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CITY, BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT \$22 MILLION BUDGET - NO TAX RAISE

New High School, Rise In Enrollment Increase System Expenditures

A tentative budget of \$13,790,037, more than \$2 million over the previous year, was approved Monday night by the Torrance School Board.

There will be no increase in the present tax rate, board members said, due to an override provided for in last year's budget.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, said the increase in the 1962-63 budget was due to the cost of constructing the new high school, an estimated increase of 1600 students in enrollment, more teachers and administrators,

and salary and increment raises. Board members scrutinized each item on the budget and questioned school administrators closely on estimated bills of expenditure with the hope of pruning down the tremendous cost of operating the school system.

One item on the agenda which came under sharp criticism from Al Charles, president of the board, and from Superintendent Hull, was a request for permission to advertise for bids for landscaping West High School at an estimated cost of \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Charles said he was "steamed up" because the school's groundsman were not doing the job thus saving taxpayers a considerable sum of money.

Dr. Hull said that it was a "Racket." He charged that pressure groups had a state law enacted forbidding school employees from completing a project involving more than a \$1000.

Wins Science, Arts Degrees

Fred Hameetman of 2142 W. 225th St., Lomita, was granted a Bachelor of Science degree on Jan. 8 from Cal Tech and on June 10 was granted a Bachelor of Arts degree from Occidental College.

He was graduated in summer class of 1957 from Narbonne and has lived in South Bay area all his life, being born in California. A member of the St. Mark's Presbyterian church he is now associated with the Aero Physics Laboratory of Douglas Aircraft.

Air Force ROTC Awards Received By Torrance Man

Awards were made to Air Force ROTC personnel from Torrance at the University of Southern California at its annual Awards Dinner.

They were as follows: Clifford R. Mosher, 21014 Palos Verdes Blvd., who received a Chicago Tribune AFROTC silver medal for strong moral character befitting a potential Air Force officer and for being in the top 10 per cent of his AFROTC classes; also Tiger certificate for eagerness to fly.

David J. Vogl, 4909 Via El Sereno, who received a Drill Team award for participating in drill team competition.

Albert E. Ross, 4802 Milne Dr. who received Rifle Team award for participation in rifle competition.

James R. Brown, 5303 Maricopa St., who received Tiger Certificate for eagerness to fly.



OFF TO THE BALL GAME—Members of the Torrance Optimist Club invited their wives and friends to see the Dodgers play Monday night. Boarding a chartered bus to go to the game are, from left: Pete Petrat, president; Dotty Petrat; Ernie Dandoy, first vice

president; Joan Dandoy; Lorraine Baver, and Wink Winkel Baver, secretary-treasurer. The optimists will soon open a fireworks booth at intersection of Hawthorne and Redondo Beach Blvds.

Sees No Legal Problem for Monorail

No major legal problems would be posed by the construction of a Metropolitan Transit Authority monorail system on Los Angeles County streets and highways, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said this week.

He has especially stressed the necessity of connecting Los Angeles International Airport with the downtown Civic Center by rapid transit.

However, the MTA would be required to obtain the consent of the board of Supervisors to construct such a system or add to an existing one, Hahn pointed out.

Hahn based his statements on a report from County Counsel Harold Kennedy who was asked by the Board of Supervisors in March to render an opinion regarding legal problems involved in using county roads for a monorail system.

Kennedy's report said, in effect, that the county would have the last word if the MTA, a state agency, chose to use county thoroughfares for a rapid transportation system.

Supervisor Hahn has long advocated that the MTA go forward rapidly in building a monorail system for metropolitan Los Angeles.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the 1951 act forming the MTA specifically charged the agency "to develop interurban rapid transit systems . . . for the benefit of the people."

Burglars Rob Levy's

Sam Levy's Department Store in Torrance is missing some merchandise today. An undetermined amount of skirts, sweaters, dresses and other apparel, all apparently the same size was stolen Monday night.

The burglar or burglars broke and crawled through a display window in front of the store, and later pushed the stolen clothing through a window in the back. This is the first time in its 42-year operation the store has been robbed.

Five North High Faculty Staff Members Receive Scholarships

Five North High faculty members have received scholarship and grants from various national organizations and the federal government for advanced study in their respective fields this summer.

The National Science Foundation has honored Mrs. Nilane A. Lee, Dan Wachter and Joseph F. Reinhardt, Mrs. Lee, chairman of the mathematics department, is beginning a three-summer program at UCLA.

Mrs. Gerry Rische, chairman of the foreign language department, will attend the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, for an eight-week summer session for a study in advanced French. The courses are financed by the federal government in accordance with the National Defense Act.

Guy R. Old Jr., will attend a two-week advanced seminar in journalism at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana. Old was selected for this program, along with 12 other journalism teachers throughout the U.S., by the Newspaper Fund, Inc., an organization established by the Wall Street Journal to improve journalism instruction in secondary schools.

Council Approves Pay Increase for All Municipal Employees

Torrance City Council yesterday adopted a tentative budget for the fiscal year calling for the expenditure of \$8,400,000.

Although a raise in salary was approved for all city employees including police and firemen there will be no increase in taxes.

An across the board pay raise of two and one-half per cent for police and firemen and a three per cent increase for all other city employees was unanimously voted for by the councilmen.

The pay raises will become effective April 1, 1963.

Also adopted was a recommendation by City Manager Wade E. Peebles

that a widow's clause be adopted for police and firemen on the basis of the city's paying no more than it pays for social security per other employee.

Other benefits approved were a \$50 per year uniform allowance for police and firemen; 50 per cent of cost of providing uniforms for city field employees as a part of their job requirements; approval of 11 legal holidays for all city employees, and a vacation plan.

Other appropriations earmarked by the councilmen included \$20,800 for the Chamber of Commerce and \$100,000 for the purchase of Victoria Knolls Park.

A highlight of the meet-

ing was attendance of members of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Practically every member of the commission offered suggestions or had ideas for improving the park and recreational facilities of the city.

City Councilman J. A. Beasley noted that although a total of \$391,728 has been appropriated for park and recreational projects many items originally approved more than two years ago have not been completed to date. He urged that all projects be completed the same year the money is appropriated for them.

In other action, a gift of a \$50,000 building for senior citizens was accepted from C. N. Calk.

Improve Roadway

A \$5,500 multiple roadway improvement has been scheduled by the Los Angeles County Road Department for the intersection of 220th St. and Bonita St., Supervisor Burton W. Chace said this week.

The project includes reconstruction and remodeling of the major intersection, extension of paving westerly of Bonita St. and installation of modern cross-flow gutters.

When completed, the project will provide improved drainage and more efficient use of the arterial, Supervisor Chace said.

\$407,807 Contract Awarded For Torrance Storm Drain

Award of contract by the County Supervisors for construction of the 228th Street Storm Drain near Torrance to M & J Construction Co. and Vinson Construction Co. of La Canada, a joint venture, was announced this week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The firms filed a low bid of \$407,807 with Flood Control District Chief Engineer M. E. Salsbury on May 25. The proposal was \$44,950.50 less than the engineering estimate on the project.

Construction of the mile-long drainage facility is slated to begin within three weeks and is due for completion approximately seven months later, Chace said.

Routing starts at the Harbor Freeway easterly of Vermont Avenue, runs north westerly in rights-of-way to Vermont and 228th St., westerly in 228th to Tomlinson Rd., northwesterly to Normandie Ave. and 227th St., and northerly in Normandie to 223rd St.

Construction will involve gunite-lined trapezoidal channel, reinforced concrete box and pipe conduits, and

supporting fixtures. Los Angeles City Engineer Lyall A. Pardee supervised plan preparation for the drain, and Flood Control District personnel will oversee construction, operation and maintenance, Supervisor Chace said.

Monies to finance the important facility were included in the 1958 storm drain bond issue which allocated \$225 million for 184 projects in various county locations, Chace added.

Three Die in Traffic Mishaps

Three deaths due to traffic accidents occurred Monday.

Two youths driving a sports car were killed in a drag race on Normandie Ave. in Lomita. They were Douglas C. Durland, 21, of 301 John St., Manhattan Beach, and Thomas N. Legare, 18, of Lancaster.

Joseph M. Stokes, 71, of 3768 Artesia Blvd., died Monday from injuries suffered 10 days previously in a three-car collision.



ROTARY SPEAKER — Allan G. Cooley, assistant to the president, General Telephone Company of California, was scheduled to speak to the Torrance Rotary at its luncheon meeting today at The Palms Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson St. Cooley was to talk about industrial development and its importance to the community.

Flying Doc Off to Alaska

Dr. John W. Beeman, 2055 Torrance Blvd., is one of 36 of America's 2,000 Flying Physicians — each piloting his own light plane — scheduled to take off from Edmonton, Canada, today on a 1550 mile flight to Anchorage, Alaska.

The mass flight of doctor-pilots over the wilderness route of the Alcan highway will have as its main purpose the study of disaster techniques, especially the quick and efficient movement of trained medical personnel and supplies to isolated locations. En route, the doctors will also make first-hand studies of pilot safety techniques and gather information about general aerial medicine.

Upon their arrival at Anchorage, they will convene for the annual three-day medical meeting of the Flying Physicians associations, where aviation medicine, air safety, pilot competence, and other pertinent subjects will form the speaking agenda.



SAFETY FIRST — Mrs. Peggie Blumel, member of the Torrance Safety Council, shows how to reduce injuries in case of accident. Says Mrs. Blumel, "I feel lost riding in a vehicle not equipped with seat belts."

Woman Is Assaulted

An unemployed waitress was criminally assaulted early Sunday morning, Torrance police report. This is the second case in recent weeks.

The victim described her assailant as weighing 240 pounds, six-foot four inches in height, having brown eyes and about 27 years of age.



STRAIGHT A — North High School Principal Richard D. Guengerich awards the gold cord, symbol of the honor graduate, to Pamela Schummer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Artiano, 17307 Yukon, Torrance. Miss Schummer maintained a straight A average.