

# Principal Quits At First Rift In Schools Here

In the face of a storm of protests which created the first "incident" in the Torrance City School District's short existence, the resignation of Albert R. Beardsley as principal of Torrance Elementary School was accepted by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Albert N. Posner, principal of Fern Avenue School was given the post as temporary principal pending selection of a permanent administrator for the school.

Nearly 50 citizens who virtually stormed the meeting and forced the Board to move from its regular meeting place in the Administration building at 2098 Torrance blvd. to the auditorium of Torrance elementary school demanded to know "why" Beardsley had resigned.

Some went away from the meeting unsatisfied with the Board's explanation that it did not desire to air the reasons, while others reassured the Board of their confidence in its judgment.

However, it was apparent from remarks made both by the members of the Board and those in the audience that Beardsley and Superintendent of Schools J. Heinrich Hull did not agree on policies in administration of Torrance Elementary School and that the Board was standing firm behind the superintendent.

Accusing Hull of being openly antagonistic, Mrs. Martha Plank declared that Beardsley "didn't have a chance" to do his job as principal of the school.

Dr. Howard A. Wood, president of the Board, declared that the Board had been "watching the situation and is following through."

This brought a question from Kenneth Beight: "What is the situation?"

Dr. Wood replied that the Board felt it advisable to accept Beardsley's resignation "for the good of the schools."

At the request of Dr. Wood the following statement of the Board was read:

"The Board of Education of the Torrance City schools, in full cognizance of its responsibility to the community, has made it a point for its members collectively and individually.

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RESIGNS . . . Principal A. R. Beardsley, of Torrance Elementary School, has resigned his position, this first rift in Torrance City School System's program causing a storm of protest at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night.

## New West Basin Water District Is Proclaimed

The Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting canvassed the votes cast in the West Basin Municipal Water District election, held on Nov. 15, and declared the total vote as being 14,455, resulting in 11,120 votes for the creation of the district, and 1,321 against the proposition.

Chairman Darby stated that as a result of this official canvass, the Board of Supervisors took specific action, declaring the territory within the proposed boundaries duly organized as a municipal water district under the name of West Basin Municipal Water District.

### Weather Report

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Nov. 28	Max.	Min.
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