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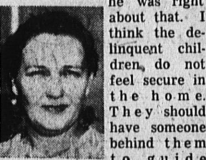
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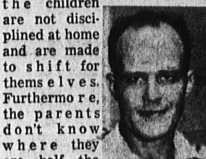
Torrance HERALD's reporter asked opinions on the following question:

"Former President Harry Truman said last week that the lack of strict home and school discipline was a prime contribution to juvenile delinquency. What do you think?"

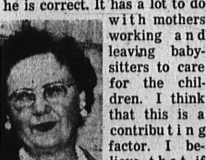
Mrs. T. W. Smoot, 2517 Sonoma St., housewife: "I think he was right about that. I think the delinquent children, do not feel secure in the home. They should have someone behind them to guide them."



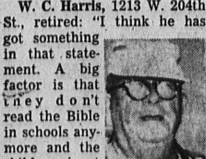
Ralph Dobbs, 1569 W. 222nd St.: "He is right. So many of the children are not disciplined at home and are made to shift for themselves. Furthermore, the parents don't know where they are half the time."



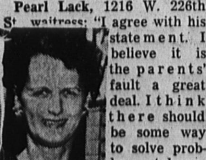
Mrs. Howard Kindred, 2415 W. 233rd St., housewife: "Yes, he is correct. It has a lot to do with mothers working and leaving baby-sitters to care for the children. I think that this is a contributing factor. I believe that if the family would play together it would stay together."



W. C. Harris, 1213 W. 204th St., retired: "I think he has got something in that statement. A big factor is that they don't read the Bible in schools anymore and the children just don't know what is going on religiously."



Pearl Lack, 1216 W. 226th St., waitress: "I agree with his statement. I believe it is the parents' fault a great deal. I think there should be some way to solve problems at home. The right environment has a lot to do with delinquency."



Mary E. Fitzpatrick, 3631 Newton St., housewife: "The statement is true. People should look after their children instead of letting the police and teachers try to solve the problems. I think the parents should make the children pay more attention at home. I also think parents should pay for such damages as broken windows when their children break them."



SETTING THE STAGE . . . Traffic Sergeant Joe Miles of the Torrance police department checks the crossing signs and signals near the Fern-Greenwood Elementary School as he gets ready for the added problems of students on the streets next Thursday. He has reminded motorists that school is opening, and to keep alert. (Herald Photo)

Councilman Hits Back At Commissioners' Charges

A running barrage of charges between the city council and members of the city's various commissions flared up again this week as the council tore into statements made at a recent airport commission meeting.

"I see here on page 7 of the minutes that the commission voted to request the city council to direct their questions here (to the airport commission) in the future rather than taking action and going off on a tangent," Councilman Willys G. Blount said at Tuesday's council meeting. He was reading from the Aug. 29 minutes of the airport commission.

"I think it is time the commissions learned that the council appointed them in an advisory capacity, and that the responsibility for any decision is squarely up to the council," he said.

Blount also attacked a statement by Commissioner John Simpson in which he said he didn't think the city council ought to go over the heads of the commission.

"If they are going to do that sort of thing, perhaps they should get a new airport commission," Simpson said.

"I'm for that," Blount snorted.

Spark for Tuesday evening's comment by the council was a criticism of the council's action on handling leases for private hangars at the airport.

Blount's opposition to the city entering a large scale building-lease program at the airport received the support of Acting Mayor Bob Jahn and Councilman Nick Dralle, only

other members present Tuesday.

The Council voted to process one lease to each plane owner on the waiting list, but to defer those applications where the leases were to be signed for speculative purposes.

Liability Deferred

A still more serious matter on the airport—who is going to be responsible for operation of the field for night flying if the airport runway lights and other night flying aids are completed—was deferred until a full council could hear the discussion.

(Mayor Albert Isen is in New York at a meeting of mayors and Councilman Victor Benstead is ill.)

Airport Manager Ed Dietrich, who operates the facility on a contract basis, has said he wants the city to free him from responsibility of operating a night-flying field.

Dietrich has said he will refuse to turn on the runway light in any event until other required facilities are installed. This includes a pattern indicator, portal lights indicating turn-offs for taxi strips, taxi-strip guide lights, an air-

heads have been used in many other California cities.

The school board has been eyeing the proposal for some time. According to Waldrip, many other cities which have built overpasses have discovered that the children do not use them, but cross the street, if the location is not immediately convenient.

Plans Eyed

The board also has been pondering whether the overpass would be needed, since the State Highway Dept. reported in a letter that stop signals would be put up at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy., adjoining the school, by Jan. 1.

In addition, plans call for a stop light at Anza Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. when Anza Ave. is completed.

DRIVERS TOLD TO KEEP EYE PEELED FOR KIDS

"Keep an eye on all small fry!" With this slogan, motorists throughout the county were urged to be especially watchful for children on the streets as school opens next Thursday.

Sgt. Joe Miles of the Torrance police department, issued this reminder:

"Motorists should not forget that other people have children. Too often drivers are cautious only about their own youngsters and forget to keep an eye out for the other children.

"One of the major problems in traffic safety is coping with impulses of children and training them in the safety precautions.

"The only way to tackle children's unpredictable behaviour, particularly in crossing streets, is to urge motorists to keep a sharp lookout and drive slowly through school and playground areas during peak hours of school traffic," Miles continued.

Speed limit in school zones is 15 miles per hour when children have access to the playground area.

Seven Enter Lomita Race

With at least two or three other persons expected to file declaration of candidacy before the deadline at noon today, seven aspirants have entered the race for members of the City Council of the proposed new City of Lomita. They are:

Clyde Bernhardt, general contractor, 1914 W. 262nd St. Mrs. Jean Berseth, prominent civic leader and church worker, 25918 Lucille.

A. E. (Doc) Cook, vice president of the Lomita Water District, 24314 Allene.

Roy H. Ferrin, cabinet and woodwork contractor, 1836 W. 254th St.

E. Kenneth Gibson, retired postal employe, 24302 Allene.

Eugene E. Meyer, cement contractor, 25380 Narbonne.

G. L. Mobley, certified public accountant, 2467 W. 253rd St.

Norris I. Perry, crane operator, 1801 W. 257th St.

Chained Dog Bites Child

Four-year-old Harold Sayre, 18815 Crenshaw Blvd., suffered a deep cut on his left leg when he fell within reach of a chained dog.

The dog, owned by Theo Wildblood, 18903 Crenshaw Blvd., reportedly does not like children.

Rivets Reports

Although there may be a little early morning fog today, the day should be mostly sunny.

Rivets, the HERALD weather dog, reported after scanning the skies and his crystal ball.

So far this week, highs and lows have included Sunday (81-61); Monday (81-59); Tuesday (74-58).

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Police Doubt Slaying Tale

Two men are being held by Torrance police on various charges of disturbance and for quizzing in connection with the El Segundo slaying of two policemen.

One of the two men confessed he was being sought in connection with the slaying and local officers yesterday were still checking his story.

Louis Eldon Konkler, 20, and Douglas Ray Hale, 29, both of Wilmington, and two female juveniles, were arrested earlier Monday following a bout with the law which resulted in charges ranging from resisting arrest to disturbing the peace.

Hale was charged with being drunk, theft of a gasoline credit card, auto theft, drinking with a juvenile, disturbing the peace, malicious mischief, and resisting arrest.

Juveniles Checked

On the way to the station, Konkler told officers he was an escapee from Walla Walla prison in Washington and that he was wanted for the El Segundo murders. Washington authorities reported yesterday he was not wanted there.

He also reportedly told officers he was wanted elsewhere but refused to say where.

The two juvenile girls told police that Konkler earlier had lit a car on Calle de Andalucia but had not stopped. The girls also said the two men had bought beer and wine.

The car the quartet was using had no registration slip, but Hale maintained it belonged to him.

School Holiday Over Thursday

"Plenty of study, plenty of books, plenty of teacher's dirty looks." That'll be the cry next Thursday, as some 21,300 students head back to Torrance schools, after a summer filled with various activities. There'll be nearly 4000 more students this year than there were last year, approximately a 20 per cent increase.

Local educators estimate that there will be some 3775 high schoolers, an increase of 870 over last September; and 17,604 elementary students, reflecting a growth of 3150. To meet the increase, there will be four new elementary schools, with a strike-delayed South High School scheduled to open later this year. In the meantime, South High will use Torrance Elementary School and part of Torrance High School.

Double sessions will continue at 18 elementary schools, with only Anza, El Nido, Fern-Greenwood, Newton, and Parkway schools free of double sessions. However, classroom additions at Arlington, Flavian, Hillside, Riviera, and Sepulveda Schools are expected to relieve or eliminate double sessions, while Torrance Elementary School will return to regular sessions after South High is completed.

Seaside Biggest

Biggest elementary enrollment is anticipated, as usual, at Seaside School, with 1222 students expected to attend. Other schools are expected to be filled as follows:

Anza, 591; Arlington, 793; Carr, 991; Casimir, 1113; Crenshaw, 860; Edison, 856; El Nido, 284; Fern-Greenwood, 892; Flavian, 608; Hillside, 637; Madrona, 695; Meadow Park, 1085; Newton, 685; Parkway, 632; Perry, 919; Riviera, 779; Sepulveda, 685; Steele, 844; Torrance Elementary, 792; WALTERIA, 772; and Wood, 902.

High School enrollments are foreseen, as follows:

Torrance High; 1126; North High, 1824; and South High, 825.

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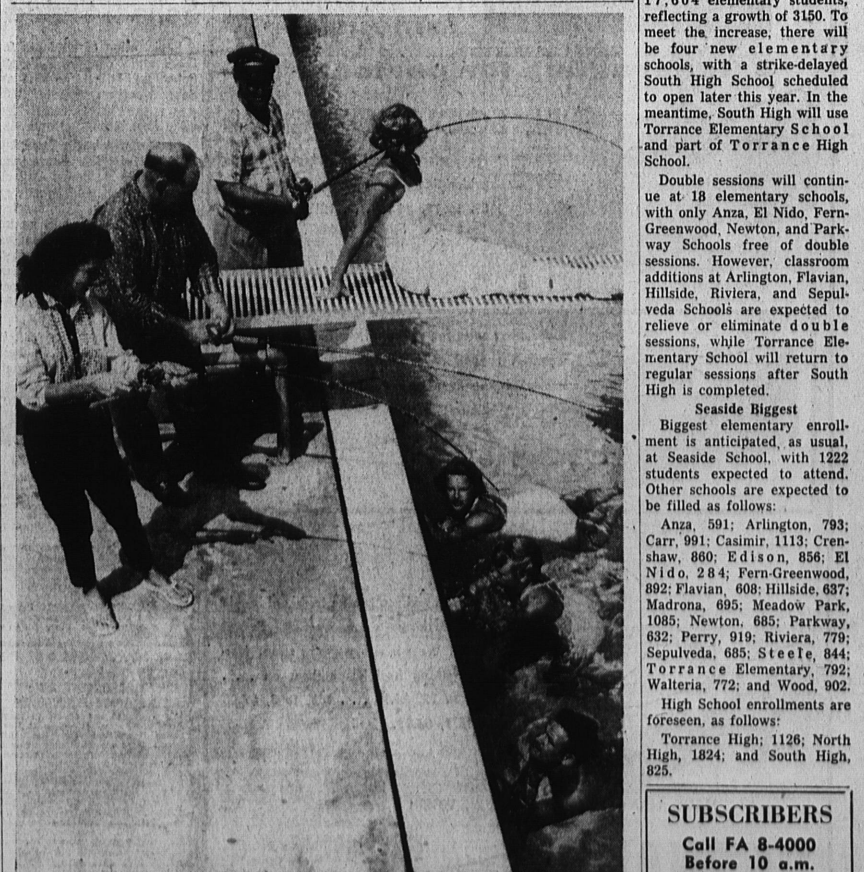
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