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A Penny for your Thoughts

In order to find out how some of Torrance's senior citizens feel about some of the newsworthy subjects which are currently circulating in the city, your pennies photographer made his way to the adult center and queried five senior citizens on the subject of selling downtown buildings.

Their answers to the question, "How do you feel about the city selling the downtown municipal buildings?" appear below with their pictures.

Mel Wagers, 24439 Winlock Dr., Torrance:
"If they can get the money out of them then it is alright. The city doesn't need the buildings with the civic center located out on Torrance Blvd., and they can certainly use the money they can get from selling the buildings."

H. M. Haynes, 1340 Engracia Avenue, Torrance:
"Well, I don't know about what future plans they have but if they replace them with more modern buildings the money will be well spent. I'd hate to see them sell the library, though."

Lee Tarpley, 1527 W. 223rd St., Torrance:
"I'd say sell them. What good are the buildings in the downtown area? After all, the civic center is no longer there and it should all be together. The city doesn't use or need these buildings, so they are no good just standing here."

Fanny Tarpley, 1537 West 823rd St., Torrance:
"Well, I don't think they ought to sell them. There are enough people in the city of Torrance to have some of the civic buildings in both places. I don't like it at all."

Mrs. Alcock, 1020 Arlington, Torrance:
"I don't think that is necessary. I understand that the buildings are all in good shape and still useful, so why do they want to tax the taxpayers more just to build new ones. I don't think the city should have sold them."

Change Announced
Payments for rubbish collection fees will no longer be received at the city's water department downtown. Finance officer Jerry Scharfman reported yesterday.

Individuals making payments in person are now asked to present them to the office of City Treasurer Harriett Leech in the City hall, he said.

Seventh Death Of '59 Logged

Torrance's traffic toll rose to seven for 1959 late Saturday when a late model sports car and a sedan collided in a spectacular crash on Pacific Coast Hwy. just west of Ocean Ave. in WALTERIA.

Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital after the 11 p.m. accident was Edward Allen McCullars, 26, of 401 Freeman, Inglewood, identified as the driver of the sports car.

Treated at Harbor General Hospital and later released to private physicians were Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Bonto of 985 Calle Miramar, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Rensseler of Santa Monica, all passengers in the sedan driven by Dr. Bonto.

Both vehicles were completely demolished, police investigators reported.

McCullars, who was a native of Alabama, will be buried in Anniston, Ala. He is survived by his father, John McCullars, of Oxnard. Stone and Myers Mortuary of Torrance handled arrangements here.

THE ORANGE COUNTY STOMP

COMPOSER JIM SHUPE
... Has the County Stomping

Local Composer Eyeing Bigtime

With such song successes as "The Lady From Twenty-Nine Palms" and "Mexicali Rose" as precedent, perhaps a song hit with the following rollicking chorus will make the hit parade in the near future:

"Hands were a-clappin'
And feet began to clomp,
They were a-playin'
The Orange County Stomp."

The above is a refrain in an original song composed and published by the versatile Jim Shupe—photo engraver, electric guitarist, and composer. Although he has written other songs and organized his own guitar club, this is the first arrangement he has published.

Shupe is the son of Mrs. John L. McFadden, of 18310 Prairie Ave., and lived in Torrance until five years ago, when he went to Orlando, Fla., where he became night foreman of the photo engraving department of the Star-Sentinel, a leading newspaper in that city.

The "Orange County Stomp" will come out in sheet music form the last of this month with an orange and green cover complete with pictures of oranges and a map of the county the song is written about.

Enterprising Shupe, now 25 years of age, will undertake the distribution himself and he hopes that his song "with lyrics that almost sing themselves" and fall into a novelty tune similar to "Tennessee Wig-Wag," will receive its kick-off in Orange County and then "All around the country."

You can hear
The Orange County Stomp
Both far and very near."

Any Benefits From Khrushy's Visit?



Test of School TV Voted by Trustees

Educational television will get a look from several Torrance schools next year, with the purchase of six 24-inch TV sets approved Tuesday night by the Board of Education.

North, South, and Torrance High Schools each will have one set while the other three will be used in elementary schools. Officials haven't yet decided which elementary schools will try out the new teaching medium.

"We have received mixed reports from other districts which have tried educational TV," Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner said. "We would like to evaluate the program to see whether it is suited to Torrance schools."

THE LOCAL classes will view programs broadcast over channel 13 by the Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City Audio-Visual Divisions. The programs appear for a half-hour each day. Other specialized programs may appear at other times.

Subjects scheduled to appear on TV this fall include elementary Spanish, language arts, science, health, social studies, and math.

SOME OF the questions to which Torrance officials will seek answers include:

1. How well do children learn from watching educational TV? Do the programs help all children or only a small group?
2. How well does educational TV tie in with the rest of the school program?
3. Is one TV set enough for a classroom? Can all the children see one set? Is the set easily portable? How big a group can profit from watching TV?
4. Since programs come on at only one time, what effect will this have on the rest of the school day? Will the school schedule be determined by the TV set? What about high school classes which meet at other times than those at which programs are broadcast?
5. How expensive are the sets to maintain and repair?

Council Nixes City Backing

Mayor Albert Isen's invitation to Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev to visit Torrance while touring the United States next month touched off a bitter row here his week as members of his own city council and others throughout the community lashed out at his action.

Willys Blount opened the attack during Tuesday evening's council meeting by challenging the mayor's right to issue an invitation to the head of a foreign state without approval of the council.

"I DON'T want Mr. Khrushchev in the city," Blount snapped. He read letters from John B. Danis and David Calderwood addressed to members of the council flaying the mayor's action.

George Bradford picked up the battle and said: "I do not believe in inviting a man of this type who represents a cancerous growth..."

"I THINK it would have been better to invite Mickey Mantle," he added.

Bob Jahn, who has been active in the city-to-city cultural exchange between Torrance and Konya, Turkey, expressed a fear that the mayor's unilateral action might jeopardize the program.

"The Turks are mortal enemies of the Russians," Jahn explained.

His motion to strip the mayor's action of any official city support was adopted.

ALSO appearing before the council to protest the action was Mrs. Clyde Haslet of 4915 Milne Drive, who was armed with books, pamphlets, Congressional hearing minutes and other material.

Mrs. Haslet challenged Russia's peace aims.

"Certainly they want peace," she said. "They'll take a peaceful gun, insert a peaceful bullet, peacefully shoot you, and put you in a peaceful grave."

SHE REFERRED frequently to Khrushchev as the "Butcher of Budapest," a term also used by members of the council.

Isen soberly defended his actions, saying it was the President who invited the Russian leader to visit the United States.

"I JUST want you to know that I hate communism and Mr. Khrushchev," he said.

Before getting into the invitation squabble, the council had agreed to the purchase of a radar unit to assist traffic enforcement in the city, sent to the library commission a proposal to study plans for a county library building on the civic center, and authorized Bus Superintendent Marshal Chamberlain to increase bus service into Los Angeles if the MTA strike is called.

