

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY; REGISTRATION DATA GIVEN

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Latin; Guy Mowry, science; Miss C. L. Shearer, mathematics; H. H. Stone, agriculture; Miss Sara Vaubel, commercial; Francis Waddingham, science; and Mrs. Stella Young, social studies.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY school . . . Pupils will report at 9:30 a. m., next Monday, those who attended school there last year should go to their regular classrooms while new students should report to the auditorium, according to Principal Alex Verhusen.

Veteran Cafeman Retires; Redondo Caterer Successor

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asked The Herald this week to thank the people of Torrance for the support and patronage given them in the past 13 years. Harry Doherty, owner of the Anfix fountain lunch, announced yesterday that Mrs. Dorothy Westerlund of Redondo Beach has sub-leased the business and is now in charge. She also operates the fountain lunch at Cook's drug store in the beach city and makes all her own pastries. She will continue to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Annex.

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of their youngsters to see that they conform to this state rule.

Instructors Announced
Principal Verhusen will hold a faculty meeting at 8 o'clock Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 to launch the term. He said this week that there will be seven new teachers on the faculty this term but the complete list was not available.

At the end of the first week of school last year, 824 children enrolled at this school and the last day's registration in June was 824. Verhusen expects about 650 to enroll next week.

FERN AVENUE school . . . None of the faculty could be reached for a report on the opening and closing attendance figures for this school during the 1936-37 term or to give information on the members of the teaching staff. The school will open at 9 a. m., for both grade and kindergarten children.

WALTERIA school . . . Has no teachers in the building at present but it too will commence the 1937-38 term at the same time as all other elementary institutions in Torrance and Lomita—at 9 o'clock next Monday morning.

NARBONNE HIGH school . . . All students are to report at 8:30 Monday morning, the new students and B-7's in the auditorium and those who pre-registered last spring to their regular classrooms. Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, principal, advises. She will announce Narbonne's faculty additions next week.

During the first week of 1936-37 term there were 961 registered, while the term closed with 995 on the rolls.

LOMITA ELEMENTARY school . . . Opens at 9 a. m., with the new pupils reporting

at the office for registration and the former students there going to their regular classrooms. The kindergarten enrollment will follow the age-rule as given for the Torrance Elementary school. The opening week of the 1936-37 term found 350 enrolled at this school while 422 were dismissed for the annual summer vacation last spring. There will be no changes in the faculty at this school where 12 teachers are employed, Miss Harriet Michaelis

announces. There will be a new clerk, however, and she is Mrs. Anne Egry. Members of the faculty are: Miss Erma O. Walters, kindergarten; Loula Burns Doane, B-1 and A-1; Frances Carpenter Curtin, A-1; Carrie Irish, B-2; Doris Buswell, A-2; Rennie Jean Houdasheit, B-3 and A-3; Ada C. Rogers, A-3 and B-4; Louise S. Kellogg, B-4 and A-4; May Elizabeth Shea, A-4 and B-5; Pearl Wheeler Thach, B-6; and

Myra Lewis Maim, A-6. **ORANGE STREET** school . . . All pupils are to report at 9 a. m., next Monday, including those who are eligible to enter (see age rule as given for the Torrance Elementary school) kindergarten. Miss Hilda Jelli-

son, principal, has three new teachers on her faculty but their names were not available for publication today.

At the start of last year's term, this school had 355 enrolled and on the closing day, 380 boys and girls were re-

leased for summer vacation. Torrance Evening high school classes will also resume Monday with registration at the office starting at 7 o'clock that night. A number of the same classes that proved popular last spring will begin instruction immedi-

ately and more will be added later. Night Principal Guy Mowry says that the classes available for free instruction starting Monday will include commercial subjects, wood and machine shop, clothing arts and crafts, orchestra and gymnasium.

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A PUBLIC STATEMENT

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SAN JACINTO TUNNEL STRIKE

On August 14, 1937, a C.I.O. union called a strike on the San Jacinto Tunnel of the Colorado River Aqueduct. The union is now attempting to stop all progress on that portion of the aqueduct.

The Aqueduct is a public project, being constructed by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of California. The San Jacinto Tunnel is not a contract job, but is being constructed by forces directly employed by the District.

The union called the strike after a delegation from that group had appeared before the Board of Directors of the District on the afternoon of August 13, 1937, and presented demands which they specifically declared represented their minimum demands. It was stated that these demands must be granted in the form of a written contract not later than 7 P.M. of that day.

Union Demands

In making its demands, the union presented no complaints concerning wages, hours, or safety and working conditions. The proposed contract contains sixteen specific and definite demands. The following demands are quoted from the proposal:

"That the union be recognized as the sole bargaining agent for all employees except superintendents, executives, officials and others in advisory capacity.

"That in increasing forces or hiring of new employees all members of the union now laid off shall be given preference, and it is further agreed that in this co-operation of the union shall be enlisted.

"In the event of dismissal, termination notice shall state specific reason. Where cause is challenged settlement shall be by mutual agreement.

"Disqualification for employment on medical grounds shall be accompanied by written statement of reason, on which applicant may, at his own expense, be examined by two physicians of his own choosing. Shall their findings be in contradiction to stated reason, employment shall be given."

Why Demands Cannot Be Granted

As a political subdivision of the State of California the District is specifically exempted from the operation of the National Labor Relations (Wagner) Act.

The District has no authority to enter into any agreement restricting or limiting the right of any qualified citizen to obtain employment on the Colorado River Aqueduct. The union's demands if granted would restrict this right. The District cannot and will not delegate authority over employment to any outside agency. The authority and responsibility, vested in the District's public

officers may not be contracted or bargained away. The proposed demands violate these principles.

No Discrimination Against Union

In the employment of workmen the District has never discriminated against members of any union. The District has not and will not foster or oppose the joining of any lawful organization by any of its employees, nor does the District in any manner favor or discriminate against any employee or group of employees because of membership or non-membership in any union.

The District cannot and will not restrict employment to members of any single union nor place any single union in a position of domination any more than it could or would exclusively reserve all jobs for members of any certain church or of any political party.

To the extent that the union constitutes a group of District employees, the management of the District will as it always has in the past, treat with its representatives in matters relating to working conditions or terms of employment. But the District cannot and will not make any such union the sole bargaining agency for labor.

A Public Project

The Aqueduct is a public project. It is being constructed from the proceeds of a bond issue of \$220,000,000 voted by the citizens of the thirteen cities which constitute The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The main line of the Aqueduct is now more than three-fourths completed. Since the start of work more than 30,000 residents of the District have been given gainful employment on this job.

Work Must Proceed

San Jacinto Tunnel is a part of the Aqueduct system. Since the Union called a strike on this tunnel the District has continued to carry forward maintenance and construction work. Such is the plain duty and responsibility of the District's constituted officers. Men are being employed to fill the jobs abandoned by strikers and these men are experienced and qualified workmen who are residents of the District.

Protection of Employees and Public Property

It is the duty of the District and its officers to provide protection for persons engaged on Aqueduct work, to protect District property, and to take such lawful measures as will assure the safe passage of necessary men, materials, and supplies. To this end the District has sought and secured the co-operation of the proper municipal, county, and state authorities in the areas affected.

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

On the day before the union called the strike there were 1190 men employed on the San Jacinto Tunnel. 206 men remained on the job. On September 2, 1937, the number of men on the job had increased to 602. Additional men will be employed or re-employed until the necessary crews have been organized to drive the main headings on a three-shift basis. Men employed to replace strikers are not hired as "strike breakers," but are residents of the District, experienced in tunnel work, and are employed for steady work, measured by the needs of the construction job.

They are not to be let out if and when any strikers desire to return to work. Any former San Jacinto Tunnel employee may return to his work, provided he had a good record while on the job and has not participated in threats or acts of violence, and provided, further, that his job has not been filled since he left the work. District officers will be solely in control of re-employment.

Registration for employment and re-employment will be taken at the District's Banning office and at the District's labor employment office at 770 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles.

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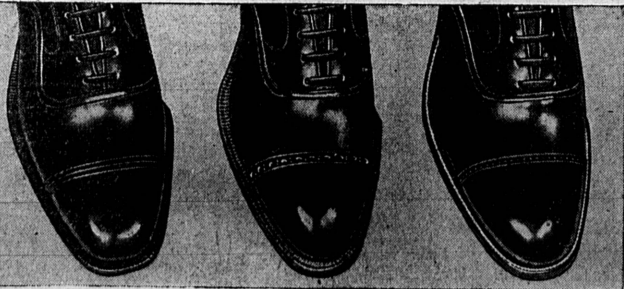
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