

First Principal Visits Elementary School Here

A couple of principals got together last week for an unusual visit at Torrance Elementary School.

The principals were Stanley Roberts, now the administrator of Torrance Elementary School, and William Bell, the man who served as the first principal of the school.

Bell couldn't return for Founder's Day when the PTA observed the anniversary, but decided to drop in and take a look during the summer.

Bell was on hand when the

school first opened its doors at 2005 Martina St., in 1923. That old building has twice been rebuilt and now serves as an annex for the expanding Torrance High campus.

Roberts and Bell spent most of the morning touring the old and the new buildings and talking about events of other days. Bell recalled the days following the 1933 earthquake when the school building was declared unsafe. He kept classes going in bungalows and some 40 tents.

The old principal also told the new principal of the activities during the height of the depression. He worried about the children going hungry, so he talked the Kiwanis Club of Torrance into donating food to the school. Bell then donned chef's hat and apron, arrived early, and prepared breakfast for the students.

Bell retired five years ago. He served as principal from 1923 to 1935, then moved to Los Angeles where he now lives.

New Scout Troop Will Be Formed

A charter has been requested for a new Boy Scout Troop in Torrance, according to Mrs. Harley K. Gray, president of the Hickory School PTA.

Mrs. Gray said the new troop, to be sponsored by the PTA unit, will be headed by Scoutmaster Elmer T. Davis Jr., 22941 Felbar Ave. It will be open for boys who are at least 11 years old living in the Hickory School attendance area.

A supporting committee has been formed by the PTA unit, and the troop will be designated as Troop 65. The supporting committee includes Josef F. Ruzek, George Oga, R. E. Peabody, W. R. Webb, James V. Merritt, Albert Ellingson, Frank A. Gonzales, and Jerry Shigaki.

One of the first activities for the new troop will be participation in the Jamboralle, a convention of Cub and Boy Scouts in the South Bay District. The "Jamboralle" will be held July 18. A week of camping at Lake Arrowhead Scout Camp also is on the agenda.

Area Road Work Put In Budget

Substantial street and highway improvements for the Carson - Dominguez - Wilmington areas are included in the County Road Department's \$52 million budget for 1964-65.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the County's Road Committee, said more than \$3.3 million is earmarked for major projects in these areas.

Included in the project list are: Carson Street—San Diego Freeway to Alameda Street, \$1,410,000; Lomita Boulevard — Normandie to Wilmington avenues, \$927,000; Sepulveda Boulevard — Main Street to Avalon Boulevard, \$368,000; Sepulveda Boulevard — Western to Vermont avenues, \$547,000; and 223rd Street — Normandie Avenue to Alameda Street, \$557,000.

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WELCOME BACK . . . Stanley Roberts (right) principal of Torrance Elementary School, extends a warm welcome to William Bell upon Bell's return to Torrance Elementary. Bell, who was first principal of the school, returned last week to visit the new facility and get a look at things as they are in 1964.

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