

# Recommendations of Citizens' Committee Revealed

A series of 17 specific recommendations made by the citizens committee to the board of education earlier this year were revealed this week as part of a lengthy report to the board by school administrators.

In the belief that these recommendations, and the answers by school officials are important to every parent, the Herald today begins a series of articles listing the recommendations. The series will be continued with a summary of the answers provided by school officials, and will be concluded with comments by the Herald.

The recommendations listed herein are only those referred to by number according to material made public by school officials. The committee's report has not been made public, and other comments on the operation of the district which the committee may have made are not available at this time.

The seventeen recommendations:

1. We recommend that the staff of supervisory educational consultants be drastically cut. We see no justification for the introduction of this additional level of supervision between the Assistant District Superintendent and the Principal of the schools.

2. It is recommended that the number of High

School counselors be drastically reduced. Only the minimum should be maintained to meet the requirements for accreditation.

3. It is recommended that the clerical force including accounting, purchasing, and secretarial personnel be substantially reduced.

4. Psychologists should be reduced. Psychological services, if needed, should be directed to the attention of the parents. This program should be reduced to the minimum state requirements.

5. In view of the importance of the driver training and education program, it is recommended that the driver training instruction be retained; however, an effort should be made to perform the training on Saturdays, off-hours, or in summer school. Qualified contractor personnel might be used in the instruction.

6. It is recommended that the administration present to the Board of Education the total number of students enrolled in the instrumental music program, accompanied with the full cost of the program. If the cost per pupil is excessive, a curtailment is recommended.

7. It is recommended that the cost of educational instructional supplies be adjusted to that of the aver-

age expenditure of the Unified School Districts in Los Angeles County.

8. Since the Shop and Homemaking courses are thought to be beneficial to the student, it is suggested that a survey be made to determine if the schedule or equipment could not be utilized in such a manner as to avoid the need for costly transportation for children from one school to another.

9. The school nurse and part-time medical program appear to be heavily staffed. It is suggested that the program be brought in line with minimum services required by state law.

10. It is recommended that a \$3 registration fee be charged for Adult Education students.

11. It is recommended that the District obtain the services of a consultant experienced in school bus fleet operation for the purposes of reviewing the school district transportation system and making recommendations for more economic operation of the system.

12. A careful survey should be made of the entire organization involving custodial and grounds care. We recommend that no additional people be hired in these areas for the staffing of the expanded school facilities.

The committee suggests a minimum resident custodial crew be maintained and the bulk of the custodial work be contracted to people who are specialists in this field. In general, these contractors provide a better service at a lower cost. This move will permit the administration to maintain a better control over this service.

13. Reduce speech therapists to conform to the minimum state requirement.

14. It is recommended that the senior administrative personnel visit some of the local industries who have instituted economy programs to determine if some of the methods commonly used in effecting a more economical operation might be applicable to the school system.

15. A survey of all reports and forms should be made with the objective of reducing this work to the minimum.

16. It is suggested that the administration present its financial budget in a more simplified and comprehensible form.

17. The need for a publications department is questioned.

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

During a Golden Jubilee celebration at the Evelyn Carr elementary school last week honoring the 50th birthday of their organization five members of Puk-Toleta were asked this question.

"What are the advantages of being a Camp Fire Girl?"

Linda Salisbury:

"I think there are many advantages in belonging to the Camp Fire Girls. In my mind the most important is our pledge and our tree conservation program. Our work together makes us better students and future citizens."

Robin Ralston:

"I have learned many things while being a Camp Fire Girl. I think we become more dependable and learn to do things for ourselves. I am proud and glad I am a member of this great organization."

Kathy Henderson:

"Camp Fire Girls activities have made me a better student at school, a better girl at home and a better friend to my companions. I am working hard on all of our projects and am trying to do every thing I do better."

Diane Contreras:

"The Camp Fire Girls make better girls out of all of us and we learn things we would not be able to learn if we didn't belong to them. I am proud to be a member of the Camp Fire Girls and will be one until I grow up."

Sandy Cunningham:

"I think belonging to the Camp Fire Girls is wonderful and I have learned many things since I joined. We learn constructive things and how to be helpful to others. I have made many nice friends and I enjoy all of our meetings."



TENSE MOMENT . . . This scene from "The Worm Turned," one of the three one-act plays to be presented in the Torrance High School auditorium next Friday night, shows Jim Christian, the father; trying to keep his daughter, played by Jimmy Ruth Lawrence; from the neck of his son played by Sandy Tiedeman. Beverly Albert, a friend, looks on while mother played by Carol Porterfield holds back her son. (Herald Photo)

## Student Authors to Stage One-Act Dramas on Friday

Student authors and directors of Torrance High School are preparing three original one-act plays to be presented in the High School Auditorium on Friday, March 17, at eight o'clock.

Linda Kraegel's comedy, "A Package for Lyle," is the story

## Y Drive Over Half

Albert Isen, general chairman of the 1961 Torrance YMCA campaign, announced that the "Y" has reached the half-way mark in its annual appeal for operating funds.

A total of \$17,750 has been raised thus far among industry, commercial concerns, professional people and parents of YMCA youth. \$35,500 is the goal and budget for the local youth agency.

Isen lauded the work of (Continued on Page 3)

## Fireman Sues For Back Pay

Fireman Richard DeArmitt, who was suspended from his job for a week last year for alleged political activity during a municipal election campaign, has asked the courts to return the \$125 in wages he lost.

A petition for a writ of mandate filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on DeArmitt's behalf asks that he receive the back pay, that he recover

of a young man's entanglement with counterfeiters. The young man, Lyle Kestner, is played by Ed Houston.

His wife, Glenna, is played by Gwen Piekutowski, while Pat King complicates the play as a domineering mother-in-law. The crooks are portrayed by Larry Kulp, Tim May, and Dave Mullen. Paul Wright plays the police officer, while Bob Emrich enacts the part of Lyle's friend.

"311 Snowridge Drive," a mystery by Jan Planz, finds its plot in the poor crippled girl, Gloria, played by the author. Jan is supported by Jerry Roberts as The Man. Beverly Anderson as Mrs. Winters, and Tom Cooper as the Radio Announcer.

THE THIRD play is Linda Kraegel's comedy, "The Worm Turned." This play evolves around the activities of a hyperactive 12-year-old, played by Sandy Tiedeman. Jimmie Ruth Lawrence is his teen-age sister, Venessa, while his con-

fused parents Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, are played by Jim Christian and Carol Porterfield. Beverly Albert plays the part of Venessa's friend, Alice.

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legal fees, and that the incident be expunged from his record. The Superior Court has scheduled a hearing on the suit for March 20. DeArmitt, a member of the department for nearly seven years, was suspended last year after he had been accused of placing signs and stickers on his pick-up truck carrying names of council candidates.

# City Opens Campaign Against Metro Plans

## Morley To Talk In Area

HERALD Columnist John Morley will be principal speaker as South Bay Rotary Clubs host the fourth annual District 528 conference for Rotarians at the Plush Horse Inn next Thursday and Friday.

Morley, award-winning foreign correspondent and columnist, will speak on "The Prospects of Peace Around the World."

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JOHN K. MORLEY To Address Rotarians

"MORE MEN in Rotary and More Rotary in Men," is the theme of the conference. More than 2500 men in District 528 have been invited to attend the sessions. The area includes 30 clubs in the southwest portion of metropolitan Los Angeles.

Lew Jenkins, past president of the Monrovia Rotary Club, will be chairman of the conference, according to District Governor Paul Duke. (Continued on Page 3)

## Attorney Flays Proposed Move

Torrance officials opened a campaign this week to alert the public to proposed legislation that could strip local government of authority through the creation of a metropolitan council.

"They're trying to keep this a secret, apparently," said

Torrance city attorney, Stanley Remelmeyer, referring to the proponents of Assembly Bills 267.

"A bill this significant should be common knowledge before the legislature considers it."

Remelmeyer intends appealing to Assemblymen Charles Chapel and Vincent Thomas, Sen. Richard Richards, the speaker of the Assembly, the president of the Senate, chairman of the Municipal and County Government Committee, and the League of California Cities to oppose it.

ASSEMBLY BILL 267, introduced by Assemblyman Thomas Rees (D., 59th District) Los Angeles, calls for establish-

ment of metropolitan districts of unlimited size "with powers and duties similar to those utilized by the local government agencies but administered on an areawide basis."

The district would be governed by a council, no member of which would be elected by the people.

POWERS AND duties of the supergovernment are contained in a capsule in Article 6 of the bill.

It says: "The Metropolitan authority may 'develop minimum standards and conduct periodic review of conformance to minimum standards in connection with one or more of the following local affairs: police protection, fire protection, health service, streets and highways, traffic regulation, building regulations, library service, recreation and parks, city and county planning, and such other local affairs as the member agencies agree to undertake.'"

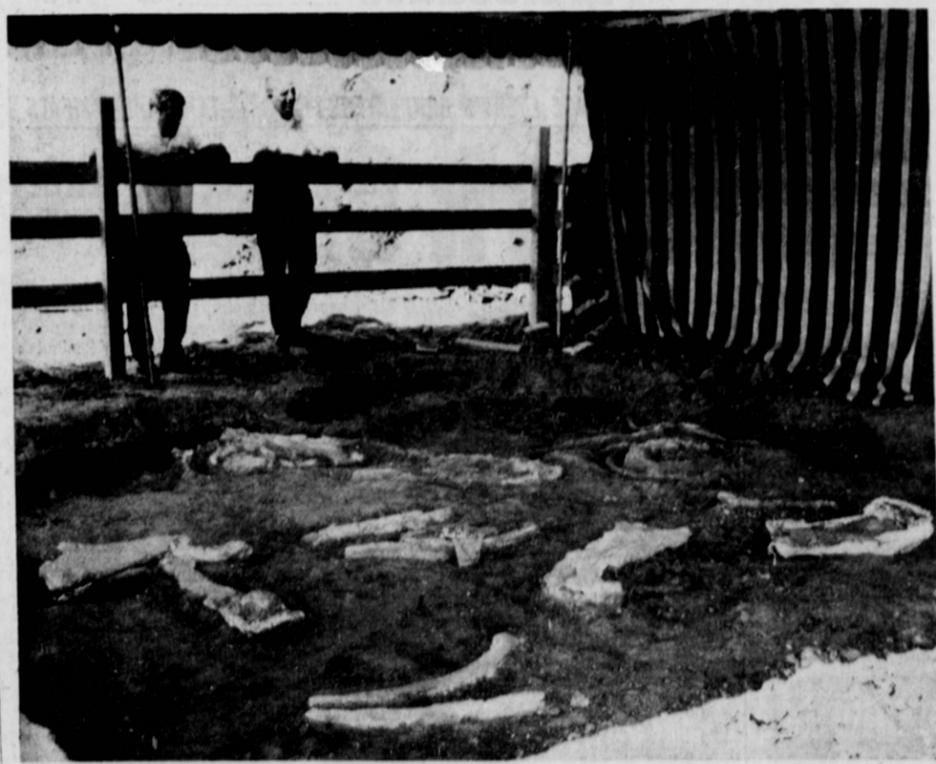
"The provision of centralized services may include but not be limited to such services as central records and fingerprint files, police and fire communications, scientific police investigations, arson investigation, health laboratories, and vital records and statistics."

ALTHOUGH the bill piously declares it is not designed to eradicate local government, Remelmeyer foresees gradual death of local bodies through inertia.

"This would usurp all the county powers," he says. "The first step might be to plan for law enforcement throughout the district, but next, we'd have all law enforcement under metropolitan district control."

The governing body of the district would be made up as follows: If the district includes only one county, the metropolitan council shall have five members, two appointed by the board of supervisors from among its own members, two appointed by mayors of the cities involved from among city councilmen, and one appointed by the combined mayors and supervisors from members of city and county governing bodies.

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RARE FIND . . . Workers preparing land for an extension of 190th St. east of Avalon Blvd. switched from bulldozers to small spades this week when the remains of a giant mastadon, estimated to be somewhere near 25,000 years old, were uncovered. Scientists from the Los Angeles County Museum said the mammals roamed

the shoreline here during the Pleistocene period. Subdivider Don Wilson, who is developing the area, said some of the bones would be taken to the museum, others to nearby schools, and that some would be kept by the developer. (Herald Photo)