

### Torrance Tenth In School Tax

Comparative tax rates of 22 Los Angeles County school districts having an assessed valuation of over \$25,000,000 show the Torrance tax rate is tenth highest on the list for the 1952-53 year, it was reported at the TEAC meeting last week.

Torrance's tax rate of \$2.9846 per \$100 of assessed valuation was slightly below the mark of the South Pasadena Unified School District, which had a tax of \$3.0560, and slightly higher than Pasadena City, which registered \$2.9072.

Highest tax rate on the entire list was registered by Redondo Beach, which has a high of \$3.7648. Second is Inglewood, with \$3.5737; third is Lynwood Unified, with \$3.3934; and Wilton, \$3.33. El Monte, \$3.31; Compton, \$3.27; Arcadia, \$3.10; and Pomona, \$3.10, follow in that order.

Two of the highest valuation districts, San Marino and Beverly Hills, are lowest on the tax rate list. San Marino citizens paid only \$2.15 per \$100, and Beverly Hills residents paid the pittance of \$1.36 in school taxes.

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Districts lower than Torrance on the list include Culver City, Burbank, Long Beach, Glendale, Los Angeles, Alhambra and Santa Monica.

### Ask \$67,200 In School Budget for Bus Service

\$67,200 has been requested in the school budget for 1953-54 to run and maintain bus transportation to and from schools for local youngsters, it was reported in the school budget report presented at the TEAC meeting last week.

This is an increase of over \$8000 in excess of last year's transportation expenses of \$58,944. The total includes money for gas, oil, tires, general maintenance, salaries of drivers, etc.

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### Council Prexy Poses with Bold Tacoma Scouts

Councilman John S. Gibson, new president of the Los Angeles City Council, found himself sitting in the mayor's chair last week and one of his first official acts was to pose for a picture with visiting dignitaries.

The visiting dignitaries turned out to be Boy Scouts from Tacoma, Wash., headed for the big jamboree on Irvine Ranch, and they had a Tacoma city limits sign which they planted firmly on the steps of the Los Angeles City Hall.

Gibson gulped... and smiled for the photo.

### LA Gets Record School Budget

A record \$120,149,975 Los Angeles City Schools budget approved by the Board of Education July 16 included a five per cent wage increase for 12,000 teachers and other employees and reduced the school tax rate an estimated 13 cents.

The tax reduction was made possible by an increased allotment of state funds.

The budget is \$13,429,467 higher than last year.

The final budget will be voted on at a public hearing Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. by the Board at its offices at 450 N. Grand Ave. It must be adopted by Aug. 10.

The new budget will permit 12,000 additional students into city schools by increasing the number of teachers, Alexander J. Stoddard, school superintendent explained.

### Alert Officers Play All Parts In Fiery Drama

Police officers Dave Cook and Bill Shaner played all the parts in a taut little 10-minute drama enacted last week at Crenshaw Blvd. just south of 191 Hwy.

The plot unfolded thusway:

**SCENE ONE**  
4:54 p.m., Fire Spotters Cook and Shaner sight a brush fire starting at the above location.

**SCENE TWO**  
4:55 p.m., Police Officers Cook and Shaner report the fire to their home office and request that the fire department be notified.

**SCENE THREE**  
5:03 p.m., Volunteer Firemen Cook and Shaner rush to the brush and stomp out the fire.

**SCENE FOUR**  
5:05 p.m., Heroes Cook and Shaner report that their efforts have been successful, report the fire out, and drive happily off in their proud car at the:

CURTAIN.

### Walteria News

## More Than 150 See New Church Started

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Between 150 and 175 members of the community watched the ground-breaking ceremonies last Sunday for the Walteria Community Methodist Church. It is hoped that by the middle of October the \$30,000 building will be completed and ready to serve Walteria and surrounding area.

The first meeting of the church was held on Easter day of 1951, and on Sept. 23, 1951 the church became an official organization. The construction now under way will include a 200-seat sanctuary, kitchen, pastor's study, two classrooms, restrooms, and a foundation for the social hall, to be erected as soon as possible.

Until the building is completed, church services will be held in the Recreation Hall, as in the past. This will be the third church building in our community, the Walteria Baptist Church on Newton and the Assembly of God Church on Hawthorne Blvd. being the other two.

A warm and cordial welcome was received by Captain and Mrs. Henry Cunningham when they arrived in Walteria on Wednesday of last week, along with their son Jimmy. The Cunningshams at present own their home on Newton St., which they rented when Marie went to join Henry at Camp Cook. From there they went to Washington, and are now on their way to Camp Stoneham from where Henry will be sent overseas, probably to Korea. At present, during their visit here, they are guests of the Bert Beers of the Recreation Hall, as in the past. This will be the third Marie will return here to be

guest at the Beers' home for several weeks. Marie has certainly had her share of being an "Army widow."

There was a splashing good time had last week by Don and Jane Dahl of Danaha St., when they went to visit friends in Temple City for a swimming party. Starting in the late afternoon, the 22 guests swam in the pool and munch on crackers and cheese, potato chips, etc. In the evening a delicious patio dinner of barbecue steaks and all the fixings was served the starving group. Later on there was more swimming for the hardier of the crew.

The summer dance for the Pacific Hills Home Owners Association was held Saturday at the Lomita VFW Hall. These dances have been a huge success in the past, and from what this reporter hears via the grapevine, practically the whole Pacific Hills Tract planned to get on their bib and tucker and attend. Music for the evening was provided by Byron Harkins' orchestra.

Lots of the Walteria boys, and I might add, their parents, are enjoying ball games at the Little League Park just on the outskirts of Walteria on the new part of Crenshaw. For the boys who didn't make the first teams, or were late arrivals there are the scrub teams, while the first teams are really capable of playing ball which is exciting as well as entertaining. Participants all have regular uniforms, and all of their equipment is regulation. If you want your boys, and girls too, for that matter, to enjoy an afternoon of good fun, make the trip to the Little League Ball Park. Scheduled for the following week are games between the Dodgers and Cards, Pirates and Braves, Pirates and Cards, Cards and Braves, and Giants and Dodgers. The games are on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Young Bill Tenney of Hawthorne Blvd. has left all by himself via bus for Oklahoma, where he will spend his summer vacation with relatives.

Excitement is reigning high at the Tom Fitzpatrick home, since tomorrow is a big day for them. They are loading in the family bus and taking off for St. Paul, Minn., where they will visit with Sylvia's parents and family. So here's a goodbye and a wish for lots of fun extended to Tom and Sylvia, Casey, Terry, Timmy, and Trudy, as well as to baby Terese, who probably will not know what is going on.

The MYF this week will be host to the Lomita MYF when they all have fun at Nickol's chicken farm at a swimming party. Their evening will be made more than enjoyable when it is capped off with refreshments of delicious home-made ice cream.

By the way, had my first experience with the dad-gummed jelly fish last Sunday when my husband and I left the children at home with grandma and journeyed to the beach. For a while we had a wonderful time basking in the cool surf and riding the breakers. Then husband hollered, and felt his leg. Sure enough, the jelly fish had decided to take over the water. By the time we got on the sand they were really coming in thick, and bathers were leaving the water much more quickly than they had gotten in. Have decided if the jelly fish want the water, they can have it. Who wants to argue with them?

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