

Teachers Renew Demands for Pay Boosts

Additional cuts in the 1965-66 Torrance school budget totaling \$146,000 were recommended to the Board of Education Monday evening, bringing to \$754,771 the total cuts recommended since the \$18,450,000 document was first handed to trustees.

The recommendations for cuts were made as three employe groups appeared before the board to ask for salary hikes which could cost up to

\$700,000 during the next fiscal year.

Trustees heard Dr. Dale Coogan, principal of Hickory School and a representative of the Torrance Elementary School Principals' Association (TESPA), reiterate demands for a 12-month contract for principals. TESPAs also wants an 11-month contract for vice principals and a salary increase of \$40 per month for an earned doctor's degree. Elementary school prin-

cipals presently are on an 11-month contract approved last year. Vice principals have a 10-month contract.

Garth Belknap, representing the Torrance Education Association (TEA) salary committee, renewed TEA's proposal to take the present minimum salary — \$5,492 — and double it to set a maximum salary of \$10,986 per year. TEA then wants a 4½ per cent across-the-board hike. Belknap said recent in-

creases by the Los Angeles City Schools and the Palos Verdes Unified School District "indicate we were a bit conservative."

Teachers also want the requirement for a master's degree modified. Teachers currently cannot earn more than \$8,933 without a master's degree. TEA is proposing that the figure be set at \$9,500—plus any increase voted this year.

California School Employees

Association (CSEA), which represents the classified employes in the district, asked for a 5 per cent across-the-board hike. Mrs. Toby Montagne, representing CSEA, also asked that an employe health insurance plan be provided and that four weeks vacation be granted after 15 years. Employees now get four weeks after 20 years.

Dr. Coogan, commenting on the 12-month contract, said Torrance principals need

the extra time "to do the job." He described the elementary principalship in Torrance as "unique" and added that special programs and increasing responsibility made it difficult for principals to do their best work.

He estimated the new contract would cost the district about \$50,000 a year.

Trustees listened to all employe groups and received the budget recommendations without taking any action.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, board president, said trustees would consider all salary requests when they take another look at the budget June 21.

S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, said it would cost the district about \$700,000 if the salary requests were approved — an amount which nearly equals recommended cuts in the 1965-66 preliminary budget.

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SAFETY WINNERS . . . First place winners in the Torrance Safety Council's poster contest were honored by the City Council last night. Mrs. Eva Bisou (second from right), chairman of the safety council, presents a \$25 savings bond to Brent Scrivner, an eighth grade student at Carr School. Marc Ellen Pond (left) and Joe Hornbeck get a look at the flashing lights which Scrivner used on his poster. Both won \$25 bonds for their posters. (Press-Herald Photo)

JEFFERSON DECISION DELAYED

Board Juggles Area of Five Elementary Schools

Boundary changes involving five elementary schools were approved by the Board of Education Monday evening. A decision involving two other schools was postponed pending an investigation of acquiring portable classrooms for use at one of the schools.

Trustees heard parents residing along Cathan Street in the Jefferson School area protest the recommended change which would send their children to Sepulveda School. Parents called the decision to move the 51 students "arbitrary" and many said they would prefer double sessions to a change in schools.

The board delayed a decision on the boundary

change while it determines if a two-classroom portable unit may be leased or purchased.

DR. LOUIS KAPLAN, assistant superintendent of schools for special services, told the board his recommendation was not arbitrary. Dr. Kaplan also said the only alternative to the boundary change would be to provide additional space at Jefferson School.

"The loyalty to Jefferson School is commendable," Dr. Kaplan said. "But we do have space problems."

The suggestion to investigate a lease-purchase option for portable classrooms was made by trustee Bert M. Lynn. He asked S. E. Wald-

rip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, to report to the board June 21.

THE BOARD did juggle boundaries of the Victor School, where an eight-classroom addition has just been completed. Dr. Kaplan said projected enrollment figures indicate the school will still be overloaded if the natural boundary is kept intact.

Dr. Kaplan recommended that students in the area east of Anza Avenue and north of Spencer Street be sent to Flavian School. Students in the area south of Emerald Street and east of Anza Avenue will attend Anza School. Both boundary changes were made last year.

In addition, students living on Mansel Avenue north of Emerald Street will walk to the Anza School.

CHANGES involving Torrance Elementary and Fern-Greenwood schools also were approved. Under the boundary waiver, students living north of Torrance Boulevard will attend Fern-Greenwood School next year. Students on Del Amo Boulevard are not affected by the change, Dr. Kaplan said.

All changes were made to avoid double sessions at any of the city's schools. Trustees have indicated they will continue to juggle boundaries to prevent double sessions until sufficient monies are available to construct new classrooms.

No Site Funds

The Assembly-approved budget does not contain supplementary funds for acquisition of a Palos Verdes State College campus. It has been estimated that \$5 to \$10 million in new funds would be needed.

City May Hike Water Rates to Home Users

Battle About Record Source Still Raging

Purchase of children's recordings made by the Young People's Record Co. was suspended by the Torrance Board of Education Monday evening, but trustees—by a 3-2 vote—delayed a decision on whether they will remove records already purchased from the classroom.

The action followed more than 90 minutes of intense debate, punctuated frequently by emotional outbursts and heavy pounding of the gavel for order, during a marathon five-hour board meeting.

Suspension of purchases from the firm and a subsidiary, the Children's Record Guild, represented a partial victory for parents who charged the two companies are listed as subversive front organizations. Dr. Kurt Shery made the motion to suspend purchases until such time as other evidence is available. It carried unanimously.

THE TORRANCE district has not purchased recordings from the two firms in recent years, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. Dr. Hull said the district had "found better things."

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, president of the board, opened the debate with a statement that she had requested a list of present directors of Young People's Records Co. from Dunn and Bradstreet. She said the board did not have "the exact information needed to make a permanent decision."

Jay Kude then charged the board has "promised" action

"last week or this week." He said the board was using the "usual techniques—stalling—to get your way."

LAST WEEK'S meeting was a special session called to review the 1965-66 budget. Only the budget was discussed during the work session.

Young People's Record Co. was cited in the 1948 and 1949 reports of the California State Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities. The cumulative index of the 1961 report of the State Senate committee lists the firm, referring readers to the 1948 and 1949 reports.

In a report to the trustees, Dr. Hull said the firm has not been listed "directly or indirectly, in the latest 1961 edition" of the Guide to Subversive Activities and Publications of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He also said the latest listing of the company was in the 1951 edition of the "Guide."

The firm was sold in 1951 and is now operated by Traffic Publishing Co., managed by Herman Singerman.

THE CONTROVERSY was first brought before the board when Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lee Jr. asked that the records be removed from the classroom. The Lees objected to having their child hear the recordings.

A leaflet handed out by the Parents Concerned About Communist Records, 1308 Crenshaw Blvd., at the May (Continued on Page A-3)



HENRY C. LITZINGER Last Rites Set

Rites for City Aide Tomorrow

Requiem mass for city license supervisor Henry C. Litzinger, 55, is scheduled for 8 a.m. tomorrow at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Gardena. Rosary will be recited at 7 o'clock this evening in the McMillan Mortuary Chapel, Gardena.

Mr. Litzinger was stricken by a heart attack during the noon hour Monday. He died a short time later in a local hospital.

He leaves his wife, Martha, two daughters, Florence Foggo and Martha Thoenner, both of Gardena, and five grandchildren, Scott, Linda, and Sharla Thoenner, and Jerilyn and Drew Foggo.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Mr. Litzinger came to California in 1950 from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was general foreman of the Corliss Creamery in Pittsburgh and later served as assistant road operations manager for the Pittsburgh Railway, where he won numerous citations for his work.

After moving to California, he worked as supervisor for the Los Angeles Transit lines, then came to Torrance as a bus operator in 1952. In 1956, he joined the city's license department and was named license supervisor in July, 1964, succeeding Gale Whitacre.

He was educated at St. Vincent College, LaTrobe, Pa., and attended Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Mr. Litzinger was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Peace Officers Association, and served as a head usher at St. Catherine Labourer Church for many years. He made his home at 3618 Garnet St.

Council Gets Rate Proposal In New Budget

A proposal to hike Torrance Municipal Water rates by an average of 65 cents per month for residential customers will get close scrutiny from the City Council while an \$11.9 million city budget is studied during the next few weeks.

The proposed increase in water rates, which has been approved by the city's Water Commission, was recommended because of increased costs for water from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). It is one of several measures which City Manager Edward J. Ferraro has recommended to balance his budget without raising the municipal tax rate of \$1,238 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Ferraro handed the detailed city budget to councilmen last night. Public hearings are scheduled for June 22 and 29. The budget calls for expenditures of \$11,942,547, including \$725,319 for major projects under a six-year capital improvements budget.

THE CITY manager said the 1965-66 fiscal year would be the fifth consecutive year in which the city has not raised the property tax rate, but told councilmen that there are "a few gems" in the budget.

Mayor Albert Isen called the proposed hike in the wa-

ter rates "exactly the same as a raise in taxes" and asked for detailed information. "If the Municipal Water company is in the black, I'm not in favor of raising the rates," he said.

The new rate schedule, if approved by the council, would increase the basic rate for the first 600 cubic feet from 26 to 30 cents per 100 cubic feet. All other blocks would be hiked 3 cents each. The water department proposal was tabled on motion of H. Ted Olson for study with the budget.

OTHER MEASURES which Ferraro recommended to balance his budget include increased aircraft parking fees at the Torrance Municipal Airport, a 50 per cent hike in fees for electrical permits, and a 100 per cent increase in vending machine license fees.

Ferraro also dipped into the city's reserve for \$686,483 to balance the budget. Some \$260,000 will be left in the reserve, he said.

In addition, some tax rates will be juggled. An increase of nearly 3 cents is proposed for the library tax, while a 1.3-cent hike in the retirement fund rate is anticipated. The general city rate will be decreased by the same amount to keep the present (Continued on Page A-3)

KENNETH GRAY WINS CARRIER CITATION



KENNETH GRAY Contest Winner

Kenneth Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gray of 17026 Casimir Ave., has been named first place winner in a Press-Herald subscription sales contest conducted during the month of May.

Kenneth, who started out the contest in May by doubling his customer list, received a gas-powered model airplane as his first place award.

"Kenneth combines a welcoming personality with a friendly smile when he is talking to people," Press-Herald Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott said when he made the announcement.

Kenneth is a budding coin collector and boasts a collection now valued at several hundred dollars. He is a member of the Torcoin Club of Torrance. He also plays trumpet and is a member of the Gardena Valley Concert Band.

'The Whole Tooth, and Nothing But the Tooth'

Third grade students from two elementary schools entertained Torrance dentists with a program on dental health at the 13th annual dinner meeting of the Torrance Dental Health Association.

Attending the event at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church were 77 persons, including the association's past presidents, patrons, dental health chairmen from district PTA units, and school nurses.

Students in Mrs. Eva Thomas' class at Edison School presented a spoof entitled "The Whole Tooth and Nothing But the Tooth" and students of Mrs. Angeline Comorre performed a musical skit on the care of the teeth.

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Mildred McBee, teacher at Hillside School for service to the organization's program during the past 13 years. The title of Life Honorary Executive Secretary was conferred on her by Richard A. Sullivan, M.D., president.

Fire Damages Bar ---

Flames which may have started with a cigarette on the carpeting did heavy damage to the cocktail lounge and dining room at the Mariner Motor Hotel, 2450 Pacific Coast Hwy., early yesterday. A clerk discovered the fire shortly before 3 a.m. Torrance firemen under the direction of acting Battalion Chief Sam Dial responded to the call. Damage estimates ranged \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Murder Suspects Held ---

Two men, one a former employe, have been booked for the slaying of filling station owner Napoleon J. Gadaire, 27, whose bound and beaten body was found at his home at 2134 Orick Ave. Monday morning. Elbert Paul Gilhousen, 23, of 1311 I St., Wilmington; and Buddy Arthur Boggs, 26, of 1291 Anaheim St., Harbor City, allegedly beat Gadaire and then robbed his service station at 20802 S. Vermont Ave. of \$2,900.

City Hires Appraiser ---

Charles P. Morgan and Associates was awarded a contract to conduct the first acquisition appraisal of the Meadow Park Urban Renewal Project after a 30-minute personnel session of the Redevelopment Agency last night. Councilmen, meeting as the agency directors, split 4-3 on the vote. Cost for the appraisal, required by the federal government before property in the area can be purchased, will be \$14,750.