

### Seeks Letters from Airport

Two Airport Commissioners who have a record of frequent absences from meetings will be asked to tell the City Council why their attendance has not been more faithful.

To date President Tom Abrams, Dick Floyd and John W. Simpson have complied with a directive to report on their attendance.

Still missing are letters from

### OK SEWER DISTRICT

Upon recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the Board of Supervisors voted to authorize property owners to petition for construction of sewers, storm drains and other improvements on 253rd Place, in Lomita. At least 60 per cent of the property owners must sign the petition, which must be returned to the board by April 1, 1960.

Ted Carroll and Robert C. Herick.

### School Budget Prospects Call for Increase

Preliminary figures indicate that the 1959-60 school expenditures should run about \$9,670,000, according to information received by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday.

This is about \$1 million higher than the 1958-59 budget, Superintendent J. H. Hull said. About \$600,000 of the increase will be due to growth—new students, new teachers and employees, and new schools. About \$400,000 of the increase will be due to increased costs—rising costs, employ increments, and similar items.

The district expects an increase of about 2000 students next year, bringing total enrollment to more than 25,850.

Of the expected budget, nearly \$6,000,000 would go for teachers' salaries, with another \$330,000 for salaries of other employ-

es. Administration costs would be about \$380,000.

Other major categories would include plant operations, \$1,064,000; instructional expenses, \$455,000; fixed costs, \$422,000; auxiliary services, \$241,000; plant maintenance, \$360,000; capital outlay, \$235,000; transportation, \$186,000; community services, \$80,000; and transfers, \$10,000.

Estimated costs per pupil would be \$374 next year, up from this year's \$362 costs.

### Three New Firms to Receive Welcome at Chamber Event

These new "blue chip" industrial firms will be honored at the "Salute to New Industries" breakfast meeting of Torrance Chamber of Commerce at the American Legion Hall, according to Co-chairmen R. S. Pyle and Merton Stiles.

Belond Muffler Company is moving to a soon to be constructed building in the Torrance Central Manufacturing District from their plants in West Los Angeles and Culver City. Although the firm is one of the nation's most prominent muffler and piping firms, their name is famous for the two successive victories at the Memorial Day 500-Mile Auto Race in Indianapolis of the "Belond Special."

Columbia Van Lines is located in the new manufacturing district in a building comprising 10,000 square feet of office space and 875,000 cubic feet of storage space. They have their own truck scale, gasoline station, maintenance shop and railroad spur. Columbia, which ships world-wide, was formerly located in Hawthorne.

Dayton Rubber Company will locate a new facility on Greenwood Avenue.

Mrs. John J. Milton, ways and means chairman; Mrs. Vernon Moye, hospitality with Ames Charles Fischer, John Walti, Robert Schrauben, Fred Geisel, Robert Manning, Paul Roettger, Otto Willett, Blain Coberman and Edman Enright served refreshments.

### Weed Action Asked

Torrance Unified School District should abate the weeds on its properties with the same speed that residents are required to, Councilman George Bradford announced Tuesday.

"I'm not picking on the schools, but what's good for the people is good for the schools," he declared, during discussion of the city's weed abatement program.

### TOUR MARINELAND

Kindergartners in two Steele School classes had lots of fish stories to tell Wednesday after making a trip to Marineland of the Pacific. Students of Miss Georgianna Postolou and Mrs. Jean Olafson had studied sea life and made the field trip as part of their study.

### Big Turnout Seen at Recent Open House

Over 1500 parents and friends attended the recent South High PTA meeting and open house.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. C. Williams, president; Mrs. Paul Roettger, John Hamilton and John Black, vice presidents; Mrs. Robert Edwards, secretary; Mrs. H. J. Tye, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Albert Yackel, historian and Jack Weits, auditor.

Following the program, the entire school was open from the Chace supply room to the newly completed gym. Students parked cars, acted as guides and participated in class discussions and work projects.

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