



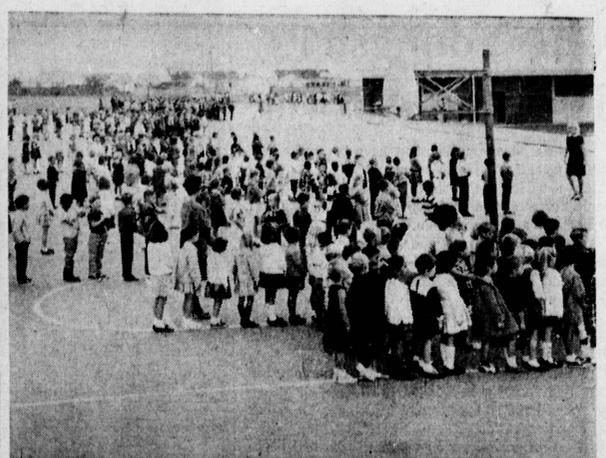
MEET AUBREY . . . This is Aubrey Adams, a third-grade student at Jefferson School. Aubrey goes to school in the afternoons.



HIS DESK . . . Aubrey uses this desk in room 5 at Jefferson School each afternoon. "In the morning, somebody else uses my desk," he says, "because there isn't enough room for everybody to have his own desk."



HER DESK, TOO . . . Janice Green also is a third-grade student at Jefferson School. "She sits in my chair and uses my desk in the morning," Aubrey explains. "I guess you'd say in the morning it's Janice's desk," he adds.



THERE ARE 837 MORE . . . Janice and Aubrey are not the only youngsters in Torrance who go to school only for a half-day. "There are 837 other boys and girls just like us," Aubrey says. "There are enough of us to fill a school. We are hoping the grownups approve school bonds Nov. 8 so that there will be room for us in our own classroom next year."

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TUNE CAR . . . Janet Limbird (left) and Mary Herman work on a car in order to be ready for the Torrance Safety-Economy Run scheduled Saturday, Oct. 29. About 80 students from five Torrance high schools will compete in the 100-mile event which is sponsored by the Torrance Safety Council, the Mobil Oil Co., Torrance Police Department, the Torrance Elks Club and the Automobile Club of Southern California. A third girl, Sharon Dennis, also has entered the event.

Youths Ready for Local Safety Run

Eighty Torrance youngsters including three girls—are spending their spare time in their family garages this month getting their cars in safe driving condition. The safety-conscious drivers are would-be participants in the Torrance Safety Economy Run to be conducted under sponsorship of the Torrance Safety Council Saturday, Oct. 29. Included in their ranks are 21 South High students, 20 North High students, 15 Torrance High students, 14 West High students, and 10 Bishop Montgomery High School students.

Torrance Moose Leader Honored by Supervisors

Los Angeles County Supervisors adjourned their meeting yesterday in memory of James Albert Evans, prominent Torrance Moose Lodge leader, at the request of Board Chairman Burton W. Chace. Mr. Evans died last week at his home at 2026 Andrew Ave. "Mr. Evans, winner of the highest honor the Order of the Moose can bestow on a member, was a pillar in that organization," Chace

Third District Joins Area Vocational Plan

Vandalism Cost Put At \$4,000

Property damage and thefts of school equipment which cost the Torrance schools nearly \$4,000 during the summer vacation period was reported Monday to the Board of Education. Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent of schools for business, told trustees the district experiences "a seige of vandalism" during July, August, and September. Vandals entered 20 schools and the Children's Center during the three-month period and took items valued at nearly \$2,800. In addition, damages which cost \$1,149 to repair were reported.

Stolen items ranged from stop watches and cash to expensive business office machines, record players, tape recorders, fire extinguishers, and six juniper plants. One tape recorder was recovered, Mattox said. In addition, the district recovered \$67.12 in connection with vandalism activities, Mattox reported. Vandals broke 92 windows, uprooted two trees, discharged several fire extinguishers, scattered paints on floors, desks, and blackboards, splattered several walls with paint and India ink, and damaged numerous other items.

Proposition 4 May Hold Key to School Proposal

The Nov. 8 bond issue is the Torrance school board's attempt to avoid higher taxes for Torrance Taxpayers. Outcome of a constitutional amendment on the same ballot may also affect the bonds, according to Dr. Kurt Shery, school board member. "Even if 60 per cent of the Torrance voters approve building schools as a means of low tax rate," he said, "the bond measure could be defeated and taxes could go up in order to build schools unless voters throughout California approve Proposition 4."

Leaflets Available on State, Local Measures

Leaflets explaining the background and giving pro and con arguments on all propositions appearing on the Nov. 8 ballot may now be obtained from any Torrance library, according to Mrs. James Van Oppen, voter service chairman of the Torrance League of Women Voters. The materials include Propositions U, V, and Z on the local ballot, four county measures, and the 17 state ballot propositions, Mrs. Van Oppen said. Replies to questionnaires sent by the League to all candidates for statewide offices, the State Senate, Assembly, and the U. S. House of Representatives also are available to the public at the libraries.

Peninsula Board in Approval

A joint powers agreement which will create a regional Occupational Skills Center in Torrance was approved Monday evening by the Palos Verdes Unified School District. The Peninsula board, which approved the agreement by unanimous vote, is the third Board of Education to approve the document. It previously has been approved by the South Bay Union High School District and the Torrance Unified School District. Purpose of the center, which will be built on land owned by the Torrance Unified School District, is offer job training to high school juniors and seniors who do not plan to continue their education beyond high school. TENTATIVE plans call for the center, the first such (See CENTER, Page A-3)

Swindle Charge Dismissed . . .

Charges against Dr. Lester Sacks of Torrance in a \$47,000 Pasadena swindling scheme were dismissed Monday by Superior Court Judge John G. Barnes in Los Angeles. The dismissal came on a motion by Deputy Dist. Atty. Michael Motagna who said the evidence against Dr. Sacks in the Pasadena incident was "insufficient to sustain a conviction." Dr. Sacks, whose address is listed at 5005 Pacific Coast Hwy., still faces trial with six other men on Nov. 21 in an alleged swindle of \$665,000 from a Long Beach bank.

Fishing Trip Ends Sadly . . .

When E. I. Dawirs returned to Cabrillo Beach Monday after a couple of hours of fishing nearby, he not only faced the prospect of walking home to Lomita but he had a boat he didn't know what to do with. Sometime between 1 and 3:30 Monday afternoon, someone took Dawirs' 1947 Jeep from the parking lot. The Jeep, fitted with a boat rack, has not been found. Dawirs, a retired Navy officer living at 2451 Palm View Drive, Lomita, got a friend and a trailer to get the boat home, but still wants his Jeep. He has offered a reward of \$50 for information leading to its recovery, he told the Press-Herald after the incident.

Lomita Post Office Started . . .

Groundbreaking ceremonies Tuesday marked the beginning of construction for a new 13,330-square-foot post office structure to serve the Lomita area. The new office at 25113 Narbonne Ave. will replace the present facilities at 2222 Lomita Blvd. when completed next spring. The structure is being developed by a private owner and will be leased for postal operations for a period of 30 years.

Battle Brews on Mayor-Go-Round

"I'd rather take my chances with a foolish public than with four polished politicians." That comment, made during the City Council discussion on the proposed change in method of selecting the city's mayor, sums up much of the opposition to the ballot proposal which has been voiced in recent days. Making the remark during council debate on the matter was Mrs. Florence Sommers of 1821 Flower St. Mrs. Sommers is not alone in her appraisal of the Mayor-Go-Round proposal. Some of the comments are of long standing. "This horse trading for the mayor's job can become a

ridiculous situation," a former civic leader and recreation commissioner said in 1957 while on the campaign trail which led to an overwhelming vote in favor of an elected mayor. At the same time a prominent Torrance attorney, who had studied the matter thoroughly, said "although the mayor has only one vote, still the influence on city matters is far greater than one vote would bear out. Therefore, because of the prestige of the office, I believe he should be elected by the people. (He) would then be directly responsible to the voters." A former mayor and city councilman views the matter in a similar light. "If the mayor is elected by the people, he will be responsible to the people," he said. "Under the present situation, a man could be kept in office if he has the approval of only three councilmen." Even with the increase of the City Council since to seven members, it has been pointed out, a councilman and three colleagues could control selection of the city's chief political officer. While four of the present City Council members voted to put the mayor issue on the ballot in November, at least one of them has some strong reservations about the move. Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. said during discussion of the issue last month that he hoped "the people will fight this down the line and retain the present system." At the same meeting Councilman Sciarrotta said the issue was one of the chairmanship of the City Council, not one of power. The League of Women Voters is opposing the change and will have the official ballot argument against the measure. Our members are aware that changing times and conditions in this city makes a charter review desirable. However, piecemeal revisions made to accommodate (See MAYOR, Page A-3)