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CITY DROPS LOMITA ANNEXATION

Plans to Bid For a Corner

The Torrance city council this week backed away from plans to "encourage" annexation of a large segment of Lomita to the city when reports of a survey of residents in the area "failed to turn up any sentiment for the annexation."

Reporting to the council in an informal meeting Tuesday evening, City Manager George Stevens said a check of 100 homes throughout the area drew a blank, and he recommended that the city drop any annexation plans. He did recommend, however, that Torrance nibble off another corner of the area at Crenshaw Blvd. and Lomita Blvd., saying owners of the now uninhabited property had expressed a desire to annex to the city.

ON THE northern front of the annexation battle, the council authorized employment of a professional organization to survey sentiment in the square-mile section of Alondra Park which has been proposed for annexation to Torrance. A description of the

boundary has been filed with the county boundary commission and was approved yesterday.

The John B. Knight Co. is slated for the job, and will only be assigned to survey the area to determine the sentiment of the residents on annexation to Torrance, the council decided. If the sentiment favors the annexation, then a decision will be made on the method of promoting the move.

AN UNOFFICIAL survey of residents indicated that they preferred to annex to Torrance before annexing to Hawthorne or Gardena. First choice was for incorporating, Stevens said.

Objecting to the employment of a professional firm to survey the area was Mayor Albert Isen.

"I don't see any overwhelming sentiment for the annexation," he said. I don't like the idea of sending paid people out there to promote annexation. If it isn't a free-will association, I don't want anything to do with it."

IN OTHER action, the city council:

Instructed City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to proceed with formation of an involuntary assessment district to provide adequate water facilities to the area now served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 and 3 within the city limits, providing the procedure included a time for hearing (Continued on Page 2)

Herald Starts New Feature on City Newcomers

Everybody in California is from someplace else, and most of Torrance's residents are probably no exception. As a means of aiding those who are still finding our California attractions more than they can resist, the HERALD will inaugurate a new feature Sunday, announcing new arrivals in the city, and giving their new neighbors an introduction to them and their families.

The feature will be published in the HERALD on a weekly basis, either Sunday or Thursday as scheduling permits. So watch for it and find out who your new neighbors are and where they come from. After all, they might be from the old home town.

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Worthington Says

Fair Reward Plan Needed

Mediocrity in education as a national threat was assailed here Tuesday by L. L. Worthington, president of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of U. S. Steel, who addressed 1000 teachers at Torrance High School at 9 a.m. Business-Industry-Education Day meeting preceding tours

by the teachers of 70 local plants and business firms. Failure to reward excellence in teaching coupled with failure to hold out excellence as a goal for students was cited as the cause of mediocrity by the industrialist, who stated that "bargains in education are subsidized by those who could least afford it — the teachers."

"BECAUSE we have tended to reward men equally. I feel we have caused them to perform equally. As a result, this nation is slipping into acceptance of a mediocre level of work," he emphasized. To rectify this situation, Worthington called for a general overhaul of the nation's

monetary and other incentives for superior performance.

"Whether by a student, businessman, production worker, or teacher, a better-than-average performance ought to rate a better-than-average reward," he said.

DECLARING that all too often today such is not the case, the speaker cautioned that Russia is coming to understand how important it is to offer better incentives to stimulate better performance.

"How ironic it would be if a free society continued to drift toward mediocrity while a regimented system applied (Continued on Page 2)



SUNDAY VICTIM . . . Mrs. Elaine Ginsberg of San Pedro was one of seven injured Sunday at Hawthorne and Sepulveda in a two-car collision. Four of those injured were children. Victims of the crash were reported suffering from multiple bruises, cuts, and abrasions. None was critically hurt. (Herald Photo)

Traffic Crashes Mount

Nearly a score were injured in traffic accidents on the city streets during the first three days of the week, police report.

Four children and three adults were injured Sunday afternoon at Hawthorne Ave. and Sepulveda in a two-car collision. Taken to Harbor General Hospital were Mrs. Mary Howard and four Howard children, Donald 5, Cynthia 2, Blanch 7, and Pamela 7 months, all of San Pedro; Mrs. Elaine Ginsberg, 23, of San Pedro; and Beverly McCleary of El Segundo. Police said Mrs. Ginsberg and Mrs. McCleary were driving.

LATER Sunday, Pedro Alvarez, 24, Joe Alvarez, 20, both of 1037 Renton St., and Vivian Daniels, 38, of Los Angeles, suffered injuries in a crash at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. Pedro Alvarez and a John Wright, 37, of Inglewood were listed as drivers.

Suffering a possible fractured knee Tuesday evening was Mrs. June Gage, 68, of Long Beach, who was knocked down by her station wagon just after she had parked it in the driveway at 1933 Beckworth Ave. in Southwest Park. Mrs. Gage told investigating officers that she had parked the car, stepped out, and was preparing to leave it when the auto began to roll back toward the street. She was tripped by the moving vehicle and fell under the wheel. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

THREE-YEAR-OLD Glenda Sands received possible internal injuries earlier Tuesday when she tumbled from a car driven by Mrs. Jessie Sands, 40, of 1901 W. Lomita Blvd. near the intersection of Sepulveda and Walnut. Mrs. Sands told officers that the child had been riding in a car seat, but started to climb out. The child fell against the door handle, opening the door, and tumbled to the street. She was taken to Harbor General Hospital. A Torrance fireman and his (Continued on Page 2)



AWAITING AID . . . Mrs. Beverly McCleary of El Segundo lays on the street while awaiting aid after a two-car collision at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Sunday afternoon. Seven were injured. (Herald Photo)



WRECK SCENE . . . Investigating officer marks spot where autos collided at Torrance Blvd. and Anza Ave. Sunday evening. Three were injured in the two-car crash; one Vivian Daniels of Los Angeles can be seen in auto at rear awaiting aid. (Herald Photo)

Board to Seek Bids On Fern School Job

Bids will be sought for the rehabilitation of Fern School, 1314 Fern Ave., soon, the Torrance Board of Education decided Tuesday night. Work, however, will not get underway on the project until after school is out this summer. Final plans and specifications were approved by the board. State approval must be obtained before bids can be sought. Construction will start after June 22 and will take about six or seven months. Since the building cannot be used while work is going on, officials are studying other arrangements for Fern children next fall. Work at the school will include earthquake-proofing in accordance with state law and modernization of lighting, heating, and other facilities in the 27-year-old structure. After considerable study, it was decided that rehabilitation of the school would be better than tearing it down and replacing it with a new building. Cost of the work will be about \$240,000.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"One of the California legislators has suggested dropping furniture from the personal property tax. How do you feel about this?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

ORA PATTON, 1840 Santa Fe Avenue, housewife:

"My husband was a veteran's exemption, and therefore we do not have to pay a personal property tax. Henceforth, it really doesn't make any difference to me."

VERNON DILLEY, 1603 W. 213th St., hardware clerk:

"I believe it would be beneficial to drop the tax. We enough taxes already — and one less would be a relief to the overburdened taxpayer."

JANE BEACH, Long Beach, secretary:

"I am opposed to taking furnishings on the grounds that they are often purchased as a temporary possession for a temporary apartment. Other than as a permanent investment, and as such are not property in the full sense of the word."

DON MARLOWE, Harbor City, filling station proprietor:

"I think it should be done. I also think tools and equipment used in a person's business should be dropped as personal property tax. The federal government exempts them from taxes if they are necessary to earn one's living."

JACK TAYLOR, 1823 Calamar Ave., accountant:

"I feel that's an excellent idea. Usually when the assessor comes around, there's no one home and they don't have an opportunity to give the furniture a fair appraisal. They resort to guesswork as to its value — which amounts to an unfair method of assessment."

Downtown Torrance

COUPON DAYS

Today thru Saturday See Special Values in Today's HERALD



VISITING HERALD PLANT . . . Part of the group of 11 Torrance teachers who visited the HERALD plant during the Business-Education Day program here Tuesday are watching as operator W. H. Robinson sets copy for today's advertising pages on a Model CSM, Intertype linecasting machine. Left to right are Ernestine Maes, Marcia Steiner, Barbara Hollenbeck, Guy Old, Dorothy Reish and Delores Skjervem. (Herald photo)

Industry Lagging

Red Cross Volunteers Push To Meet Torrance Quota

Torrance Red Cross volunteers are working this week to produce a final \$1500 which will give them 100 per cent of their residential and business goal of \$6,000.

The residential campaign at the first of the week had completed 76 per cent of its \$4,500 goal and the business division headed by Mrs. Pary Pagac had turned in \$1,106 or 73 per cent

of goal, according to Stanley Remelmeier, volunteer chairman of the Torrance Red Cross Fund campaign.

Remelmeier said he was confident these two groups would complete their assignments this week before Easter vacation time.

The commerce and industry division in Torrance needs to raise \$2,500 to complete its campaign during the month of March. This group operates within the industrial plants in the Torrance area under the chairmanship of John Heninger of Dow Chemical Co.

Commenting upon the overall picture in the harbor area, which at the present time is leading the entire Los Angeles Red Cross chapter, Remelmeier said that in percentage of their overall gains, Torrance and Gardena are in a tie for third place, with San Diego second and Palos Verdes, which has no commerce and in-

dustry division, leading with 80 per cent of a total \$9,000 goal.

"In residential campaigns only, the harbor communities have reported Gardena 104 per cent; San Pedro 89 per cent; Palos Verdes 80 per cent; Torrance 76 per cent; Wilmington 74 per cent, and Lomita 45 per cent," he said.

School Board OKs Payroll Checkoff

Payroll deductions for the newly-formed Local 1101, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, were approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

C. Charles Hogan, representative, presented a list of temporary officers and members to the school board, together with a copy of the charter. The list contained about 130 names of Torrance school employees.