

Boy Scouts Observe 51st Anniversary

# STRENGTHEN AMERICA CHARACTER COUNTS



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
51st ANNIVERSARY 1961

NEW POSTER MARKS 1961 BOY SCOUT WEEK

The nation's 5,100,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders observe the 51st anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13 under the theme of "Strengthen America . . . Character Counts." Each of the 129,100 Scout units will select a top boy member as its spokesman at community and local observances. Twelve Eagle Scouts will be selected to make Scouting's Report to the Nation in Washington, D.C., during Boy Scout Week.

## AREA GROUPS OBSERVE BOY SCOUT WEEK HERE

Boy Scout Week is being observed in Scout Troops, Explorer Posts and Cub Packs throughout the Los Angeles Area Council through Monday. The second half century of Scouting in America opens with greater opportunities than ever before for increased membership and expanded program opportunities for boys, according to Council President Robert P. Strub.

Slogan for the 51st anniversary is "Strengthen America . . . Character Counts."

Boys and leaders, where possible, are expected to wear the official Scout uniform during Scout Week.

Scout Sunday services will be held in most churches Feb. 12, with Scout Sabbath observances in synagogues on Feb. 10.

Demonstrations, displays, Courts of Honor, parents nights, unit reunions and the traditional B'nai B'rith - sponsored window displays will occupy most units during Scout Week.

Every unit participating in the window display program will be provided with cards, ribbons and certificates.

Wednesday was recognized in schools in the Los Angeles Area Council as the birthday of Scouting, according to Council Relationships Committee Chairman Judge Philip H. Richards.

Highlight of the week for Explorers will be the annual Explorer Ball tonight at the Hollywood Palladium.

## Writer to Address Club

Arthur Julian, television comedy writer, will be guest speaker at the Feb. 17th meeting of Southwest Manuscript Writers to be held at 8 p. m. in the Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach.

His topic will be "Situation Comedy on Television", with special comments on the controversial "laugh track."

At present Julian is script supervisor on the popular television show, "Guestward Ho." He began his writing career in the Air Force during World War II with newspaper work in Burma, China, India and this country. After the war he went into radio doing several

comedy shows including Hattie McDaniel's "Beulah." He subsequently wrote such television favorites as "December Bride" and "Meet Millie," as well as teleplays for Playhouse 90 and the Schlitz Theater.

All interested writers, professional and beginner, are invited to the Manuscript Writers meeting and coffee hour to follow. Further information may be obtained by calling Mary Edith Lindsay, secretary.

Over 600,000 people in Southern California suffer from rheumatic diseases, according to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation.

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## County Schools to Upgrade American Ideals Teaching

At its regular meeting Monday the Los Angeles County Board of Education authorized County Superintendent of Schools C. C. Trillingham to set up a county-wide committee of school people to stimulate and upgrade the teaching of the American way of life, as well as the dangers to our way of life.

The action of the County Board of Education grew out of proposals of a small steering committee of school superintendents and County Office staff members. This exploratory group considered all aspects of the problem and recommended that Trillingham invite the superintendents of all school districts in the County to designate one or

more of their staff members to serve on such a county-wide committee.

THE FULL committee will be brought together to consider what needs to be done to improve the Americanism programs of the schools and how the job might best be done.

Sub-committees would have responsibility for the review and evaluation of all types of instructional materials, including films and film strips, the development of in-service programs for interested groups of teachers with emphasis upon what Americans believe and stand for, the threats to the American way of life, the curriculum emphases to be stressed at the various grade levels, and

such matters as Board policy and public relations.

SUPERINTENDENT reported to the Board that the exploratory committee had agreed that there is a real Communist threat today, as well as other dangers, and that the schools should do something tangible about these threats, that the schools should emphasize the positive side of our way of life as well as the dangers facing it, that Americanism programs should be based upon authentic and accurate information, and that the schools are legally responsible for development of their own programs of citizenship and patriotism.

The Superintendent pointed out that outside groups may

help but the schools are responsible to the public and must not become unduly involved in outside programs over which they exercise no control. It is anticipated that all school districts in the County will participate in this cooperative effort.

## Street Work Project Due

Construction work at the intersection of Catalina St. and 204th St. in the Torrance area will begin this week, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

The project calls for construction of a catch basin and installation of a pipeline across Catalina St. When completed, it will improve drainage conditions and reduce present roadway maintenance costs, he said.

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# February 14

## ... a time for decision

## ... education vs. taxes

The technological advances of the past few years and the increasing complexity of our society have placed a greater emphasis than ever before upon learning and the use of knowledge. Children raised in Torrance eventually will be competing in business, industry, science, education and in other fields with their contemporaries, many of whom received their elementary and high school education in other school districts. The caliber of education our youth receive in Torrance schools will have a direct effect upon their success as adults.

The taxpayers of Torrance have done a notable job in providing a sound school system for the youth of this area, a job that was accomplished in the face of a rapid and tremendous population expansion. In 1947, four schools in Torrance accommodated the area's 2,000 pupils. By 1960, thirty-three schools were required for the district's 26,000 students. Since the unification election in 1948, the voters of Torrance have gone to the polls eight times and approved, by large majorities, \$25 million in bonds and a state loan of \$14 million for school construction and an increase of 75 cents in the maximum legal school district tax for operating expenses. The industrial community of Torrance, which pays more than 50 percent of the school taxes, vigorously has supported the growth of the Torrance school system and the high caliber of education that has been established.

In addition to expanding the school district in a sound and orderly manner, the Board of Education also has distinguished itself by establishing and maintaining an educational program of high caliber.

Some of the honors accorded Torrance schools:

*University of California fully accredits Torrance high schools and awards certificate of merit for excellent achievement of its graduates.*

*American School Board Association selected Torrance schools as one of eight systems in the nation for excellent evaluation procedures.*

*American Association of School Administrators awarded citation of excellence to Torrance for its West High School plans.*

*The multigrade system in Torrance schools has received national recognition.*

*Torrance-Lomita Realty Board credits excellent Torrance schools for attracting new homeowners with families to Torrance.*

*Los Angeles Times selected Torrance as one of three school districts for comparative tests of American and Russian education.*

*Torrance Chamber of Commerce recognizes the high quality of Torrance schools as an attraction to new industry.*

The Torrance Unified School District has an enviable record of economical operation. The operating costs of Torrance schools per average daily attendance consistently have been less than the average costs in other unified school districts in Los Angeles County. For the 1959-60 school year, the county average cost per pupil was \$424.18. The cost in Torrance was \$362.39.

Over the past six years, the cumulative saving in cost of operation by Torrance schools in comparison with other

districts in Los Angeles County has amounted to more than \$7 million. In comparison with 30 other districts in California, which educate nearly 50 percent of the state's school population, Torrance consistently has ranked 29th or 30th in expense of education per average daily attendance.

Because of the increased costs of a continually expanding school population, the district's budget for 1961-62 has been estimated at \$12,685,000. Income is estimated at \$11,420,000, leaving a deficit of \$1,265,000 which will have to be raised to maintain the district's education standards at their present level. Estimated income for 1961-62 will be derived from the state — \$5,127,000; from the Federal Government — \$13,000; from local taxes at the present tax rate — \$6,280,000.

### Among the principal items of increased costs for the 1961-62 school year are:

	Estimated Cost
1,800 new students . . . . .	\$ 360,000
Additional expense of 900 new high school students . . . . .	100,000
A reduction in Federal Funds . . . . .	250,000
Replenish reserves used during 1960-61 . . . . .	270,000
To maintain present salary schedule . . . . .	290,000
	<b>\$1,270,000</b>

According to Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools, reduction in the school budget would be possible only by increasing the number of pupils per classroom. He has estimated he would have to recommend 40 pupils per class which would be nine pupils above the state average if the needed additional revenue is not available.

### Allocation of Current Torrance Unified School District taxes per \$100 of assessed valuation

Operating expenses for elementary and high schools	\$2.40
Employees retirement only . . . . .	.17
Social Security only . . . . .	.02
Community Service only . . . . .	.10
Bond interest and bond retirement only . . . . .	.94
Total Torrance Unified School District . . . . .	\$3.63
El Camino College . . . . .	.57
Total School Tax . . . . .	\$4.20

The 50 cents override tax which will be voted upon February 14 would raise the maximum voted legal tax to \$2.90 for three years and would be used only for operating expenses of Torrance elementary and high schools.

This advertisement is being published as a community service by Mobil Oil Company on behalf of many of its employees who are taxpayers and parents of children attending Torrance schools.

The financial and other data used in this advertisement were obtained from the Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and from the California Taxpayers' Association.

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