

Dinner Club Names Three As Directors

Spalding Re-Elected
John D. Spalding, works manager of the National Supply Co., has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn.

Men whom people call crazy today, they build wonderful monuments to, tomorrow.

Members of the Executives' Dinner Club of Torrance named three new directors, it was reported yesterday by President J. H. Hull.
Elected to serve on the group's board of directors recently were Jim Becker, district manager for the Southern California Gas Co.; James Hall, attorney; and William Shawger, owner of California Rubber Products Co.

Re-elected to the board were Darwin Parrish, Torrance businessman, and R. S. Pyle, manager of Pacific Telephone.

Directors who still have one year to serve include Judge Donald Armstrong, T. C. Coleman, president of Coleman Engineering; Dr. Hull, superin-

tendent of schools; Del Nau-deau, jeweler, and J. H. Paget, businessman and president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Those with two-year terms remaining include Councilman George Bradford, Councilman Nick Drale, Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald, Sam Levy, and Dean Sears.

Harold Kessinger has been scheduled as the speaker at the group's next dinner meeting on Feb. 6.

Superintendent is Middle Man, Hull Tells Advisory Committee

A school superintendent is a "middle man" who "isn't trying to win any popularity contests," Superintendent J. H. Hull told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday at the Masonic Lodge.

Describing his duties as chief administrative officer of the Torrance Unified School District, Hull noted he is the "middle man" between parents, teachers, taxpayers, students, and various other groups. He and his staff with the board of education must decide what is best for children.

3. Scientific knowledge in various educational fields, as proven by experience and research. To some things, there is no set answer; the educator must be "both scientist and an artist."

THE BOARD of Education hires the superintendent to administer the program, he said. It sets the board policies within which a school district operates, after hearing the best information that the superintendent and his staff can provide.

The Torrance Board tries to spend its time planning an education program, not "fighting and arguing," Hull said. "It is hard to have a good program where the board always is fighting and arguing," he noted. "One reason Torrance board doesn't fight and argue is that it isn't forced to make lots of surprise decisions. Important decisions may be discussed for weeks and months before final action is taken."

OTHER observations on a superintendency made by Hull included:

1. Parents are part of the educational program. If teachers and parents work together, through conferences and other means, then the child's education will be improved. Lack of understanding creates many problems.

2. The day is past when all the children in a class do the same thing. Individual instruction is the coming thing in education. "We must raise the lid so that the bright children can go as far as possible."

3. It would be better if children could be taught in smaller classes, but this is not financially possible. If class size were dropped to 25 per teacher in Torrance, it would mean 200 more teachers, \$1,000,000 more on the school budget, eight more schools, and \$3,000,000 more in buildings.

4. The schools in Torrance are not alike and do not have exactly the same program. They must be flexible enough to meet the needs of the area they serve.

5. GOOD PRINCIPALS and administrators are the backbone of the district.

6. In a job as significant as a superintendent's job "It's more important to be right than to be liked."

7. "What's good for children is not always recognized by those who are not affected."

8. "Nothing made by human beings is so good that it cannot be improved. I'm the first to agree that schools need to be improved."

Hull recalled that when he came to Torrance 13 years ago, the town had 14,000 people and four schools. Today, it has 100,000 people and 31 schools.

Local Man Elevated With Insurance Group

Promotion of James H. Miner of Torrance to the position of underwriting supervisor has been announced by E. G. Zwatschka, Los Angeles regional vice president of Farmers Insurance Group.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner and their two children reside at 17907 Doty Ave.

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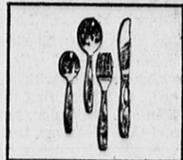
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