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BISHOP ASKS STEVENS TO RESIGN

Backing for Stand Cited

A demand that City Manager George W. Stevens resign was voiced yesterday by Ronald Bishop, ex-city engineer, who quit his post as acting city engineer last month.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, Bishop said he had received numerous calls from citizens of Torrance who expressed an interest in his previous statements criticizing the city manager and Councilman Willys G. Blount.

"Stevens, by his actions, has shown himself to be a pawn of a certain political element and has lost the objectivity that is necessary to properly administer such an office," Bishop said yesterday.

HE REITERATED charges made earlier this week that Stevens and Blount were "hamstringing the progress of Torrance for purely personal reasons."

Stevens, when contacted yesterday, continued to decline statements on the matter, saying he was too busy with the budget and other pressing city matters to get involved in a dispute with disgruntled former city employees.

"Mr. Bishop had his day in court," Stevens said. "He had the city council, civil service board, and other courses open to him if he had complaints," he added.

BLOUNT also declined to comment on the Bishop outbursts.

Bishop asked for demotion from city engineer to senior design engineer late last year and then quit that job effective June 1 about the time the council ordered an investigation of roadwork projects in the city, particularly Arlington Avenue.

Wade Peebles, director of public works, later told the council that an investigation of Arlington Ave. turned up flaws which he blamed on inspection and lack of supervision by the engineering department.

Bishop's assistant, John Patrick, also resigned from the city after 14 years of service.

143 Adults Graduate This Week

Some of the proudest June graduates this year will be 143 graduates of Torrance Evening High School, who will get their diplomas at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Torrance High Auditorium.

The graduates, who range from 17 to 54 years old, have attended night classes to get their high school diplomas. The class is divided almost equally between men and women and 80 per cent of the graduates are married. Two-thirds of them plan to take additional education.

AT THE SAME Tuesday ceremonies, 24 women who have completed vocational nurses' training will be honored.

Everett Considine, engineer for General Petroleum, will give the graduation address. School Board President Clinton Cooke will award the diplomas after presentation of the graduates by Victor Kilburn, adult school principal, and the nurses by Miss Ruth Morrison, R.N. Dr. Max Appleby, school curriculum consultant, will accept the class.

The Rev. John L. Taylor will give the invocation and benediction and the North High High School Band, directed by Robert L. Johns, will play.

THE LIST of graduates includes three husband and wife teams, including Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olie, who were college graduates in Europe. All their educational records were destroyed during the war, however. He is an engineer.

Ceremonies Set Thursday

This is a big week for nearly 700 graduating seniors, 1370 eighth graders, and 143 adult school students as graduation ceremonies are planned in the city's schools.

First on the list is the Adult school graduation which will be held Tuesday evening at 8 with Board President Clinton Cooke awarding diplomas.

Thursday night will be the big night with graduating seniors of Torrance High and North High receiving diplomas in separate ceremonies.

NORTH HIGH seniors, more than 460, will be graduated in ceremonies starting at 7:30 p.m. at the El Camino College stadium. Bob Hollowell and Joann Hoffmeister will be student speakers.

Board President Cooke; Walter Garrabrant, member of the board; and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, are scheduled to participate in the event.

Torrance High's ceremonies for its 208 graduates will be at 7:45 Thursday in the school stadium. Mrs. Grace Wright and Joseph G. Arnold, school board members, will present diplomas, with Superintendent J. H. Hull accepting the candidates. Sharon Clark, Mardell Clayton, Naomi Johnson, and Victor Ramirez will be student speakers.

NORTH HIGH'S Baccalaureate ceremonies will be at 1 p.m. today in Murdock Stadium, El Camino College, with the Rev. Monrad Bergeson giving the address and the Rev. Milton Sippel giving the invocation and benediction.

The THS rites will be at 3 p.m. today, with the Rev. Hugh Percy giving the address. Rev. Charles Little, Rev. Peter Lee, and Rev. Wendell Hook also will take part.

FIVE SCHOOLS, Jefferson, Seaside, Anza, Torrance Elementary, and Meadow Park plan eighth grade graduations Wednesday evening.

The rest of the district's elementary schools have scheduled their ceremonies on Thursday, June 11. The schools, times, and persons handing out diplomas are as follows:

Casimir, 4 p.m., Mrs. Wright.

Hamilton, 4:30 p.m., Garrabrant.

Madrona, 4:30 p.m., Arnold. Edison, 5 p.m., Dr. Joseph Bay, former school Board member.

Carr, 5 p.m., Mrs. Evelyn Carr, former school board member, and namesake of the school.

Parkway, 5:30 p.m., Cooke.

CRENSHAW, 5:30 p.m., Mrs. Margaret Denmark, curriculum consultant.

Calle Mayor, 5:30 p.m., Boswell.

Yukon, 5:30 p.m., Garrabrant.

Arlington, 5:45 p.m., Arnold.

Magruder, 6 p.m., Philip S. Magruder, namesake of the school.

Hillside, 6:30 p.m., Dr. Ted Cyphert, school curriculum consultant.

WALTERIA, 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Trudy Aldershof, curriculum consultant.

Wood, 7 p.m., Dr. Howard Wood, former school board member and namesake of the school.

Perry, 7 p.m., Dr. Rollin Smith, former school board member.

Steele, 7 p.m., S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent.

Sepulveda, 7 p.m., Darwin Parrish, former school board member.

Fern-Greenwood, 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Wright.

NEWTON, 7 p.m., Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

Flavian, 7:30 p.m., Boswell.

Riviera, 8 p.m., Robert Morton, director of personnel.

The last day of school will be June 12. Summer school will run from June 22 to July 31, with some 8100 students signed up for classes. Regular sessions will begin again on Sept. 10.



LIBRARY OPENED . . . John Pierce, Torrance High School teacher and branch librarian at the new Victoria Park branch county library, gets set to open the new facility Thursday with the assistance (from left) of Arlyn Weber, deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn; Mrs. Paul Hinkle, president of the Victoria Park civic council; Mrs. Bernard Truhe, master of ceremonies at the dedication; and County Librarian John D. Henderson.

At North High

Family, From Grandpa To Junior, in School

Education is contagious, members of the Bigler family of north Torrance declare. Eight of them, representing three generations, have attended classes in Torrance school this year. Six of the Biglers have taken classes at North High.

The 143 Torrance Adult School graduates Tuesday night will include Grandpa Dale Bigler Sr. and his two sons, Dale Jr. and Ronald. Cheering them from the audience will be the wives of Dale Sr. and Dale Jr., fellow students in adult school; Sharon Bigler, granddaughter, and

North High sophomore; and Dale and Judith Bigler, grandchildren and Crenshaw Elementary School students.

LIKE ALL children their age, the three Bigler grandchildren have been attending classes for several years. The educational bug infected Mother Dale Bigler Sr. last fall, as she enrolled in night classes to try to get her high school diploma.

Her progress inspired her husband, Dale Jr., and his brother, Ronald, and they made plans to take night classes starting in the spring semester.

IN DECEMBER, Grandpa and Grandma Bigler arrived for the yearly visit from New Philadelphia, Ohio. They usually stay for two or three months to visit the family. When they heard that the rest of the family was trying for a high school diploma, Grandma and Grandpa decided to enroll also. In fact, they delayed their departure from California, so that they could complete the semester. Originally, they planned to go home in March.

The three men took the General Educational Development Test, with Grandpa Bigler passing with the highest score of anyone in the history of the Torrance Adult School. Passing the test enabled the men to graduate in one semester.

ALL THREE are proud as punch of their diplomas. Ronald Bigler, 54, is a painter.

Rev. Miller Returns

Rev. Homer H. Miller, former pastor of Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, will be guest preacher at services to be conducted at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. today in the absence of Rev. Walter M. Stanton, who is on vacation.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS . . . Joe Redding, president of the Torrance Educational Assn., gives Sonja Pesola, North High, and Kikoyo Takeuchi, Torrance High, a preview of some of the material that they soon will be studying. The two girls were named winners of scholarships for students who plan to enter teaching. The money is provided through charity donations of Torrance teachers. Both girls plan to study for one year at El Camino, moving to four-year universities later.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Should juveniles involved in crimes have their names printed in the papers?" was the question your HERALD photographer asked a group of teenagers in Torrance.

Bobbie Huggins, 1814 Schilling Drive.

"No, I don't think so because if the person had done something wrong and had had a chance to, shall we say 'go straight', his friends would probably make it harder for him if they knew."



Kimiye Takeuchi, 2076 - 236 Street.

"In my opinion, 'no,' because it may be their first offense and they may straighten up. If their names were printed, it may hurt them later on when they have become good citizens."



Linda Mills, 2451 W. 236th Place.

"No, I feel that juveniles can be sufficiently punished by the courts without having to bring their names into the paper."



Frances Adams, 2228 W. 236th St.

"It all depends on the crime and if it is major or not. Too often teenagers are accused of crimes they didn't commit. It should be the judgment of the paper whether or not to print their names."



Jerry Reynolds, 22302 Redbeam.

"The news-use their judgment in the printing of names of juveniles involved in crimes. A check should be made to get all the facts before the editor decides whether or not to print the names."



Church of God Choirs to Sing

The combined choirs of the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., will present a choir recognition program in the church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. today.

Highlights of the year's renditions will be sung by individual and combined choirs. Quartet and solo numbers will also be featured under the direction of La Wanda White, assisted by Art Lamb.



HIT THOSE BOOKS, BOYS . . . That's what the female members of the Bigler family are telling the male members. Six Biglers, including three generations, attend classes in North High School and the three men will graduate from adult school this June. Shown are the Dale Biglers, Sr., grandmother and grandfather; the Dale Biglers, Jr., mother and father; and Sharon and Ronald Bigler, daughter and uncle. Mmes. Dale Bigler are attending night classes, but are not graduating. Sharon, the daughter of Dale Bigler, Jr., is attending day classes.