

Plans Ready for Skills Center Addition

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PREPARED TO HELP . . . These ten Torrance residents were sworn in as official Police Reserves Tuesday in ceremonies before the City Council. The hand-picked group includes (kneeling, from left) David Large, Cecil Alter, Paul Chapdelaine, Lloyd Sorenson, and Ronald Angell, and (standing, from left) Victor Conde, Melvin Parker, Benjamin Wallace, Jerry Gruninger, and Alvin Eldredge. The reserves have completed 120 hours of classroom in-

struction covering laws of arrest, first aid, accident investigation, and many other topics. They are participating in a newly initiated Torrance police program to prepare civic-minded individuals to assist regular officers in times of disaster or civil violence. Applications are currently being accepted for the second group of trainees. Capt. Robert Hammond is in charge of the program.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Council Endorses Red Freeway Plan

SCROC Facility Planned

Final plans and working drawings for construction of the second increment of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center, 2300 Crenshaw Blvd., have been submitted to the state for approval. It was disclosed today by Assemblyman L. E. (Larry) Townsend (D-Torrance).

According to Townsend, the 109,000 square-foot addition will house the Industrial Technology training facilities in a modern two-story and mezzanine building. Off-street parking facilities will be located on the "top deck." The "deck" will be converted into a third-story of classrooms when additional space is required.

"We are allowing approximately 60 days for plan checking and expect to advertise for construction bids in late November, with construction to begin during the first week of January, 1969," Townsend said.

THE COMPLETED structure should be ready for occupancy during September, 1969, according to Townsend. The state estimates construction will cost approximately \$2.7 million.

Financing of the addition was made possible through a bill which Townsend authored and successfully carried through both houses of the legislature providing for (See CENTER, Page A-2)

Here's Your New Friday Press-Herald

Here's your new Friday Press-Herald.

Beginning today, the Press-Herald will be published each Wednesday and Friday. The Friday edition replaces the Sunday publication, which has been discontinued after more than 15 years.

Among the features you will find in today's edition is an expanded Church News page and a restaurant and entertainment page.

The Press-Herald will be delivered to homes throughout Torrance each Friday afternoon, giving area residents a head start on their weekend planning.

Welcome to the pages of the new Friday Press-Herald.

Saturday DeMolay To Seat Officers

Tim Watt, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Watt of Rolling Hills Estates, will be installed Saturday as Master Councilor of the Torrance DeMolay Chapter.

Ceremonies will be held at the Torrance Masonic Temple at 8 p.m. Charles Peterson Sr., Worshipful Master of the Rolling Hills Lodge 781, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The invocation and benediction will be given by John Bauer, W.M., Lawndale Lodge 753.

Other officers to be installed include Larry Raines, Senior Councilor; Robert Argroves, Junior Councilor; Travis Nation, Scribe; Kirk Robinson, Senior Deacon; Ray Davis, Junior Deacon; Phillip Salazar, Senior Steward; Chris Russell, Junior Steward;

Randy Butcher, Sentinel; Tom Bolles, Chaplin; Dave Hodgson, Marshall; Charles Rohrmann, First Preceptor; Pat Tippins, Second Preceptor; Jeff Wombold, Third Preceptor; Mike Mayes, Fourth Preceptor; Charles Addition, Fifth Preceptor; and Jerry Butcher, Sixth Preceptor.

Usherettes will be Billie Oit, Honored Queen of Bethel 50, International Order of Job's Daughters; Rita Robinson, Senior Princess of Bethel 238; and Regina Robinson, member of Bethel 258 Walnut Creek. Rita and Regina are both cousins of Tim.

Brenda Watt, Junior Princess of Bethel 50 and Tim's younger sister, will serve as guest book attendant. Tom Curry and Ron Wood will serve as ushers.

A reception and dance will follow. Hostesses will be Linda Watt, Tim's older sister; Rhonda Robinson, Tim's cousin; and Cheryl Petersen, all past Honored Queens of the International Order of Job's Daughters.

Mayor Abstains In Voting for Freeway Route

City Councilmen last night voted 4-2 to endorse the "red route" of the proposed Torrance Freeway, taking an opposite stand from the city's Planning Commission, which voted unanimously to support the "blue route" last week.

Councilmen voting for the red route were Dr. Donald E. Wilson, Ken Miller, Ross Sciarrotta, and Jay Beasley, while Councilmen Orin Johnson and William Yerkwitz cast "no" votes. Mayor Albert Isen abstained.

Councilmen voting for the route qualified their stand by proposing a modification in the course of the red freeway. They have asked the state to alter the route just south of Carson Street, routing the freeway through the area where Riviera Hospital now stands, and then continuing the route south of Sam Levy School.

A REPORT indicates that this plan would save about 100 single family homes in the Torrance Heights area, uprooting some 300 apartment units instead. The modification would also be more favorable to the operation of the school.

Councilman Miller, who proposed the modification, also pointed out that Riviera Hospital will be abandoned soon anyway for the new, modern Torrance Memorial Hospital now going up on Lomita Boulevard.

The red route is the eastern most of the 12 possible route choices suggested by the State Division of Highways. It extends from the San Diego Freeway near Compton Boulevard, running due south parallel to Anza Avenue and veering southeast on a route just north of Lomita Boulevard, to a previously adopted route in Harbor City.

Before making their final decision, City Councilmen toyed with the idea of refusing to endorse any of the routes and informing the State Division of Highways that no freeway was necessary in Torrance. Mayor Jim Cole of Lomita informed the council that his council had voted 5-0 Tuesday to take just such a stand.

The Redondo Beach City (See FREEWAY, Page A-2)

Lomita Rejects Freeway

Lomita City Councilmen voted to oppose all four major routes being considered for the Torrance Freeway following a special session called to discuss the routes.

More than 200 persons attended the meeting.

Councilmen adopted a resolution which called on the state to delete any route through the city of Lomita.

Mayor James Cole said the council acted to oppose the freeway because of its conviction that it must "be most concerned about the residents of this city, who elected us to office and to whom we are responsible."

Cole said he didn't know if the effort to block the freeway would be successful, but added that "What the people want is our mandate."

Petitions opposing the freeway are being circulated throughout the city. They will be presented at a State Division of Highways hearing on the freeway route next Thursday.

Magna Carta for Schools

Local Boards Gain New Controls Over Schools

By TIM O'DONNELL
Press-Herald Staff Writer

In an era of tight state and federal regimentation of virtually every form of local service, a ray of hope has emanated from the direction of Sacramento in the form of Senate Bill 1, the so-called "Magna Carta" of education.

Briefly, the new law will give much of the determination of course requirements back to the local school districts.

Dr. Lloyd Jones, recently appointed assistant superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, has explained some of the implications of SB1 for the district.

"We received a report from Sacramento describing what this bill will mean to our '68-'69 curriculum," said Dr. Jones, "and informing us the program we adopt will be used as a 'test-pattern' for ours and other districts in the coming years."

The bill removes many of what Dr. Jones calls the "too heavy load" characteristics from the minimum requirements and replaces them with bare minimums which the districts may or may not supplement.

Not all control has been

lifted, however, according to Dr. Jones. "To insure against a 'watering down' of the curriculum," reports Dr. Jones, "statewide textbooks, testing program, high school entrance requirements, accreditation standards, and administrative regulations (See SCHOOLS, Page A-2)

Support Asked For School Tax

The funds for running Torrance schools at their present educational level will run out next June, according to Dr. Owen H. Griffith, president of the Torrance Board of Education.

At that time, Dr. Griffith said, a \$3.30 general tax rate authorized by Torrance voters in 1964 is due to expire. The result will be a drop of 90 cents in the authorized maximum unless voters approve a measure on the Nov. 5 ballot.

"Proposition T will give the voters the chance to keep up current standards in our schools by continuing the present tax ceiling," Dr. Griffith said. "This proposition would merely continue the maximum we've had for the past five years; it would not raise taxes."

DURING THE five-year period that the Board of Education has been authorized a \$3.30 tax ceiling, they

have never used it, Dr. Griffith pointed out. "The board has demonstrated its fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers by levying only that tax absolutely necessary," he commented.

"Although costs have increased and tax rates at all governmental levels have increased during the past three years," Dr. Griffith stated, "the Torrance Board of Education has been able to reduce the tax rate in Torrance. At the present time the tax rate is \$3.02—almost five cents less than last year's rate."

THE BOARD of Education is asking voters to approve Proposition T with the commitment that during the forthcoming five-year period only that tax rate necessary to maintain educational standards will be levied, the board concluded.

Proposition T has been unanimously endorsed by all members of the Board of Education.



NEW LEADER . . . Tim Watt (right) will be installed as Master Councilor of the Torrance DeMolay Chapter in ceremonies Saturday at the Torrance Masonic Temple. Other new officers to be installed with the 17-year-old West High student are Robert Argroves (left), 17, of Torrance High, Junior Councilor, and Larry Raines, 18, of El Camino College, Senior Councilor.

Jamboree to Begin - - -

A Community Jamboree, the first of its kind to be held in the Los Angeles area, will get under way here Monday at the Grand Theatre in downtown Torrance. Arranged by Pacific Telephone's local Community Relations Team, the jamboree will salute Torrance civic groups and acquaint residents with the many services available in the city. The Press-Herald salutes the jamboree with a special picture page today which may be found on Page B-1.

Board, Council to Meet - - -

Members of the Torrance Board of Education will convene Monday at 7:30 p.m. for their regular meeting. The session will be held in the district offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. Copies of the agenda may be inspected in any branch of the city library. City Councilmen will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance Soldier Killed - - -

A Torrance soldier was killed in action in Vietnam, the Department of Defense reported this morning. He was identified as Army Pfc. Thomas C. Martin, husband of Mrs. Aaron Martin and son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Martin of 20916 S. Dalton Ave. No details about the death were given.