

## Tuesday Election Could Affect Property Values, Executive Says

Not only education, but property values will be affected in the Torrance Schools' election next Tuesday, a Torrance business man told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee this week.

Walter Keberlein, escrow company executive and parent, told the group that he felt the ballot proposal, for an increase in the operating tax rate for a three-year period, was necessary.

"We can't afford it," he said. "We must not save a dollar at the expense of the future. The question should be, 'can we afford to do without it?'"

Increasing class size to about 40, which will be necessary if more money is not obtained, would threaten not only the educational program, but property values, he said.

IF CLASS size had to be increased, he suggested these things would happen:

1. The teacher would have less time to devote to each student. The teacher would have to aim at the "average" student, ignoring the faster and slower students.
2. The district would find it hard to recruit good teachers for classes of 40, when neighboring districts average about 30 per class.
3. Students would not get the best training possible.
4. Property values and sale of homes would be affected,

especially if Torrance classes were larger than those in surrounding cities.

"OUR CHILDREN deserve the best," he said. "This is an All-America city."

Robert I. Plomert, Mobil Oil Co. representative, told the group that industry, which pays 60 per cent of the tax bill, was supporting the proposal because they feel it is necessary.

In other reports, Assistant

superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the group that the district had received a "free" site from the federal government and \$849,000 in state funds for buildings.

THESE FUNDS have no bearing on the district's operating funds — the issue at stake in the upcoming election. These two grants are part of the building budget, he reported.

"They provide no more for our operating budget," he said. Bids for the first group of buildings at West High School, which is slated to open in September, 1962, are slated to be let within a few weeks, he said.

## Saxon Debate Team Fourth In Tourney

The North High debate team of Bud Baumgarten and Pete Gregora defeated Chaffey, Carlsbad Army and Navy, Hamilton of L. A., and Anaheim teams to place fourth in a field of 52 at last week's Claremont Men's College Debate Tournament.

The victory marked the first time a Saxon debate team had progress past the preliminary rounds in an elimination debate tournament, according to E. H. McCusker, student activities advisor.

## Methodist Bishop Seeking New Resources For Work In India

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, long-time Methodist leader in India and the United States, will be guest speaker at Wayside Chapel Methodist Church, 25904 Cayuga Ave., Lomita, today at both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Open House and an informal reception for Bishop Pickett will be held this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 at the home of the church pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Spier Jr., 25048 Eshelman Ave.

Bishop Pickett, now retired and residing in Glendale, California, is regarded as one of

the best-informed Americans on India, and Christian missions throughout the world.

DURING 46 years in India, he served as pastor, district superintendent, editor, publisher, secretary of regional and national Christian councils, and bishops.

For more than 20 years he was president of the Council on Medical Work of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia and was closely associated with many of its most successful education and medical missionary institutions in India, Burma and Pakistan.



BISHOP PICKETT Speaks Here Today

BISHOP PICKETT has known the leaders of India during its long struggle for independence. When famine threatened the lives of millions in India in 1959, Bishop Pickett, on request of Prime Minister Nehru appealed to the U. S. government to make wheat and other food grains available, winning the support of President Truman, Vice President Barkley, and many leading members of the Senate and House.

The author of several widely acclaimed books on Christian missions, Bishop Pickett is presently representing the Board of Missions seeking to find new resources with which to support the work of The Methodist Church, especially in India and Pakistan.

## Rabbi Who Escaped Death Camp Sees Daughter Honored Saturday

Rabbi Henry E. Kraus, spiritual leader of Southwest Temple Beth Torah in Gardena, and Mrs. Kraus will celebrate the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter Marianna, Saturday morning, Feb. 25th at 10 at the Temple, 14725 S. Gramercy Pl. Rabbi and Mrs. Kraus and family will be honored to have

Dr. Jacob John (Rabbi Emeritus) of Temple Sinai and Dean of the University of Judaism Graduate School speak and bestow his blessings upon the Bas Mitzvah girl.

Rabbi Kraus was chief Rabbi of Western Hungary from 1946-1956 and after the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 the Rabbi, his wife Clara and their 10-year-old daughter escaped from the Communists with only a few possessions, among them was his sacred Torah—the Jewish holy script of divine law.

## Local Demand For Blood Tops Supply

Demand for blood by the four Torrance hospitals exceeded local donations in the past calendar year, according to Mrs. Robert Orsini, Torrance Red Cross blood chairman.

In the last year the Red Cross delivered 2693 pints of blood to the Harbor General, Torrance Memorial, Little Company of Mary, and Riviera hospitals. In the same calendar year 1831 pints of blood were donated to the Red Cross by industries and residents in the Torrance area.

According to Mrs. Orsini, the next opportunity for Torrance residents to give blood will be Thursday, Feb. 23. The Red Cross bloodmobile will be stationed at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave. on that afternoon from 2:30 until 7.

Appointments to donate blood in this Torrance blood program may be made by contacting Mrs. Orsini, who resides at 1519 Beech Ave.

Persons who donate blood through the Red Cross Blood Program may designate that their donation be credited to a "group blood account," or to replace that used by family or friends in the hospital. All blood donors retain a permanent blood credit for each pint of blood donated.

BEFORE THAT in 1944 the Rabbi was seized by the Germans and deported to the death camp at Auschwitz, Poland. He was saved by soldiers of the American 3rd Army and when he returned to his home in Hungary he found all his relatives had been executed.

After his escape to America, Rabbi Kraus worked with Hungarian refugees who, like himself, had escaped from the Communists. The family lived in L.A. with relatives of Mrs. Kraus and in July of 1958 the Rabbi assumed the pulpit at Southwest Temple Beth Torah.

HE HAS SEEN the Temple grow and expand to a membership of 258 families. Four new classrooms were completed in 1960 and at the present time three additional rooms are in the process of being built to accommodate the 500 children attending Hebrew and Sunday School.

The Rabbi and his family recently bought a home in the Hollypark section of Gardena and are fast becoming a part of the community. Daughter Marianna is a student at Henry Clay Junior High and participates in many school and Temple activities. At present she is secretary in the Temple's Junior Congregation.

Children do not outgrow "crossed eyes," warns the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Unless this condition is treated early, preferably before the child is four years old, he may suffer permanent loss of sight in the crossed eye.

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