

# 4000 Kids March in Greatest Back-to-School Parade

## ADULT SCHOOL OFFERS WIDE SUBJECT RANGE

The Adult Department of Torrance Unified School District will offer free courses both day and evening starting next Monday, September 19, according to Donald Manashaw, director of the adult program.

Subjects offered include civil psychology, china painting, rug-making, lampshade construction, engineering drawing and blue print reading, physical education, leathercraft, copper tooling, interior decoration, orchestra, kitchen magic, square dancing, and salesmanship. To register go directly to the class room at the first meeting of the class.

Suggestions for new classes are welcome at any time, as new courses can be started whenever there is assurance of a substantial attendance.

The complete list of courses, as announced by Manashaw, follows:

SUBJECT	NIGHT TIME	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
Blue Print Read. & Engr. Drw.	Th 7:00-9:30	105	Nettleman
Ceramics	M-W-Th 7:00-9:30	207	Inselc
Child Psychology	Tu 7:30-9:30	104	Rouman
China Painting	W 7:00-9:30	207	Inselc
Copper Tool. & Leathercraft	Tu-Th 6:30-9:30	208	Cavanaugh
Dressmaking & Tailoring	W-Th 6:30-9:30	301	Holt
Interior Decorating	W 7:00-9:00	203	Pinniger
Kitchen Magic	Th 6:30-9:30	Sci-202	Giller
Lampshade Construction	M 9:00-12:00	*	LeMenager
Machine Shop	Tu-Th 6:45-9:45	Shop	Bray
Orchestra	W 7:00-9:30	Aud	Milstein
Phy. Ed. (Men & Women)	Tu-Th 7:00-10:00	Gym	Cole
Physical Fitness (Men)	W 7:00-10:00	Gym	Graybehl
Rugmaking	W 8:00-12:00	*	Johnson
Salesmanship	M 7:30-10:00	103	Meier
Square Dance	Tu 7:00-10:00	Tor. Elm. Aud.	Reeser
Upholstery	M-W 6:30-9:30	Shop	Hall
Woodshop	Tu-Th 6:45-9:45	Shop	Strohm

\* Call at office

## BANK OFFICIALS TO ATTEND MEET

Dean L. Sears, P. M. Creighton, A. Ewalt, H. T. Scriver and Fred Birmingham, of the Torrance branch of Bank of America will attend the dinner meeting of the bank's officers from the harbor district on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:45 p.m., at the American Legion Hall in Paramount, according to Manager Sears.

Officers of the bank's branches in the harbor district meet several times yearly to discuss current trends in banking, business, industry, and agriculture.

At this meeting, the officers will hear a talk by Earl Vaughan, vice president of the Los Angeles headquarters, whose subject will be "Challenging Time."

## Reflections

By J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr.

### HATS OFF TO TEACHERS

More children are going to schools this term than at any other one. Those children must have teachers; many of them are strangers. We must make them welcome.



Each child has peculiar aptitudes; each one poses a problem and his teacher must solve it. She does. She submerges her social life into the routine of school curricula. Her life is wrapped around with problems of the greatest individualists on earth. Her good fortune is measured on the scale of the good-for-her-pupils. Her goal is not today but twenty years from now. She is never happier than when one of her pupils reaches the Hall of Fame. She stands in the reflected glory of his accomplishment.

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## School Rolls Show Large Pupil Increase

Torrance's school-going population has been increased by almost 1000 since last year, according to totals released yesterday by the superintendent of school's office.

With total enrollment not yet completed, 3656 pupils have entered classes here. This is 796 more than 2859 who turned out for the first week of school last year.

Number of students who have registered at the high school reached 749 yesterday. The eighth grade, which is computed separately, totaled 250. Last year, 629 students attended the high school.

Largest enrollment of any school in the Torrance Unified School District was recorded at Torrance Elementary School with a mark of 925 as compared to 729 last year. Other elementary schools, with the exception of Walteria from where students were diverted to the new Seaside School, showed similar increases. Perry School now has 505 students; Fern Avenue School, 594; Walteria 276; Seaside, 357.



END OF LINE—SCHOOL . . . Smiling Sharron Gilmore, 1727 West 234th street, is followed off Torrance school bus by two classmates as they join greatest back-to-school parade in Torrance's history. Nearly 4000 youngsters trekked through school doors Monday morning—almost 1000 more than a year ago. —Herald Photo.

## TAPs See Film on Rod Safety At Regular Test

"Traffic With The Devil," a film on highway safety supplied by the Los Angeles Police Department, highlighted the TAP's semi-monthly meeting held September 7 in the City Hall courtroom.

Charlie Severin of Torrance supplied the projector and his services for showing the picture. Officer Gale Whitacre supplemented with a talk on traffic and traffic safety as applied to TAP members and all juveniles. Officer Whitacre was assisted by Lucille Stroh, girls' coordinator.

The TAPs are a "youth" organization, sponsored by the Torrance Police Officers Association for the purpose of promoting among the youth of the community, good citizenship, a sense of responsibility to the community, cooperation with law enforcement agencies, the development of leadership, and encouragement of wholesome leisure time activities. Any boy or girl between the ages of 12 and 18 years and who lives within the city limits of Torrance may make application for membership by contacting the Torrance Police Dept.

The Police Officers Association's "Youth Committee" composed of the following members supervise and direct the activities of the TAPs: Chief John Stroh, Captain Willard Haslam, Sgt. Swayne Johnson, Officers John Maestri, Carmel Cook, Gale Whitacre and Policewoman Lucille Stroh.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall. At this meeting all TAP members will have their measurements taken for their uniforms.

## Walteria Well Capped with Drum, Cement

An abandoned water well, which Walteria parents felt created a hazard for their children who play in the area, has been capped, according to Torrance Fire Chief John E. McMaster.

Located in an abandoned gravel pit on the property of E. W. French near Newton and Adolph avenues, the well was ten inches in diameter. In capping it, French covered the casing with a 52-gallon gasoline drum which he filled with cement.

The owner claimed that the well had been capped once before, but that children had succeeded in removing the protective covering.

Chief McMaster, who inspected the well, declared that the owners had done an excellent job of capping. He added that other unused wells in the area are being similarly protected.

## 'FIGHT' FOR COLORADO RIVER WATER SPREADS

What started out as a two-state battle between California and Arizona over water has spread to all the western reclamation states because of the drain on Federal funds entailed by the proposed \$738,000,000 Arizona irrigation project.

"Arizona's attempt to grab the lion's share of western reclamation funds has the other states worried," Ben P. Griffith, Colorado River Association secretary, said. "The nation is economy minded today and the huge Arizona demand easily could kill the goose that lays the golden reclamation eggs."

Facts that provide the basis for concern by other states are contained in a tabulation made recently by the Library of Congress, Griffith said.

The official government report referred to reveals that the amount of Federal funds Arizona is asking for its single project rivals the total amount

spent in all 17 so-called "reclamation states," including Arizona and California, during the past 11 years.

Griffith continued: "Preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Reclamation give the Central Arizona Project cost as \$738,000,000.

It is this comparison that has total outlay for Arizona to \$1,500,000,000.

As a result, close attention is being paid by these interests in Washington to Senate Bill 75 and House Resolution 934. This state.

California water officials and private citizens are vigorously opposing the Arizona bills because the project would rob California of Colorado River water needed for 28 Southern California cities with a combined population of almost 4,000,000.

"The entire California Congressional delegation has taken a united stand against the Arizona project and in favor of a clean cut Supreme Court settlement of the controversy, as provided for in Senate Joint Resolution

1334 El Prado, 11:50 a.m. September 9, gasoline overflow from auto.

Between the Navy Supply Annex and Sepulveda boulevard, 8:20 a.m. September 12, grass fire.

Sepulveda and Crenshaw boulevards, 8:35 a.m. September 13, grass fire.

AA to Hold Open Meeting Here Sept. 21

In one of its few open meetings, the Torrance committee of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold a program open to the public Saturday evening, Sept. 21. The meeting will be held at the Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia avenue.

The Torrance committee has been functioning here for more than two years. Next week's meeting will be addressed by speakers of professional status, well versed on their topics, and capable of describing in a forthright manner the work being done by Alcoholics Anonymous. Admission will be free.

SNOWBALLS DEADLY  
Snowballs were the cause of the Boston Massacre. In 1770, British soldiers fired on a group that snowballed them, on King street, Boston. King street is now State street.

## Huge Zoning Shift Okey'd By Commission

A master plan for rezoning a large section of Torrance received the fourth-fifths vote of approval of the City Council Tuesday night.

Councilman Bob Haggard cast the dissenting vote on a motion to have the city attorney draft an ordinance which would adopt without charge the plan of rezoning as recommended by the Planning Commission and Earl Lloyd, planning consultant.

Haggard felt that a larger portion of the area northwest of the intersection of Crenshaw and Torrance boulevards should be reserved for possible future business development rather than for residential uses as planned under the new scheme.

The action followed a third and final public hearing on the plan, which involves property between Carson street, Crenshaw boulevard, Tract No. 7873 and Hawthorne boulevard.

Proposed is a single family residential area along Torrance boulevard, two-family residential along most of Crenshaw boulevard, two-family and multiple family residential along Carson street, multiple family residential on the east side of Madrona avenue and a huge manufacturing area north of the planned extension of Marfopa street. Most other areas are to remain zoned as they are at present.

## First Woman Justice of the Peace Passes

Last rites for Mrs. Esther I. Dennis, 77, the first woman Justice of the Peace to serve in Los Angeles County, were conducted yesterday afternoon in the Stone and Myers Chapel.

Mrs. Dennis was chosen by the County Board of Supervisors in 1934 to serve the unexpired term of her husband, John Dennis, who died in office. Mr. Dennis was at one time Mayor of Torrance.

The pioneer resident of Torrance (26 years) died in a Hermosa Beach sanatorium last Saturday. Her home was located at 1621 Amapola avenue. She was a native of Ossian, Iowa.

Services for Mrs. Dennis were read by Mrs. William Walker, a Christian Science reader. Entombment in the Inglewood Mausoleum followed the last rites.

Surviving Mrs. Dennis, a member of the Torrance Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, is her sister, Kate Birdsell of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Eva M. Thomas, a niece of 1621 Amapola avenue.

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