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BIG CELEBRATION SET SATURDAY

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What is your opinion of these unusual colors and hair styles some women are wearing?"

Answering were: Norman Schuyler, 4926 Sepulveda Blvd., meteorologist: "They don't bother me—if they feel they are becoming then they have every right to wear them. I wouldn't want anyone to criticize my hair style and color so why should I theirs? I work at the International Airport and see a lot of the unusual colors and styles . . . on some they look good . . . on others, well . . ."

Tom Watson, 1446 W. 219th St., retired: "I think it makes them spend too much time in the beauty shops. I think some of the colors are very pretty but I haven't seen nor paid too much attention to the colors like pink and violet. I've been too busy kidding my wife about the color of her hair, which I like."

Vivian E. Meaows, 921 Sartori Ave., Industrial steam fitter: "I think anything in personal apparel or grooming that gives a person a sense of well being and confidence is most beneficial regardless of what public opinion might be, so if a woman feels good with an unusual color hair or style, then it is fine for her to wear it. People are too much influenced by someone else's opinion and are afraid to do or be something different."

R. J. Bailey, 17043 Haas Ave. Inspector with county pound: "I'm really a poor one to ask that question of, for hair styles don't affect me one way or the other. My wife is meticulous about her hair and it is always just so, and though she tries new styles she seldom tries new colors . . . our teenage sons notice such things far more than I do."

H. Koch, 1005 Sartori Ave., retired: "I don't see why they want all those odd colors on their hair. What's wrong with the natural colors God gave us? I'm not especially interested in women's hair styles but I just can't see using those blues, purples, greens and pinks on their hair . . . to me spoils the looks of it."

New 50-Cent Override Tax Up to Voters

Plans to call a 50-cent override tax election on Oct. 11 were approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education. The money would be used to support the educational budget.

After receiving advice from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee and financial leaders, the board decided to change the amount of the override from a previously-discussed \$1 to 50 cents. The 50 cents would be collected and placed in reserve if not needed in its entirety. The financial experts felt this would be a better solution to the district's critical financial problems.

BASIC REASONS cited as cause for the tax election were the increasing spiral of inflationary costs, constantly increasing enrollment, more high school students (whose education cost more), continuing new home construction, and a decrease in state aid received for the district's budget.

Taxes paid by one homeowner do not pay for the cost of educating one child, let alone the two or three which frequently come from one home, Superintendent J. H. Hull noted.

THE DISTRICT'S operating budget comes directly from local property taxes, while buildings are built with bond funds. These are two entirely different funds legally earmarked for specific purposes.

The last override tax, for 75 cents, was approved by local voters in 1956.

CONCERT FRIDAY Torrance High School's music department will present its Sixth annual Spring Concert Friday night at 8 in the school auditorium. The Girls' Glee Club, Tartar Dance Band, Tartar Choir, and Tartar Band will perform.

The program will be presented under the combined direction of Roger Axworthy, Frances Snyder, and Vincent DiFiore.



STUDENTS' CHOICE . . . Voters named the above officers in student body election this week at South High School. Dave Hawkins, sophomore president; Sandi French-girls league president; Steve Otto, senior president; and Suzie Schenk, junior president. Kneeling: Bill Shaw, boys league president; and Robbie Hole, student body president. (Herald Photo)



ADMIRING TROPHY . . . Betty Baker, who has been dubbed "Miss Armed Forces Day" for Saturday's celebration here, checks one of three huge perpetual trophies to be presented to outstanding marching units in the 1½-hour long parade. With her is Albert Hinz, executive of Harvey Aluminum, Inc., donors of the trophy. (Herald Photo)

PAY CUTS THREATENED

City Executives Flayed By Irate City Council

Approval of a North Torrance subdivision by city officials without the condition that water be furnished by the city of Torrance brought a warning from councilmen this week that some salary slashing might be in order unless the council can get better cooperation from city department heads and employees.

Leading the attack was Councilman Willys Blount, who charged that city executives ignored a council ruling that a new subdivision must be served by Torrance Municipal Water District.

He was joined by Councilmen Nickolas Drale and J. A. Beasley who were critical of department heads who did not check and implement council policy positions.

The council voted again to make the service of water by the municipal firm a condition of all new subdivisions "unless specifically exempted by the council."

Councilman George Vico, elected last month to the post, abstained in the voting which otherwise was unanimous.

Alondra Building To Be Dedicated Dedication of the new recreation building at the northwest corner of Alondra Park has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and other officials and civic leaders will participate in the ceremony.

5 Per Cent Pay Boost Due Teachers A pay increase which will probably be about 5 per cent was set in motion for employees and teachers of the Torrance Unified School District by the board of education this week.

A final decision on the amount of the increase was deferred until assessed valuations of the district are obtained this summer.

CONSIDERED by the board was a schedule of salaries which would grant increases averaging about 5 per cent to most teachers and non-teachers of the district. Minimum teacher salaries under the proposed schedule would be raised to \$5000 from the \$4750 minimum now in effect.

Maximum salaries would be raised from \$8203 to \$8736.

THE NEED to compete with neighboring districts for teachers was cited in the schedule of salaries given to the board. Many districts in the area are raising salaries.

"It is hard for any school district to withstand the inflationary trend and still get trained personnel in a highly competitive market," Superintendent J. H. Hull noted.

"WE HAVE reached the limit of our present taxing ability and must seek new sources of money for our operating budget," he said. The school district's only source of income now is from property taxes, he explained.

Parade, Ball To Recognize Armed Forces

Three huge perpetual trophies, being offered for the first time, will await top entries in the 1½-hour long military and patriotic parade here Saturday, it was revealed yesterday.

Under Secretary of the Army Hugh Milton II, who will grand marshal of the parade, will present one trophy, a representative of Governor Brown will present the second, and Mayor Albert Isen will present the third.

Also to be honored at an awards luncheon will be Paige Baille and Terry Swift, winners of the high school essay contest.

THE ARMED FORCES Day celebration, rated as one of the most ambitious in the Southland, will get under way with the parade beginning at Cabrillo Ave. and Carson St. at 11 a.m. The line of march will be open to the public Torrance Blvd. to Madrona Ave. where it will disband. A reviewing stand is being erected at the civic center.

Police Lt. D. C. Cook, parade chairman, said elements of nearly every branch of military service as well as civilian organizations will be included in the line of marchers.

INCLUDED IN THE "hardware" division will be a mobile Nike Ajax display, Aircraft Carrier Float, and Regulus II missile float.

Marching units will include missle men, Marines, bands, drum and bugle corps, National Guardsmen, and veterans.

THE PARADE will be led by the Torrance Mounted Police and the 72nd U.S. Army Band and Color Unit.

Heading up the official party will be Under Secretary Milton will be city and Chamber of Commerce officials. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event, launched for the first time this year as an annual event.

FOLLOWING THE parade, a strategic display of military equipment, including missiles, will be open to the public throughout the day at the civic center, according to Robert Lewellen, chairman of the exhibit.

Another display of military equipment will be available to (Continued on Page 2)

Air Crash Survivors Get Award

The parents of a Torrance flight engineer who died when two airliners crashed over the Grand Canyon in 1956, were awarded \$95,000 by a federal court jury in Los Angeles Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Santola Fiori, of 24233 Ward St., received the settlement as part of a judgement for \$295,000 awarded by a jury in the court of Federal Judge Ernest Tolin.

Mrs. Mary Shirley of Palos Verdes and her 14-year-old daughter, Linda, were awarded \$200,000 for the death of Pilot-Capt. Robert Shirley.

Fiori and Shirley were aboard the United Air Lines plane which went down after a collision with a Trans-World Airlines craft. Both suits filed on behalf of the Fiori couple and Mrs. Shirley charged the Trans-World Airlines with negligence.

Torrance Pair Die In Crash

A head-on crash on U. S. Hwy. 66 east of Amboy in the Mojave Desert killed a Torrance couple Tuesday, it was learned here yesterday.

Dead are Roy Ernest Hunton, 35, and his wife, Winifred Pauline, 43, of 21817 Caroldale Ave.

A third victim was Howell H. Flemers, 44, of San Fernando, according to California Highway Patrolmen.

Investigating officers said Flemers' westbound auto crossed the centerline and struck the auto driven by Mrs. Hunton.

Youth Band to Present 14th Anniversary Concert

The Torrance Area Youth Bands will present its "Fourteenth Anniversary" Concert next Saturday in the Campus Theater, El Camino College.

The Youth Band, composed of 60 high school age students will perform on the first half of the concert and the Junior Band, made up of 70 elementary school age musicians will play the second half. The program starts at 8 p.m.

Featured soloists on the evening concert will be the winners of the Student Music Scholarship Competitions held Saturday. These competitions, sponsored jointly by the Youth Band and the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, are held annually in conjunction with the Artist Series.

WINNERS of the Competitions this year include Margaret Shidler, senior piano division; Mary Titus, senior wind instrument division; Dale Stitt, junior wind instrument division; Kathleen Jessome, junior piano division; and Meryll Drabin, winner of the combination division of voice and string instruments.

The senior division and voice and string instrument division winners will each receive a \$50 cash music scholarship.

These competition winners, besides playing for the Youth Band's Anniversary concert, will also perform for the Torrance Juniors during their annual spring fashion show to be held at the club house on May 25th.

NUMBERS to be performed by the Youth Band includes Grandfather's Drum.

featuring Ted Bluechel, drummer; Elsa's Procession To The Cathedral, The Pearl Fishers overture, Amparito Roca, Ballet Parisien, The Blue Tail Fly, High Society, highlights from South Pacific, and the Bugler's Holiday, featuring trumpeters Johnny Alter, John Friedemann, and Danny George.

During the second half the Junior Band will play Birthday Bouquet, Humoresque, Forest Prince and the Victory March. James Davidson and Neil Short will be guest conductors for the Junior Band's part of the program.

Admission is by season ticket or one dollar for adults and fifty cents for students. Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club will act as usherers.