at 6 p.m. at the Homer Toberman Settlement House auditorium, 131 N. Grand Ave., San Pedro.

Reverend Mothers Attend Present at the luncheon meeting were Rev. Mother Bernard, superior general of the Little Company of Mary Rome, Italy, and Mother M. Genevieve, provincial, of Evergreen Park, Ill. Both expressed their gratitude to the various committee members who had helped in the successful campaign.

Rev. Mother Bernard outlined the Little Company's work throughout the world and said she was especially gratified to have Torrance add to the list of projects. Mother Genevieve stated it was the Company's experience to make many friends in the community after an institution was operating; but she felt the Order was beginning work in Torrance with many friendships already established.

Plans already have been made for an additional 21 beds to be made with a supplementary campaign for \$130,000. Plomert emphasized that there are many who have not yet contributed to the hospital at all, and that the campaign office at 1528 Cravens Ave., will be kept open until September 1.

Names of other members of the Advisory Council will be announced within two weeks.

Council Acts to Move Dodgers To Los Angeles

Major league baseball fever is reaching epidemic proportions in the Southland.

And Tuesday night, Torrance City Council succumbed. The group adopted a resolution endorsing the moving of the Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles.

Local Council members added their support to Los Angeles city fathers who are making every effort to get the "Bums" to go west.

9-Year-Old Hit by Car

Carol McCabe, 9, of 304 Via Pasqual, received minor injuries Monday when she was struck by a car.

Richard Paul Huebner, 16, of 24235 Ocean Ave., told local police he was traveling west on Via Pasqual when the child suddenly walked in front of the car.

The youngster was carrying a kitten.

Jackman Gets Degree

Roscoe L. Jackman, 1506 W. 213th St., was one of 986 degree recipients during annual commencement exercises held recently at Arizona State College at Tempe.

Summer School to Start Next Monday

The Torrance Unified School District summer session will begin Monday for a period of six weeks.

Estimates indicate that the elementary schools will enroll 3500 summer session students. North High School anticipates an enrollment of 257, and Torrance High School expects 255 students to attend.

Subjects to be offered at North High School and Torrance High School will include English, driver education, mathematics, social studies, typing, and science.

The elementary summer school program will be a continuation of the regular school program, offering students an opportunity to work under the guidance of a trained teacher. Children will be given additional help in subjects where they have difficulty.

Parents are invited to confer with the summer school teacher on matters concerning the summer session, if possible.

Summer sessions will not be held in Edison or Anza Elementary Schools. Students from the Edison attendance area may enroll for summer school in Crenshaw or Perry Elementary Schools. Students living in the Anza attendance area may enroll at Sepulveda Elementary School.

Public Hearing For Estimated Budget Planned

Second public hearing on the city's estimated 1957-58 record-breaking budget of \$3,500,240 will be held next Tuesday night by City Councilmen.

The group held the first of the required two hearings last Tuesday and no one appeared to protest adjusted budget estimates.

Councilmen termed the planned expenditures an "austerity program."

Final adoption of the completed budget will be made in August when county assessment figures are announced.

In other action, Councilmen authorized the City Manager to call for bids for the construction of 10 T-hangers in Row R of T-hangers at the airport.

The hangers will be leased, according to reports.

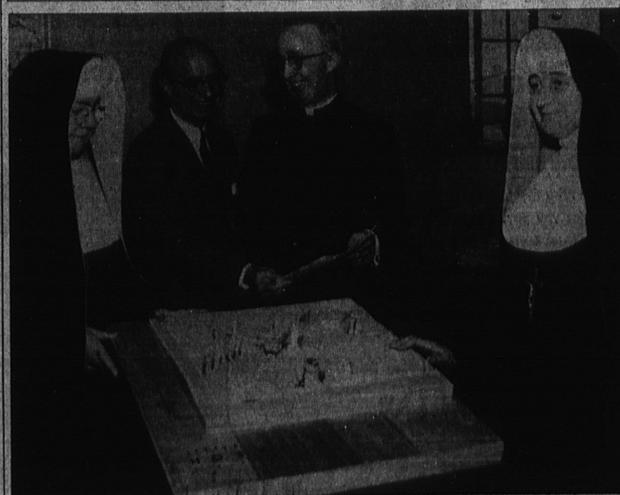
As requested by the Airport Commission, the Council also approved T-hanger leases in Row Q to be leased of the first 13 applicants.

The city also accepted the South Bay Humane Society's bid for continued pound services subject to a minor correction in the bid specification wording.

How High Did The Mercury Go? Nobody Knows

While everyone agreed it was real hot the last three days in Torrance—there's no official record of just how high the mercury rose.

Vandals damaged the temperature recording equipment at the local fire station and until it is repaired, citizens will just have to be satisfied that it was exceptionally warm here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



FULL SPEED AHEAD . . . Celebrating the fact that the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign went over its \$776,000 goal are these officials and visiting Reverend Mothers from the order. Shown are Rev. Mother M. Bernard, the order's superior general from Rome, Italy; Robert I. Plomert, newly named head of the advisory board; Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, and Rev. Mother M. Genevieve, provincial, Evergreen Park, Illinois.