

"This election in February is exceedingly important," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told members of the Torrance Education Advisory Committee Monday.

Dr. Hull told the TEAC luncheon group failure to pass the override tax at the special election would mean a loss of \$2 million in revenues to the school district. Citing a chart

he had prepared, Dr. Hull said such a loss would be equal to 208 teachers, 61 custodians, and the entire accounting department in the district. The superintendent also said the loss would include three nurses, and "drastic cuts in equipment and transportation."

The district currently operates on a tax rate of \$2.90 per \$100 valuation. The special

election, if approved, would boost the rate to \$3.30. Failure of the override would mean the end of the 50 per cent override voted in 1961 and would drop the rate back to \$2.40.

District costs now average \$456.70 per pupil each year. The new rate would mean a boost of \$18 per pupil each year and allow for 1,300 new pupils expected in 1964-65.

Council Okays Extra Day Off

Police and Fire Department personnel and other city employees who worked on Nov. 25, the national day of mourning for the late President, will receive an additional day off.

Employees who were not at work received pay for the day. City Councilmen voted Tuesday to approve a compensatory

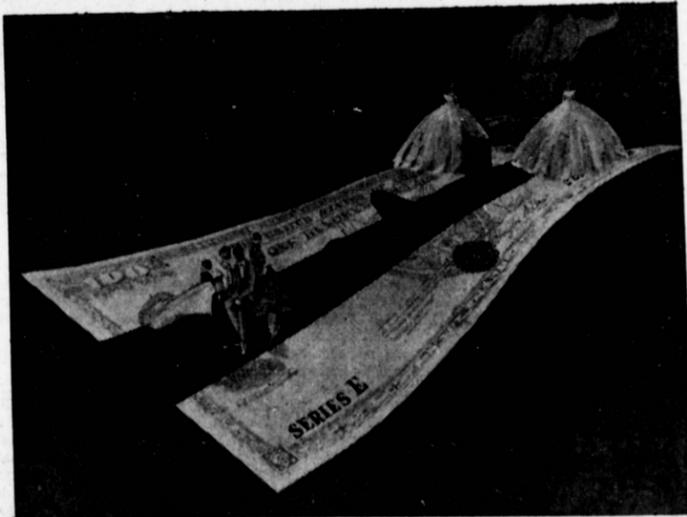
Parking Lot Limits Removed

Existing parking limits in the lots in central Torrance will be removed following action by the City Council Tuesday.

day off, and asked City Manager Wade Peebles to add it to vacations.



TAKING SHAPE . . . Torrance's entry in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena began to take on the looks of the final design as crews completed the structure this week. Volunteers from throughout the city will travel to the Pasadena float barn during the final days of the year to apply the thousands of flowers which will give the city's largest float its color and form for the internationally renowned event. (Herald Photo)



REDONDO ENTRY . . . The largest float ever entered in the Tournament of Roses Parade by the city of Redondo Beach will be the 45-foot "Freedom's Symbols" design shown here. Included on the float will be the four giant hats depicting critical periods in U. S. history, a giant freedom torch, and the savings bond resting on a garden of 6,000 red roses.

How'd You Like This Tax Bill?

One of Los Angeles County's largest single taxpayers — Southern California Edison Co. — presented its check for \$16,245,647.06 Tuesday as the first installment of local property taxes for 1963-64.

Along with the second installment which will be paid next April, the total of property taxes for the investor-owned electric company in this county alone will reach \$23,678,249.21, according to L. E. Jenkins, Edison's district manager.

More than half of this amount goes directly toward the support of public schools in Los Angeles County.

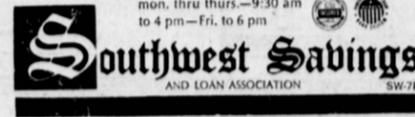
Combined Edison property tax payments for 1963-64 in 12 counties of Central and Southern California will total \$47,279,512.35, he reported.

"Taxes are our largest single item of expense, amounting to 24 cents of every dollar of revenue," he said. "Edison's tax payments to all levels of government last year totaled \$85,707,069."

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