

Council Seeks Quick Settlement of YWCA Dispute

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CITY VOTES TUESDAY ON NEW TAX

A Penny for your Thoughts

This being National PTA Week the following question was asked for this column: "Acknowledging the tremendous liaison job the Parent-Teacher Association has done since its organization do you think there is anything that could be added to the program to make conditions for their objective — the school child — better?"

Dominick Pulone, 3501 W. 59th St., eighth grade teacher: "I think the PTA is doing a fine job. It has provided food and clothes for needy families along with their many other activities. They maintain a close contact with teachers' and students' progress."

S. G. Roberts, 1225 Hickory, school principal: "The PTA is the right arm of our school. The child in need of lunches, shoes, or other things, is helped immediately by this group. The introduction of parents to the school is one of their projects. I know of nothing that could be added to their program."

Mrs. Jean Stinson, 1801 W. First St., San Pedro, housewife: "The PTA has done a wonderful job bringing teachers and parents together. They do many good deeds helping needy families and I think their activities need no changing from the present."

J. C. Paulson, Manhattan Beach, credit manager: "I think the PTA has done a wonderful job, by and large, but I also think they lose sight of their real objective—at least the parents seem to. I believe they should hold down personal promotion and feature the children."

Mrs. M. M. Hammond, 775 Portola Ave., housewife: "I believe the PTA has been very successful in bringing the school and the home closer together. This is beneficial not only to the parents, but to the school as well."

Local Antiques Win Fair Ribbon

Judging of entries in the antique display at Los Angeles County Fair, whose 1960 season ended Oct. 2, revealed among blue-ribbon winners: Isabelle R. Slater, 5005 Mac... Rd., cup plate, decanter, set, early American chair, belt clock, bellows, and trousseau lingerie.

Businessman, Planner Asks Limit on Tax

Opposition to the proposed school tax override on which Torrance voters will ballot next Tuesday was raised here yesterday by a prominent Torrance businessman and president of the city's planning commission.

Charging that the voters are being asked to approve a tax increase for which there is no ending date is Bert M. Lynn, of 1208 Greenwood Ave., who has challenged the school's fiscal policies recently.

"Why is there no time limit on the tax override proposed on Oct. 11 by the Torrance Unified School District's administration?" he asked in a statement given to the HERALD yesterday.

ANSWERING his own question, Lynn states "they will always spend all the money at their disposal."

If approved, the tax override

Dr. Bishop Dies, Here For 35 Years

Dr. Richard F. Bishop, 54, a practicing dentist in Torrance for the past 35 years, died suddenly Tuesday. A native of Colorado, he resided at 1433 El Prado with his wife, Edna, at the time of his death.

He was a former president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, and for many years was active in community affairs.

Requiem Mass will be sung at the Nativity Catholic Church Saturday morning at 9. Rosary will be recited Friday evening at 8 at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel.

Dr. Bishop is survived by his widow, a daughter, Ann-Marie Collingsworth; three grandchildren, Richard Earl, Gary Glen, and Donna Marie, all of Torrance; two sisters, Anita and Catherine, both of Los Angeles; and two brothers, Emmett of Norwalk and Walter of San Jose.



MAYORS AT WORK... Mayor Albert Isen (seated) hands phone call from "irate citizen" to Michael Mott, Bishop Montgomery High School senior, who will fill the city's top elective post next Tuesday during the annual youth in government program. Mott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mott, 2845 Onrado. (Herald Photo)



CAR DEMOLISHED... A 22-year-old Redondo Beach fireman and his passenger, a 28-year-old fireman, were injured and their auto demolished early Tuesday on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Vista Del Park when the car, traveling at high speed, careened out of control and into a concrete light standard, and then into an advertising sign. Charged with drunk driving was Ronald O. Saunders, identified as driver of the car. His passenger, Eugene E. Meyer, received serious injuries. (Herald Photo)

Settlement Sought

Council Probes Tiff Over YWCA Building

Promises that the dispute over use of the local YWCA building will be straightened out soon were issued here yesterday by a spokesman for the Harbor Area YWCA following an impromptu hearing before the Torrance city council on the matter Tuesday night.

Atty. Kenneth Garcelon, retained by the Harbor group to clear up the matter, told the HERALD yesterday that his clients have only one wish: "Reach a quick understanding with the Torrance group, and get the lease now held by the Harbor group reassigned to responsible parties."

A SUGGESTION offered by Garcelon and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier that a trusteeship be established until the local YWCA organization can assume the responsibility went by the council without action.

"If the Harbor YWCA is willing to surrender the lease, let the city take over the responsibility for the building, and we'll try to wade through all of the red tape later," Councilman Willys Blount suggested.

THE CITY indicated that it would follow such an arrangement if terms could be worked out by the attorneys.

The city's action followed presentations made by representatives of the provisional committee for the Torrance YWCA, including charges that the local group has been locked out of the Torrance YWCA buildings at Carson St. and Plaza Del Amo.

ATTORNEY Garcelon refuted the charges yesterday, saying that no Torrance group was in any way restricted on use of the building.

"All the Harbor YWCA asks," he told the HERALD, "is that the organization seeking use of the building notify the Harbor group in advance so a staff member can be assigned to the affair."

As long as the Harbor group has the lease and responsibility for the building and its activities, it does not feel that it can turn the keys over to others over whom it has no control, Garcelon stated.

HE ALSO refuted claims made before the council and

Students to Fill City Posts Tuesday

Students from Torrance's four high schools will take part in the fourth annual Junior Citizens' Day Activities next Tuesday with Michael Mott of Bishop Montgomery High School named as mayor.

Students from North, South, Torrance, and Bishop Montgomery High Schools will take over all city offices for a day. The Catholic high school is participating for the first time this year.

All students will be transported to the City Hall next Tuesday afternoon to meet with their "counterparts" and to receive briefing. Then they will "take over" the various offices.

At 6 p.m. all will gather for a banquet at South High School. Speaker of the evening will be Councilman Harold Henry of Los Angeles.

At 7:15, all student City Council members and their counterparts will conduct a regular meeting in the Council chambers in City Hall.

Dispute at Sump Site Ends Work

A one-day dispute over whether flagmen or off-duty police officers should be used to direct traffic at the site of the new Walteria sump was settled yesterday when the flagmen went back to work on the job.

Two pickets were placed on the job Tuesday, shutting down the operation, after member of Laborers Union Local 802 were replaced by Torrance police officers in uniform.

The dispute was settled, however, and the flagmen went back to work yesterday.

School Execs Cite Reasons For Override

Thirty-one polling places will be open next Tuesday, Oct. 11 as Torrance voters decide whether to authorize an override tax for operating expenses of the Torrance Unified School District.

Citing tremendous population increases and inflation as reasons, the Torrance Board of Education has put a proposition on the ballot to raise the tax ceiling for operating expenses — salaries, books, equipment, and auxiliary expenses. The 50-cent raise would become effective in 1961-62.

All elementary schools in Torrance and El Retiro Park will serve as polling places, with voting hours 7 to 7. Polling places are, in most cases, the elementary school that area children attend, but there are a few exceptions. Persons in doubt may call the Torrance School's Department of Special Services, FA 8-8080 for information.

A COMMITTEE of 100 citizens has actively backed the proposal, sending out literature. PTA workers from the various schools will carry on an active campaign, urging all citizens to vote. Mrs. William Poser is heading the PTA effort.

Cited as reasons for calling the election were these: 1. Increasing enrollment, caused in part by an abnormally high birth rate (about one-third higher than average). Over the district's 13-year history, enrollment jumped from 2000 to 27,000.

2. Increasing costs, with everything from salaries to erasers being caught up in the inflationary spiral.

3. Continued building, with the large number of children brought in by the new homes. Some 1800 new homes have just been or soon will be completed in Torrance.

4. An ever-increasing proportion of high school students, who educations cost more than \$100 apiece per year more do those of elementary students.

5. A DECLINE in state aid, based on a formula which reduced the percentage as the total amount of district revenue grows. In five years, state support has declined from 56 to 42 per cent.

6. "Space Age" teaching aids. More costly are such modern teaching aids as science equipment, foreign language laboratories, limited TV use, and others.

The proposal has won the backing of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance Council PTA, and other civic groups.

THIS WILL be the second override called in the past 13 years, although the voters have six times gone to the polls to approve additional bond funds for building new facilities. The override proposal would go only for actual operating expenses.

The increase would raise the average homeowner's taxes about a nickel a day or \$20 a year, school officials report.

Bandit in Holdup Try Scared Off

A 63-year-old service station attendant who simulated a gun by using a gas pump handle drove off a would-be bandit at Carson St. and Western Ave. early yesterday.

Charles Sutton, of 25625 Narbonne Ave., told police that a man entered his station about 5 a.m. yesterday and threatened him with a large knife. Sutton took the removable handle from a gas pump, shoved it into his pocket, and the bandit fled, he said.



PEACEFUL PICKETS... Pickets who never really got on the picket line pose for the HERALD's photographer during Tuesday night's city council meeting at which the Torrance YWCA problems were aired. The pickets, members of the Delta Y Teens, (reading up the stairway) included Phyllis Yancy, Sharon Clark, Sheila Greason, Pat Piercy, Laura Gregg, and Chalene Alarcon. (Herald Photo)