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TEACHERS GET SALARY HIKES

New Schedule May be Voted By Trustees

Indications that Torrance teachers may have their salary schedule altered were given at Monday night's Board of Education meeting. Trustees voted a three per cent raise for both classified and certified personnel and called a special board meeting for Monday in order to act on reconstructing the current pay scale.

Representing Torrance Educational Association, Jack Armstrong proposed a multi-column pay schedule instead of the three-column structure which has been in effect for 15 years.

ARMSTRONG wanted the new schedule to be an accurate ratio between "training and education and salary."

He said the structure provides no real incentive and the district has outgrown it.

The TEA representative pointed out that among the 19 districts it compares itself with, Torrance is the only city which has a three-column schedule.

Armstrong said he felt a degree of inequity was imposed on Torrance teachers because they had to invest much of their own resources to move up the current schedule.

HE ALSO added that the structure of the program denies a large slice of the power of retention of teachers.

"The word has gotten around," Armstrong said, "that Torrance is a good place to get teaching experience, but not good to stay to build a career."

Members of the administration pointed out that the TEA proposal would cost up to \$750,000, but Armstrong believes the "people will support the cost."

Walter Murphy, representing Torrance Unified School District Employees Local 1101 requested a raise for night employees and a prepaid health and welfare plan.

THE TRUSTEES will consider the matter at Monday's special meeting.

Two other matters came up before the board needing only official approval to go into effect. The trustees approved boundary descriptions for the new school year, and put the seal of approval on a \$16,000 expenditure for the district's part of an overpass on Crenshaw Boulevard and 187th Street.

Cyclist Flown Home After Beating Death

Leroy Wyman Jr., who was taken to Harbor General Hospital Aug. 3, with his head nearly severed following an accident here, has flown to Warwick, R.I., where he has entered Kent County Memorial Hospital to continue his convalescence.

The 21-year-old Gardenan was critically injured in the Aug. 3 crash at 180th Street and Western Avenue when his motorcycle and a truck collided, throwing Wyman head first into the window of the truck. When he was taken to the hospital, surgeons began

the delicate task of closing the wounds with 100 stitches. Fortunately, the cyclist's jugular vein was not severed.

Harbor General Hospital physicians worked for several hours to repair the damage to Wyman's neck, and to reset bones broken throughout his body.

He was held in an intensive care unit for several days, and was released Sunday, 16 days after the accident, to accompany his father, Leroy Sr., back to Rhode Island. The boy's mother is a nurse in the Rhode Island hospital which he has entered.

School Growth Recalled

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Herald Staff Writer

Hamlet's problem — "To be or not to be" — was child's play compared with the quandary which the Torrance Unified School District faces today.

For Hamlet, however, there was a choice. But the school district has little choice in facing the problem of growth. Population in this city continues to soar, and parents want the quality of education to improve, not decay.

In 15 short years since the city charter was approved as the first official act of the 1947 session of the California State Legislature, the Torrance school district has increased its enrollment by slightly less than 1,500 per cent.

IN THE NEXT decade, school population is likely to increase by 33 per cent of today's figure of 29,000. That would mean nearly 40,000 school-age youngsters in the city.

In an interview with top officials of the local district, this writer discussed the past and future of Torrance schools. The story is a bit fantastic, but very real.

The local district was formed in 1947 after this city was granted its charter. Four elementary schools, taken from the Los Angeles District, the Redondo Beach District, and the Perry Elementary District were operated the first year. Enrollment was about 2,000.

TORRANCE HIGH School, formerly a part of the Los Angeles City District, was operated by the Redondo Union District for the first year. In a special election in 1948, the district was unified, and enrolled 3,166 students.

There are a few other facts for those first two years that are significant. Budget expenditures for 1947 totaled \$430,000—\$30,000 less than budgeted. The second year, (Continued on Page 2)

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Council Holds Taxes for '62 Line on City

Torrance will be able to operate under its \$8,421,090 budget for the current fiscal year which ends next June 30 without hiking the property tax rate, members of the City Council decided formally Tuesday night. Property taxes will provide less than half of the anticipated revenues, according to the budget estimates prepared by City Manager Wade Peebles. Sales tax and other revenues will bring in \$5,630,221, he estimated.

Formal adoption of the budget Tuesday fixed the property tax rate for the coming

year at \$1.238 for each \$100 of assessed valuation.

EXPENDITURES from the adopted budget include \$2,038,038 for general municipal operations; \$155,992 for the library system; \$384,328 for the State Employees' Retirement System; \$20,347 for the 1954 bond series; \$45,215 for the 1955 bond series, and \$146,949 for recreation, including parks and playgrounds.

Levies for the various services of the city contained in the \$1,238 total rate include general municipal purposes, \$0.905; library, \$0.069; employees' retirement \$0.170; 1954 bond series, \$0.009; 1955 bond series, \$0.020; and parks and recreation, \$0.065.

No tax levy is being made for Municipal Water Districts Nos. 1, 2, or 3.

Where Is Our Field, Coed Asks

"Why is Torrance High's football stadium being rebuilt when South High has never had a field?" a South sophomore asked at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

The question, by Susan Livingston, 5313 Highgrove St., Torrance, puzzled Superintendent J. H. Hull and his administrators.

Dr. Hull replied that there was no clear-cut reasoning behind the move but rather it was a matter of keeping the facilities the district has while continuing to add new ones.

Since its inception five years ago, South High grid teams have been playing on either Torrance or North High's field. With the addition of West High to the athletic picture, a new stadium will almost certainly have to be built.

Dr. Hull told Miss Livingston that if the September bond issue passes, the students at South may begin looking for their new stadium.

Figures quoted by the administration put the cost of a new stadium in the vicinity of \$300,000.



INSPECTING AGENDA . . . Three visiting Nigerians (l to r) Wahab Dosunmu, Iyiola Ladipo, and Victor Ogunba go over plans for a visit to the new Harbor General Hospital with volunteer worker Mrs. Ailee Quiros. All three are graduates of engineering colleges in Nigeria. They are in Los Angeles looking over various modern engineering features. The foreign exchange students will enroll in the University of Arizona. Wahab and Iyiola are wearing ancient tribal ceremonial costumes. (Herald Photo)

Committee Chiefs Plan Airport Days Schedule

One of the most aggressive programs for the 1962 Airport Days at Torrance Municipal Airport next month was promised by committee chairmen and Torrance Chamber of Commerce representatives after a planning session this week.

General Chairman Glenn H. Child, Hi-Shear executive, who heads up the project, said a full schedule of air and ground events will run each day of the event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The program has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29 and 30.

A TROPHY DASH to Santa

Barbara and return has been scheduled by E. G. (Slim) Kidwell, chairman of the activities committee. Other events include penny-a-pound rides and a helicopter which will drop ping-pong balls over the area, many of them entitling the finder to a free 'copter ride.

A demonstration of air rescue techniques and fire-fighting maneuvers will be presented by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Aero Squadron.

STATIC DISPLAYS will include model, military, classic, modern, and experimental air-

30,000 Due Back in City Classrooms

More than 30,000 students are expected to return to public schools in this city when classes resume for the fall semester on Sept. 12.

High school freshmen will report Tuesday, Sept. 11, for orientation and assignment of lockers. Buses will operate during that day for students who would normally ride buses to classes.

All other students in the district will report on the first day of classes, Sept. 12.

One new school — West High — will be open for the first time. The district will open 33 elementary schools, and four high schools.

Some attendance boundaries have been changed. Parents should check The HERALD for Aug. 9 for those changes.

Students will get their first day off Nov. 12. For other back-to-school news, see pages 17-28.



AIRPORT HUDDLE . . . Committee chairmen planning the annual Airport Days program for Sept. 29 and 30, huddle in the new offices of Harry Krohl's Palos Verdes Aviation Co. at Torrance Municipal Airport to go over plans for the event. From left are Glenn H. Child, general chairman; Wallace B. Hamilton, public affairs chairman; Edwin Sullivan, Chamber of Commerce coordinator; and Bill Critchfield, facilities committee. (Herald Photo)

Penny for your Thoughts

"What would you do if you found out you only had four days to live?" was the question put to Torrance Chamber of Commerce employees by the Pennies photographer.

Mrs. Harry G. Allen, 16 Sorrel Lane, Rolling Hills: "My first step would be to gather my family around me. Then, I would attempt to spend four very happy days with them. Naturally, as I believe most other people would, I would want to be at peace with my Maker when my time came to die."

Al Schmidt, 1800 Camino de la Costa: "I think I would go right to work and start praying. Religion is certainly something I believe in, and I feel praying is the right thing to do. I am not afraid of dying because I expect a great deal after I die."

Mary Lou Ledford, 2416 W. 78th Place, Inglewood: "My answer is undoubtedly strange and different from the others. I am new in Torrance and currently trying to locate an apartment. Because of this lack of permanency, I feel temporary, and I believe I would try to find an apartment in those four days. Then I would be happy. Usually things like that don't bother me."

Don Reining, 205 Paseo de Granada: "I would first inform my immediate relatives. Then I would continue my routine obligations to my job and push the ultimate development of the Torrance Civic Center. The Center means so much to the individuals who would live and make their living in our city. It is symbolic for what we strive for in life — recognition for accomplishments."

Miss Vicki Reed, 10232 2nd Ave., Inglewood: "Probably I would forget it and go right on living. I would not stop working, and I would continue with my plans as I had previously made. I would be able to do this because I am happy with what I am doing and I think it is worthwhile."