

A Penny for your Thoughts

Almost every community in the nation has a newspaper and with this thought in mind the Herald's questioning reporter set out to discover:

"What do you think is the purpose of a community news paper?"

R. E. Webber, 22528 Poy...
truck driver:

"A community newspaper's greatest purpose is advertising. It should advertise individuals and what they do in the community."

Mrs. Lee Ortiz, 20614 Catalina Ave., housewife:

"A newspaper should tell the things going on in the community that people need to know. And then there's advertising of sales. A paper also lets people know about community projects such as the recent meeting about the narcotics problem."

Verta Broste, 815-C Anapola Ave., secretary:

"I think its purpose is to make people more conscious of what is going on in a community. Especially in large communities such as Los Angeles. People read community papers to find out what's going on locally."

Mrs. Elsa Stone, 1443 W. 134th St., insurance agent:

"The purpose of a community newspaper is to spread the news to residents. Also for advertising matters. It keeps people informed about social, business and church activities of the entire community."

Batch Maas, 2423 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance Elementary student:

"The purpose is to give the public what's new and what's going on without hiding it. The papers tell us what we should know and stuff like that. If it wasn't for our papers we wouldn't know the things we know now."

Bill Gibbard, 2440 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance Elementary student:

"I think its a article that tells people what's going on. If it wasn't for the newspaper we wouldn't know anything that happened in the community such as elections and how to vote. Everyone should take a newspaper. They also help people to find jobs and makes jobs for newboys."

Higher Enters Garage:

Burglars entered a garage at the Joseph T. Murray residence, 214 1/2th Ave., Torrance, Sunday and removed 1000 bottles of paint and empty 200 bottles of paint, according to police.

Chamber Board Opposes Plan For Super Apartment Project

Russell to Quit As Public Works Chief for City

Approval of a job description for the head of the city's department of public works was voted by the city council this week at the same time they approved extension of a work contract with John Russell, now heading that department, until Dec. 31, 1958.

Russell, who came to the city more than four years ago after retiring from the Los Angeles County building department, headed up the building department of Torrance before setting up the public works office last year. He has agreed to remain the rest of this calendar year, but has expressed a wish to retire.

When selected, the new director of public works will have charge of all public works projects in the city, and be responsible to the city manager and council for supervision of street, sewer, engineering, building and other departments, according to the newly approved specifications.

The job will be advertised soon, and examinations held later this year.

Board Picks Redondo Man As President

Foster A. Day of Redondo Beach will serve as president of the El Camino College board of trustees for the 1959-59 school year following his election at a July 1 organizational meeting of the board. He succeeds Seymour Raylor of Inglewood.

Elected vice president of the board was Dr. Wallace H. Fraser of Hawthorne. Secretary of the board for the coming year will be Jack N. Dabbs of Torrance.

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee will succeed Forrest G. Murdock as superintendent of the El Camino Junior College district and president of the college on Aug. 1. President Murdock is vacationing throughout the month of July.

Continuing their duties as members of the board will be and Hilax C. Ashley of El Segundo.

Meetings will be conducted on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference room of the Administration building, according to board action.

Other board business included the awarding of bids for the paving and floodlighting of the central campus parking area.

Six Million Californians Still Need Polio Immunization Shots

Six million Californians under 40 years of age have not yet received their three injections of poliovirus vaccine, warns Chairman Dr. Rodney A. Stetson of the public health committee, Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The committee reminds that the vaccine is given a month after the first, and the third injection seven months after the second.

Recent figures released by the California State Health Department show that 75 per cent of the people under the age of 40 received one polio shot, 20 per cent received two injections, but only 7 per cent received their three injections.



NARCOTICS STUDY... Officers of Torrance and South Bay cities' police departments went back to school this week—taking part in an in-service training program designed to aid the patrol and beat officer in the techniques of narcotics detection. Here Sgt. Eddie Vega of the Los Angeles sheriff's office talks to the class in the city hall. (Herald Photo)

Local Officers Get Dope Law Refresher

More than 50 officers from Torrance and South Bay cities participated in an in-service training school here this week—a school designed to bring officers up to date on the techniques and types of new drugs and narcotics.

Conducted by Sgt. Eddie Vega of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, the classes were held in the Civil Defense room of the city hall. They were arranged by Police Chief Percy Bennett.

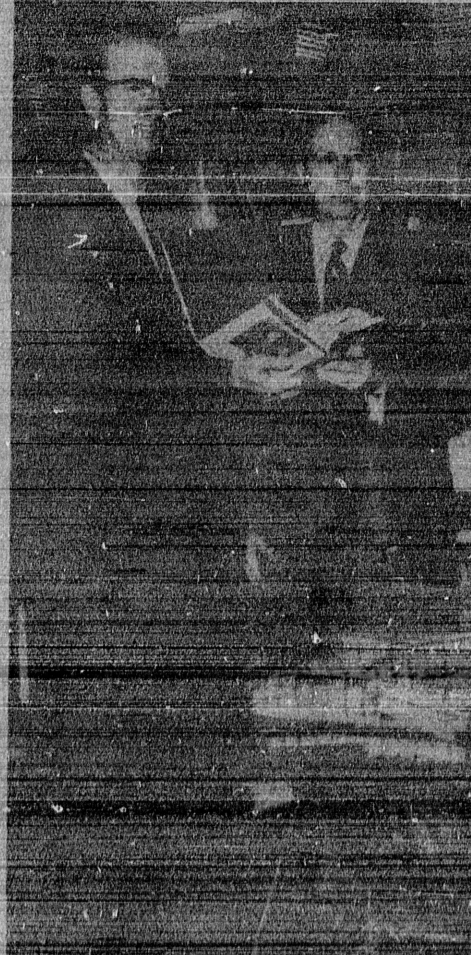
Attending classes were officers from Torrance and surrounding cities on the radio and patrol car level, Bennett said.

The course included instructions on search and seizure procedures, and a review of cases of apprehension in which search and seizure problems were handled.

Preservation of evidence of narcotics and dangerous drugs also was discussed for officers—most of them who will often be the first officer at the scene of a possible narcotics violation.

Legislation relative to narcotics violators were discussed and a demonstration of searches of vehicles, person, and residences was included in the course.

Having our radio and patrol car officers acquainted with the techniques of recognizing and preserving evidence is as important as having high-



INDUSTRIALIST VISITS... Superintendent J. W. Hill shows P. E. Magruder, vice president of the General Teamsters Corp., through the Educational Materials Building, the Torrance School District's "supermarket of knowledge." Magruder toured various district facilities including the new school, Magruder school, 18th and Betty Ave., which was named for him because of his service to education.

New Problems Face Schools

Rezoning of nearly 100 acres of industrial property at the southwest corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw would not be in the best interest of our community, either from a tax standpoint or for future development, Chamber of Commerce President Fred W. Mill said in a letter to the city council Thursday.

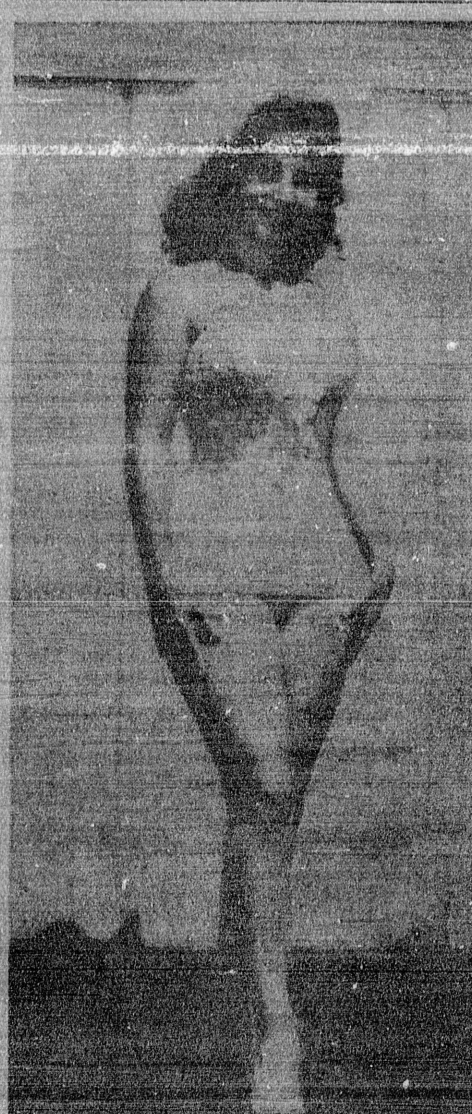
Writing to protest the requested rezoning of the 97 plus acres to permit a huge apartment house project, Mill reported the decision of the Chamber's board of directors to oppose the matter.

A public hearing on the request to rezone the property is scheduled before the city council Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The request, filed by Bjorklund & Smith of Los Angeles, identified as agents for Home Savings & Loan, purchasers of the property, seeks rezoning of the huge tract from M-2 (heavy manufacturing) to C-2 (commercial) and R-3 (multiple dwelling).

The Retail Merchants' Division of the Chamber of Commerce favored the change when the case was before the planning commission last month, but others asking that the request be denied included Jerry Johnston of the production department of Slaughter Oil Co. who said the tract should develop industrially very soon.

Adding force to the opposition this week was Clinton B. Cooke, president of the board of education, who said the school district would probably have to make a capital outlay of more than \$1,000,000 for two elementary schools to serve that large residential



RODEO QUEEN... 17-year-old Kathy Kirks, who plans to enter El Camino in the fall, was named Rodeo Queen here Thursday afternoon after she was chosen by judges from a field of five finalists. Queen Kathy will reign over "Ranchero Days" activities here on the last week end in July. (Herald Photo)

New Central Library Serves Needs of All City Schools

Librarians have completed arrangement of books, films, and other materials in the Torrance Unified School District's new "supermarket of knowledge."

With the completion of the new \$400,000 Educational offices, employees made the move from a warehouse where the library previously was housed.

Teachers will be able to browse through the library, pushing a market-type basket to pick out books, films, and pictures which will help them in their classrooms. They will be able to choose from a stock of about 100,000 books and materials, including 6000 separate titles, and some 6000 records, tapes, film strips, film strips, pictures, and models.

The selections are made supermarket fashion. At the front desk, Miss Jones can pick up a market-type basket cart and push it through the stacks, picking the books and other materials she needs.

There is equipment for her to listen to the records and preview the films, film strips and slides to see if it is what she wants.

When Miss Jones has picked out the material, she pushes the cart to the front desk for check-out. She can either take it with her or else conveyer belt will carry it to the processing area where it will be delivered to the school the next day.

Advantage cited

The district uses a central library to provide books and materials for the 23 local elementary schools rather than maintaining a separate library for each school. There are several reasons for this:

1. The district can buy a greater variety of books which will be used more often. Maintaining separate libraries at each school would mean fewer titles less often used, as much as 10 times as many different titles can be bought.

2. Teachers can pick out special books, film, or other aids which they need for their particular classes, without waiting for the order to come from some other town. Study books are specifically designed for various grade levels.

3. It is cheaper to maintain a central library than separate libraries at each school. The 48,000-square-foot building is designed to serve up to 40 schools. If separate libraries were built at each school, each would have to be about 1000 square feet. The central library staff has the responsibility of picking out, buying, storing and circulating the large selection of materials. Hearing the staff are Rod McDaniel, administrator and Mrs. Leon Shilder and Clara Neelander, educational materials librarians. All former teachers, they were picked because of their knowledge of the type of material which would help other teachers in classroom work.

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The building is one of the first of its types built by school districts.

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