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SCHOOL TAXES UP 20 CENTS

Split Board Votes Hike In Tax Rate

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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Bitterly divided and sharply critical of each other, trustees of the Torrance schools voted to hike the school tax rate by 20 cents for the 1964-65 fiscal year during a session Monday evening.

The tax rate will be about \$3.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation, pending final adoption of the budget and action by the Board of Supervisors on the tax rate.

In hiking the tax rate, the trustees adopted a \$16.6 million publication budget and set Aug. 3 for the public hearing and final action on the document. The budget includes \$342,000 for food services, a self-supporting operation in the district.

EVEN WITH the 20-cent hike in taxes, the board will dip into its \$3.2 million reserve fund to balance the budget. Some \$450,000 will be used from the surplus, leaving about \$2.75 million in the fund.

Action on the publication budget followed a motion offered by Bert N. Lynn that no increase in taxes be assessed during the year. That motion, seconded by Dr. Kurt Shery, board president, failed on a 3-2 vote.

A five-year projection of school income and expenses was modified by S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools for business, at the start of the meeting. Waldrip said preliminary figures

Bare Footed Bandit Robs Liquor Store

A barefooted bandit held up a south Torrance market last night about five minutes after the robbery of a liquor store on Torrance Boulevard. Alan L. Menadue, clerk at the market at 5137 Calle Mayor, told police the barefooted bandit displayed a pistol after he picked up an item and went to the checkout stand where he asked for assistance. About \$65 was obtained in the robbery.

Five minutes earlier a liquor store at 4435 Torrance Blvd. was robbed of about \$60 by a gunman who demanded the money after clerk Donald Raymond Reiff, 18, rang up an item on the cash register and the cash drawer opened.

In both cases, the victims were ordered by the bandit to "lay on the floor and don't get up for five minutes."

Snipers in Custody

Two Palos Verdes youths who admitted to police they were the snipers who have terrorized homes in Torrance and surrounding areas have been transferred to Juvenile Hall from the Lennox Sheriff's Station. Stephen K. Gardner, 17, and Leslie Bentfield, 15, are accused of firing bullets into 17 homes, stealing five cars, and threatening a game warden. One of the boys, said police, said they "did it for kicks."

Crash Kills Diana Nesvig

Diana Nesvig, 15, daughter of Gordon T. Nesvig, clerk of the County Board of Supervisors, was killed Saturday in an automobile accident at Zuma Beach. Three other passengers in the foreign sedan were injured when the car hit a power pole roadside. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Wilmington Funeral Home.

Phony Inspectors Hit

Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli warned Southlanders yesterday to be on the alert for bogus termite inspectors who use the inspection ruse to check out homes and apartments as likely burglary sites. The Board of Supervisors backed Bonelli's motion to study preventive avenues open to the county.

Senator's Son to Visit

Barry Goldwater Jr. and Joe Shell will be guests of honor at the opening of a Goldwater for President headquarters at 27715 Silver Spur Road in the Peninsula Center Saturday. Open house at the headquarters will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

Colt Loop Tourney Set

Torrance's Colt League all-stars will meet Peninsula tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the opening round of the 1964 Colt League all-star tournament at Redondo Beach Memorial Field, Vincent Street and Prospect Avenue. Beach Cities and Gardena will meet Friday at 7 p.m. and the winner of that game will face San Pedro Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Golf Course Study Group To Be Named

A 15-man citizens committee for the promotion of a municipal golf course in Torrance was formed last night by City Councilmen. Appointments to the committee will be made at the Aug. 4 meeting of the city fathers.

New Drill Site Wins Approval

With or without the mayor's good wishes, Standard Oil Co. of California apparently is going to drill for oil on the Mobil Refinery property in north Torrance.

P. L. Lacombe, representing Standard Oil Co., appeared before the City Council last night asking for an amendment to the city's oil drilling district ordinance. The request was denied last week by a 4-2 vote of the council.

Lacombe said his firm had moved to meet objections that the proposed district was too close to Crenshaw Boulevard. The western boundary was moved 200 feet to the east. The proposed district, which is 200 feet square, is located 1,600 feet south of 190th Street and 300 feet east of Crenshaw.

Standard Oil Co. wants to sink an exploratory well in the area. Lacombe said the firm would meet all "reasonable conditions imposed by the city." All drilling would be done with portable rigs and the 96-foot derrick would be removed in 30 days, said Lacombe.

"My position has not changed," Mayor Isen said. "I will not be a party to opening the door to an oil rush in a strictly urban community." "The mayor has built a monster here," Councilman

Mayor Albert Isen asked for the formation of the committee and got the unanimous backing of the six councilmen present. J. A. Beasley had left the meeting earlier for another engagement.

During the discussion of the proposed golf course, City Manager Edward Ferraro asked for, and got, approval to order an appraisal of the land. Howard S. Martin and Associates will conduct the appraisal for the city, Ferraro said.

TALK OF the golf course first came before the council at the June 30 meeting when H. T. "Ted" Olson asked for the feasibility study. Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., who said he was about to make the same request, enthusiastically endorsed the idea.

In asking for the formation of a citizens committee, Mayor Isen said he had given much thought to the idea and was "very, very enthusiastic." The mayor said the land might be used for some commercial developments along Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards under a lease plan similar to that used at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Mayor Isen apparently favors a revenue bond plan which would cost taxpayers nothing. He suggested such a bond issue should "go on the November ballot."

FERRARO TOLD the Press-Herald after the meeting that no determination as to the possibility or method of development has been made.



SURFIN' WEATHER... Four El Nido area lads check the surf in the street in front of 18319 Mansel Ave. after a city trash truck broke through the paving and snapped a high-pressure water line. With the surfboard is Gene Thomas, who is backed up by Gary Jackman, Steve Thomas, and Ward Miller. The boys decided to wait for better waves. (Press-Herald Photo)

City Crime Rate Rises Slightly, FBI Reports

By RICH OVERFIELD
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Serious crime in Torrance in 1963 increased 6.5 per cent, according to figures con-

tained in the annual FBI Uniform Crime Reports released by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy this week. During the same period the population in Torrance increased 5.4 per cent.

The total known felonies committed in Torrance in 1963, according to the report, numbered 2,709 as compared with 2,545 for 1962. The number of offenses broke down as follows (1962 figures in parentheses): Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, 3 (2); manslaughter with negligence, 1 (0); forcible rape, 21 (18); robbery, 81 (53); aggravated assault, 71 (49); burglary-breaking or entering, 1,384 (1,372); larceny-theft, \$50 and over, 785 (707); and auto theft, 364 (333).

The volume of serious crime in the U.S. increased 10 per cent over its 1962 figure. According to figures made available by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, the crime rate in the U.S. is increasing 5 times faster than our population growth. Since 1958 the nation's population rise of 8 per cent has been outstripped by a 40 per cent increase in crime. In 1963 there were 12 serious crimes and victims for every 1,000 (Continued on Page 3)

Old Water Department Office Sold to Chamber

Moving day for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is just around the corner following approval of an agreement with the city last night. The chamber will move into the old Water Department quarters at 1510 Cravens Ave., about Sept. 1.

The agreement approved by the City Council provides for the purchase of the building over a 10-year period. The chamber will pay \$31,800 for the facility. Payments will begin at \$200 per month and increase to \$300 within six years. A 10 per cent discount will be allowed if the purchase option is exercised after the first year.

J. Walker Owens, manager of the chamber, said the facility will be "a real first class workshop." In other matters, the council: • Sent two ordinances streamlining procedure for handling waivers and precise plans to a council committee for further study. • Concurred with City Manager Edward Ferraro's recommendation for additional (Continued on Page 3)



OVER THE HILL... Torrance's main post office at 1433 Marcelina Ave. will be used as a substation on completion of a new post office at the southwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Monterey Avenue expected early next year. Postmaster General John A. Grounouski today announced that a contract for construction of a new 46,694 square foot building at the new location had been awarded to a Los Angeles group. Initial cost of the building will be about \$770,000, he said.

A Penny for your Thoughts

How do young people feel about the effect of novels and movies dealing predominantly with sex on the morality of their own generation? To find out, the Pennies photographer asked several teenagers to comment.

Jane Gersch: "I feel that some of the movies and books that are available today emphasize sex too much. Because of this, the morality of this generation is going to be lower than of previous generations. But we cannot use bad movies and books as an excuse for sinking morals."

Lynda Abowit: "I would like to think about this question for some time. I do feel there is altogether too much emphasis on sex in books and movies, but we must all set our own standards and go by what we believe."

Kathy Aichinger: "I think literature and movies should be judged by their effect on individuals. If someone gets the feeling that I'm moral things should be done every day, then that movie or book is something that he should not be seeing or reading."

Linda Olsen: "I feel that today's morality is slowly declining and this is shown by the movies and literature being turned out today. Things like this were not available during our grand-mother's time, but anyone can get into a movie or buy a book today. I certainly think many books and movies should be available only to mature adults."

Zone Change

A change of zone for a 5.4 acre parcel south of Via Campesina and west of West Rolling Ridge Road has been recommended for approval by the Regional Planning Commission.

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