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A Penny for your Thoughts

Catching several youngsters after classes this week, the Pennies photographer asked them, "Why do you go to summer school?"

Mike Tucker, 1636 Fern Ave.:

"There are a lot of classes to take at Torrance High School. I couldn't take nearly all of them during my four years there, so I go to summer school to take additional classes."

Christina Marie Lopez, 1324 Greenwood:

"I go to regular classes at Nativity School and my teachers always tell us it's good to go to summer school and learn what the next grade will be like. That way, we are prepared to do the work. I go to Fern during the summer."

Mike Pope, 1318 Date Ave.:

"Last year, my grades were not too hot. I want to get ready for the eighth grade, so I am going to summer school. I want to pass eighth grade and be able to go into high school after next year."

Carl Campazie, 2763 Sonoma St.:

"My grades in school were not too good last year, so my teacher suggested that I go to summer school and then I'll be ready for next year."

Moneen Jones, 1407 Greenwood, #8:

"I like it. It's fun. I get to play a lot and I like to work. We do spelling and are learning some Indian signs. I like summer school, but I don't like real school because it takes too long."

Polish Women's Picnic Today

The South Bay Chapter of the Polish Women's Alliance will hold its fourth annual picnic today at Torrance Park. Members and friends have been invited and asked to bring their own picnic basket and a potluck dish.

June Permits Push Totals To New High

Nearly 650 new apartment units were begun under permits issued by the city's building department in June, swelling the total number of apartments begun since Jan. 1 to 1,803 units.

Total value of all building permits issued during June was pegged at \$7,871,219. The bulk of the total, or about \$6.6 million, was accounted for by the apartment construction.

Largest of the 387 permits issued were given to Frank Marino. Marino was issued a permit valued at \$2,293,920 for a 260 unit apartment at

4315 W. 182nd St., and a permit valued at \$1,298,910 for 26 four-unit apartments in the 2800 and 2900 blocks of W. 235th Street.

THE JUNE totals pushed total construction for the year to \$38.3 million. Six months totals for 1964 are equal to the total value of all permits issued in 1962.

Other permits issued for apartment construction included: Gilbert Sellan, \$124,000 for 14 units at 3546 Del Amo Blvd.; W. Leader, \$490,010 for 34 units at 21010 Anza Ave.; Pinamonti-Zeigler, \$131,510 for 14 units and \$108,040 for 13 units, both at 17450 Van Ness Ave.; Galaretto Construction Co., two permits valued at \$594,950 for 65 units at 22913 and 22929 Samuel Ave., and a permit valued at \$123,040 for 17 units at 3624 Emerald St.

JUNE PERMITS also provided for 25 new single family homes, one duplex, and seven commercial buildings.

Totals for the second quarter this year nearly tripled construction begun in the first quarter.

Records for the total yearly value and the largest monthly total were set last year, when building topped \$56 million.

New Tract for Lomita Approved

Plans for a 25-home tract in Lomita have been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

Meine Construction Co. of Torrance will subdivide the area, located at Eshelman Avenue north of Lomita Boulevard.



BANKERS VISIT CENTER . . . A group of 11 Japanese bankers visited the Del Amo Center in Torrance Thursday as part of a tour of the United States which the group is now completing. The Del Amo Center was the only shopping center in the nation which the group toured. Shown here talking with Jack Greene (seated, far right) of Pacific Mutual Insurance Co., and Robert Brown, (standing, far right) assistant manager of the Broadway, are (seated): Osamu Ichihashi, deputy leader of the group, and Nagayasu Iwaki, group leader. Others are, from left, Tsutomu Moriwake, Jinkichi Kato, Taro Kitajima, Makoto Nakajima, Taizo Nakamura, Chuichi Fujita, Hitoshi Tsuchiya, Kennosuke Washizu, and Shigeo Yamaguchi.



FASHIONS TO SCALE . . . Kathy Anderson, a student last year in Sr. Marian Joseph's clothing class at Bishop Montgomery High, has an unusual job with J. J. Newberry Co. this summer. Kathy makes clothes for the fashion mannequins in the yardage department for the store. She is shown here with Sr. Marian Joseph making a small-scale model of a suit.

Youngsters Learn How To Care for Own Needs

Time was when children on the bottom rung of the I.Q. ladder were shortchanged. If Johnny couldn't add one and one or spell "cat," and if it didn't look as if he ever would be able to, the schools had no room for him.

But times have changed. At Torrance's Columbia School the child who might never master the three R's is trained to care for his own personal needs and participate in family living.

A boy who might never

work a slide rule or the slide trombone can be taught to shine his own shoes; and a girl who will never know the difference between a socialist and a socialist can learn to cook and clean.

Intellectually handicapped children needn't be a burden on their parents or society, says Lester Foster, principal at Columbia School. They can be taught to help run a house.

With an enrollment of about 155 during the school year, and more than 100 students during the summer session, classes at Columbia are kept down to 10 to 12 students per class. Each primary teacher is assisted by an attendant, and teachers in the pre-high school and high school aged group share attendants.

The purpose of the program, according to Foster, is "to keep the children stretching." He believes in constantly motivating them within the range of their abilities, and is always searching new ways to challenge them.

Group Asks Council for Guide Posts

Officers and directors of four Torrance homeowners groups have challenged councilmen to provide some specific ground rules on the dismissal of commissioners and to interpret the term "lobbying" as was applied to a dismissal this week.

Meeting at the home of William Uerkwitz, president of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners, were the officers and directors of that group, the Walteria Homeowners Association, Ellinwood Homeowners Association, and Riviera Homeowners.

A series of four questions were drawn up by the homeowners representatives and are being delivered to the mayor and members of the City Council this weekend.

"MAY WE HAVE a specific interpretation by the council of the term 'lobbying' as applied in the recent dismissal of a member of the Planning Commission?" the group's first question asks.

Questioned was the summary dismissal of John D. Haidinger from the city's Planning Commission last Tuesday evening after councilmen voiced charges of "lobbying" against him.

Haidinger, past president of the Riviera Homeowners, had been a member of the Planning Commission since (Continued on Page 3)

Man Hurt In Plant Accident

A Torrance plastics worker was taken to Harbor General Hospital with possible eye injuries after an industrial accident late Thursday evening.

Warner Jaeger, 42, of 3205 W. 180th St., suffered lacerations about the face and possible eye damage when a seal blew off a press which he was operating at 2321 Abalone Ave. The press is used for moulding fiber products.

Jaeger was reported in "serious, but not critical" condition at the hospital Friday. He received emergency treatment at the hospital's eye clinic after admission and was placed under observation by doctors.

The accident occurred about 11:15 p.m. Thursday. Cause of the malfunction was not known.

Permit Parking Illegal . . .

A proposal that parking along Paseo de la Playa be restricted and that residents be given parking permits would be unconstitutional, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer ruled this week.

The suggestion that parking be limited to residents and guests of the homes along the beach front street came before the City Council several weeks ago, and Remelmeyer was asked for the opinion on the legality.

Realtor Delegates . . .

Realtors Alvin Grancell and Richard G. Gurrey will represent the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors at the sixth annual educational conference of the National Institute of Farm & Land Brokers July 27-29 in San Luis Obispo. Others expected to attend the conference include escrow officers and others affiliated with the realty profession.

Kiwanis Club Cited . . .

The El Camino Kiwanis Club has been honored at the Kiwanis International convention in Los Angeles for achievement among clubs with 31 to 45 members. The El Camino club was one of five honored clubs in the group competition. Vincent Van Wormer, president, accepted the achievement award for the club.

New Chief Due Monday . . .

The city's new Chief of Police, Walter Koenig, will report to his desk tomorrow morning to begin his tenure. Koenig, a veteran with the Los Angeles Police Department, is 54. He was named to head the Torrance Police Department by City Manager Edward Ferraro June 24. Koenig and his family plan to move to Torrance when they locate a home.

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