

# Babe Ruth League May Lose Baseball Park

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# Board Candidate List Drops to 'About Ten'

## Trustees Keep Mum on Names

Torrance school board members narrowed to "about 10" the number of candidates being considered for appointment to the board during an executive session Monday.

Bert M. Lynn, president of the board, said an appointment probably will be made next Monday when the trustees convene. Lynn declined, however, to announce names of any candidates being considered.

Trustees must fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Kurt T. Shery by June 7. If they fail to agree on an appointment, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools must appoint someone to the board under state law.

Lynn said the board would interview each of the candidates being considered. An executive session probably will be held before any final action is taken Monday.

Some two dozen persons had submitted informal applications for the position, it was reported. The appointment will be for the remainder of a term which began last May 1.

## Plant Wins Sweepstakes

The Torrance plant of the Dow Chemical Co. Western Division, and the Lockheed California Co. have been announced as sweepstakes winners in the 18th annual Business and Industry Safety Contest sponsored by the greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council.

The Sweepstakes awards, voted to the two companies which achieved the best overall safety records, were presented at an awards banquet held at the Ambassador Hotel attended by more than 1,200 persons representing the business and industrial leadership of Southern California.

Eight hundred forty companies, with approximately one million employees, participated in the contest.

## Carson Area Road Project Ready to Go

Supervisor Burton W. Chace indicated today that work on a \$2,500 highway improvement in the Carson area will begin this week.

The project involves the east side of Water Street from Balard Street to 600 feet southerly thereof, Chace said after conferring with County Road Department officials.

The work, as planned, will consist of widening the pavement and constructing asphaltic-concrete curb and sidewalk. The project in the Carson area is part of a county-wide road maintenance program designed to keep our County roadway system in top operational system, and motorists are urged to use caution when driving through the construction zone, the Fourth District representative said.

## Sentencing Slated for Arizona Man

A 19-year-old Arizona man was convicted Monday of statutory rape in Superior Court.

William White, of Phoenix, Ariz., was ordered by Judge Bernard Lawler to appear June 30 for probation and sentencing on the charge.

White, who was arrested April 16 in Arizona and extradited to California, was accused of attacking a 13-year-old Torrance girl last Feb. 20.

## Budget Session Scheduled ---

A special meeting of the Lomita City Council has been scheduled for 7 p.m. today. City Administrator Stanley D. Greene will present his preliminary budget for the 1967-68 fiscal year. The session will be held at the Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Ave., Mayor Joe A. Haslam announced.

## City to Say 'Thanks' ---

A special luncheon to honor citizens who worked in behalf of the \$2.35 million municipal library bond issue approved April 18 by Torrance voters has been scheduled for Monday. Members of the City Council will be hosts for the luncheon, scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Indian Village Restaurant. Funds from the bond issue will be used for the purchase of books, for construction of a new central library and a new South Torrance branch, and for additions to other branch libraries in the city. The city will begin operation of its own library system July 1, 1968.

## Scout-O-Rama on Saturday ---

More than 60,000 tickets have been sold for the 1967 Scout-O-Rama to be held at El Camino College and at East Los Angeles College on Saturday. The mammoth scouting displays will be open to the public from noon until 9 p.m. at the two locations. In addition to booths demonstrating Scouting skills and games, there will be a midway, challenge area, aqua pool, pioneering area, Indian village, and little theater.

## New Course Booms With Golfers

During its first full month of operation, 8,144 golfers played the County's Victoria Park Golf Course at 192nd Street and Avalon.

"There's no doubt about it," said Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, "this course is proving one of the most popular in California."

The challenging Victoria course was built under Hahn's leadership on 177 acres of formerly idle land, once a dump site.

An average of 270-plus golfers played the course from April 16 to May 16. On several days, more than 400 were counted.

VICTORIA is setting records despite the fact both types of "bad-golf" weather occurred during the opening month," Hahn observed.

Heavy rains cut down play April 19 and 10 and a down-pour closed the course April 21.

A heat wave, with temperatures in the high 90s, kept many golfers home May 15 and 16, although a total of 374 did make the rounds those days.

## City, County Shed Light On Shoreline

Keith Electric Corp.'s low bid of \$25,286 has won the contract for installation of lights along 2,800 feet of Redondo Beach shoreline, according to Supervisor Burton Chase.

The walk, which the lighting system will affect, is between the Esplanade and the beach and extends from Almsworth Court to Knob Hill Avenue.

The cost of the project, which will take four months, will be divided between the city of Redondo Beach and the county.

## AT GUENSER PARK

# City May Revoke Babe Ruth Permit

A special meeting of the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission has been scheduled tonight to hear complaints against the North Torrance Babe Ruth League.

City officials well recommend that the league's permit, which allows games at Guenser Park, be revoked.

Tonight's session has been called to hear complaints from residents of a mobile home park which is adjacent to the park. Residents appeared before the City Council May 23 to complain

that they are being bargaged by baseballs.

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of recreation, said the Babe Ruth League believes its insurance will handle complaints from residents of the adjacent trailer park, but residents feel it will not solve the problem.

Van Bellehem said repeated efforts by the city to correct the problem by moving the baseball diamond have failed. The leftfield distance is only 265 feet from home plate, an inadequate distance for baseball, he said.

A 24-foot fence has been constructed between the trailer park and the baseball diamond, but has proved inadequate, Van Bellehem said.

Van Bellehem said there appears to be no solution other than to prohibit the playing of baseball at the park. The diamond, he said, is adequate only for softball.

He will ask that the Babe Ruth league's permit be revoked unless the league "can guarantee that no more balls will be hit over the fence." The commission will meet at 8 p.m. at the city hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

## Approve Tract

Plans for a six-acre Carson area subdivision which includes 59 single family lots have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission. Prairie Subdividers of Torrance filed the tentative map on property located on 213th Street near the Dominguez Channel.



ME TROUBLE SHOOTER, YOU JOANNE... Torrance High School students Don Dickson, standing, and Dave McMullen receive congratulations from Universal motion picture starlet Joanne Medley just prior to competing in the 19th annual Los Angeles trouble-shooting event, sponsored by Plymouth. The boys represented Torrance High against some 250 Southern California student mechanics.

## Torrance High Awards Achievement Trophies

Dr. Carl R. Ahee, principal of Torrance High School, has announced the trophy winners of the second annual Achievement Awards.

Students were selected as award winners on the basis of their academic performances in subject areas and their contributions to the school.

The students and their parents were guests at a dinner held in their honor in the boys' gymnasium. Guest speaker for the evening was Carl Terzian.

Following the dinner, trophy winners were announced as follows: Phyllis Piekutowski, art; Fred Kendall, athletics; Cindi Bailey, business education; Janet Limbird, drama; Margaret Ackerman, English; Gregory Strayer, foreign language; Donna Broos, Girls' Athletic Association; and Judy Cunningham, homemaking.

Harold Johnson, industrial arts; Craig Preston, journalism; Shelly Kim, leadership; Timothy Mounts, mathematics; Douglas Elliot, music; Ronald Petersen, boys' physical education; Dianne Dunn, girls' physical education; Margaret Ackerman, science; and James Ulrich, boys' service to the school.

Shelly Kim, girls' service to the school; Scott Triplitt, social science; James Ulrich, speech, and Nickie McIntyre, work experience.



MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE... Students at Edison Elementary School here were entertained Monday at a school assembly by the Third Marine Air Wing Band from the El Toro Marine Air Station. The band has appeared in the annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance and also played at Edison School last year.

# Dominguez Channel Projects Completed

The 18-mile, \$30 million Dominguez Channel is complete, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today.

Hahn, who has worked for completion of the channel since he became a supervisor in 1952, said the final unit of the massive flood control project has been completed in a 2.5-mile section between Avalon Boulevard and Vermont Avenue.

The channel, largest project ever begun by the County Flood Control District, is the key structure to a drainage complex which serves the entire Southwestern section of the county.

The \$30 Million channel, built on a pay-as-you-go basis without state or federal aid, cuts across the Southwest section from Inglewood to an outlet in the San Pedro Bay. Numerous storm drain systems empty into the channel throughout the area.

Fifteen years ago, the channel was little more than a swampy, dangerous ditch during the winter rains, areas nearby were constantly threatened with flooding.

Since construction of the channel began, some \$500 million in assessed valuation has been added to county tax rolls through industrial and home construction on land along the channel route — land which once was thought too subject to flooding during rains.

THE ADDITIONAL assessed valuation has more than offset the construction costs, Hahn said.

Recalling the 15-year history of the project, Hahn noted that in 1952, shortly after being elected to the Board of Supervisors, he witnessed one of the worst floods in this area. He was present at the Leuzinger High School gymnasium in Lawndale when the Red Cross evacuated hundreds of residents in the area.

Hahn immediately contacted H. E. Hedger, then chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, and asked that an effective channel be constructed to prevent such events as the Lawndale evacuation from occurring again.

HE WAS TOLD funds were not available for full improvement of the channel and suggested that construction begin at once on two segments. Future sections, Hahn said, could be built as funds became available.

"No single project has given me more satisfaction," Hahn said. "Dominguez Channel is not a glamorous job — it is not like a freeway or a major building — but it saves lives and property during heavy rains."

"This is truly a local project of which Los Angeles citizens can be proud," he added.

CHANNEL SECTIONS on the over-all project vary from a concrete box conduit, 7 feet high and 8 feet wide, near International Airport, to a rectangular section between Inglewood Avenue and Vermont Avenue, to a sloped, rock-lined, earth channel with a top width of more than 200 feet from Vermont Avenue to the San Pedro Bay.

Hahn said the channel from Vermont Avenue downstream is below sea level which allows tidewater into that section.

## Youth Enters Plea of Guilty In Theft Case

An 18-year-old Torrance boy has entered a plea of guilty to theft charges in Superior Court and ordered to appear June 23 for probation and sentencing.

Paul A. Pesaniello, of 4832 Reynolds Drive, entered the plea Monday before Judge Bernard Lawler.

He was arrested March 31 by Torrance police on charges of taking tires and wheels from a racing car. The theft occurred Feb. 28.



ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH... El Camino student George De Filipo takes time to swallow during a picnic contest held at the college last week. Other events in the Field Day program included egg tossing, root beer drinking, a tug-of-war, and a tricycle race.