

School Board Seated, Picks Hanson as President

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NEAR-RIOT MARS BEACH OUTING

A Penny for your Thoughts

Five firemen at the Torrance central station gave the pennies photog answers to the question: "What special measures would you recommend to help prevent fires both in the home and outside?" Their answers and pictures appear below:

George Fisk, 18902 Haas Ave., with the department 3½ years:
 "I would say that motorists should use ash trays in the car, and not throw that cigarette out the car window. The same goes for trash—use that little bag in the car or the can on the highway. Streets around the area are always cluttered with trash."

Bill Orr, 18410 Haas Ave., 5 years:
 "Good house-keeping is the major point around the house. Don't let trash and rubbish collect. Keep clothes and mops away from sources of ignition such as hot water heaters, or clothes dryers."

John Ferraiolo, 2620 W. 175th St., 3½ years:
 "Be sure when camping to put out the fire. Make sure when you start a fire that the ground is cleared of leaves for a radius of six feet, and when you have finished with the fire, bury or douse it with water."

Salvatore Frasca, 5042 Deelane Ave., 14 months:
 "One of the worst causes of fire in the home is a smoldering cigarette. Be sure that they are out and can't fall into a chair or sofa. A second point is to make sure that electrical circuits are not overloaded with too many appliances."

Richard Nanney, 820 Amalola St., 1 day:
 "Fire works are important right now. Even after the fourth, they will be with us. Parents should set off fireworks in front of the house. They should never be set off in an open field, or handled by small children."

Council Meeting Delayed for Fourth
 City Council meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday at 5:30 was postponed one day while city fathers celebrated Fourth of July. The meeting was convened in the Council chambers at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. yesterday.

Moves to Keep Election Vows With Changes

If Monday evening's organizational meeting of the new board of education can be taken as a guide, the theme song for the operation of the Torrance Unified School District for the coming months could well be that old standard classic, "There'll Be Some Changes Made."

The board, as its first official action, seated William Hanson as president and picked Albert Charles as vice president. Both, along with Bert M. Lynn, were attending their first meeting as members of the board.

DRAWING attention to the call for changes in school operations issued during the election campaign last spring, the three new members, who were joined by Past President William C. Boswell, established a pattern of action by:

- Calling for reactivation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee to study the budget proposal submitted by the school administration last month.
- Called a special meeting of the board for Monday evening at 7:30 to discuss the budget.

- **SUGGESTED SOME** budget cuts could be made in obvious places—in the telephone bill reportedly in excess of \$70,000 last year, and in a \$7000 appropriation for "professional publications."
- Asking for elimination of double-period high school English-social studies classes, and assigning teacher to classes in their college majors.

- **ASKING FOR** reorganization of seventh and eighth grade classes along junior high school lines with departmentalized instruction.
- Recommending that the grading system be changed from the current progress report to an ABC letter-grade system.

IN ADDITION to this, the board took time in the four-hour meeting to note the tentative assignment of principals to three new schools and to express misgivings about a proposed six-cent tax levy for educable mentally retarded students.

In the first, the assignment of Bobby Jean Vassar to Victor, Ernest E. Thom to Anza, and Paul W. Mackey to Hickory schools was noted.

ON THE LATTER, the board withheld specific comment on a proposal that the special six-

cent tax levy be assessed. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the district, pointed out that the levy was permitted under an Education Code provision for the maintenance of an instruction program for those mentally retarded children which are considered educable.

Such a levy would bring an additional \$138,000 to the district, Hull estimated.

IN A DISCUSSION with reporters and others prior to Monday's meeting, Lynn vowed an end to the "committee meetings," which have been held by board members and the superintendent prior to board meetings for several years. Lynn refused to attend the earlier meeting Monday. "They're illegal and I'll have no part of it," he said. "They are now having their last one," he added.

THE BOARD was forced to hold its meeting in the Educational Materials Building (Continued on Page 2)

Purse, \$700 Lost at Market, Says Housewife

Mrs. Keith McCann, 2378 W. 234th St., reported to the Herald yesterday that her purse, containing about \$700 in checks and cash, had been misplaced at the Foods Co., Crenshaw and 101 Highway, about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The tan leather purse had been placed on a counter while she was exchanging a doll dress for her daughter. Mrs. McCann reported that she left the store without the purse and when she returned about 15 minutes later, it was gone.

Anyone having information on the purse may contact Mrs. McCann at DA 6-7669, or her husband at DA 6-9784. The McCanns are offering a reward for the return of the purse.



DELIVERY DELAYED . . . A truckload of newspapers enroute from an out-of-town publishing plant to distributors in Torrance flipped over on Western Ave. near 203rd St. during the supper hour Wednesday, slowing rush-hour traffic to a crawl along the busy thoroughfare. Firemen from L.A. Station 79 washed down the scene because of spilled gasoline. The driver received minor injuries. (Herald Photo)

At Parkway Flames Damage School

Vandals playing with paint and thinner at the Parkway School last Saturday caused a small fire in a classroom under construction when the paint and rags ignited.

Fire Marshal Robert Lucas reported that some fire damage and smoke damage will run into three digits, but a final estimate will not be known until school officials check the damage.

Firemen were also called out Saturday about 10:30 p.m. to control a fire at the Union Carbide Co. A rupture in a heat exchanger caused a fire in the vents of a liquifier.

Company crews had begun to put the fire out when the Fire Dept. arrived. The fire caused an explosion in a liquid hydrogen tank, and for some time heat threatened to ignite a liquid nitrogen tank nearby. Crews returned to the fire department at midnight.

Two YMCA Camps Open; Others Full

Leonard Kane, acting executive secretary for the Torrance YMCA announced this week that all but two sessions for the summer camp are now full. The two sessions still open are the John Muir Back Pack Trip for older boys, and the Virginia Lake Base Camp for younger boys.

A few spaces are still available for girls at the Mozumdar Resident Camp. Until last Friday, all camps were full and waiting lists were long. Special arrangements, however, increased the size of the camps.

PARENTS are urged to register their children at once.

THREE camping sessions have already been completed, said Kane. These include the Sacramento River Boat trip, which involved 61 boys; the Mt. Lassen Girl's Caravan, including 62 campers; and the Sierra Trails Caravan with a party of 30. At present, Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the Y, is with the latter group.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Kane at the YMCA.



GEORGE POST Rotary Club Head

Rotary Club Installs Post As President

Members of the Torrance Rotary Club held their annual "Demotion Party" Friday, June 30. The affair was a dinner-dance with some 140 persons attending.

John Foley was demoted as president and George Post of the United California Bank took up the gavel. Other officers for the new term are Leonard Ensminger, administrator of the Torrance Memorial Hospital, vice president; Robert Sherritt, Bank of America, secretary; and Ralph Jenkins, Public Finance, treasurer.

Seven Jailed By Police in Holiday Raid

Seven persons—five of them juveniles—were arrested and booked on charges of disturbing the peace as police broke up a near-riot at Torrance Beach Tuesday afternoon.

Reports that a large crowd of holiday revelers were throwing eggs and battling with siphon bottles of seltzer brought police on the scene in the early afternoon of the Fourth of July celebration.

Sgt. H. G. "Mickey" Fischer and Officer Jim Poppis broke up the crowd and arrested seven who were suspected of leading the altercation.

NEARLY 200 persons were in the immediate area of the melee, Sgt. Fischer told the HERALD later.

"One wrong word and we could have had a major fight on the beach," Fischer said.

A second egg-throwing report was checked out along Paseo del Playa which fronts the beach area later Tuesday, but police were unable to locate the suspects when they arrived.

One man was hospitalized with injuries Monday when the driveshaft on a trash truck broke, shearing the axle and brakes, and sent the truck hurtling onto Pacific Coast Hwy. at Crenshaw. The truck hit two cars, injuring one of the drivers.

Investigating officers said the truck, northbound on Crenshaw from the Palos Verdes landfill, went out of control when the driveshaft broke. Driver Mose Small, 39, of Los Angeles, attempted to swerve past traffic on Pacific Coast Hwy. as the truck slammed through the intersection but struck cars driven by Mrs. Ina Kugler, 32, of 22726 Gaycrest Ave., and Bill Stewart, 34, of 24812 Glencoe Way. Stewart was taken to the Little Company of Mary Hospital with head injuries.

ELSEWHERE POLICE reported a normal Fourth of July celebration—a few firecrackers here and there . . . reports of a gunblast now and then—but no serious incidents.

Spokesmen at the Torrance Fire Department also reported that it was a quiet "Fourth" in the city.

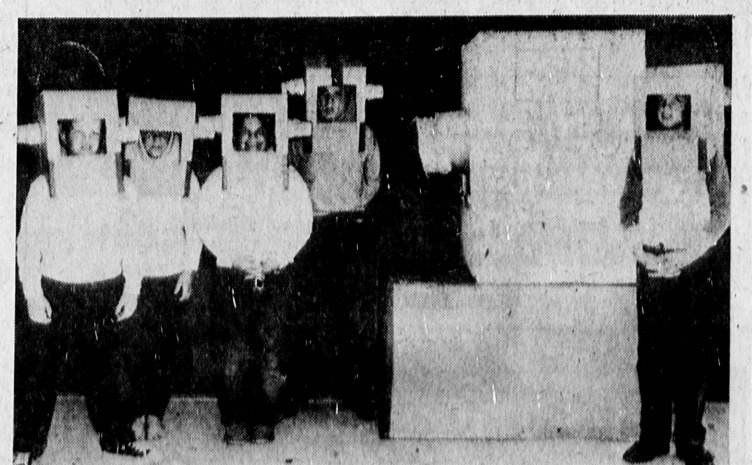
As quiet, that is, as any celebration could be with Piccolo Pete's and other screaming holiday reminders sounding off.



NEW CHAMP — Richard Lee, 2108 230th Pl., has won the Herald Carrier Boy award for June. The top salesman runs Route 25, which covers everything from Arlington and 233rd St. to Crenshaw and Sepulveda. Lee has carried the Herald for only a few weeks, but placed on top in the June contest. (Herald Photo)



HOLIDAY CROWD . . . Public parks and playgrounds were jammed Tuesday as families got out of the house to celebrate Independence Day in the open air, and Torrance Park was no exception. Here, in one corner of the park, Herald photographer Bob Wilton caught part of a pick-up ball game, picnickers, and families enjoying other outdoor sports.



VISIT MOON . . . Members of Den 9, Cub Scout Pack 761-C, presented a refreshing skit on a mythical trip to the moon during a recent pack meeting. Members of the crew of the space ship are Ronnie Hansen, Gary Morgan, Ronald Nordquist, Dennis Ford, and Mark Ittner. Another member was inadvertently left on the moon, so he was unavailable for a picture.