

# Adult Education Plays Important Role



**ACCURACY TEST . . .** Practicing for her next accuracy test in Viola Krondak (front) in a typing class at Torrance high school. In the back are Mack Landar, the instructor, and Ann Hunt. Landar is explaining the fundamentals of statistical typing to his student, who enrolled in the course to improve her skills with a typewriter.

## Classes Fulfill Many Needs in Community Life

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Torrance's largest high school is unknown to most of the city's residents. It doesn't have a football team, and students might be described as night owls.

The school is the Torrance Adult School, which holds classes during the evenings at three of the city's high school campuses. More than 3,600 students are currently enrolled—ranging in age from 18 to 65.

Established in 1948, the adult school now offers some 74 different classes in subjects ranging from Algebra and modern science to woodshop and food arts. It is an approved secondary school, part of the Torrance Unified School District.

A self-supporting institution, the adult school offers persons who, for one reason or another were unable to complete their high school education, a chance to earn their diplomas. It also provides classes for hobbyists, and many vocational classes help residents to acquire new skills which lead to job improvement.

Anyone who is 18 years of age may enroll in adult classes. For students who are working toward a high school diploma, veterans who entered the service prior to January 31, 1955,

and persons under 21 or over 65, there are no fees except the 50-cent incidental fee each semester. All other students pay a fee of \$3 for each non-academic class which they take.

In addition to the high school and vocational classes, English and citizenship classes for the foreign born are held each semester.

Since its founding in 1948, the adult school has graduated nearly 1,300 students. More than 60,000 adults have attended classes in the 15-year period. And the oldest graduate—67 when the diploma was delivered.

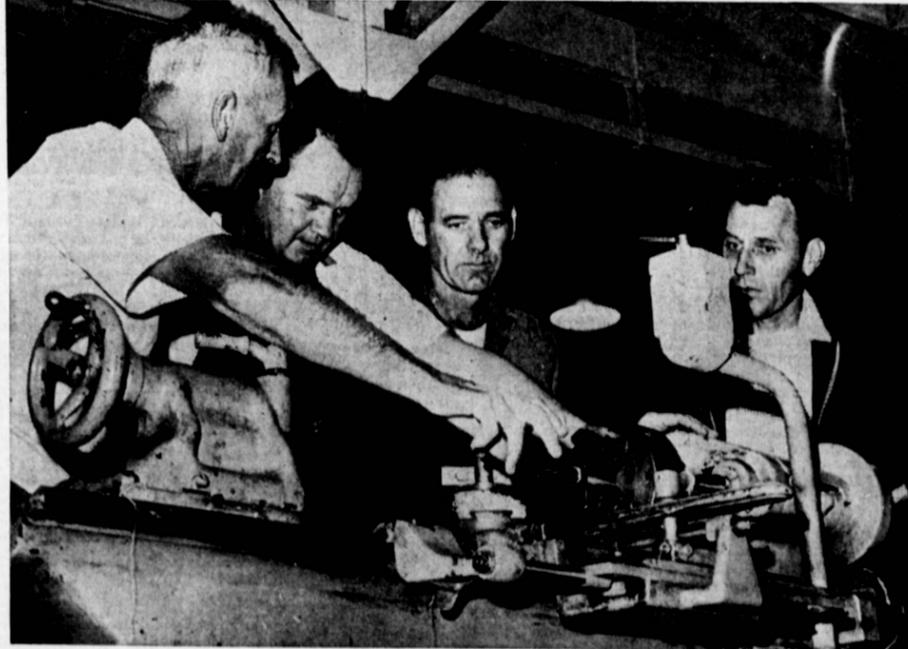
Registration for the spring semester will begin on Jan. 6, 1964. Many of the current students will enroll again, and others will join them for the first time. All have one thing in common—they are taking advantage of opportunities which can lead to fuller lives.



**LEARNING THE ART . . .** Beginning to use the sewing machine are two members of the Adult School's basic sewing class, given each Thursday evening. Here, Mrs. Kay Bierley (center) gives tips on the use of the machine to Mrs. Deanna Sannum and Mrs. Martha Cartwright. Homemaking classes are a part of the varied courses offered.



**WHAT DOES IT SAY . . .** Guy Sherod (right), instructor in blueprint reading at North High School, asks one of his students, Charles Myers, to interpret the symbols on a blueprint during a class exercise and practice exam. The class, which meets each Wednesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m., has some 20 students who are seeking high school credits, vocational skills, or refresher pointers.



**NEW SKILLS . . .** Thomas Bray, machine shop instructor, explains the next step in making a shot gun shell sizer to William Wolfe, whose hobby is gunsmithing. Looking on are members of the class John Regan and Harold Ramsey,

who are taking the adult school course to improve their on-the-job skills. Wolfe will use the sizer to reclaim used shot gun shells. The tool resizes the shells so they may be reloaded and used again.



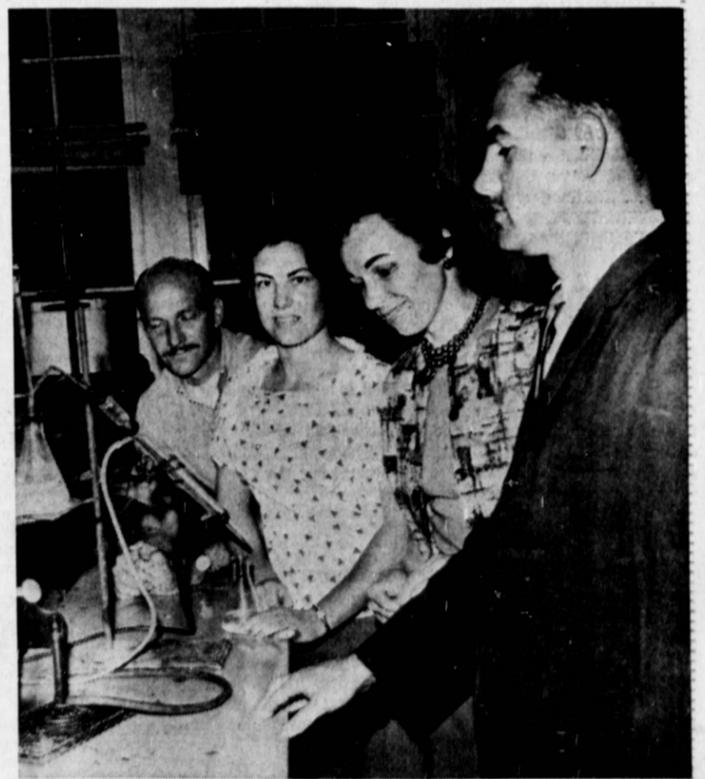
**DICTION . . .** Sharon Buser and Donnie Catten are shown here while trying to take shorthand from a record player. It's really not funny—the class has students who have never had shorthand, and others who simply want to increase their speed or accuracy. The record player is used to allow small groups to work on specific goals. Registration in the class is still open. It meets each Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at North High School.



**SEMINAR . . .** Six students in the English review class collect in a semi-circle to go over their own work. The students, Melvin Woolter, Ingeborg Thielmann, Gerald Rae, and Sherri Ann Dolan (front), and Olga McNameer and Murray Hodge (back), correct their own work in small groups in the class.



**HOMEWORK, TOO . . .** David Glass, who is taking an English review class at North High School, gets in a few extra moments of concentrated study during the evening break for coffee. Many of the students are people who were unable to continue in day school, but want to complete their education.



**AN EXPERIMENT . . .** Chemistry instructor David Roderick (far right) discusses the process of a water distillation experiment with Jack Becker, Ruby Heskett, and Helen Miller during a class meeting in the adult education school. The two women are taking the chemistry course for a nursing career, while Becker is simply "interested." Members of the class also work for their high school diplomas.

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