

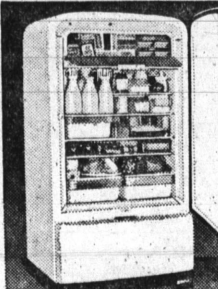
PLENTY REPAIR WORK NEEDED AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Torrance Public Library building needs plenty of repair work, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, told the City Council Tuesday.

Venetian blinds, lights, easy chairs, lavatories and other equipment need paint and renovation, she said; and shelves are needed in the basement.

The Council is considering her requests for the work.

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Enrollment Gain One Cause Of New Tax Request

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desks, supplementary texts, building is \$210, Dr. Wood said. Los Angeles had claimed an elementary school enrollment for Torrance of 1500, right up to the time of the trial of the suit to stop the removal of bungalows from Torrance, Dr. Wood pointed out.

"The fact is that we are now in excess of 2,000 in our count of children for Torrance schools next year, grades kindergarten through eighth." He estimated that the average cost per owner of a home assessed at \$1,000 would be only \$5, with the addition of 50 cents to the present statutory tax limit of 90 cents for elementary schools.

He also pointed out, however, that by stopping the removal of 11 bungalows from Torrance schools, Mr. and Mrs. John Taxpayer had been saved \$110,000. In addition, Los Angeles was prevented from selling two plots of land belonging to Torrance, the 15-acre farm site in North Torrance valued at \$45,000 and the Fern avenue annex, valued at \$6,000.

"When you take out your pencil and figure, the taxpayer already has saved \$161,000, or more than \$5.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation," he pointed out.

The school budget to operate Torrance elementary school, Fern avenue school, Perry school, Walteria school and the seventh and eighth grades at Torrance high school, is subject to revision by the county office, and includes some \$50,000 in general and undistributed reserve. This is an estimated figure, it was pointed out, but the county requires that district have a substantial reserve to carry the schools over "dry" periods when no tax payments are being distributed.

The budget, as referred to the County Superintendent of Schools, is as follows:

TORRANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tentative Budget 1947-48

Governing Board	\$ 300.00
Elections	500.00
Expenses	500.00
Superintendent of Schools	500.00
Chief Clerk	500.00
Non-Cert. salaries	6,780.00
Travel Expense	750.00
Conventions	1,000.00
Total Administration	\$29,172.00
Instructional Salaries	21,500.00
Salaries of Teachers	185,000.00
Other Expense of Instruction	1,000.00
Non-cert. Salaries	7,500.00
Instructional Sup.	10,500.00
Visual Aids	500.00
Instructional Materials	235,520.00
Plant	111-Operation of Plant
Non-cert. salaries	31,500.00
Custodial Supplies	3,500.00
Service Charges	800.00
Water	800.00
Light and Power	800.00
Telephone	500.00
Other Exp. of Oper.	1,350.00
Total Operation of Plant	\$9,470.00
Maintenance of Plant	IV-Maintenance of Plant
Repairs to Grounds	3,120.00
Repairs to Buildings	4,500.00
Replacement of Equipment	1,000.00
Other Expense of Maintenance	2,000.00
Total Maintenance	12,620.00
Transportation of Pupils	VI-Transportation of Pupils
Non-cert. Salaries	6,400.00
Operational Exp.	3,000.00
Attendance	1,367.00
Supervision	1,400.00
Nurse	1,000.00
Doctor	1,000.00
Cafeteria	2,000.00
Supervision	2,000.00
Total Aux. Agencies	15,247.00
VI-Fixed Charges	VI-Fixed Charges
Retirement Fund	864.00
Contribution	2,100.00
Rental of Office	2,100.00
Insurance - (Including all Surety and Fidelity Bonds)	5,437.00
Other Expense	100.00
Total Fixed Charges	6,501.00
VII-Capital Outlays	VII-Capital Outlays
Supplementary	5,250.00
Building	5,000.00
Improvements	55,558.00
New Equipment	2,000.00
Ground	2,000.00
Improvements	2,000.00
Library Books	5,250.00
Total Capital Outlay	73,158.00
Total Current Expense	\$411,688.00
Tuition Payments to Other Districts	5,252.00
Total Community Service and Tuition	5,252.00
Total Expenditures	416,940.00
Undistributed Reserve	40,000.00
General Reserve	10,000.00
Total Budget	\$466,940.00

Grading Contract For Shoestring School Granted

Grading of a site for a 15-classroom elementary school at 216th st. and Halldale ave., should commence within the next week, Los Angeles Board of Education officials announced.

The contract was awarded to the Helman & Powell Pavement Co. of Los Angeles, on a low bid of \$3,250. High bid of \$6,200 was submitted by D. R. Malcolm.

B. L. Kimball, architect for the school board, said construction of the new school will not be completed in time for the fall semester. He added, however, that some sort of temporary structures probably will be erected before September to house kindergarten students.

Local Woman Is Involved In Redondo Crash

Logan Ferdinand Bell, 20, 603-B S. Catalina ave., Redondo Beach, is recovering from contusions and abrasions he received when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a 1939 Chevrolet sedan driven by Mattie Fay Stevens, 45, Torrance, at 4:59 p.m. June 30.

The sedan, going south on Catalina ave., was attempting to turn left onto Pearl st. when the motorcycle struck it. Investigation by Police Officers Harry Dean and Harry Peterson revealed the bike skidded 52 feet attempting to prevent the collision and then traveled 55 feet after the impact.

Bell was taken to Harbor General Hospital, Torrance, by South Bay ambulance and treated for his minor injuries. Hospital officials released him to a private physician after treatment.

Manufacturers Meet With Ford Parts Buyers

L. C. Disser and E. F. Dietrich of the Ford Motor Co., discussed local procurement of \$60,000,000 worth of parts for the company at a meeting with Torrance and other Southern California manufacturers, staged by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, at the Southern California Edison building yesterday.

Disser is West Coast representative of A. J. Browning, vice president in charge of purchases, and Dietrich is factory representative for Ford. Carleton B. Tibbetts, chairman of the Chamber industrial development committee, explained that last February the Ford company announced it hoped to buy parts valued at \$60,000,000 from West Coast producers every year for assembly of passenger automobiles in its three West Coast plants.

Most of the jobs are being offered for bids in Southern California, according to Tibbetts.

Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint local manufacturers with Disser and Dietrich, who are to assist bidders in making plans for parts production for Ford.

Child Care Unit Approved; New Rates In Effect

Torrance child care centers have been approved by the State Department of Education for continuation, and a new schedule of rates has been established. Eligible for use of the centers will be:

1. One parent who is the sole support of a child and who earns an average salary of not more than \$225 a month.
 2. Two employed parents with one child, who are earning an average combined salary of not more than \$275 a month.
 3. Larger families earning up to \$80 a month for each child.
- Fees in these income brackets range from 25 to 85 cents a day. Exception to this income limitation is made for employed teachers and nurses, GI's incapacitated, going to school or in on-the-job training programs whose wives are employed, separated or ill. Those with higher incomes pay somewhat higher fees.

Questions regarding eligibility of individual parents and guardians will be answered by head teachers at Torrance Elementary School.

It is expected the loss of enrollment due to the new income limitation will be offset by the return of families who were forced to drop out when fees were raised last year to \$6.66 a week for each child.

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The private branch telephone exchange in the Pentagon building is the largest exchange of its kind in the world and contains approximately 68,600 miles of trunk lines.

Fern Avenue Park Deal Between City And School District Nears

Petitions signed by some 237 Torrance residents asking that the Torrance Recreation Center be reopened at the Fern avenue park were received with interest by the City Council Tuesday night, but promptly referred to the Torrance City Board of Education.

The petitioners asked that the valuable youth training program, cancelled by the city at the time of curtailment of municipal affairs last spring, again be instituted.

This brought up the much-discussed question of ownership of the land on which the project was being conducted.

Torrance City Council, records show, had started negotiations for the purchase of the land from the Los Angeles City School District for \$6,000, and had occupied the site under a lease agreement pending completion of the deal. Several thousands of dollars were spent there, including the improvement of a softball diamond, planting, a sprinkler system and moving of a building to the site for the recreation center.

D. A. Murphy Is Commander Of Legion Post

D. A. (Spud) Murphy is the newly elected commander of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion. He succeeds P. R. Richardson, who was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Clifford Totten, who left Torrance.

Chosen to serve with Commander Murphy are John A. Strickland, first vice commander; Edith I. White, second vice commander; James Burchett, finance officer; Howard McDonald, chaplain; S. A. Whiting, historian; George Kobayshi, service officer; W. B. Dymond, sergeant-at-arms; Sam Munesato, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Tom Watson, George Thompson and Eugene Held, executive committee.

Delegates to the state convention are Strickland, C. Younken, Richardson, Held, Murphy and James Wyatt.

The new officers will be installed at an early meeting. Miss Carlotta Dean, the Legion's successful candidate for "Miss Torrance of 1947," was presented with a gift in appreciation of her winning the contest.

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Paul Allen Wins Probation On Gun Theft Count

Paul LeRoy Allen, 19, formerly of 647 West 98th st., was placed on probation for five years when he pleaded guilty in Federal court Tuesday to charges of theft of government property. Allen is now awaiting transfer to San Quentin prison to serve a sentence for attempted robbery and auto theft.

Federal authorities accused him of stealing 17 machine guns from a San Francisco armory. The guns were recovered in a Torrance oil field after Allen was captured for a cocktail bar hold-up in the Vermont-Manchester district.

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New Bus Line Delayed By Delivery

The new bus service between Long Beach and Inglewood, serving North Torrance, may not start until September 1, according to William Murphy, manager of the Torrance Municipal Buses.

He said yesterday that the two new buses recently purchased by the City of Torrance will not leave the factory in New York until July 17. They will be driven out by factory mechanics.

The trip time will depend upon weather, road and traffic conditions, and when the buses arrive in Torrance they will be painted and placed in operation on present lines until the old equipment can be overhauled, Murphy said.

The new line has been long sought by civic and industrial interests, and will serve Harbor General Hospital, the new American-Standard factory, General Petroleum Corp., El Camino college as well as North Torrance residents and the community as a whole.

Meanwhile, Walteria residents are seeking improved service to that community, complaining through the Walteria Civic Association that there are no buses serving the area between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

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