

# Double Sessions At Torrance Elementary Inevitable

## Principal Says Cause Due to Growth, Design

At least 14 classes in the lower grades will be forced into double sessions next semester, William H. Clinkenbeard, principal of Torrance Elementary School, disclosed this week.

Parents of children in the three lower grades starting with the first grade, can expect their children to attend half-day sessions next fall, Clinkenbeard said.

Reason for the doubling up of classes is two-fold, the principal said:

1.—The migration of many new families into the area, and

2.—Original design of the present school facilities.

Where we now have one seat for each student in the seventh and eighth grades we will have one and a half student for each seat in those grades when the present children in the primary grades reach the seventh and eighth grades, he said.

Present enrollment of the Central Torrance School plant is 950, where as it was originally built to house 600. It is expected that by fall, enrollment will jump to 1100.

Already in use as emergency classrooms are three bungalows, the cafeteria which has been pushed out of service as such to make three classrooms, and a visual aid room also serving as a classroom.

Printed below is a table which shows the number of classrooms in use for each grade at Torrance Elementary at present and the number expected to be used for each grade when school opens in the fall:

Kindergarten	Now	Fall '50
1	5	6
2	6	7
3	6	7
4	3	3
5	3	4
6	34	4
7	3	4
8	3	3

Clinkenbeard's statements support the findings of a recent survey which rated Torrance Elementary with only 458 points out of possible 1000. The survey, made by Dr. Irving R. Melbo, professor of Educational Administration at the University of Southern California, recommended a 17-point improvement program to bring the school up to standard.

- 1.—Provide sufficient lunch area.
- 2.—Provide adequate storage space for kindergarten equipment.
- 3.—Install modern and adequate plumbing equipment.
- 4.—Eliminate present rubbish disposal from main floor.
- 5.—Repaint classrooms in pastel colors.

- 6.—Provide adequate storage space for custodial supplies.
- 7.—Improve boiler room to conform with state safety requirements.
- 8.—Check and add to present fire-fighting equipment.
- 9.—Replace antiquated rest room facilities with modern fixtures.
- 10.—Install acoustical material in the halls to decrease clattering echoes.
- 11.—Refinish or replace blackboards.
- 12.—Rehabilitate electrical system to meet modern educational standards.
- 13.—Install non-inflammable steel venetian blinds.
- 14.—Provide additional blackboard space by removing unnecessary blackboards.
- 15.—Provide additional facilities for playground use.
- 16.—Provide adequate office space for administrative purposes.
- 17.—Increase lavatory facilities to meet present enrollment needs.

## Adult Crafts Class Opens at Seaside School

A new combination class, leathercraft, copper tooling, and textile painting—has just been started on Monday nights at the Seaside School, Seaside Ranchos, from 7 to 10 p.m.

A student may study any one or all three of the crafts in the same class. In leathercraft students make pocketbooks, wallets, and ornamental book ends; in copper they make plaques, cigarette, candy and gift boxes of copper and copper and wood; in textile painting they place original designs on dresses, aprons, napkins, tablecloths, and spreads.

Instructor of the class is Wanda Sexton, whose plan is to encourage students to carry out their own projects, to build their own clothing, attire and home furnishings. In the event the students have no project of their own, she will suggest a wide variety for their own use, or for Easter, Christmas, birthday, or anniversary gifts. She plans to stress ideas for children, and practical ideas of low cost for all members of the family.

## Red and White Bike Gone

Adrian Thornberry, 1308 Hickory avenue, told police his son's red and white bicycle was stolen from their home last Friday. Thornberry is a member of the juvenile division of the Los Angeles Police Department.



UNAWARE . . . Of the not-so-peaceful conditions that await them next semester are these kindergarten children who are taking their mid-morning rest. This year's four kindergarten classes will graduate into facilities now crowded by only two first grade classes. Fall enrollment of the kindergarten children is expected to exceed present enrollment.—Herald Photo.



NOT BAD, IN NICE WEATHER . . . Pictured here is the "cafeteria" at Torrance Elementary School. Original noon feeding facilities were crowded out of existence and converted into three much-needed classrooms. These bleachers located on the High School grounds adjacent to the elementary school provide no shelter in winter and slight shade from scrawny trees in summer. A school to serve the Kettler Knolls area would permit the reconversion of the cafeteria to provide warm lunches for children of parents living in central Torrance.—Herald Photo.



NOT UNUSUAL . . . Is this lineup at one of the only too-few drinking fountains at Torrance Elementary School. Swelling population in the Kettler Knolls tract has brought about an alarming overcrowded condition at fountains and all other plumbing facilities at the central Torrance school plant. Recent school survey showed that four classes of kindergarten students are using toilet facilities located in one of the rooms and which was originally intended for use by 32 students—128 now must wait in line or use facilities intended for older students in the seventh and eighth grades.—Herald Photo.

## Kettler Kapers

By JIMMY COLE

THE NEIGHBORS, WE have a new family at 2294 Walnut. The Don Kelleys from Lomita Pines have purchased the James Connors' home and are very excited about their new neighborhood. The Kelleys have two sons, Darrel aged 8 years and Don aged 10 years, who have been getting together with their new playmates. Their phone Lomita 1655-M if you wish to call and bid them welcome. Don is an associate of Bob Haggard in Torrance. Welcome to your new surroundings, folks. May your life with us be full of happiness.

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SHAREN ELLIOTT AND Donna Fuller were hosts of a teenage party for sixty guests. The girls served a pot-luck lunch and entertained their friends with dancing and various games.

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A BABY SHOWER was given by Mrs. James Wittycombe for Mrs. Harold Holmes who, received many lovely presents. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent by Mesdames Wm. Hatcliff, Roy Garee, Dale Stanton, Joe Jarvis, Hershell Ellingsworth, Eldon Howland and Edgar Bell.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH is sponsoring a Cub Scout group in Kettler Knolls known as Pack 521, Den 5. Mrs. William Elliott is the Den Mother of the pack. She has informed us that there is an opening for one more boy if she can obtain some mother to be an assistant den mother. The Pack holds meetings every Tuesday after school. If mothers interested in helping with the Scouts, wish to assist Mrs. Elliott, they may contact her at 1809 West 22nd street or phone Lomita 1701-J.

ROBERT TERRAL, PURSER of the Matson steamer Laurine, was a weekend guest of the James W. Wittycombes. The men folk used to be schoolmates at Union, Oregon and, no doubt, relived those years of yore. The reunion was joined on Sunday by a third male classmate when Mr. and Mrs. Wells of Los Angeles came out to visit for the day. At the conclusion of the reunion Mr. Terral sailed for Honolulu.

FRANK S. AARON of Kansas City is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, the John Harveys of 215 Middlebrook road. Mr. Aaron will return to Kansas City after a pleasant stay with his daughter and family.

A TWO-DAY HOLIDAY at Lake Arrowhead was spent by the N. W. Buethes. They entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. Oldenburg of Anaheim, California.

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## Reflections

By J. Hugh Shertley, Jr.

## Where Does Tax Money Go?

We have a right to know! If we know our city, as it is, that question would not arise.



Take the trouble to investigate, see the Fire, Police, Street equipment we own and know the men who operate it. We will be amazed at the number of employees and the varied labor they perform, the miles of pavement, sewer lines, water mains, curbs, sidewalks and trees belonging to us. I am of the opinion that we would be astonished so little of our money goes so far.

Torrance is a business, our business. We are stock holders. We own it. We determined that we wanted many types of Services; they take manpower. The men and women responsible for the efficient operation of these services do so without fanfare. They work quietly to make our City the most thrifty operated one to be found anywhere.

Know the facts, as they are. When we know them, we will be proud of our City and will gladly pay our share to operate it.

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### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ON THIS 30th day of February A.D. 1950, before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County and State, reading therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Elmer H. Smith known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written. BEEMINGHAM, NUTLEY PUBLIC IN and for said County and State. My Commission expires Feb. 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 1950.

### TORRANCE HERALD

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On March 20, 1950, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. in the lobby of the LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING, 623 South Spring Street in the City of Los Angeles, California, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ESCROW COMPANY, a corporation, as Trustee under the deed of trust made by WILLIAM F. MILLER and ADRIAN MILLER, his wife, and re-

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corded May 26, 1948 in Book 27301, Page 327 of Official Records of Los Angeles County, California, to secure an indebtedness in favor of ESTHER BIRRELL, now owned and held by ESTHER BIRRELL, by reason of the breach of certain obligations secured thereby, notice of which was recorded Sept. 29, 1949 in Book 31115, Page 303, of said Official Records, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, payable in lawful money of the United States at the time of sale, without warranty as to title, possession or encumbrances, the interest conveyed to and now held by said Trustee under said deed of trust, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

The Southern 35 feet of the Easterly 60 feet of Lot 22 in Block 82 of the Torrance Tract in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 22, pages 34 and 35 of Maps in the office of the County Recorder of said County, for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said deed of trust, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, attorney at law, under the terms of said deed of trust, interest thereon and \$527.11, in unpaid principal of the note secured by said deed of trust, with interest thereon from 10/1/48, as in said note and by law provided. Dated: February 24, 1950. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ESCROW COMPANY By LAURETTO J. MOWLING, Trustee

(Corporate Seal) March 2, 9, 16, 1950

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