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SAM LEVY

Sam Levy Heads Committee for Hospital Bonds

Appointment of Sam Levy, prominent Torrance businessman and pioneer in the city, to head up the county-wide citizens' committee to back passage of the \$15,400,000 bond issue for Harbor General Hospital was approved this week by the County Board of Supervisors.

Levy, who lives at 1503 El Prado, was nominated for the chairmanship of the committee by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the board and representative of the Fourth District.

In Many Campaigns

The civic leader has spearheaded many local campaigns, including the Harbor Community Chest, Torrance YMCA fund drive, Jewish Welfare Fund drive, and the City of Hope. He also was largely responsible for the planning and construction of the YWCA building at Carson St. and Plaza Del Amo.

"We must stress that every section of our country is to be served by the new hospital facilities," Levy said on his appointment.

Bonds Endorsed

Unanimous endorsement of the hospital bond measure—Proposition B—was voted last week by the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, Levy said. The plan calls for the erection of permanent hospital buildings to replace the old barracks now in use at the local hospital.

"Last year, the hospital served 13,071 bed patients and 113,000 outpatients," Levy said.

A meeting to organize volunteers to aid in the projects of the hospital will be held there at 10 a.m., Oct. 25.

Council Gives Green Light To El Nido

A resolution allowing the circulation of petitions among residents of the El Nido tract for annexation to Torrance was passed by the City Council. There were no protests at the petition hearing before the Council Tuesday.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier was ordered to draw up an election notice for the land, which is a triangular piece of property bounded by 182nd St., Hawthorne Blvd., 190th St. and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

The land is an unincorporated county island and the children in the tract attend Torrance schools. El Nido School and El Nido Park are located in the tract. The other half of the tract was annexed by Redondo Beach over a year ago.

Olympic Test Slated for Local Plunge

Plans for a meeting here between the United States Olympic water polo team and a team composed of Los Angeles County lifeguards was disclosed this week by Bud Stevenson, chief county lifeguard.

If arrangements can be completed, the meet will be held in the new municipal plunge at Torrance Blvd. and Madrona late this month. Purpose of the event is to raise funds to send a member of the county team to Australia next month to compete in the water events in the Olympic.

Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem is supervising details of the event and representatives of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Mounted Police have pledged support.

More complete details will be available later this week.



RED FEATHER CAMPAIGNERS . . . Sharon Brenman, left, Judy Wolf, Barbara Cage and Robert Gates were among the more than 100 "Red Feather Kids" attending a briefing session, held at the Los Angeles Salvation Army Youth Center, for the current Community Chest appeal.

Reports on Tax Potential of Area Requested

Indications that at least one of the City Council's ruling majority may be interested in taking a longer look at the proposal to condemn 55 acres of valuable industrial property north of the new civic center were evident this week when Councilman Robert B. Jahn asked City Manager Stevens for a report on the tax potential of the property.

Jahn earlier had joined Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor Benstead in ordering condemnation proceedings on the area.

Reports on the industrial land requested by Jahn will be prepared for the next meeting, Stevens indicated.

In other matters considered by the Council, final assessments in the Vista Highlands Sewer District were held up for one week to permit study of adjustments requested by a number of property owners in the area and the Anti-Bulldozing ordinance was finally adopted. This new law prohibits bulldozing or any similar contest, or the promotion or advertising of any in the city.

County Funds Voted for Street Work

Three major streets in Torrance will be improved as a result of a \$45,183 appropriation of County funds which was approved Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said the appropriation which will come out of the County's Aid to Cities Fund will finance the improvement of Yukon Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 177th St., Madrona Ave. from Torrance Blvd. northerly and Maple Ave. from Torrance Blvd. to Maricopa St.

County funds, the Supervisor revealed, will be allocated to the City of Torrance and the actual work will be carried out by the city.

Red Feather Kids Attend Campaign Briefing Session

Barbara Cage, Sharon Brenman, Judy Wolf and Robert Gates, all of Torrance, were among the more than 100 "Red Feather Kids" attending a briefing session, held at the Los Angeles Salvation Army Youth Center, to learn how to be more effective campaigners for the current Community Chest appeal.

The "Red Feather Kids" will make TV and radio appearances as well as speak before civic, service and philanthropic organizations, bringing to the public the need for "A Bigger Yes" to Community Chest.

North High Co-ed Barbara, 16, of 17326 Glenburn, a junior at North High School, is secretary of Harbor Senior Girl Scout Planning Board, and has been selected for the important role as counterpart of adult Chest leaders, serving as Red Feather Junior Ambassador to Edward R. Dale, Associated Cities chairman.

Judy, 17, 21804 Halldale, is a member of Torrance Branch, Harbor Area WYCA, and will serve as counterpart to Arthur O. Otse, Harbor Area Chest campaign chairman. She is a senior at Narbonne High School.

For Scout Council Sharon, 12, 2813 Winlock Rd., is an eighth grade student at Bay Area Christian School, and a member of Harbor District Camp Fire Girls.

Breakfast Meet To Honor Local Plant Tuesday

The Chamber of Commerce will salute industry again next Tuesday morning at the October breakfast meeting at the YMCA building at 7:30 a.m., President John Ebbinghouse reported yesterday.

A. K. Muir, plant manager for the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., Dicalite plant in W. L. Teria, and O. R. Trueblood, manager of McMahon's here, are co-chairmen of the Oct. 16 program, and have arranged for a demonstration and outline of the uses of diatomaceous earth—Dicalite—which is mined in the hills south of Torrance.

Reservations for the meeting may be made at the Chamber of Commerce office, FA 8-2814.

\$2500 Bail Set For Escaped Con

An escaped convict and his companion who were captured here last week after more than 20 bullets were fired at them were arraigned on burglary charges Tuesday before South Bay Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett.

The pair, George L. Spillman, 35, and Clarence Goodwin, 21, were ordered held on \$2500 bail each pending preliminary hearing before Judge Willett on Oct. 29.

Each is facing a burglary charge for allegedly breaking into the Ozark B-B-Q at 3124 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. The owner, J. L. Stretch, fired 10 or 12 shots from a rifle at them as they fled from the cafe to hide in brush nearby. Then officers fired more bullets as they attempted to flee in a car early Saturday. They were nabbed when their auto was forced to halt a block from the scene.

Officers said that Spillman

Master Plan Adopted for Victor Tract

Restrictions on drilling of new oil wells in the newly annexed Victor Tract were voted by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night with the adoption of a master zoning plan.

Since the new plan puts the area in a light manufacturing zone, drilling of new oil wells is prohibited within 300 feet of the center lines of Hawthorne Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

The zoning plan was under study for three months before its adoption. The rectangular area was annexed by the city this summer. It is bounded by Del Amo, Torrance, and Sepulveda Blvds. and the Redondo Beach city boundary.

Some of chair seats were

Over 5000 Vote on Issues

Two proposals to get more money for Torrance's schools won by overwhelming margins in voting Tuesday that brought 5491—about one-fifth—of the city's voters to 25 polling places.

A proposal which would allow the School Board to borrow \$14,000,000 from the state for construction of eight or nine new elementary schools in the district won by a margin of 4529 to 949, winning 83 per cent of the votes. Only 67 per cent was required.

A 75-cent tax override to provide more operating funds for the school district took 74 per cent of the votes, winning by 4032 to 1436. A simple majority was required.

Officials Happy

School officials were jubilant over the results. Under plans outlined before the election, funds from the state loan, if it can be obtained, will be used to build some eight or nine new elementary schools in Torrance. These are needed to relieve the critical double session problem here. At the present time, more than 4000 local students are on double session.

The loan, which depends on the outcome of a state-wide November vote on Proposition 2, would also make it possible for local school officials to plan for additional high school facilities which will be needed soon.

Equipment Planned The tax override, which will raise the city's school tax rate from \$1.65 to \$2.40, will be used to equip the new schools,

Girl Dies Under Wheels of Auto Driven by Aunt

An 18-month old child, Anna Grande, of 2278 W. Del Amo, was apparently killed instantly yesterday afternoon when a car driven by the child's aunt, Mrs. Eneidina Grajeda, backed over her as she played in the driveway of the home, according to Torrance police.

Detective Mickey Fischer, who investigated the tragedy, said a neighbor, Rudolfo Leal, of 2265 W. Del Amo, had witnessed the accident and rushed the girl and the aunt to the hospital. The child was dead on arrival. The aunt was treated for shock.

The little girl is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Grande. Mrs. Grajeda lives at the same address.

The body was removed to Stone & Myers Mortuary.

Deputies Nab Gunman, 12, With His Weapon

A 12-year-old gunman who was terrorizing El Nido School children and neighbors has been taken into custody, along with his weapon, sheriff's deputies reported Tuesday.

Deputies said that they had received many complaints that the boy was firing a pistol at children. The weapon made a loud bang, but no one was injured. The weapon, deputies discovered, was a starter pistol, used to begin horse races.

Sad Church Members Patch Damage Caused By Vandals

The Lomita Christian Church, which had just moved into its new church home at 25512 Walnut Ave. two weeks ago, got a demoralizing setback Monday and Tuesday of this week, as vandals broke into the building, doing more than \$500 damage to new furnishings.

The Rev. Gale R. Bond, pastor, told sheriff's deputies that vandals had entered the church on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons, ripping up furnishings. The following was damaged:

Extensive Damage Mimeograph ink was poured over the floor, piano, and pulpit; soap powder was poured on the auditorium floor and two other rooms; a water faucet was turned on, flooding the building; drapes and curtains were stained with mimeograph ink, ripped down, and trampled; some of chair seats were

slashed; and obscene writings were put on the walls.

Apparently, however, nothing was stolen, Rev. Bond reported.

Damage Repaired Church members gathered Tuesday evening to repair the damage and managed to restore the church to a usable condition for the Wednesday night prayer service. The drapes were so badly damaged that they had to be burned and the piano was almost unusable as a result of the vandalism.

The church was organized last year under the direction of Rev. Bond, who reported that the group had just moved into the building two weeks ago. The church has plans to build a new building in the future, he said.

Sheriff's deputies believe juveniles are responsible for the damage. The church is located across the street from Narbonne High School.

SEEKING 82,000 PERSONS

Enumerators Begin Census

Approximately 80 enumerators began the huge task of tabulating the city's present population yesterday, according to Benjamin Kundin, special census supervisor, who has been assigned to Torrance.

After a brief training session Tuesday afternoon and a longer one yesterday morning, the enumerators were given their assignments and set out to begin the house-to-house canvass of the city's estimated 82,000 residents.

Official date of the census was yesterday, Oct. 10, and anyone living in the city on that date is counted—even though they move away the next day, Kundin said.

He expects the job to be completed in three weeks, and asked for the cooperation of all Torrance residents in completing the enumeration.

"As far as the city is concerned, it isn't the principle, it's the money," he quipped.

City Manager George Stevens reports that the city can expect to receive an additional \$7 or \$8 for each person added to the city's population by the special census. These funds are received from the state on a population basis.

Census headquarters have been provided in the city hall.

Polio Down By Two-Thirds in City This Year

Polio in Torrance has dropped off by nearly two-thirds this year over 1955, according to Dr. Benjamin A. Logan, county health officer.

To date, only 10 cases of polio have been reported in the city, compared with 34 at the same time last year. Only one of the polio victims this year had received the Salk vaccine and only one shot.

Last year, the city of Torrance contributed nearly half—34 out of 79 cases—of the reported polio cases in the area. This year, the city's polio cases have been less than one-third—10 of 34 cases—of those reported in the area.

The city's drop in the number of polio victims also was greater than that in the surrounding territory, although all had fewer cases this year. Unincorporated territory reported a drop from 16 to 14 in number of cases; Redondo Beach, 16 to 4; Gardena, 9 to 3; Manhattan Beach, 8 to 3; Hermosa Beach, 4 to 0; and Palos Verdes Estates, 2 to 0.

The trend in this area follows a nation-wide trend.

2000 Tickets Distributed For 'Y' Feed

Gil Derouin of the Torrance YMCA board announced yesterday that over 2000 tickets have been distributed to board members, business houses, and Y Club boys in order to make the annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast the biggest ever.

Derouin stated that four nominations have been received at the YMCA office for the 1956 Good Neighbor Award. All citizens are invited to submit names of persons whom they consider eligible for this traditional honor. Letters should be mailed to the YMCA at 2080 Washington Ave. in the next week.

Derouin pointed out that all proceeds from the Breakfast will be used to make improvements at the Y building, and to support the present athletic program which is open to all boys.

Derouin reported that the top ticket salesman thus far is C. C. Morgan of Columbia-Gewa Steel, with Bill Speck of American-Standard close behind. The most enthusiastic salesman has been Dr. Rollin Smith, who asked for 200 tickets to sell.

Tickets for this city-wide occasion can be secured at the YMCA or from most stores in the community. The breakfast will be held from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

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