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This column and what goes into it has become a family institution at our house. For instance the conversation early yesterday morning went something like this:

"Daddy, you gonna have a callum tomorrow?" asked our kindergarten-aged daughter. "Ain't tomorrow. It comes out Thursday," Danny, who's in the first grade, corrected. "Don't say ain't," this correction coming from Donny, who's in the third grade.

I finally got around to answering Shelley's question with, "I don't think so, I haven't got anything to write about."

"Well, why don't cha write about Josie and her five puppies?" This last from daughter Shelley.

"Ah, he already said about them last year," Danny reminded her.

"Yeah," Donny added. "Timmy, get up, it's a quarter to eight," the wife shouted in the direction of the back bedroom.

"Well, it seems I can't write about Josie. Anybody else got any other ideas?" I asked.

"Can you leave me some money?" The cleaners will be by today," the wife injected.

"You could write about the Cub Pack," suggested Donny.

"What about 'em?" queried Danny.

"Tell 'em they are over-packed."

"Tim! Get up. It's five minutes to eight. You're gonna miss your bus," shouted my wife standing in the middle of the living room holding a spoon in one hand and catching the drippings of Cream of Wheat with the other hand.

"Why don't cha tell 'em about the trailer Lucy and Rickey got? You could put their picture in a paper," suggested Danny.

"Ah, they already had their picture in a paper. Last night," Donny informed his brother.

"Yeah," from Shelley.

"Who wants some Cream of Wheat?" Gloria asked.

"Has it got a bathroom in it?" asked Donny.

"Yeah, boy. It's real long, too. Somebody gived it to 'em," Donny injected.

"Gave, not 'gived,'" corrected Gloria.

"Gave," added Donny.

"You got any ideas about what I should put in the column this week?" I asked my wife.

"Yes, ask them how other people got four kids off to school on time," she suggested. "Danny, your belt is out of the strap in back. Donny, tie your shoe before you trip and break your leg."

"Screeloo," came a piercing cry from the kitchen.

Gloria made a run for the kitchen. "My God, what was that?" she demanded to know.

"Ah, I shut the ice box door and the cat was looking in," explained Danny.

"Tim, Tim! Are you up yet? Jack, you go in there and get Tim up. Tell him if he misses his bus he'll just have to walk."

I returned to the dining room with the report that I had a solemn promise from Tim that he was awake and getting up.

"I still haven't got an idea for a column this week."

"Tell 'em," suggested young Danny, "about the time you cut off all the fishes heads and tails and put them in the freezer to use to feed the cats."

"Now, hurry, you'll miss your bus," suggested Gloria as she tucked in Donny's shirt tail in back. The three headed out the door. "And don't slam..."

Crash!

"... the door."

"TIM! TIMOTHY BALDWIN! Are you up?"

"Yes, mother."

"Ooops, the toast is burning. Bye dear, I hope you get an idea for your column."

Airman Participates In Combat Exercises

Donald V. Lemaster, Airman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Lemaster of 4067 Newton St., has taken part in two weeks of combat exercises in the Hawaiian Islands as a member of Fighter Squadron 52, an F9F "Panther" jet squadron, on board the huge attack aircraft carrier USS Boxer.

# '47-'53 Teachers Increase Sixfold

## May Need Extra Tax To Up Teachers' Pay

The tremendous growth of Torrance in the last six years was brought out at the Monday meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee by Al Posner, director of personnel for the local school district, who revealed the startling fact that in September the Torrance school district will probably hire as many teachers—60—as the total number employed here in 1947.

In 1947, Posner told the TEAC, there were sixty teachers employed in Torrance. Due to the tremendous influx of population into California in the past six years, Torrance now employs 332 teachers, and will need about 60 more during the next school year. It may take an extra tax to raise teachers' salaries in order to draw extra educators here, Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Schools, said.

Since the demand for teachers far outweighs the supply, Posner said, school districts are continually competing for good teachers, and the district with the highest salaries have, of course, the best chance of getting them.

**Minimum Salaries Here**  
The minimum salary for a beginning teacher in Torrance is \$3860 per year, compared to an average of from \$2700 to \$3300 in other school districts in this vicinity. It was brought out, however, that the Torrance Unified School District is one of nine in Los Angeles County, which does not have an override tax for education.

Due to the tremendous demand for teachers in California—estimated at 60,000 within the next three years—and the small supply—an estimated 7000 teachers are now in training in colleges and universities here—salaries for teachers in Torrance may have to be raised to draw the teachers here.

**May Mean Tax**  
This might mean going to the people for extra tax monies, according to Dr. Hull. He pointed out that Torrance has a good drawing power for teachers and that the logical time to hire extra teachers for next school year is during the summer, when teachers are free for interviews, and when many of them are searching for new positions.

Posner brought out the fact that extra teachers will also have to be hired to meet increases in enrollment as next school year progresses. The school board therefore has a choice of hiring these teachers during the summer, when they are available, and allowing them to begin the school year with a relatively small load of classes, or waiting until school starts and hiring teachers when needed.

**Long Beach Lures 12**  
Dr. Hull stated that the Torrance school district has lost 12 teachers to Long Beach, which has a minimum salary of \$3800.

Posner, discussing teacher turnover here, said that most teachers who leave Torrance, do so because of their husbands' jobs being too far away, in the case of women teachers, or because of their families, or because they are offered higher salaries elsewhere.

In an effort to keep teachers in Torrance, the local Chamber of Commerce is attempting to find summer employment in local industry for teachers who want it.

**Confident But Wary**  
Posner and Dr. Hull both expressed confidence that Torrance will be able to get the required number of qualified teachers for next year, but Dr. Hull warned that, although the school board can hire the cream of the teacher crop during the summer, teachers are extremely hard to come by after September, most available teachers going to higher paying districts then.

Prior to the discussion, a group of Torrance High School play boys presented the one-act play "The Vallant," and received enthusiastic applause from the luncheon audience.



**DUTY BOUND** . . . Jay W. Wilson, whose wife, Mrs. Mary K. Wilson lives at 22931 Narbonne Ave., has been assigned to Camp Roberts to begin his military training. Pvt. Wilson is a member of Company A of the 88th A.T.B.

## Dinner Meeting Slated By 17th District GOPs

A district-wide dinner meeting of the 17th Congressional District Republican Central Committee has been called for next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Woodcrest School, 1198 West 109th Street, Los Angeles. Jack A. Brown, chairman of the 17th district.

"This meeting has been called for the purpose of 'across-the-board' discussions with members of the County Committee, State Central Committee, Republican Party volunteer organizations, District leaders and workers, to formulate specific plans in order that the maximum manpower and energies may be fully utilized to decisively win the critical 1954 elections," Chairman Brown said in announcing the meeting.

Frank E. Jorgensen, chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County, will be among the principal party leaders speaking. Also to be participating are Glenon Tremaine, chairman of the Los Angeles County Predit Organization Committee; George Piore, vice chairman of the United Republican Finance Committee, and others.

Plans for the meeting are being directed by Brown, assisted by Mrs. Cora Woolley, vice chairman of the 17th Congressional District Republican Central Committee; Frank S. Selover, secretary of the 17th district and chairman of the 68th Assembly District committee; Ronald Hartman, treasurer of the 17th; Mrs. Eleanor Lock, chairman of the 67th Assembly district, and Dr. Warren Thornburgh, chairman of the 46th Assembly district.

Leaders of all Republican volunteer organizations are urged to attend. The business meeting starts at 8 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling FAIRfax 8-5489; AXminister 34511; PLeasant 6-6318; MUtual 6181 or MEelo 4-2054.

## Harbor City Boy Lands In Korea As Army Cook

Pvt. William G. Magallanes, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Magallanes, 25415 S. Normandie, Harbor City, recently joined the 28th Infantry Division in Korea.

Private Magallanes, a cook, entered the Army last October and received basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

A graduate of Narbonne High School in Lomita, he was previously employed by the Malleable Fittings Corp.

## Few Teachers Live In Green Pastures

Torrance industry is to be complimented for the manner in which it responded to a plea to make summer jobs available to local teachers during vacation.

Albert Posner, director of personnel for the Torrance Unified School District, reported this week that there are now more jobs available to teachers than there are teachers seeking jobs.

This cooperation benefits this community in a number of ways. First, the teaching profession, due to its low salary schedule, has never been a "green pasture" into which college graduates leap by the thousands. Providing summer jobs for teachers who are paid on a school calendar basis makes the teaching profession more attractive, both to "old" teachers and to new ones just coming out of college classrooms. This plan benefits parents.

Secondly, the money paid in salaries by industry to local teachers means that a goodly percentage of the money will be spent locally instead of in East Los Angeles, Inglewood, or Hawthorne. This benefits business.

Thirdly, the teachers who work for local industries during the summer months become familiar with the problems of the industry and the people who work in them. Armed with this knowledge teachers are better able to understand the home problems and situations of their students. This benefits our children.

Lastly, industry is able to tap a supply of part-time, intelligent labor for a job that needs to be done. This benefits industry.

Since the future of our town and of our country is dependent upon the future leaders who are now in school, it behooves us to train those leaders as well as it is possible to do so. The training of those future leaders falls in the hands of the teachers of today. It therefore follows that whatever we can do to attract the best teachers into the profession is well worth the effort. Industry's willingness to "go along" with the plan is commendable.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce may well pin a rose on itself, for it was the Chamber that sent letters to the local industries urging them to hire teachers from the local school district.

### Coming Events

JUNE 11	THIS Commencement	Football Field, 8:15 p.m.
11	THIS After Graduation Party	El Camino, 10:30 p.m.
12	Summer Vacation	Torrance Schools
13	Jaycee, JayCette Installation	Club Alondra Stadium, 4 p.m.
19	El Camino Graduation	Stadium, 4 p.m.
21	Little League Baseball Inaugural	Torrance Airport
25	Rotary Demonstration	PV Country Club
25	Queen Contest Finals	Civic Auditorium, 8 p.m.
27	Baton Twirling Contest	El Prado Park

**THIS DRAW WORKS DISCOVERY WELL FIXICO NO. 1 SEMOLE**



**BIG WHEEL** . . . J. D. Spalding, works manager at the Torrance plant of the National Supply Co., examines the steam draw works used in bringing in the discovery well, Fixico No. 1, in the Semole field in 1926. The draw works was made in the Carnegie, Pa. plant of National Supply when Spalding was chief engineer there. An Ideal No. 5, Serial No. 1485, it is the property of Fred McDuff, of Semole, Occasion is the International Petroleum Exposition. The Carnegie plant was one of three plants operated by the Union Tool Co., which was acquired by National Supply in 1926.



**HELPING HANDS** . . . Police Sergeant D. C. Cook (left) and Joe DeJoffre, of the Torrance Heating and Appliance, rig out two television sets for delivery to the El Retro Detention School for Girls run by the Los Angeles County Probation Dept. DeJoffre offered to donate the two used sets to the girls at the school after he heard Sergeant Cook was trying to raise funds to purchase a set for the home.

## 100 Boys Signed For YMCA Camp

Nearly 100 boys have been signed up for the Torrance YMCA camping period at Round Meadow in the San Bernardino mountains, to be held from July 14 to 21, according to Stan Roberts, executive of the Torrance branch of the YMCA.

The camp has a capacity of 130. Roberts announced, and any boys who intend to go but have not turned their registration applications in yet should do so immediately.

A. C. Turner, chairman of the Torrance board, said that five new cabins will be ready for the boys, along with new sanitary facilities, and a new rifle range. Information on any YMCA camps can be obtained by calling FAIRfax 8-1272.

## Notes on Narbonne

### Lettermen Leaders To Be Announced

**By ADRIENNE SIDWELL**  
Tonight's the night of the Lettermen's Banquet. New officers, Lettermen, and athletic awards will be announced. The new Lettermen who will be honored are: Bill Blaine, John Brown, Frank Burton, Craig Chudy, Rodell Decker, Lyle DeVore, Tony Engleton, Willie Penley, Bob Isom, Steve Johnson, Jerry Moore, Elyi Mukahala, Joe Ramirez, and Frank Zuray. The Home Economics Club will serve.

**Sandra Katlis was announced** as the new Senior GAA president last Friday night at the semi-annual Senior GAA Banquet which was held in the school cafeteria. Carmen Ochoa is the new Lettergirls president. Other new officers are: Marie Traunfelder, vice-president; Carole Yumba, secretary; Adrienne Sidwells, treasurer; Anett Graf, recording secretary; Lila Cordray, historian; Millie Childs and Donna Kimura, referee chairmen, and Gloria McCann, Laura Tolbert and Jackie Zittle, cheer leaders.

The new Lettergirls also were announced. Mary Helen Briley, who has done a wonderful job for the GAA, was the deserving recipient of the GAA Honor Plaque. Joyce Bernhard was awarded the President's Plaque. All the members agree that Joyce has been a really swell and hard-working president.

The theme of the banquet was "Hit Parade." Each table represented a song. The prize for the best-decorated table went to the A-12 table.

Sandra Katlis is Narbonne's tennis champion! It was really a closely-contested battle between Sandra and Laura Tolbert. Congratulations are being extended to the victor.

**Matty Sandoval was elected** as president of the Senior Aye Class last week.

**Tomorrow night the Scholarship Society** will have its Life Members reunion. Well over 200 people are expected to attend. Scholarship members report that

there will be a really swell program. The club has been hard at work for several weeks contacting all the old members in order to make this a very successful event.

**Pity the poor school cafeteria,** for it will probably burst at the seams when the jovial Senior Ayes hold their Senior Breakfast tomorrow morning.

**Bob Norton, B-10,** checked out of school last week to leave on his vacation for Texas. The lucky guy—getting out of final exams! Bet a certain B-9 girl will miss him.

**Yesterday Narbonne's future B-7s** visited our beloved campus. The future Narbonneites thoroughly enjoyed their short visit here.

**Members of the administration** and mothers were the honored guests at the Home Economics installation last Thursday. New officers were installed. Rosalind Sillavo is being praised for her fine job as president.

**The Las Juanitas** held their tea last Thursday in the school cafeteria. The guests reported that many clever games were played.

**Laura Tolbert was installed** as the new president at the Baranettes' installation last Monday along with the other new officers and members. The new officers are Julia Delgado, vice-president; Joyce Endo, secretary; Diane Schildmeyer, treasurer; and Elsie Rothenburg, historian. Those present reported that the refreshments were delicious and the program was really swell.

**Both Schlenker** was again the gracious hostess of the Senior GAA Board semi-annual party held yesterday. The old and new members thoroughly enjoyed barbequing hamburgers in But's lovely patio. And the hamburger weren't small either! They were really lush!