



THOUSANDS OF BOOKS . . . "They said we could not get them," muses Assistant Superintendent of Schools E. W. Ingram as he stacks some 10,000 texts in the book room of Torrance Elementary School, aided by Evelyn Coles, clerk at the school. The Torrance City School District has received all of the texts needed for classes this year, with the exception of a small portion of the County Library books which are expected daily. (Torrance Herald photo).

MORE SCHOOLS TO BE NEEDED AS POPULATION OF 100,000 SEEN DURING NEXT 20 YEARS

Torrance will have a population of approximately 100,000 persons within 20 years, according to estimates made by the Board of Education, and request has been made to the Board of Supervisors for a survey of the entire district to locate potential school sites.

Walteria School To Be Overtaxed In Near Future

Through the cooperation of Ben Haggett, the Seaside Ranchos subdivision is providing the Torrance school office with a running census of the number of children in each family which occupies one of the new houses in the Seaside Ranchos. On the basis of the information received, from the first twenty-five houses reported on, there were 50 children in those houses, which means an average of two children per house. Twenty-two of the 50 were preschool children and 28 of the 50 are school children, which means an average of 1.10 children per house on the first twenty-five houses reported.

At that rate the Walteria school will be overtaxed by the time Seaside Ranchos is filled up without any other children.

It is apparent that the school housing problem in Torrance will become acute very soon, according to J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of Torrance City schools.

Fifty-Four Homes In Kettler Knolls Reported Sold

Fifty-four of the homes being constructed on Kettler Knolls have been sold, all to veterans, according to Howard J. Percy, of Howard Realty Co., agents for the tract. A score of others are in the process of being sold, he said.

Of the original 106 units, 80 have been spoken for or sold outright, according to Percy. Permits for 55 more were taken out this week.

Of the sales to date, 22 were to Torrance residents, nine to Lomita-Harbor City residents, and 11 to those now living in the Wilmington-San Pedro area. The balance are spread throughout Los Angeles County. The first homes will be ready for occupancy as soon as water connections, being installed under contract by Torrance Municipal Improvement District No. 1, are completed.

Kettler Knolls is at Narbonne ave. and Sepulveda Blvd.

State Renews Quarantine On Beach Areas

Former Santa Monica Bay quarantine limits were reestablished Sept. 2 due to the exhaustion of the chlorine supply at the Hyperion sewage treatment plant, Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, state director of Public Health, announced today. Limits extend from 14th st. north of Hermosa Beach pier in Hermosa Beach to Seaside Terrace south of Santa Monica pier in the city of Santa Monica.

This action was taken when the Hyperion plant's supply of chlorine was exhausted early Sept. 2. This chemical is necessary in the disinfection process.

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF NEW TORRANCE SCHOOL SYSTEM COMPLETED

Plans for the opening of schools in Torrance, for the first year under the jurisdiction of the Torrance City Board of Education, were completed Tuesday night.

Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull said that the first faculty meeting of the new district will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 8, at 9:30 a. m. in the Torrance elementary school auditorium.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools E. W. Ingram told the Board that books, classroom desks, furniture and supplies had been received in sufficient quantities to equip all grades of the new school district, with the possible exception of some kindergarten supplies.

Classes of the Torrance elementary schools will start on Monday, Sept. 15. They will be conducted in Torrance elementary school, Fern avenue school, Perry school, and Walteria school, for kindergarten through sixth grade, and at Torrance high school for seventh and eighth grades.

The high school students, grades 9 through 12, will attend at Redondo Union high school last year. The high school will be under Redondo Union High School District Board of Trustees until the unification of all schools of Torrance, kindergarten through high school, under one Torrance Board of Education is accomplished.

Torrance City School District was formed as of July 1, 1947, by virtue of the adoption by the people of Torrance on Aug. 20, 1946, of the City Charter. This successful election followed two full years of preparation during which local citizens crystallized their opposition to control of Torrance schools by Los Angeles school district and adopted the charter.

The charter was ratified as the third order of business of the

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Officer Cook In Midwife Role; Delivers Girl

Carmel Cook, Torrance policeman, had his ability as guardian of law and order taxed to the utmost last week when he was forced to take the lead role in delivering a baby girl.

While patrolling his beat, Cook suddenly found himself confronted with a man who said his wife was having a baby and that his car had stalled on the way to the hospital.

Quickly rising to the occasion, the Torrance officer succeeded in getting the car started and jumped into the back seat to aid the expectant mother.

Enroute to the Harbor General hospital, the officer-midwife, father of three children himself, delivered the child and handed it over to the attendants at the hospital.

Later, both mother and child were reported as doing nicely. Officer Cook was also reported as doing well.

National Supply President Visits Torrance Plant

A. E. Walker, chairman of the Board and president of the National Supply Company has been spending a little more than two weeks on the West coast conferring with Torrance National Supply representatives and visiting many of his friends in the oil and steel business.

Walker also is here in connection with additional new facilities National Supply has under way, the largest of which is the steel and stucco warehouse and district offices at Bakersfield. He is planning to leave the end of this week for San Francisco to visit National's district offices located there before returning east to Pittsburgh, Pa.

A. W. McKinney, vice-president in charge of sales for all National Supply Company, and A. T. Huizinga, vice-president and Treasurer of the company, recently spent a week at Torrance in connection with company affairs.

William Wilkins, Lomita Child, Is Drowned In Old Gravel Pit Pool

Seven-year-old William Harnd Wilkins, 1606 266th st., Lomita, drowned yesterday afternoon in the stagnant water of an abandoned gravel pit at the end of So. Pennsylvania avenue.

The slight, red-haired youngster apparently had decided to take a dip while waiting for his father to finish work at the Edward Sidebotham & Son gravel pit where the pool is located.

Forty minutes of rescue efforts by county lifeguards, rushed to the scene from Hermosa Beach, failed to save the lad who, witnesses stated, dove into the water from a raft.

Sheriff's deputies and lifeguards said that the cause of his drowning was undetermined.

The boy was pulled from the water by Lowell Nelson of Inglewood, a cement finisher, who was nearby.

Nelson said he reached the boy about three feet from the bottom of the pit. Sheriff's deputies estimated the pool to be from 10 to 12 feet in depth.

First to notice the lad was in trouble were several youths playing atop the rim of the main pit, about 100 feet above the pool.

High School Starts Fall Semester With Full Day's Program Sept. 12

It's back to school for approximately 600 Torrance high school students Friday, Sept. 12, as the doors open for the first time under the Redondo Union High School district.

Treking back after a long summer, the students will find a number of changes awaiting them. Reconditioning and repair carried on throughout the summer have altered appearances. Emphasis of the work has been on the interior and only in the last few weeks have workmen been able to start painting scoured outsides of the buildings.

The first day of school for the fall semester will find regular class periods being held. An assembly period from 8:30 to 9:00 will open the day, at which time students will meet the administrative staff of the school.

Following the assembly a registration period will be held from 9:15 to 10:15. Starting at 10:15 six periods of school will be conducted, the day ending at 1:55. Lunch will be served during the lunch period.

The regular bus schedule for the junior and senior high school students will be carried out, beginning Friday Sept. 12.

Students are reminded that a student-counselor conference period has been planned for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 10 and 11, for those students who are not satisfied with their program of study or who have not had an opportunity to complete their preliminary registration and to make out their programs. This will be the last opportunity for students to get the benefit of faculty guidance in planning their courses of study before school starts.

The week of Sept. 8 through 11 is being used by the faculty to acquaint themselves with the new curriculum which is being used at Torrance high school this year. Conferences will be held throughout the week, with faculty group meetings to better acquaint themselves with the new procedures.

Eddie Cole, football coach, announces that football practice will begin on Monday, Sept. 8. Dr. Markham will give an examination to all prospective football players on Monday, Sept. 8 at 9:00.

Cliff Graybehl of the high school physical education department also announces that football practice will start Tuesday morning at 10:00 a. m. The week's activities will be concluded by a Faculty Ten or Friday afternoon, Sept. 12, in the social hall.

Vinicius d'Moraes, vice consul of Brazil, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Torrance Rotary club tonight (Thursday) at the Woman's club house.

The talk by d'Moraes will be in the nature of information on the Rotary International convention which will be held in Rio de Janeiro in June of next year.

Ground-breaking ceremony will be marked by a three-day fiesta on Oct. 17, 18 and 19. A drive for additional funds is now in progress and Father McGuinness expressed hope that the entire community would show interest in the school. Industrial plants will also be asked for donations, he said.

Upon completion of the school, it is hoped to build the new convent on Cota avenue across from the church. To be a two-story mission type building, it will house the school faculty, consisting of nine teaching Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph. The purchase of two vacant lots at the corner of Cota and Manuel avenues as the convent site was announced last week. The church had originally planned to build the convent on the vacant lot in the same block on the north side of McKinley, but it was later decided that more space was needed. The original lot has been put up for sale by the church.

Plans for the new Catholic School of the Nativity, to be located on Carson street between Madrid and Acacia avenues, will be completed within the next 10 days, according to the Rev. Father P. F. McGuinness, pastor.

The building will be one story and U-shaped, with three rooms on Carson st., two on Acacia ave. and three on the north side of the property. It will have a concrete foundation, frame and stucco walls and a mission tile roof. The style will be simple to avoid unnecessary ornament.

The school will have eight classrooms with a clinic, office, library, and will be built at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

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NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR TORRANCE . . . Pictured above is the architects drawing of the proposed Catholic School of the Nativity, to be constructed at Acacia Ave. and Carson St. on property recently acquired. A convent for teachers also is planned on a Cota St. site opposite the Catholic Church of the Nativity.

TORRANCE BUILDING PERMITS FOR YEAR REACH \$4,222,208 AS 70 NEW HOMES STARTED

A new spurge of residence construction, which eclipsed all previous records, saw Torrance building permits for the first eight months of 1947 reach \$4,222,208, the City Building department revealed yesterday.

The figure reached, with four months of the year remaining, is the highest since 1942 and 1943, when huge wartime growth and General Petroleum Corp. expansion pushed valuation of Torrance building to peaks of \$7,307,764 and \$4,771,908, respectively.

Los Angeles 101 HOT; Torrance 84 Degrees COOL

While Los Angeles sweltered in the grip of the sun's 101 degrees on Labor Day, Torrance residents relaxed in a comparatively frigid temperature of 84, a mere 17 degrees cooler, according to official U. S. weather bureau statistics.

Hot Monday was the hottest Sept. 1 ever recorded in Los Angeles and the hottest day in two years. Torrance's top scorcher of the past week, on the other hand, was 87 on Sunday, still 14 degrees more comfortable than Los Angeles' Monday high.

The difference in the two temperatures was probably due to the Pacific breezes that cool Torrance but are absent in Los Angeles. Even Long Beach hit 97 Monday, while the high in the state was at El Centro, a torrid 118 degrees.

Live in Torrance; be cool!

Traffic Accident On Prairie Ave. Takes Life Sun.

Mrs. Catherine Wilson, 58, 32 Regent st., Inglewood, was killed Sunday night when the car in which she was riding collided with another at 174th st. on Prairie ave.

According to police, Mrs. Wilson was traveling north on Prairie in a car driven by her husband, L. J. Wilson, when her side of the car was struck by a car driven by Lee H. Oscheimer, 23 125 W. 67th st., Los Angeles.

The impact knocked the Wilson vehicle 38 feet into a telephone post while the other car skidded 54 feet and turned over police said.

Mrs. Wilson was pronounced dead from head injuries on arrival at Harbor General hospital. Neither Wilson nor the two occupants of the second car were seriously injured.

A son of Mrs. Wilson, John J. Wilson, resides at 733 Sartor avenue.

Weather Record

Aug.	TEMPERATURE	
	Maximum	Minimum
28	74	62
29	78	64
30	79	58
31	79	58
Sept. 1	87	54
2	82	63

Plans For New Catholic School To Be Completed Within 10 Days

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