

# Top School Aides Oppose Cut in Staff Consultants

Specific recommendations to the board of education which were designed to bring about economies in the operation of the Torrance Unified School District have been under consideration by the board and school administrators since they were handed to the board more than a month ago by a five-man citizen's committee.

The HERALD Sunday printed a compilation of those recommendations it has made from material since made public through reports to the board of education by top administrators of the district.

The report of the citizen's committee has never been made public. The board took it under consideration when it was presented last Feb. 7 and only parts of it have since been considered in public.

In the belief that the report made by the committee of business and industrial executives is important to the parents of Torrance, the HERALD will publish a summary of the comments available on those recommendations which have been considered publicly by

school officials.

Recommendation No. 1 as listed in reports given to the board last week read:

"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."

The recommendation was referred to a number of top aides in the district for comment.

"The educational consultants in the Torrance Unified School District have a great deal to do with maintaining quality control in the educational program and are very important in the proper supervision of the instructional program that immediately affects children. This would be one of the last places the superintendent would recommend cutting staff, and then, only when it was definitely clear as budget was being made up that we could not afford them," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the district, said to the board last

week. "The matter of so many new and inexperienced principals and the development of new principals for future schools are all taken into consideration in this recommendation," he said.

"A school system of this size must have management in depth if it is going to succeed in doing the tremendous job it has ahead of it," he said.

Statistical data provided by Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services, placed Torrance well down the list of Southland school districts in the number of educational consultants when related to enrollment.

Torrance with five such consultants has a ratio of one consultant for each 5373 students, Dr. Posner's table indicated. Other schools ranged as high as Inglewood's one consultant for each 3011 students. Other districts between Torrance and Inglewood cited by Dr. Posner included Bellflower, Alhambra, Pomona, Santa Monica, Garden Grove, Burbank, Glendale, and

San Jose. Schools having fewer consultants in relation to student enrollment than Torrance included Pasadena, Fresno, Long Beach, and San Diego.

In Torrance, four consultants serve seven to eight elementary schools each, and one consultant serves the three high schools. These duties are in addition to functions performed at the district level, he said.

The job of the consultants is to represent the superintendent and assistant superintendent "to insure that Torrance schools maintain an efficient, well-balanced educational program, consistent with the philosophy and policies of the Torrance Board of Education," he said.

A reduction in consultants could save their salaries, Dr. Posner said, but it would require principals to be away from their buildings for extensive periods of time in order to meet on numerous committees involved in functions and responsibilities now assumed by consultants.

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# ESCAPEE KEEPS DEATHBED VOW

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"Should girls become engaged before they graduate from high school?"

Regina Larson: "I think girls should wait until they are out of high school before they become engaged. I think being engaged limits a girl's social activities. I am sure that if a girl is engaged to a college boy he would not want to take her to her high school dances."

Ellen Andrae: "I think a girl should wait until she is at least 20 before an engagement is considered. She should not marry for another two years. Although high school girls are more mature than boys they should enjoy their freedom."

Georgie Rayner: "I see no reason why girls should not be engaged while in high school, at least when are seniors. Of course, this should not interfere with the studies of either and they should not let it limit their social activities."

Lois Wroge: "No, high school students should not consider engagements while they are in high school. Being engaged cuts down other interests that are important at this time and they don't get a chance to know the other boys in school."

Pat Bare: "I am engaged so that answers your question, although I think it depends on the individual and circumstances. Some school events are not open to all of the students, anyway, and I don't think I have missed out on many by being engaged."

## Efforts to Save Boy In Failure

A Torrance father was unable to save his 10-year-old son who drowned Sunday afternoon when he fell into the ocean from a cliff at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro.

Donald H. Simpson of 20110 Entradero Ave., was hiking up the trail along the edge of the cliff with his parents when he plunged into the water.

The boy's father, Wayne, 40, and Charles Arnold, of 1306 W. 187th St., jumped in and swam out to the boy, but were unable to bring him to shore because of the strong current.

A small boat piloted by Pat Eggebrecht of 10841 Hamden Ave., Stanton, was finally able to maneuver in as the rescuers attempted to hold the boy up in the water.

Artificial respiration was administered by lifeguards at nearby Cabrillo Beach. The boy was taken to San Pedro Receiving Hospital where a doctor used heart massage without success. The boy's father was treated for shock.

## Local Pair Take Tests For Academy

Edward Henry Landwehr, 18010 Ardath Ave., and Jay Lawrence Lippmann, 3813 W. 184th Place, were at March Air Force Base, Calif., last week to take a series of mental and physical tests to determine qualifications to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Landwehr was nominated to the Class of '65 by presidential nomination, and Lippmann was nominated by Congressman Cecil R. King.

## Teachers to Visit Industries Friday

Torrance teachers will get a look at the city's businesses and industry tomorrow as more than 1000 of them fan out over the area during the annual Business-Industry-Education day program.

The program, sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the school district, is designed to help teachers understand the problems of private enterprise and see how it operates.

Alternate years sees members of the city's business and industrial firms visiting schools.

The program will begin at the South High Auditorium at



TOP SPEAKERS . . . Pete Gregora, North High School orator (second from right) will represent the Torrance Optimist Club in the zone speak-off in Los Angeles on April 6. He was selected in competition with Ron Peacock of South (left); Tom Reynolds of Torrance (second from left), and Paul Abegg, Bishop Montgomery (right) before the club this week. In the rear are Pete Petrat and Cliff Graybehl who supervised the competitions. (Herald Photo)

## Local Firm Receives Huge Pipe Mill Order

An order valued at \$1,500,000 for a pipe mill to supply steel pipe for a Mexico to California gas line has been announced here by officials of Torrance Specialty Fixtures, Inc.

The mill, which will be built at Monterrey, Mexico, for Tubacero, S.A., will be one of the largest continuous pipe mills in the world, according to C.A. Babbitt, president of the local firm.

Receipt of the order here will mean an addition of about \$250,000 to local payrolls, Babbitt said.

Machinery for the plant will be built by the Torrance firm and will be similar to the plant at Calgary, Canada, completed last year for Big Inch Pipe Corp. which was designed by Torrance Specialty Fixtures and built by Cal-Metal Corp., an affiliated Torrance firm.

The Canadian plant is now producing 36-inch pipe for a gas line from Alberta to San Francisco.

The continuous mill designed by the local firm produces pipe in one continuous machine —

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plate is fed in one end and welded pipe comes out the other. Four men are required to operate the huge machine.

Radio frequency resistance welding is used, which allows welding along the longitudinal line at a rate ranging from 25 to 75 feet per minute. The welding unit is the largest of its type in existence.

The same welding process uses induction heating and controlled quenching to heat treat the weld, Babbitt said.

Special rolls form the plate into cylinders, eliminating the huge presses used by many pipe mills in the United States and elsewhere.

Pipe for the Mexico-California gas line will be formed in 80-foot lengths, Babbitt said. The Canadian mill is producing pipe in 62-foot lengths, and

most other mills limit lengths to 40 feet.

The new machinery for the mill is the outgrowth of development work done by Torrance Specialty Fixtures and Cal-Metal Corp.

Pipe plants have been built and shipped by the affiliated firms to a number of foreign countries, including Belgium, France, Israel, Scotland, Argentina, Canada, and Mexico.

Cal-Metal recently sold its interest in a Baton Rouge, La., pipe factory which had used only Torrance-designed machinery.

The \$1,500,000 Mexico contract is being financed out of a loan from the Export-Import Bank in Washington, D.C., Babbitt said.

## City Attorney Hurt In Freeway Crash

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, who was injured Tuesday when he spun a city car into the dividing strip of the Harbor Freeway near 51st St. to void an accident ahead of him, is resting in Torrance Memorial Hospital, his office reported yesterday.

The attorney was en route to Los Angeles when the accident occurred, city sources said. He apparently escaped injuries, and returned to Tor-

## Lomita Man Surrenders To Police

A 27-year-old Soledad prison escapee turned himself into Torrance police late Tuesday, keeping a vow he had made to his dying father last week.

Lloyd Donald Treece, 27, who fled from the state prison last Jan. 7 after hearing that his father, Lloyd Treece, 2307 W. 254th St., was mortally ill with cancer, surrendered at the Torrance station to keep the vow that he had made to his father just before his death.

TREECE, who has been serving time on an auto theft conviction, came to Lomita, evading authorities, and visited with his father. He then traveled into the Midwest where police said he stole a car in Independence, Kan. It was later found abandoned in Denver.

Taking the car across the Kansas-Colorado

## Nab 'Cat' Burglary Suspect

A suspect in nearly 40 'Cat' burglaries was seized in Gardena by detectives earlier this week following a telephone call reporting a prowler.

Torrance Police Chief Percy S. Bennett said the suspect, Jimmy L. Lybber, 25, of 14914 Western Ave., admitted over 20 local burglaries netting more than \$300.

Detectives Art Cox and Bruce Traylor said they found Lybber hiding in his car parked near Dalton Ave. and 180th St. They were searching the area after George J. Valleviene said he surprised a man prowling in his home at 18127 Evelyn Ave. The man fled out the front door, the victim said.

Lybber was booked on suspicion of burglary.

## Lynn in School Contest

Official candidates for the April 18 board of education election rose to 11 yesterday with the filing of Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn as a candidate.

Declarations of candidacy for other candidates who might wish to be included on the ballot must be in the hands of County Superintendent C. C. Trillingham by 5 p.m. Friday evening, the HERALD was told by the county superintendent's office yesterday.

"That doesn't mean in the mail, or even in the building," a spokesman for the superintendent said. "It means it must be in our hands by 5 p.m. Friday."

Those who had previously filed included the three incumbents, Joseph Arnold, Robert Ellis, and Grace Wright, and challengers Edward F. Broderick, Jack C. Knibb, David K. Lyman, James R. Miller, Patricia B. Huber, Nat Mondati, and William J. Hanson.



KENNETH R. DOYLE To Manage New Penney's



L. H. ROBERTS Woolworth's Manager

## Penney's, Woolworths to Open Stores Here Today

Two new retail giants will open doors in the Del Amo Center at approximately 9:30 this morning as civic officials and executives of the J. C. Penney Co. and Woolworth's fete the opening of those two stores.

Grand opening celebrations scheduled by both stores will continue through the next week with specially priced merchandise and other attractions designed to acquaint Torrance shoppers with the new additions to the rapidly developing Del Amo Center.

The new Penney's store will be the third largest store in the center when it opens in

the morning, outranked only by the Broadway and Sears stores which anchor the shopping mall.

Ken R. Doyle, who has been manager of the Westchester Penney's will manage the new Del Amo store for the firm, and L. H. Roberts, who has been with the Bakersfield Woolworth's, is managing the firm's store in the center.

Also opening today will be eight retail stores in the new Rolling Hills Plaza center at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw.

Details of all the stores may be found on pages 2 and 3 of the HERALD.