# SCHOOL OPENING NEAR

## Torrance's School Program Followed

Torrance's progressive school building program hasn't been a matter of wonder for local citizens only, a compilation of writings devoted to the program show.

The August issue of the Southwest Builder and Contractor, one of the West Coast's leading building trades magazines, devotes considerable space to explaining the "tilt-up" method of constructing schools pioneered by the Torrance Unified School District on the Madrona and Riviera Elementary schools.

Included with the story was a complete series of photographs showing the step-by-step method of constructing the schools by pouring the walls of reinforced concrete in forms on the ground and then lifting them into place to form the units of the classrooms.

Other publications to carry articles on the "tilt-up" method of construction and other phases of the city's building program include, the Wall Street Journal, American School Board Journal, California School Administrator, Educators Washington Dispatch, Education Summary, most of the Los Angeles area metropolitan newspapers, and many nationally circulated magazines.

A few weeks after the first "tilt-up" operation at the Madrona site, Torrance school officials attending the conference in New York City were surprised to find a detailed drawing of the Torrance method of building schools and a full explanation of the process.

## 'I'M WORRIED', SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SAYS

"I'm worried," Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull said yesterday.

"I'm plenty worried for the safety of the young children on the streets during the first days of school," Dr. Hull explained.

The superintendent of Torrance's far-flung school system expressed concern over traffic which has increased considerably during the summer vacation months, children getting out in the streets again enroute to school, and the unfamiliarity of the area on the part of many drivers now passing through the city each day.

With hundreds of new children making their way to new schools, the hazards will be increased he pointed out as he pleaded for motorists to exercise "utmost caution when the school children start back Sept. 12."

Dr. Hull's plea was echoed by other civic leaders who are joining with school officials and the Chamber of Commerce in a drive to promote traffic safety on Torrance streets.

## Schools Gird For Record Enrollment

More than 6500 boys and girls are expected to return to Torrance schools for the fall term on Friday, Sept. 12, it has been estimated by school officials.

A full day's attendance will be maintained on opening day.

On hand to greet the returning students will be a staff of 273 teachers. The teachers will all report for duty Monday, Sept. 8, for meetings, workshops, and general preparation for the opening of school.

The various schools are now open for registration and new enrollments. Birth records are required for all new first grade and kindergarten students.

Any child who was four years of age on or before Dec. 1, 1951, may be enrolled in kindergarten. A special schedule is planned for kindergarten children during the first week of school. Parent cooperation and participation is sought for this opening period.

Any child who was five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1951 or who has completed one year of kindergarten may be enrolled in the first grade. Kindergarten and first grade registration will close 30 days after the opening day of school.

## Merchandising and Office Training Course Offered

Here's an answer for young people puzzled over whether to go to college or get a job. Merchandising and office training majors at El Camino College do both. And they get pay as well as college credit for holding down a job.

Under the college cooperative merchandising training program beginning its fourth year this month, freshman and sophomore students are helped to secure part-time jobs with local merchandising firms according to Dr. William Harless, director of instruction.

Dr. Jacob H. Martin, merchandising instructor, will interview applicants for the cooperative merchandising program September 8, 9 10, and 11, from 1 to 5 daily. Special morning appointments may be made by telephoning the College, MEnlo 4-6631 or PLymouth 6-1421.

The purpose of the interviews is to arrange appointments with owners and personnel managers of stores to assign jobs to students. Only pre-requisite for enrolling in the class is the completion of two acceptable college business courses. Students transferring from other colleges are eligible.

The cooperative merchandising classes are open to all qualified students who have completed at least two college business units, but it is offered primarily as a part of the college's two-year program for students planning to enter retail, wholesale, and direct selling, retail store management, advertising, warehousing, and other distributive occupation positions.

## Special Week Alerts Students To Good Posture

How to give a "new look" to the body, will be dramatized the week of October 13 to 18, when schools, colleges, Y's and health centers throughout the country, mark the 14th anniversary of National Posture Week.

Scheduled early in the school year, it brings to the attention of pupils and teachers alike, the importance of good posture during a child's formative years. Good posture habits formed during childhood, may prevent many of the ills and discouragements of later life.

National Posture Week is sponsored each year by the Samuel Higby Camp Institute for Better Posture, with the cooperation of physicians, teachers, health organizations and other public-spirited groups.

The Institute maintains a year-round program and receives the cooperation of the medical profession, and official groups for which it volunteers its services as a source of reference.

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## Cultural Opportunities Offered In Twentieth-Century Schools

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**The fine arts are no longer planned only for the talented child, they are available to all students; not because all are equally gifted, but because every normal boy and girl has the capacity to enjoy these arts.**

There is perhaps no school experience which is carried over more completely to adult life than music appreciation and performance. Long-continued, capable leadership in school music is evident in the operas and symphonies that have become a tradition in some cities which are nationally known as centers of musical culture.

In few other parts of the school programs has more progress been made than in music and the visual arts. Much of it has been made during the last twenty-five years. This has been due in part to the fact that teaching of art and teaching of music have become part of the profession of education.

**Advancement in teaching the arts has also been due to the recognition given them as an integral part of the school curriculum, not as mere "sidelines," often pursued in after-school hours.**

Music and the visual arts courses in the modern school include not only development of the skills involved, but study in the arts in their relation to social progress, and appraisal of the current trends in these fields.

## Schools Trying To Help Foster Eating Habits

**The schools are trying to help your children develop good health habits, but upon you rests the real job. Teaching good eating habits in school, for example, will not be effective unless the child follows through at home what he learns in school.**

**Together we must:**

1. **Make sure that each child goes on time.**
2. **Make sure that he gets fresh air, exercise and sunshine.**
3. **Make sure that he eats adequate amounts of a good selection of foods at regular times.**
4. **See that he has regular dental check-ups and proper medical care.**

## HEALTHY FEET DEPEND ON WELL FITTED SHOES

If your child eats too much candy, the resultant stomach ache will function as a warning to desist. But badly fitted shoes, which can do considerably more damage to his health, insidiously pass by the board; for this causes neither pain nor discomfort.

Properly fitted shoes serve as a firm foundation for good posture . . . for a lifetime of healthy feet, firm legs and strong back.

That is why the importance of properly fitted shoes cannot be over-emphasized. Whereas almost all children are born with perfect feet, during the first ten years—when they grow so fast—this perfection can only be preserved by constant vigilance. During the school years, when they are most active, and heaviest strain is put on their still malleable feet, parents must be extra cautions.

The National Foot Health Council offers this recommendation, as a necessary safeguard to children's health: check up on the size of their shoes, every two months.

## Early Shopping Tours Advised

With the fall term opening just around the calendar, wise parents will begin to ready their youngsters for school long before the first day of school on September 12.

Early shopping tours for school wardrobes will provide Torrance parents with a greater selection of new merchandise at economical prices.

It is advisable to take the children along for major purchases. Children should be encouraged to volunteer their opinions as to likes and dislikes. This gives them a greater, more personal interest in their belongings.

Another pre-school must, is a thorough examination of the youngster's physical condition. This should encompass his general health, eyes, teeth and hearing.

A complete physical check-up will determine as to whether the child's weight and height, lungs and heart are sound and normal.

Children's vision . . . highly important to learning patterns . . . should be checked very thoroughly before the school term begins. Glasses should be fitted whenever they are prescribed.

Pre-school, dental care will send the youngsters back to school with clean teeth, cavities filled and other work where needed.

These are safety measures that parents can provide for their children. A sound body . . . a sound mind . . . are the primary entrance requirements for every student, six to sixteen.

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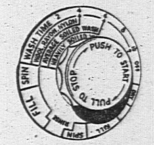
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