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Thoughts

"Will history repeat itself and the Los Angeles Dodgers again lose a big late-season lead and the National League pennant?" the Pennies Photographer asked five Torrance high school athletic coaches.

William Parton, West High:

"No, not this year. It looks like they will go all the way. The Dodger pitching looks like it is going to get better instead of folding. Koufax has made the difference and could mean a win in the World Series."



Mel Nygren, North High:

"Dodgers will take it. Clutch hitting and pitching has made the difference and the Cardinals are too far behind. You have to beat the leaders to move up and St. Louis has only three games left with Los Angeles."



Irv Kasten, Torrance High:

"I have felt they would win since the middle of the year. Koufax and the other pitchers have been tough in the clutch. If the Dodgers had been hitting, they would be out of sight like the Yankees."



Max Lomas, West High:

"Percentages give L. A. a big edge. San Francisco is definitely out of it after last weekend. In the World Series, Koufax will be the key, but the Dodgers will be battling money and a winning attitude in the Yanks."



Ed Levy, North High:

"Sure, I think the Dodgers will easily take it since Koufax is healthy this year. St. Louis and Musial are good but so are the Dodgers and Los Angeles is ahead. A healthy Mickey Mantle could make the difference in the World Series."



But the Rain Pelted Down Just the Same

An unpredicted thunderstorm which awakened a large part of a sleeping city early yesterday dumped the first measurable rain on Torrance and the Southland for the first time in September, according to Weather Bureau records.

Supervisor Chace Feted At Banquet

More than 1,000 area civic leaders and public officials paid tribute to Supervisor Burton W. Chace Tuesday night at a testimonial banquet saluting a 30-year career of public service by the fourth district supervisor. Cities, chambers of commerce, and other organizations from the fourth district presented plaques, scrolls, and resolutions of congratulation to Chace during a two-hour program at the Polynesian Restaurant in Waverly. Sponsored by the Surf Lifesaving Assn. of America, the tribute featured such top entertainers as Ken Murray, who jokingly described the gathering as Torrance's largest sit-in, the Eddie Cano Quartet, and dancers and musicians from the Polynesian.

AN INNOVATION in making the presentations was unveiled by Richard Fitzgerald of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce. Instead of opening the microphones to 50 speakers to make the awards, pictures of those making the presentation were flashed on a large screen.

A special presentation of the first life membership in the Surf Lifesaving Assn. of America was made to the supervisor "for his dedication to the improvement of ocean rescue methods and personnel. Congratulatory telegrams were received from leaders throughout the nation, including messages from President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, and Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Supervisors Approve New Channel Work

County Supervisors have authorized the Flood Control District to advance up to \$2,410,000 to the Army Corps of Engineers for use on three vital construction projects now stalled because of a stalemate in Congress, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has disclosed.

The action was taken on recommendation of District Chief Engineer M. E. Salsbury. Chace said failure by Congress to pass additional legislation has prevented the Corps from paying contractors despite the fact the Federal agency has funds to do so.

CONTRACTORS notified the Army Corps they intend to cease operations on projects unless funds are forthcoming. "In view of the serious flood threat to the citizens of this (Continued on Page 3)

Crackling lightning followed by rolling booms of thunder roused many residents throughout Torrance shortly before 2 a.m. when the storm hit the city. No damage as a result of the storm has been reported.

Residents along 235th Street west of Arlington Avenue complained yesterday that changes in the contour of surrounding areas during the past year had caused flooding of their street for the first time in the memory of long-time residents. "What's going to happen when we get something heavier than this California dew?" one man asked a HERALD reporter.

Motorists on their way to work found slick streets and some puddled water as the rains continued through the noon hour yesterday. The weatherman insisted the skies would be clearing in the afternoon, but had some doubters among the ranks of those looking at the leaden clouds.

Cityhood Petition Readied

Members of the incorporation committee in the Carson area hope to turn in petitions tomorrow, R. B. Keith, chairman of the group, reported this week.

Keith said the group had more than enough signatures to call the special election, but they are double checking to "make sure everything is okay."

The group is seeking the incorporation of a two-square mile area as the City of Carson. The papers which they hope to file will be examined by the Board of Supervisors, and then hearings will be held.

Papers were to have been filed last week, but other jobs and duties have kept the committee members busy, reports Keith. The signatures represent more than the required 25 per cent of the voters and owners of 25 per cent of the assessed valuation of the area, according to the committee.

More than 1,500 voters and property owners have signed the petitions.

Watermelons Cut; Contest Judge Ready

It is watermelon-eating time at the YMCA. Management consultant and YMCA leader John Bramhall announced the Gardena YMCA has challenged the Torrance "Y" to a watermelon-eating contest.

Certi-Bond in Torrance will provide the location and the watermelons while Torrance Mayor Albert Isen will serve as head judge. The event will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. on the Certi-Bond patio during



FLOODED INTERSECTION . . . Cars traveling down Crenshaw or Sepulveda Boulevards in the morning hours yesterday found the going a bit wet where the two streets cross. The water flooded the intersection as a surprise (the weatherman insists) storm dropped the first measurable rain of the season on the city. It was the first time in the history of the weather bureau here that measurable rainfall was recorded in September. (Herald Photo)



MAIL, RAIN OR SHINE . . . Torrance Postman Jim Fitzpatrick had to don his raincoat yesterday before going out on his route. The raincoat hadn't been used for so long it was pretty dusty, Fitzpatrick said. This is the first time in three years he had to wear it. Although it has rained in that time, Fitzpatrick was lucky enough to be off on those days, he explained. (Herald Photo)

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Sept. 13 Rights Forum Rescheduled

Officers of the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee announced this week that the civil rights forum which was disrupted Aug. 17 by hecklers has been rescheduled for Sept. 13 at the Torrance High School Auditorium.

The forum will feature members of three state commissions and representatives of two minority groups. It will be moderated by South Bay Bar Assn. President Charles F. Catterlin.

The announcement of the rescheduling was made Tuesday morning at a press conference. Carl B. Pearson, general chairman of the forum, and Robert L. Brigham, chairman of the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee, charged the disruption of the last forum to members of the John Birch Society.

THE AUG. 17 meeting was disrupted by about 40 hecklers from the audience who wanted the moderator to permit a spokesman from their group to speak. After unsuccessful attempts to get the meeting underway, Lt. D. C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department declared it an unlawful assembly and ordered the crowd to disperse.

Catterlin, who blamed the heckling on the John Birch Society, left the meeting, but it was continued. Brigham said it was of little use.

Pearson has subsequently filed formal reports against the two men he accused of breaking up the forum. A counter report has been filed against him. Police are currently investigating the two reports.

THE SEPT. 13 meeting will feature Robert Burke, deputy attorney general of the state; Lawrence Lucks, area supervisor for the Fair Employment Practices Commission, and Gerald Harrington, deputy real estate commissioner.

Also returning are Anthony Rios, vice president of the Community Services Organiza-

tion, a Mexican-American group, and Kenneth Thomas, assistant counsel for the United Civil Rights Committee.

Catterlin will again moderate the panel discussion.

AT TUESDAY'S press conference, Brigham told reporters, "We hope the city of Torrance is as anxious as we are to prove that the toleration of a willful attempt to disrupt a peaceable assembly was a freakish occurrence." He also said he had been in continuing contact with Torrance officials, but added, "We have not received firm assurance that the meeting will not be broken up again."

Pearson and Brigham also said that they were prepared to hire off-duty police officers if it becomes necessary. "We are hopeful, however, that the city will provide the necessary police protection," he added.

Asked if he believed the hecklers would show up again, the pair said they were sure of it. "We hope they will be handled by decisive police action," they answered to a second question.

BRIGHAM ALSO told the reporters that the use of written (Continued on Page 3)

February Election Scheduled

A resolution fixing Feb. 4, 1964, for a tax override election was adopted at an abbreviated meeting of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday afternoon.

The board will receive reports from administrative staff members on the district's financial picture during the next seven weeks. A decision on the amount which the district will seek in the special election must be made before Oct. 21.

The special election will be necessary to extend or increase the override tax which the district has collected for the last three years. The 50 cent tax, voted in 1960, expires at the end of the current fiscal year.

NO FIGURE has been discussed by the board. Estimates have varied between an extension of the present 50-cent tax up to a new tax of \$1 per hundred dollars assessed valuation.

At the short business meeting, attended by Bert Lynn, Albert Charles, and Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, a contract for the construction of the new Joseph Arnold Elementary School was also awarded. The contract in the amount of \$581,200, was awarded to Slattebo Corp. of Santa Monica.

The low bid was nearly \$68,000 under the architect's estimate for construction of the school.

Also on the agenda was a request from Local 1101, representing the district's classified employes, for night differential pay. The trustees postponed action on the matter until a survey of the other districts and industrial firms in the area is completed.

IN OTHER action, the board:

- Approved the bus schedules for the new school year;
- Adopted a policy providing for stronger disciplinary actions in the district;
- Approved in principle a committee to study a merit salary increase plan;
- Approved minor additions and changes to the high school programs;
- Approved a contract with the Palos Verdes Unified School District for the education of mentally retarded children at the Columbia School; and,
- Awarded contracts in the amount of \$28,826.55 for various supplies.

City's Water Department to Move Offices

Plans for moving the offices of the Torrance Municipal Water Department to the City Hall on Oct. 5. All water department business will be transacted from the City Hall after Monday, Oct. 7.

The department's offices, now located at 1510 Craven Ave., will be relocated in City Hall on Oct. 5. All water department business will be transacted from the City Hall after Monday, Oct. 7.

The move is expected to reduce costs and to improve service for persons who make calls in person to the city departments.

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