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BOARD GETS RECORD BUDGET

**A Penny
for
your
Thoughts**

"What is the wisest thing you have ever spent money on?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Richard Corrales, Harbor City:
"A house. I think a house is the most sensible investment anybody can make, especially for a couple who have children."

Mrs. Don McCullough, 25800 Matfield:
"A home. The home is the basis for all the living you do. I feel that if you put your money into a home then you will be happy."

Pat Lynch, 1604 Juniper:
"I'd say my '63 motorcycle because it's dependable and economical. I can drive all week on \$1 worth of gas. It's just great for going back to college and work."

Mrs. Gordon Wade, 815 Kornblom:
"I guess food. We can be thankful we have the money to spend on food. In some countries they don't have enough food. We have been very fortunate and have never been without."

Stanley C. Raymond, Wilmington:
"I would say probably my home would be the wisest thing I've spent money on. I feel everybody should have a home and family. These are important to all of us."

'Y' Board to Study Sites

The Torrance YMCA will hold a board meeting at 7 a.m. Saturday to determine the site of a new building. Dr. Allen Pyeatt will chair the board. Breakfast will be served.

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Workers Rip Up Sidewalks For Widening

Trucks, tractors and other equipment have moved into downtown Torrance in the beginning of a \$108,000 project to modernize the area. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 60 working days, about mid-summer. Sidewalks are being narrowed and work this week consists of breaking up the sidewalks, hauling the broken chunks away and preparing for fill dirt.

INVOLVED are Post and El Prado avenues from Sartori to Cravens. Engracia from Torrance Boulevard to Arlington. Marcelina from Sartori to Arlington. Gramercy from Cabrillo to Carson. Existing sidewalks are being reduced from 15 to 9 feet in width along Post, El Prado, Marcelina and Sartori avenues and parkways are being reduced from 12 feet to 10 feet in width along Engracia and Gramercy avenues.

SIX-FOOT wide center-island medians will be constructed in El Prado, Post, Marcelina, and Sartori avenues. The islands down the center of the streets will provide additional parallel parking stalls, street light poles, and 40 trees. Trees which have been growing in the present sidewalks will be moved to the center islands.

Existing street lights will be moved from the curbs to the center islands and additional poles and lighting installed. Each pole will support two 400-watt mercury vapor luminaires, doubling the present street lighting intensity in the central business district.

IN ADDITION, spot lights will silhouette the relocated trees. While the construction is going on, merchants will install a high fidelity sound system to provide background music and commercial announcements for shoppers.

As work got underway, Abe Robinson, president of the Downtown Merchants Assn., issued a warning. "Beautification efforts must not stop with street improvements and additional parking lots. New stores must be built and old ones remodeled," he said. Such remodeling should include both

Memorial to Slain Police Set Tuesday

Memorial service in recognition of law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in front of the Torrance city hall.

The service is part of National Police Week being observed Sunday through Saturday of next week. The observance will be climaxed locally with open house at the Torrance Police Department, 3131 Torrance Blvd., Saturday, May 18, from noon to 4 p.m. During the open house the public will have the opportunity to tour the police department and its various facilities. Off duty police personnel will serve as hosts and answer questions.



TOP TEAM . . . Torrance Police Chief Percy Bennett pins medals on members of the department's prize winning pistol team which won a first place team trophy at the Southern Californian Practical Police Course last weekend in Redondo Beach. Receiving their medals are: left to right, Nel Cobbs, Donald Henry, David E. Williams and Jim Daniel. (Herald Photo)

About Cuban Situation

Herald Columnist Says We're Not Given Truth

There is nothing you can do now to stop Castro and Khrushchev in Cuba," members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club were told by a journalist of the international scene this week.

"Instead, we must train boys and girls now growing up in the United States on the ways of truth and decency," correspondent John Morley, whose nationally syndicated "After Hours" column appears in the HERALD each Thursday. Speaking on his experiences

during a 32-year career of covering the hot spots of the world. Morley did offer a glimmer of hope for some early changes in the Cuban situation:

IN THE FIRST place, six million Cubans did not know Castro was a Red until he made the public announcement after he came to power, and that if Russia ever pulled its troops and military support out of the island country, Castro would fall at the hands of his own people.

A second hope arises from the obvious success of the United States foreign policy in Latin America which achieved a high point recently with the move by the Organization of American States to oust Castro's government from that confederation.

Morley boasts a nonpartisan approach to the reporting of world news, saying he doesn't care for political labels or party affiliations.

DURING HIS 32 years of covering world news centers, Morley has been jailed, beaten, and subjected to numerous insults and harassments.

Our troubles in Cuba don't stem from this Administration, the correspondent said. "We haven't been told the truth about Cuba since 1958," he charged. "We have made some drastic mistakes in addition to the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and both political parties have been holding out on you."



RELATES EXPERIENCE . . . John Morley (left) roving journalist whose syndicated column appears weekly in The HERALD, chats with President Don Hitchcock of the Torrance Kiwanis Club which he addressed here Monday evening. Morley told the large gathering that much of the truth of the Cuban situation has been withheld from the American people since 1958. (Herald Photo)

\$15 Million School Cost Under Study

A serious look at a proposed \$15.4 million operating budget for the 1963-64 school year was promised by members of the Board of Education Monday night as the preliminary estimates for the coming year were presented by administrators. The total represented a record figure for the district, but the increases were called for to keep pace with the ever growing school population — estimated to increase by 2,000 students this year.

THIS BUDGET will mark the end of the three-year 50-cent override tax which has been used to supplement income above the legal taxing limits of the district. Funds impounded during the first year of the tax override will be needed this year to finance the operations of city schools, trustees were told.

Reorganization of the Board of Trustees followed the seating of two members elected last April 16. Mrs. Kenneth Watts, who succeeded William Boswell on the board, took her seat as did Dr. Kurt Shery, who was returned in the election.

BERT M. LYNN, former president of the city's Planning Commission, was elected president of the group to succeed Albert Charles. Dr. Shery was named vice president.

Opposition to the so-called Robin Hood tax plan whereby income would be distributed to poorer school districts from the richer ones was voted by the trustees.

"IT WOULD be fine now," President Lynn told the HERALD after the meeting. "Torrance is a poor district in terms of assessed valuation per pupil, but we may not always be so. It would be hard to come back later when we started paying out to other districts and say we don't like the plan."

Trustees also discussed expansion of vocational arts programs in the city's school, including auto shop and graphic arts instructions on a trial basis. Authorization to advertise for bids to the Torrance and South high schools, Hickory Elementary School and the new Joseph Arnold site was voted.

HEADS BOARD . . . Bert M. Lynn, elected to the Board of Education two years ago as head of a reform ticket which swept three new members into office, was named president of the group at its annual reorganization meeting Monday evening. Dr. Kurt Shery, elected to a full term on the Board at the April 16 election was named vice president. Lynn succeeds Albert M. Charles.

STEVEN MANGIAGLI . . . Carrier of Month

HERALD CARRIER BOY FOR APRIL ANNOUNCED

Close attention to his route has made many friends for Steven Mangiagli, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mangiagli of 17299 Atkins Ave., The HERALD's carrier boy of the month.

Steven has been delivering the HERALD in north Torrance since last July. The youth is in the sixth grade at Casimer School and a pitcher for the Dodgers in the North Torrance Little League. His father serves as league president.

Making of model cars is Steven's hobby. He has made about 20 plastic and wood vehicles. Last year he took part in the school district's science fair and won first place in the fifth and sixth grade category for an exhibit of an oil derrick which had an explanation on how the oil is obtained and its various byproducts. This summer Steven is looking forward to a trip to Mesa, Ariz., where the family will visit relatives and do some fishing. Steven has never brought home any grade lower than a B since he has been going to



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