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A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think reading of the Bible should be permitted in public schools?" the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Robert Dixon, 2626 Brian Ave.:
"I don't think there would be any harm in reading the Bible in the schools so long as they didn't teach any particular religion."

Mrs. Harvey Boll, 3536 Garnet Ave.:
"I certainly do. I do not think it hurts any of us to learn more and more about it. I can't see any conflicts arising out of reading the Bible in the schools."

Mrs. Fern Burnop, 18503 Falda Ave.:
"I have no objection whatsoever. I can't see where it should cause any conflict. I certainly would not object. I think many children are missing the basic religious principles."

Mrs. Joseph Sherbo, 2517 Sierra St.:
"Absolutely not. We are all praying to one God. There should never be any objection to reading the Bible in the schools in this country. That's what all freedom was founded upon."

Mrs. Richard Phillips, 2513 Sierra St.:
"Yes I think so. It's a good idea. If the Bible was just read and the teachers made comments then there would be no conflicts. Like the 23rd Psalm, no comment is necessary. Silent prayer would give the child an opportunity to pray in his own way."

Measles Increase

Eight cases of measles were reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department from this area for the week ending March 9. Two cases of mumps and scarlet fever, three of tuberculosis and one of hepatitis were also reported.

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Police Given Car License By Housewife

The license number of an automobile supplied to police by a Torrance housewife who thought the occupants of the car acted suspiciously led to the arrest of a footloose pair of teenagers on charges of looting a number of Torrance and Hermosa Beach homes in recent months.

Trial in Magazine Case Set

A Torrance liquor store operator charged with sale of obscene literature asked for a jury trial Thursday after pleading innocent in Municipal Court here. Trial was ordered for May 6 by Judge William MacFaden who accepted the plea.

Mrs. Nathan Isaacs, who operates the store at 17310 Crenshaw Blvd., was arrested Jan. 22 after a Torrance police officer reportedly purchased a number of magazines at the store which were described as obscene.

MRS. ISAACS, who said at the time of her arrest that she had just purchased the store, claimed she had no knowledge that a crime had been committed.

A motion by her defense attorney, Franklin D. Laven, to have the case dismissed on those grounds, was denied. The formal charges against Mrs. Isaacs include two counts of selling obscene literature, which carry possible fines of \$500, six months in jail, or both on conviction.

HER ARREST followed action by the City Council to curb what it indicated was an increase in the availability of pornographic literature in the city. Formation of a Youth Welfare Commission to press for the removal of obscene magazines from the city magazine racks came after a large delegation (Continued on Page 7)

North Welcomes Parents Tuesday

North High School will hold a special open house and orientation program Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 p.m., for parents of students who will enroll in the fall.

Featured speakers will include Richard Guengerich, principal; Mrs. Jean Melton and John Townley, curriculum coordinators, and Mrs. Melvina Kovicnik, girls' advisor.

Club Fetes Young

The Optimist Club will hold its annual "Kids Night" tomorrow evening with dinner at the Palms.



CLIFF HANGER . . . The driver, Peter Pereskula, 40, of 2911 Dalemead, and his passenger, Michael Brennan, 66, of the same address, escaped with minor injuries Wednesday evening after the brakes of their car reportedly failed and the vehicle careened into a brick wall at Dalemead and January Drive. (Herald Photo)

State Aid Cuts Hurting Schools

Because the state each year shifts a larger share of the cost of operating California's public schools to local school districts and property owners, a serious financial crisis is facing the state's 3,800,000 school children, the state's educators were warned recently.

Engineer Battalion Sets Open House Next Tuesday

"It's the biggest day of the year for our California National Guard unit." That's how 1st Lt. Jack M. Greenspan, commanding officer, rates Tuesday when Company E 132nd Engineer Battalion, Torrance, will hold its annual open house at the Torrance Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave.

A special team of inspectors general from Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, will be on hand all day to thoroughly check the unit's operation. City officials and the public will be present at 7:30 p.m. when more than 75 members of the unit are inspected in ranks and put on a series of demonstrations to illustrate their training program.

College Petitions Oppose Fox Hills

Circulation of petitions which call for location of the proposed four-year state college in an area south of Rosecrans Avenue and west of Western Avenue was started in Torrance and South Bay areas Friday in a new effort to win approval of a college site other than the currently favored Fox Hills Golf Course near Culver City.

The petitions prepared by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier do not call for location of the college in Torrance, stressing the area which includes the Torrance site and the site on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, currently reported to be the second choice of state officials.

While maintaining that efforts to obtain the college on a Torrance site were not being abandoned, Torrance officials indicated that the Rolling Hills site was preferable to the proposed Fox Hills site.

Circulation of the petition is being sponsored by the South Bay State College Committee, and the announcement said 500 petitions with space for 100 names on each were being made available. Copies of the petition may be obtained at the City Hall and at The Torrance HERALD office at 1619 Gramercy Ave.

Freeway Section To Open April 1

Newest section of the San Diego Freeway between Hawthorne and El Segundo boulevards will be formally opened on April 1.

Co-chairmen of the dedication ceremony will be Robert Genter, president of the Lawndale Chamber of Commerce, and Edward E. Eldred, president of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. on the Freeway near El Segundo Boulevard, in county territory.

THE NEWEST two-mile segment will provide quick access to the Harbor and Long Beach Freeways for residents of Hawthorne, Lawndale, Torrance, Inglewood, and other South Bay and Centinela Valley cities.

Plant Executives Shown City's Industrial Property

Torrance's old and new industrial complexes, with special emphasis on vacant land or properties still available to industries seeking new facilities in this city, were shown this week to 45 Los Angeles area industrial development representatives.

Under the leadership of Arthur L. Reeves of the Dominguez Water Co., chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Committee, the visitors assembled at 10 a.m. in the council chambers for a greeting and sales talk by Mayor Albert Isen. Then they boarded a bus for a tour of the new Central Manufacturing District adjacent to the city hall with narration by Torrance City Planning Director Charles Shartle.

AS THE BUS plodded its leisurely course through this and other industrial sections, the visitors were heard to express amazement at the growth and interest in the vacant property which, they were informed, ranged in prices near or above \$30,000 per acre.

The trip reached a climax when the participants left the bus at a school-park site in

Industry Says City Negligent

Claims that negligence on the part of the city resulted in damages of at least \$200,000 to the four facilities of Space Equipment Corp., along Crenshaw Boulevard south of Lomita Boulevard were denied this week in a report prepared for the City Council by City Manager Wade Peebles.

Referring to the heavy rains of Feb. 10 which dumped more than 5 inches of rain on the city in a short period, Peebles said every effort had been made to keep drains in the area cleared.

"HOWEVER, I DON'T believe the city of Torrance or any other city can be responsible for 'acts of God' when a storm such as this poured such a tremendous amount of water upon the surface of the ground in such a short period of time," Peebles said.

President E. J. Horkey of Space Equipment said damage to the four plants of the company facilities "appeared to be the result of negligence on the part of the city of Torrance."

ALTHOUGH HORKEY did not specify the nature of the (Continued on Page 7)

Red Cross First Aid Class Set

First Aid classes will be conducted on five consecutive Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30, beginning March 21 at the Red Cross headquarters at 109 Emerald, Redondo Beach. Don Haley will instruct. Registrations will be taken at Frontier 2-5858.

More than 1,200 persons attended the 45 Red Cross classes which were offered in Torrance during the past year.

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mentioning that 15 per cent of the population is under 4, 45 per cent under 19, with an average of 25 1/2.

THE TOUR ended with luncheon at the Jump 'n' Jack restaurant with Chairman Reeves presiding. Martin Denn, Torrance Chamber president and Don Reining made short talks in which they invited inquiries and offered the assistance of the city and the Chamber in securing industrial sites within Torrance.

Copies of the Chamber's new economic base study brochure were presented to each participant on the tour.

Representing the city council throughout the tour was Councilman George Vico.

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