

### Why Are Our Athletes Penalized?

An Editorial By LUTE FRASER

When the Long Beach relay carnival gets under way Saturday afternoon, Torrance high school athletes will be on the outside looking in. Or to be more exact, they will probably be in the bleachers looking on.

With approximately 1,000 contestants in the various track and field events, representing two universities, six colleges, a dozen junior colleges, 40 high schools and some athletic clubs, the Torrance track team, and especially the relay team which set a record in their class last year will not get a look-in; thanks to an arbitrary ruling of Superintendent Frank Bouelle of the Los Angeles city school board.

The mailed fist is shutting down on all inter-district competition. The probability is that at some not too far distant date there will be no more competition in any line of sport or other curricular activity but that all such will be confined to the narrow limits of the school playgrounds and auditoriums.

The football teams were the first to feel the weight of school board dictation. Formerly top teams were allowed to compete with tops in other leagues in an annual playoff for championships. This was done away with, and now no post-season games of any kind are permitted.

The baseball teams do not play outside of their own ballpark. Now the track team is relegated to the discard and is to be kept out of all competition except that provided by the august powers that sit in Los Angeles and make arbitrary rules for all schools in its district.

Even the Future Farmers, agricultural students who need the contact with representatives of other schools in other districts, for the keeping of their powers of discrimination in judging contests, are to come under the ban and will no longer be permitted to go to San Bernardino to compete in the National Orange show, or anywhere else.

Probably the final result of all this red tape will be that representatives of the city high schools in oratorical contests and other battles of wits which are supposed to improve their minds and make them conscious of their civic and social powers and duties, will be kept off the debating stages everywhere except in their own auditoriums, and the question arises, Is this a provincial attitude or not? Is this a suitable way to train young minds to take their natural part in contacts with others of their like, or to teach them to meet the competition of life that they will find when they leave the high school forever?

The postponement of the track season, to get back to athletics, until after the baseball season, had as its alibi, the fact that the weather during the early spring is more adapted to other sports. Baseball players are more warmly clad than trackmen and better able to resist the hazards of weather conditions because of that fact. This reason, so far as it goes, is logical.

But, what the people of Torrance would particularly like to know, is this: Why has the school board, Mr. Bouelle, or the athletic director Mr. Lopez, or whoever it is who has arranged this new schedule, arranged the city track season so as to overlap the most important athletic meet of the season, the Southern California preliminaries and finals?

Under the present arrangement the regular league season

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## City Council Opposes Cash Dole Action

### Resolution Adopted Favoring Adoption of President's Program

Expressing its approval of President Roosevelt's plan of relief by the construction of worthwhile projects, in order to relieve unemployment, the city council authorized copies of a resolution adopted Tuesday night to be forwarded to California senators and members of Congress.

The resolution sets out that in the view of the council the President's program "is constructive and forward-looking, and any attempt to substitute the cash dole for the plan of work relief is unwise and un-American."

## Way Is Cleared For Issuance Of Bonds

### Money For Water System Available In 30 Days

Government approval of the plans for sinking one well and the erection of a steel storage tank on the reservoir site west of Cedar street, purchased by the City of Torrance, was announced at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night.

## Mrs. Morford Passes Away

Mrs. Ada Morford, wife of Charles Morford, 2213 Cabrillo avenue, passed away at her home Tuesday evening, February 28, at the age of 75 years. She had resided in Torrance for the past nine years. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stone & Myers and will be held at their chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## Americanism Essays Win Awards in Contest at Torrance High School

Six students of Torrance high school, three from the junior and three from the senior divisions, were given first, second and third places in an Americanism contest held last Friday in which practically the entire student body of 800 pupils took part.

## New Library Building City Council Considers Plan To Establish New District

Miss Helen Vogelsang, county librarian, paid a visit to Torrance Tuesday, and contacted city officials to take up with them the matter of improvements to the branch library here, and to learn what progress had been made regarding a new building to house the branch.

## Camp Will Move to Alondra

Extensive work in the development of Alondra Park, 219-acre tract along the south edge of Riverside-Redondo boulevard between Torrance and Hawthorne, will be launched immediately by Civilian Conservation Corps Camp No. 16 for a personnel of approximately 200 young men.

Preparatory to moving the camp to Alondra Park, six camps on the Sierra Madre mountains, the board of supervisors this week authorized a lease between the county and the federal government, at the rate of \$1 a year.

Tom Waters, real estate dealer, appeared before the council Tuesday night, to propose a site for the new building, which offer was taken under advisement. Other offers will no doubt be made, and the city will endeavor to select one that will place the new building should it be erected in a spot most suitable to its purpose.

## Photographic Display On Aqueduct

Details of construction activity on the world's largest water carrier—the Colorado river aqueduct—are being given to Torrance residents this week through the medium of maps, photographs and geological samples on display in the windows of the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association, El Prado and Sartori.

## Court Clerks Get Class 'A' Rating

Advancement of three court clerks from the old Lomita, Redondo and Gardena justice courts, all class B courts, to clerks in the enlarged class A Inglewood township, was approved this week by the county civil service commission.

## Ball Gets Wide Publicity

Nation-wide publicity was given to the hospital ball, held at the Surf and Sand club last Friday night, in United Press dispatches which were reprinted in newspapers all over the country. A clipping from a Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, newspaper, and others from Colorado, Iowa and other eastern states, were received here by residents who had friends in those localities, who were intrigued by the list of prizes awarded. The bearer of the Harrisburg clipping, an acquaintance of Mrs. Olive Lee, came to Torrance last Sunday night to learn the date of the ball, which had not been included in the dispatch. He was disappointed to learn that he had missed it by two days.

## Around the Council Table

A communication from W. E. Bowen, relative to parking on El Dorado avenue, was referred to the police and fire committee for a report at the next meeting. Mr. Bowen pointed-out that El Dorado is a very narrow street and when cars are parked on both sides of the street between Engracia and Portola avenue, there is barely room for one car to be driven along that block. He requested that parking be restricted to the south side of the street only, which would leave room for cars to pass each other in this block.

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce regarding sewers in the Vista Highlands district west of Cedar avenue, was referred to City Engineer Frank R. Leonard. The chamber asked that this be included among the projects forwarded by the City of Torrance to the Public Works Administration to be constructed out of federal funds. Mr. Leonard stated that he believed it was being taken care of through the action of the sanitation district which is potting on funds for similar projects, and that any action taken should be had through the district. He was instructed to contact the sanitation district officials to see if this project is on their list for improvement. Since a part of the cost will have to be borne by property owners, there is the cost of house connections, it was believed that no action should be taken unless the property owners of Vista Highlands present a petition asking for the work to be done.

A letter from A. K. Warren, chief engineer of the sanitary sewer district, was read, in which permission was granted to the Coast Insulation Products Company, to discharge not to exceed 500 gallons of waste per day into the sewers. This waste it was stipulated, should not contain acids or other harmful substances except after proper treatment to insure that they would cause no damage to the sewage treatment plant. The company has heretofore been discharging this waste into an open ditch.

A letter from the Pacific Electric Railway Company stated that this company will construct a culvert at 220th and Border avenue, to take care of flood waters, which make this corner a lake during rainy weather, provided the city will furnish a permit, sewer and labor. The railroad will furnish materials and supervision of the job. The city engineer was authorized to sign the enclosed agreement.

## Building and Loan Windows Devoted to Details of Construction

The matter of adequate drainage at the corner of Craven, Cabrillo and Carson street, was referred to the city engineer.

In response to the request of the Best S. Crossland Post, American Legion, the council adopted a resolution to be forwarded to California members of Congress, asking them to support the bill for payment of veterans' adjusted compensation at this time. The bill will come up for action on March 1, and the city clerk was instructed to forward the resolution by air mail.

## M. B. ABRAMSON, father of local MERCHANTS, DIES

Morris Bennett Abramson, 74, father of Harry M. Abramson, manager of the Star Furniture Company at Torrance, and Jack Abramson, proprietor of the Torrance Upholstering Company, died suddenly last Thursday night. Mr. Abramson was stricken with a fatal heart attack after he retired at his home in Venice, California. Funeral services were held Sunday. Besides the two sons in Torrance, the deceased leaves a wife, two daughters, and a third son, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Business Classes At High School

A new course on business training for high school graduates and adults will be offered at the Torrance high school starting next week. The course will be offered five days a week, for eight weeks, and classes will be held in the mornings. Efforts will be made to find jobs for those who complete the course. First classes will be held Monday, March 11.

## First Hospital Ball Is Wonderful Success Both Social and Financial

Climaxing a campaign of several weeks in which the communities of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Hermosa, Manhattan and Redondo Beach, worked steadily and well to make it a great success, the benefit ball, given for the Torrance Memorial hospital was held Friday night. So successful was the affair that plans have been made to make it an annual event.

More than 700 people attended, devoting the evening to dance, cards and general sociability. Guests were present from all the contributing cities, as well as from other communities in this section. Many others bought tickets, so that the ball was a decided financial as well as a social success.

Dr. George P. Shidler, chairman of the committee which had as its members the physicians of the district, and Sam Levy, acted as masters of ceremonies. Mrs. Jared

## Steel School Building For a Steel Town Is City Council Slogan

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Three members of the school board are known to be favorably inclined to the proposition, and the city council and other interested citizens hope to be able to secure the approval of others, so that when actual rehabilitation work begins, it will be planned along this line.

## Trained Dogs On Exhibition Tonight

Dwight Lanham, 2831 23rd street, South Torrance, the owner of two fine police dogs, will exhibit his pets in a 15-minute act on the program of the Parent Teachers Association to be given at the Narbonne high school this evening.

## Bonds On Sale At Postoffice

Postmasters of first, second and third and a few fourth-class offices will have on sale within a short time, baby savings bonds which are offered by the federal government to the public for investment. The bonds will be sold in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 and will have ten years to run.

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## P.O. RECEIPTS UP 50 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR

Indications Point to Best Year in History of Local Office

When receipts for February at the Torrance postoffice are compiled at the close of business today, it is expected that the total business for the first two months of this year will equal that of the first three months of 1934. In other words, the local postoffice will show a 50 percent increase in business over last year, reflecting a substantial upturn in business in this city.

In fact, Postmaster C. Earl Conner states that present indications lead him to believe that 1935 will be the biggest year in the history of the Torrance postoffice, even exceeding the boom years of 1923 and 1929. There is ample evidence that the more commodious quarters of the new postoffice will be badly needed in the very near future to handle the rapidly increasing business.

At noon yesterday, Postmaster Conner stated that receipts for January and February up to that time were only \$283 less than the entire first quarter last year, which is considered a most remarkable showing when it is recalled that 1934 was the biggest year in local postoffice history since 1930.

A study of the receipts at the Torrance postoffice, given below, reveals the extent to which this city is recuperating from the depression.

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Year	Receipts
1920	\$5,074.73
1925	23,299.81
1928	27,518.33
1929	31,182.28
1930	29,245.59
1931	23,492.19
1932	20,301.91
1933	20,946.79
1934	25,615.94