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Enrollment Gains

Torrance and Lomita Schools Show Increase In Attendance This Year

Enrollment at Torrance high school and Torrance elementary school increased this year, as shown by the figures released this week. At the Torrance high school 719 students were in attendance last Friday, with 50 more expected to be in their places on Monday. This raises the total by 87 over the figures of last year when 692 students were enrolled.

At the Torrance elementary school the gain was not so marked but shows a slight gain, with 707 pupils registered this year as against 688 last year. No change in teachers was made at this school, but a new part-time clerk, Miss Helen Hall, is on duty.

New Teachers

At the high school, Bert Merrill has been put in charge of gymnasium classes; Minnie Javenes fills the place left vacant by the death of Mrs. Grace Granger; Mrs. Margaret A. Allen replaces Miss Charlene Allan; Mr. Stone is in charge of the agricultural department in place of Mr. Crowe. Miss Esther Rubin is a substitute clerk, taking the place of Mrs. Arlene Herrin Gage, who is on a leave of absence.

At the Fern avenue school, enrollment increased from 280 at the close of school in June to 307 enrolled at the beginning of the semester. Several pupils who formerly attended the Walteria school are now in the Fern avenue district. Miss Irene Holden is a substitute teacher taking the place of Mrs. Bateman who will return to duty in two weeks.

Pupils Transferred

Although several pupils were transferred from its district, the Walteria school is holding its registration well, with 149 pupils. Edith M. Simpson-Holliday replaces Miss Dorothy Ver Nooys, teacher of the A-2, B-2 and B-3 classes.

Evelyn B. Simpson is substituting for Miss Marjorie Shelly who was unable to return at the opening of school on account of illness.

In Lomita, the Narbonne high school shows a gain of 62 over last year. The opening day registration last year totaled 887, this year there were 949. The canvass of ballots showed that Reaves obtained 3,680 ballots and Rawls 3,528. Reaves is scheduled to oppose Perry G. Briney, San Pedro attorney.

Changes in teacher personnel are Jonathan Potter, replacing
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ASK RECOUNTS OF BALLOTS IN MANY OFFICES

Victories of Colden, Reaves and Leland Ford Are Challenged By Court Actions

Actions contesting the nomination of Congressman Charles J. Colden, State Representative Fred Reaves and Supervisor Leland M. Ford have been filed with the superior court of Los Angeles county.

Lee E. Geyer, of Gardena, who was endorsed by Townsend clubs thruout the district, in a complaint recites that the tally of the August election showed that Colden received 15,609 votes and that he received 15,232. He alleges that many of the ballots were counted by members of the election board in groups, instead of one by one. A recount of all ballots cast for Congressman in the 17th district is asked in the petition filed with the superior court. The court is asked to appoint a committee to preside while a recount of the votes is made.

Rawls Complains

John T. Rawls, who was defeated by the incumbent, Fred Reaves, for the state assembly nomination on the Democratic ticket in the 68th district by a margin of 152 votes, also filed a petition for a re-count. Rawls asserts that errors were made in counting the ballots, and asks a recount of all ballots cast in Torrance, Lomita, LaRambla, Keystone, Los Angeles and Avalon. The canvass of ballots showed that Reaves obtained 3,680 ballots and Rawls 3,528. Reaves is scheduled to oppose Perry G. Briney, San Pedro attorney.
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Walteria Parents Ask For Ruling On Legality of School Bus Charge

Dissatisfied parents of Walteria students who attend the Narbonne high school in Lomita met Tuesday night at the Recreation hall in Walteria to discuss and take action on the matter of free transportation for their children.

Under the state school code, boards of education are required to establish free bus service for pupils residing within a two-mile radius of the schools. The Walteria district is 2.9 miles from Narbonne high school.

For some time the Los Angeles board of education permitted Walteria students to ride to school free, but last year the ruling was made and enforced to a certain extent that the two-mile limit must be observed and all those students residing outside were required to pay for their transportation. Parents who were unable to pay the entire fee were permitted to make application for a reduction in the charge or a remittance of all of it, and many parents took advantage of the opportunity.

Much Friction

The charge as laid down by the board is $2 a month for one pupil, $1 each for all other pupils in the same family who are attending the same school.

The application of the rule caused a great deal of friction last year, and this fall resulted in the calling of a mass meeting in Walteria to discuss ways and means of freeing the parents in that community of this charge, which many of them feel is unjust and a hardship to parents

who have more than one child attending the school.

Mayor W. H. Stanger who attended the meeting Tuesday night after hearing the discussion requested the parents to pay the fee as required for the first month, under protest, and leave the matter of obtaining a ruling as to the legality of the charge in the hands of City Attorney C. T. Rippy of Torrance.

Mr. Rippy will take the matter up with the League of California Municipalities, and if necessary the problem will be taken up with the attorney general of the state, in order to settle the issue once and for all time.

Code Not Clear

The question seems to hinge on the interpretation of the section of the state code which requires a board of education to furnish means of transportation to pupils within the school district, but does not specifically state that transportation to pupils outside the two-mile limit shall be without charge for the service.

The Palos Verdes Corporation is furnishing rock and the oil that is to be mixed with it before it is applied to the road surface, at a cost of approximately $7000, Moore said. In consideration of this Supervisor Ford has agreed to allocate $2500 of gasoline tax funds.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL CONTEST WINNERS

Above is a picture of an anonymous young gentleman taken at the height of the activities of the merchants' Mutt Show. He came, he saw . . . and he fell asleep. He just couldn't take it. But what's one Mutt Show or so in his young life? Not a thing, as it's obvious to see.

The three winners of the Cake Baking Contest seem well pleased with the results. Reading left to right: Mrs. Agnes Marek, winner of the second prize for the best tasting cake; Mrs. Helen Miller, grand prize winner for the best looking cake; and Mrs. Amanda Law, first prize winner for the best tasting cake. Unfortunately the cakes do not show up well in the photograph.

Pictured here, left to right, are Jacqueline Brady, Tommy Higgins and Doris May Martin, winners of five dollar prizes for the smallest, ugliest and largest mutts, respectively, in the merchants' contest held last Saturday at El Prado and Sartori. Story below.

Contest
for cake bakers
Successful

With as difficult a task as ever confronted any judge of any contest anywhere, Mayor William H. Stanger, Fire Chief Ollie Stevenson and Police Sergeant Ernest Ashton strolled somewhat reluctantly to the stage of the municipal auditorium last Saturday morning and chose three prize-winning cakes from twenty of the most delicious looking pastries as ever graced the banquet table of a king.

Many Kinds

The occasion was the cake baking contest sponsored by the merchants as a feature of Torrance's Silver Anniversary Festival. Of the twenty cakes entered, no two were exactly alike and the judges were faced with the burden (?) of tasting every cake. After sampling several, however, the judges all arrived at different conclusions regarding the best tasting of the group; so the three leaders were given numbers which were then drawn from a hat.

First Prize Winner

The first prize of $10 in silver for the best looking cake was won easily by Mrs. Helen Miller, 1317 Beech, with a handsome white creation, all bedecked with candles and with the words "Merchant's Silver Anniversary Festival" inscribed around the sides. Mrs. Miller graciously suggested that the cake be auctioned off at the dance and amateur show held Saturday evening, and that the proceeds go to the injured softball player, Poncho Fabregat.

Mrs. Law Wins

The first number drawn from the hat belonged to Mrs. Amanda Law, 1733 Cabrillo, and she was rewarded for her devil's food cake with second prize of five dollars. The next number was that of Mrs. Agnes Marek, 1308 Cota, who received $2.50 for her fresh coconut cake. The third number in the hat was that of Mrs. Ray Newkirk, 734 Sartori, whose cake was considered as good tasting as the others but whose number unfortunately was not drawn.

Recipes for the prize cakes of Mrs. Law and Mrs. Marek are given in today's issue and will be found on the food page.

Mutt Show
draws hundred
Mongrels

Mutts to the right of them! Mutts to the left of them! Into the jaws of a hundred wild dogs strode the three judges.

Such was the hazardous situation last Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. when Alden Smith, Jack Koch, and Fred Blachea, as judges in the Silver Anniversary Mutt Show walked fearlessly on to the vacant lot at Sartori and El Prado to pick three winners from a veritable bedlam of howls, barks, kids, dust and pushing spectators.

Many Entered

From appearances, every mongrel for miles around was entered in the contest. An accurate count was impossible but observers estimated the number of entries at well over a hundred. Some had dollars, and some leather leashes, but the run of them had nothing more than a length of rope tied around their necks, or a piece of string, or a bit of colored ribbon. Sizes ran from five tiny pups with their mother in a gaily decorated wagon, to a mixed collie and St. Bernard that took the prize for being the largest mutt presented and accounted for.

Three Winners

Five dollars in silver went to Tommy Higgins, aged 14, of 1329 Portola, for having the ugliest pooch, Teddy by name, an utterly repulsive looking black dog that won his prize without a struggle. From the first he was away out in front in his class.

The second five dollars was won by six-year-old Jacqueline Brady, 840 W. 105th street, with her "smallest dog entry," Mickey, a black and white pup that took the prize because of his ability to be led on a leash (red ribbon, it really was).

The last five dollars in silver went to 12-year-old Doris May Martin, 705 Border, for her "biggest dog" Buddy, the same monstrous canine mentioned above.

The judging went on for almost an hour because of the cramped space in which the judges had to work. Attempts to line up the dogs and their owners away from the spectators met with no success. Many of the entries were larger and stronger than the little owners, and as a result there were dogs under everyone's feet, with leashes entangled, and much barking and howling.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL ENDS WITH SHOW AND DANCING

Amateur Contest and Cash Award Climax Three-Day Affair In Civic Auditorium Last Saturday

Attracting an audience that filled the civic auditorium to capacity and overflowed into the streets, the Silver Anniversary Festival came to a grand climax last Saturday night with the staging of an amateur show, a cash award and free dancing. These events were the last of a series of festivities sponsored by the merchants of Torrance in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the city.

Al Robinson, of the Star Department Store acted as master of ceremonies.

Amateur Show Good

Nineteen contestants entered the amateur competition and gave a good show. Most of them were children and young people and their acts were entertaining and amusing.

Little Iris Harrison, aged 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Harrison, 2213 Cabrillo, won the ten dollar first prize with a recitation. The audience, which was the judge, gave Iris a big reception.

Second prize of five dollars went to Muriel Alverson, Coral Linderman and Marjory Paige, aged 15, who gave an excellent trio rendition of "Stars In My Eyes." They were accompanied at the piano by Norma Patterson, herself a later contestant, and a good one, with a piano solo.

Student Gets Third

Third prize money of $2.50
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Old Pruitt Bldg. Being Re-Painted

The old Pruitt building at 213th and Border avenue is the latest of the older structures in Torrance to take on a new-like appearance. The building which for many years was used by the Tolson Transportation System was badly damaged by the earthquake and has been in need of repair for some time. It is being re-conditioned and re-painted and will be occupied by the Adley Truck Company, which concern has taken over the business of the Tolson Transportation System and the Citizens' Truck Company. Wm. H. Tolson, city councilman, will continue with the Adley Truck Company, it is announced.

ARM BROKEN

The engine backfired, the crank handle flew back, and Frank Purcell, 1754½ Andreo, received a broken arm as the result when he was trying to start his car Monday.

Merchants Express Thanks To Public and Herald

September 16, 1936.

"Mr. Grover C. Whyte, Publisher,
"Torrance Herald,
"Torrance, Calif.
"Dear Mr. Whyte:—

"The business men's committee in charge of the recent Silver Anniversary Festival desire to take this means of expressing its appreciation for your splendid co-operation in providing, without charge, the very necessary advertising, stories and details which were published in the several issues of your newspaper and which played such an important part in the success of the event.

"May we offer our thanks, also, through the medium of your columns, to all the contestants who participated in the various events. While the committee could not award prizes to all, they are nevertheless appreciative of the generous co-operation in building the programs which were so thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences.

"Very truly,
"Dean L. Sears, Chairman."

Cedar Avenue To Be Extended

Surfacing of Crenshaw boulevard (Cedar avenue) in Torrance and extending into the unincorporated area south of the city limits will be performed shortly by the county road department, in cooperation with the Palos Verdes Corporation, according to Hal Moore, field secretary for Supervisor Leland M. Ford of Santa Monica.

Pupils who attend the Torrance schools are carried by bus from the two-mile limit, but those who reside outside the limit do not have the privilege of riding to school but either have to walk or provide their own transportation.

Young Boy Is Hit By Car

Charles Kyle, Jr., 2120 Andreo, was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Monday afternoon where he was treated for a scalp wound and X-ray taken of his leg which disclosed no broken bones. Charles rode his bicycle out of the alley on El Prado near the Herald office when he was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Hazel Lewis, 1724 Manuel avenue.

The boy's leg was skinned and a small scalp wound inflicted but he was not seriously hurt and was able to go to his home.

Donations Asked

To Carry on Work of Community Service Association

Campaign for funds for the Torrance Community Service Association, which handles the financing of worthy welfare projects in this city, started this week under the management of Sam Levy, appointed chairman.

Mr. Levy states that in contrast with the high pressure methods of other communities in the annual drive for funds, this drive will be carried on as a voluntary, good will proposition. Individuals, commercial and industrial interests are invited to subscribe such amounts as they can afford, and all donations should be made at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters of the association.

All donations, large or small, will be gratefully accepted, but all who wish to contribute are asked to do so as soon as possible, so that the drive may be quickly finished.

The Torrance Community Service Association provides funds for the maintenance of the Torrance Relief Society, the Veterans Co-operative Unit, and pays the rental of the rooms used by the WPA sewing unit, which could not operate without this assistance.

The funds are apportioned according to the needs of the organization and in this way Torrance is able to take care of its own people who are struggling to make ends meet.

At a recent meeting of the association new officers were elected with H. T. Lintott, president; J. W. Post, vice president; C. Earl Conner, treasurer, and L. J. Gilmelster, secretary. Directors are R. R. Smith, C. T. Rippy, Sam Levy and Sherwood McIntyre, elected at the last meeting to fill the place of Rev. O. D. Wonder who has left the city.

"Don't wait for a personal invitation," says Chairman Levy, "but bring your contribution to the Chamber of Commerce offices at once. The committee does not wish to high pressure anybody to give, but wants to make it plain that the association is in need of funds to carry on its welfare work this year and any sum you can spare will be welcome. Come down today, or mail your check to the Chamber of Commerce office. There is plenty of work for the association to do in helping these organizations to carry on their activities and you can have a part in this worthy cause."
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MOVE MADE TO FORCE BALLOT MANAGER PLAN

Petitions To Be Circulated For Special Election Next Spring

Circulation of initiative petitions to compel both the board of supervisors and the Los Angeles city council to place the county manager and other governmental simplification proposals on the ballot for a special election next spring will be started shortly, it was learned today following action of the supervisors in refusing to place the proposals on the November 3 ballot.

The supervisors by a three-to-one vote declined to place the county manager and simplification proposals before the voters at the November election. The changes involved would lessen somewhat the duties and powers of the supervisors, but Supervisor Roger W. Jessup of the Fifth district was the only board member to support them. The proposals are the product of three years' work by a countywide committee.

While Supervisor H. C. Legg of the First district announced he would support the proposal, he voted against placing the matter in the hands of the voters. Supervisors Gordon McDonough and John Anson Ford voted first, and Legg cast the deciding ballot. Supervisor Leland M. Ford of Santa Monica was absent, although he too had stated he favored the county manager plan.

Indications are that the joint simplification committee which
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75 Percent of Complaints Settled In Favor of Steel Employees

Seventy-five percent of the questions arising under employee representation plans in the steel industry in the first six months of 1936 were settled in favor of the employees. Only 18 percent of the decisions favored management, while 7 percent were compromised or withdrawn.

These figures were reported to the American Iron and Steel Institute by steel companies employing nearly 80 percent of the total number of workers in the industry.

The institute's study shows that during the first half of this year wage questions constituted the largest single class of questions referred to by employees to their representatives.

In 1934, the year covered by the first industry-wide study of the employee representation plans adopted by steel workers, questions of wages and hours of work were 28 percent of the total considered.

During 1935 about 35 percent of the questions concerned these important subjects, while in the first six months of 1936 wages and hours of work accounted for 40 percent of the total items brought up by the employees.

Although the relations between employees and employers in many industries were unsettled during the first half of this year, in the steel industry a total of 5136 questions were presented by men and management in a quiet and orderly manner under the representation plans.

Of this number, 2063, or 40 percent, dealt with wages and
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Mrs. Wilkes Is New Chairman

Mrs. Irene Wilkes was elected chairman of the Torrance co-ordinating council at a meeting held yesterday afternoon in the municipal court room. With Mrs. Wilkes, other officers chosen were Judge Robert F. Lessing, vice chairman, and Miss Bobby Turner, secretary.

The next meeting of the council will be held September 28, at 7:30 p. m., in the old city council chambers over the fire department.

Plans are being made to have a speaker from central co-ordinating council to give a short address on the work and aims of the group.

All organizations in the city are invited to send a representative to this meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

Laura Edith Cusick, took out a permit this week for the erection of two houses at $1,000 each to be erected at 1224 Cota avenue.

William Modglin is building a dwelling to cost $3,985 at 1229 Acacia avenue.

W. M. Nye took out a permit yesterday for a 5-room stucco at 1222 Acacia to cost $3000.