32,600 Head Back to City's Classrooms

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OFFICERS WANT JOBS BACK

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think cigarettes should be labeled as dangerous.." the Pennies inquirer asked.

Mrs. Gloria Barbour, Palos Verdes Estates:

"If they just have proven they are dangerous then they should be labeled just as any drug is. I don't think it would stop anyone from smoking but it might delay the younger ones from smoking."

Mrs D. B. Congleton, 5618 Via Del Collado:

"Yes. Though I think I would smoke anyway. It would help those who don't realize the danger. It would help to keep the younger ones from starting. If someone had told me that when I was 16 I wouldn't have started."

Miss Vera Grube, 408 Via Monte D'Ore:

"It depends on the individual as to whether they would stop smoking if all cigarettes were labeled. Excessive smoking is bad, I would definitely be in favor of such branding of cigarettes. I think they are dangerous."

Mrs. Edgar Formanek, 1537 W. 222nd St.:

"Yes, I think they should be branded because it is misleading to our youth without such labeling. I think it would slow down the amount of smoking by our younger generation."

Mrs. Gary Ferguson, 1147 W. 220th St.

"I think they should label them. I think a public education program on hazards of smoking should be carried on at the same time along with labeling. I think some people would stop smoking if they were labeled."

Inside

School Bells Bring an End To Vacations

More than 32,600 Torrance youngsters put away their baseball caps and surf boards this morning to pick up school books as schools in the city reopened for a new year.

Classes got under way in the district's 34 elementary schools at 9 a.m. today, while high schools opened an hour earlier. Schools will operate a full day—and many teachers have promised to make their first homework assignments before dismissing students this afternoon.

One new elementary school opened today for the first time. It is the Joseph Arnold School, located on 227th Street near Kent Avenue. Students attending the Arnold School, were drawn from the Seaside and Meadow Park attendance areas.

DISTRICT officials noted the number of youngsters attending schools in Torrance has tripled since 1954. Of the 32,600 students now enrolled, ~24,000 are attending the 34 elementary schools, including the Columbia School for handicapped youngsters. The remaining 8,600 are enrolled in classes at the city's four high schools.

Nearly 1,200 teachers and other certified staff members have been employed for the coming school year. They join the staff of clerical workers and other classified personnel to bring to 3,000 the total number of school district employes.

AMONG OTHER new facilities opened this year are the gymnasium and second classroom unit at West High School. Mobil classrooms have been installed at Victor School to prevent double sessions at that school.

New Johnson Headquarters To Be Opened

The Citizens for Johnson Headquarters for the 46th, 67th and 68th Assembly Districts will have its grand opening Saturday at 4406 Torrance Blvd., between noon and 6 p.m.

Assemblyman Clayton Dills and Vincent Thomas and nominee W. Eugene Holley, as well as other local dignitaries will be on hand for the ceremonies.

The headquarters, managed by David K. Lyman, Torrance City Councilman, will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Assisting Councilman Lyman will be Sandra Phillips for the 67th Assembly District, State Committeewoman Vera Holcome for the 68th Assembly District, and Frances Grassi for the 46th Assembly District.

Dr. Mortimer to Serve on Board

Dr. Leonard Mortimer of Palos Verdes Estates, has been elected to a one-year term on the board of directors of the Crippled Children's Society of Los Angeles. William C. Eldridge of Los Angeles is the new president of the society.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED . . . Mrs. Celia Pons, who donated memorial to John Fitzgerald Kennedy at Sartori and Cabrillo, is flanked by Mayor Albert Isen (left) and Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson after unveiling at dedication ceremonies Monday afternoon. The memorial stone is topped by the symbolic torch and includes an engraved likeness of the late President.
(Press-Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)

No Fast Settlement Seen in Food Strike

Retail food markets were doing a "better than usual" midweek business as the strike-lockout which had closed Southland warehouses moved into the third day.

While markets' shelves are reflecting the tie-up, panic buying has not been reported.

Attempts to bring federal mediators to bring a quick settlement to the dispute proved unsuccessful Tuesday and no talks between the Teamsters and Food Employers Council have been scheduled.

Meat, bread, dairy products, and soft drinks are not affected by the closing of the wholesale warehouses.

Fresh produce was expected to run short in some stores, but delivery systems independent of the striking Teamsters deliver a large part of this supply to grocers and is expected to continue.

Biggest impact will come in canned goods, staples such as sugar and flour, and in packaged goods, including frozen food supplies.

Grand Jury Turns Down Complaints

Two of three former Torrance police officers accused of substituting evidence in a narcotics case have asked that their resignations be rescinded following the refusal of the County Grand Jury to issue criminal complaints.

John Paul Brady, 34, and Stanley Ray Martin, 32, requested through Attorney William J. McCabe that they be returned to duty on the police force during last night's City Council meeting.

McCabe, in a letter addressed to the city, said the resignations were submitted "under duress and threat of criminal prosecution."

The Grand Jury refused to issue complaints against any one of the three former officers following presentation of evidence by the District Attorney's office. Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Manley J. Bowler had asked for the Grand Jury hearing.

The third man, Michael William Watts, 21, was not represented before the council last night.

McCABE who appeared before the council only a few hours after the Grand Jury had adjourned, said there had been no crime committed. He cited a section of the police manual, issued by the Torrance department, which listed the punishment for preparing a false report as "10 days suspension for the first offense."

A 30-day suspension was listed for a second offense and dismissal from the force is required for a third false report.

"Had it occurred at any
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Debate on High Rise Stirs Anew

High rise apartment development along the Torrance Beach apparently is still a possibility.

A meeting to discuss that possibility has been scheduled for 3:30 this afternoon, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro. Members of the Riviera Homeowners Association and representatives of Sovereign Development Co. are scheduled to meet with Ferraro and his staff.

Purpose of the meeting, which now City Council approval last night, is to determine if the high rise can be built on the section of the old Riviera Clubhouse site that is in the City of Redondo Beach.

A WELCOME sign apparently hung out by Redondo Beach councilmen last week brought the matter back before the Torrance council last night. It began with a letter asking for a new hearing on the zoning case—but before it ended, councilmen hurled a few names at each other. Mayor Albert Isen started
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Bomb Threat Clears Store - - -

Employes and customers were cleared from CMA, 20225 Western Ave., Monday afternoon after the store's switch board operator received a telephoned bomb threat. "There is a bomb in the grocery department," the caller said, and hung up. The call was declared a hoax after a search by the fire department failed to turn up any bomb.

Auto Hits Student - - -

Minor injuries were suffered by a 10-year-old Jefferson School sudent Monday afternoon when he was struck by a car while crossing Torrance Boulevard near Little Company of Mary Hospital. Richard C. Knibb of 4205 Scott St. was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Police said driver of the car was Raymond L. Pannell, 54, of 5500 Torrance Blvd.

Registrars Have Busy Day - - -

Nearly 1,000 voters were registered last Thursday at City Hall, City Clerk Vernon W. Coil reported last night. Coil said he did not keep an accurate record of the final day's registration total, but added that deputy registrars remained until the midnight deadline to complete registration for some persons.

Assessment Rolls Published - - -

The Press-Herald today publishes lists of assessment changes in a large part of Torrance. Publication of the lists is by map book number, page, and parcel number. The street address or property owner is listed. The assessment lists may be found on pages 55 and 56. A map containing the key to the assessment areas is published on page 25.

Ballot Summaries Available - - -

The League of Women Voters has placed capsule pro and con reports on the 17 propositions which will appear on the California State ballot in November in all city libraries, according to Mrs. Irwin Boxer, voter service chairman. The summaries may be obtained from the libraries

SERVICE WITH A SMILE . . . Mrs. William Rosebery, president of the West High PTA, serves the first cups of coffee brewed in the new West High concession stand to Bert Lynn and Dr. Robert Ford. Lynn, a member and former president of the Board of Education, headed the volunteers who built the stand after a district estimate placed construction costs at $6,000. Dr. Ford is the West High principal. The stand, football stadium and gymnasium will be dedicated Friday in ceremonies slated for 8:15 o'clock.
(Press-Herald Photo)

Dr. Hull Speaks

Teachers Have Many Functions

"One way to appreciate America is to see her in historical perspective," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told some 1,200 teachers Monday.

Dr. Hull addressed teachers and administrators of the Torrance schools at an orientation meeting in the South High gymnasium. He recently completed a tour of the nation's historic places.

Civil rights stories which make headlines today are an outgrowth of the battles begun by the nation's forefathers, Dr. Hull said. Commenting on a visit to the Gettysburg Battlefield, he said, "Intergration today is still a part of that battle."

"ISN'T IT about time we ceased to be barbarians in our treatment of human beings?" he asked. Dr. Hull told the teachers, "No citizen today or tomorrow can afford to be a member of the gullible masses. He is very much in need of sound judgment, both at the polls and elsewhere. He must be able to detect insincerity, false propaganda, the big lie, stereotyped thinking, prejudice, and inaccurate reporting."

The duty of a teacher, Dr. Hull said, is to "teach children how to detect these devices, how to withhold judgment until the whole story or the other side has been heard."

Discussing his visit to the eternal flame which marks the grave of President Kennedy, Dr. Hull said, "Lincoln saved the Union, and Kennedy's civil rights bill, picked up by President Johnson, is the latest step . . . a century later . . . that our nation has made in attempting to complete what Lincoln worked for."

"GREAT SOCIAL problems are seldom solved over the signing of a document," he declared. "They are solved in the hearts and minds of men."

"To teach the three Rs effectively," Dr. Hull concluded, "build respect for law and order, develop all the other requirements of good citizenship . . .
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