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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bray, 2011 Andreo Ave.

FRIDAY, MAY 2
Mr. and Mrs. David N. Howard Jr., 930 Arlington Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lemke, 1533 W. 228th St.

SUNDAY, MAY 4
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borges, 908 Portola Ave.

MONDAY, MAY 5
Mr. and Mrs. Marion O. Horrell, 1312 223rd St.

TUESDAY, MAY 6
Mr. and Mrs. Leland Campbell, 2404 Andreo Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Howry, 1433 W. 222nd St.

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Two Hawthorne Flyers Perish

Pilot Glen E. Cooper, 32, a Hawthorne building contractor, and his passenger, Walter F. Litherland, 28, also of Hawthorne, were killed yesterday when their training plane crashed near El Mirage airport, 12 miles west of Adelanto.

Deputy Coroner E. P. Doyle said the plane was going through maneuvers at about 1000 feet when its engine failed. The ship crashed, exploded and burned.

It was reported that the plane had taken off earlier from Lomita flight strip on a routine Civil Air Patrol training flight.

Supervisors Drop Price On Alondra Park Property

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and since that \$153,000.00 does not come to Torrance next year, some means must be found to obtain funds to make up for this lack or else it will be necessary to get along temporarily for the first year without things which the average parent no doubt wants his child to have in school.

WAYS TO SOLVE PROBLEM

There are two possible paths which the Torrance Board of Education can pursue in establishing the new school system which is to serve Torrance.

Plan I—Would be to take the \$270,000.00 from local tax sources and do the best we can to make it go around—in other words, cut the educational offering to fit the pocketbook.

Plan II—Arrive at a desired educational program from the planning of the community, board of education, administrators and teachers, and then go out and obtain it for the children of Torrance.

If Plan No. I is adopted, it might be that some sub-standard equipment could be purchased through War Assets and other sources and modified to meet classroom needs at Fern Avenue, Torrance and Walteria elementary schools.

If Plan No. II is used, the problem would be to find a source of new desks and purchase them, thus furnishing the buildings correctly to begin with. It is estimated that this would cost in the vicinity of \$1,000.00 per classroom.

Under Plan No. I we would have to cut down on some of the salaries and it might affect the quality of the staff we would be able to command on today's market while under Plan No. II, we would admittedly be spending more to get the right people for the teachers and administrators of the schools.

Plan No. I might result in larger classes, and fewer teachers, while Plan No. II would result in smaller classes, and more teachers at higher salaries. This is one place where the Board of Education has not been able to see its way clear to economizing. Education is bought at the price of good, well paid teachers most of all.

Plan No. I would save money—this year. Plan No. II will save money in the long run because it would mean doing the right thing to begin with so far as possible. Plan No. II would also give the children the advantage of having things as they should be from the beginning.

One objection to Plan No. I is that it is almost impossible to get rid of makeshift equipment once it has been put into the schools, and the policy of using it has been established. When establishing a new school system, it is very important to do things correctly from the beginning because people get so used to what is being done that they lose sight of whether or not the educational program is being helped or hindered.

If we adopt Plan No. I, we will not be able to secure school buses, but if we adopt Plan No. II, we will determine how many buses we need and

Hospital Cases

Patients admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:

Mrs. Vera Hurst, 22027 S. Normandie ave.
Mr. Cleave Robinson, 20625 N. Oak st.
Mr. Brady Wolfe, 2317 Sierra ave.

STORKatorials

Children born to local parents at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Mayburn Burns, 2121 1/2 Andreo ave., boy, April 29, 6:52 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hagg, 1435 221st st., boy, April 26, 9:31 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Janovec, 20618 N. Elliott st., girl, April 27 6:09 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Malin, 627 Sartori ave., boy, April 28, 6:41 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Olin, 1920 Torrance blvd., boy, April 28, 3:37 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Whitcomb, 816 Beech ave., girl, April 28, 12:30 a.m.

Location of the college on Alondra park was an influencing factor in the Jan. 24 election when Torrance decided to affiliate with Redondo Union High School district for secondary education purposes pending unification of the district. This election put Torrance also in El Camino College district.

Woodrow Wilson, twenty ninth president of the United States, was elected to that office in 1912 with an electoral vote of 435.

SCHOOL FINANCE PROBLEMS FOR FIRST YEAR OUTLINED IN SUPERINTENDENT'S SURVEY

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will provide adequate transportation facilities.

Plan No. II would cost the taxpayer about \$150,000.00, more or less, or the equivalent of an extra 50c tax on the estimated valuation of about 29 or 30 million dollars. There are two possible methods of obtaining these funds. The first is to increase the tax rate 50c. The second would be to vote a bond issue of \$150,000.00.

This 50c tax raise per \$100.00 valuation would cost a man who owned a home valued at \$1,000 by the assessor \$5.00 more for one year than his normal tax for good schools. If the property had an assessed valuation of \$2,000.00, it would cost the taxpayer or property owner an extra \$10.00 for good schools for one year, until we could get the state aid which we would be entitled to for our schools the following year.

Citizens of Torrance who are interested are invited to mail a penny post card addressed to the Board of Education, 2093 Torrance Boulevard, expressing themselves on these issues. The schools of Torrance will be what you want them to be if you take enough interest to let your elected representatives know what you think about these things.

Answer these questions: I approve Plan Number: _____ In the event you approve Plan Number II: _____ Would you prefer a \$150,000.00 bond issue (remember that bonds mean interest), or— Would you prefer a special vote to increase the school tax by 50c? _____

GOOD SCHOOLS HAVE PRICE

New housing units mean more children. We must plan big to meet the need.

We are in the fastest growing, most critical area of the United States educationally.

We want to avoid bond issues if possible and their accompanying wasteful interest rates.

We have the resources to meet correctly the need the first year and to start out with good schools from the beginning.

The only thing that stands between Torrance and a fine school system from the beginning is a few dollars.

Education has a price—we'll get what we pay for.

The Board of Education agrees with the Superintendent that "makeshift, skimpy peanut planning will not do the tremendous task we have ahead of us."

The Board of Education feels that it would be shirking its responsibility if it did not offer the citizens of Torrance an opportunity to express themselves on an increased tax rate sufficient to meet the need we have before us. We need much new furniture and equipment. We have to buy high priced personnel if we are going to get good schools for our children. We also need adequate transportation facilities.

The war babies are beginning to flood the schools. We must plan ahead for them. Torrance gets no state money next year for pupils enrolled in Los Angeles schools this year. This means Torrance must dig deep down and raise the tax limit

Visual aids

- 1 1/2 ton truck
- Buses
- Classroom furniture
- Administrative Office Furniture
- Power mower
- Maintenance equipment
- Playground equipment
- Musical instruments (several of the larger ones)
- Pianos
- Typewriters
- Ditto and Mimeograph machines
- Cafeteria equipment
- Miscellaneous office equipment

A. Safe
Office machines (adding machines and Computation)
Auditorium furniture.

Q. Why not get along without this material and equipment for the first year?

A. Because every dollar put into makeshift school equipment is a dollar wasted. It is better to start building a sound program based upon the right equipment and the right kind of well paid personnel.

Q. Why have a tax raise this year?

A. Because this is the important year for Torrance schools. We must start from a sound foundation and that requires spending some money for the things we need.

Q. How will it affect the tax rate?

A. 50c on a \$100.00 valuation. A 50c increase on a tax bill of \$1000.00 assessed valuation will mean \$5.00 more for good schools.

Q. Why is it found to have a \$420,000 budget for Torrance Elementary Schools?

A. Because that represents normal income for Torrance elementary schools and the

DINNER AWARDED ROTARIANS FOR BEST ATTENDANCE

Winners in a recent attendance contest of the Torrance Rotary club will be "guests" of the losing team tonight at a dinner at Melton's restaurant, in Hermosa Beach. The winning team was captained by James Lynch and the losers by Russ Lund. The losers pay for the winners' meals.

Neil Regan, program director of Columbia Broadcasting Co. will address the Rotarians on "The Headaches of Radio."

GLADIATORIAL SHOWS

Handbills announcing gladiatorial shows in ancient Rome were posted on public buildings and sold in the streets several days before the event.

The issue is not whether we need the equipment. The problem is—can we get it by the opening of school on today's markets?

It is not economy to buy makeshift, second hand equipment for public institutions, and especially not for Torrance schools.

Double sessions are not conducive to good education—we must not let ourselves get so far behind that we have to have them.

The population influx we are bound to have with these housing projects means immediate advance planning for school housing is necessary.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How much money can we estimate receiving next year from the 90c tax above the 90c state limit, the board of trustees will be able to provide you with good schools, will use only what is necessary to do the job right, and will try to keep away from special bond issues unless emergency building requirements caused by population influx force the issue.

Our motto: "Good Schools for Torrance Children Next Year and Every Year." It is economy to raise the tax rate, pay no interest, and do the job right from the beginning.

Q. How much more money do we need?

A. \$150,000.00.

Q. What will it be used for?

A. Necessary capital outlay and equipment. The following are some of the things a school system needs for proper operation of a modern program.

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