

### School Bills Have Smooth Passage in Legislature, State Senator Reports

By Sen. Richard Richards  
The sharp differences of opinion that divided the 1958 Legislature on many issues, and especially on water resources development, did not extend to the area of state support of our public schools.

Legislation pertaining directly to education figured prominently in the session, and all the most important measures were processed through the two houses with a minimum of dissent and disagreement.

Each house introduced its own constitutional amendment authorizing a bond issue to provide loans and grants to school districts. The only difference between the two versions concerned the amount to be raised, and a sum of around \$200,000,000 was finally agreed upon.

As a constitutional amendment, this measure will have to be approved by the voters at the general election in November, as will a similar bond issue to provide farm and home loans for veterans.

In addition to the school funds to be made available through the issuance of bonds, a second measure appropriates the sum of \$30,000,000 for school construction purposes.

Both houses sponsored a measure to create a citizens advisory commission to conduct a sweeping inquiry into all phases of public education in California. This commission will work in cooperation with a committee of senators and assemblymen in

making the investigation, with recommendations for specific legislation as its ultimate objective.

The much discussed legislation to outlaw diploma mill rackets was enacted without dissension, and has already been signed into law by the Governor.

This legislation, which was the outgrowth of an investigation by an interim committee of the Assembly, makes it a felony either to sell or to obtain a phony diploma, and prohibits its use in connection with a business, trade, profession or occupation when so obtained.

Another measure that was enacted promptly provides that buses carrying school children to and from private schools must meet the same safety standards as those required in the case of public schools.

The need for this legislation came to light following a serious accident involving a private school bus in Los Angeles within the past year, at which time it was revealed that our state law was deficient in safety requirements for buses of this type.

**NO ROAD BLOCKS**  
If there is a line of traffic ahead through an intersection, don't follow when the light is about to change, and set up a road block, urges the Allstate Safety Crusade. Instead, stop before you enter the intersection, and wait until the next light change. Drivers who squeeze into intersections are hazardous bottlenecks, particularly in bad weather.

### Summer Park Programs Lined Up by Officials

With summer just a few warm days ahead, the Torrance Recreation Department is putting the finishing touches on what promises to be the best summer recreation program ever had.

Beginning in June, the department is offering a wide variety of crafts in their Craft Center (the old city hall), including children's art classes. Crafts for adults in the areas of mosaics, copper enameling and silk screening.

The ever-popular parks and playgrounds will be boasting an expanded program for vacationing boys and girls, including music, drama, dance, day camp, cook-outs, field trips and a new exciting venture, "Show Watch." Sports of every variety will be a part of the supervised activities.

The Victor E. Benstead plunge will open June 16 for such activities as synchronized swimming classes, diving, Junior life-saving and other swimming classes for all ages. This is also the location of the department's

### PTA Co-hosts Open House

Stephan White School PTA co-hosted with their school at the open house program Wednesday night, April 15. Topic for the evening was "Building Through Parent-Teacher Cooperation."

Board members served a pot-luck dinner for the teachers preceding the open house program.

**Sponsor Scouts**  
Mrs. Jesse Gladgo has been chosen as leader for Girl Scout Troop 640, which will be sponsored by the school PTA.

Mrs. Oscar Smith, president, nominated 24 delegates to vote for district PTA officers at the 10th District meeting in Long Beach April 17.

annual Aquacade, held in August in conjunction with the city-wide Rancho Days celebration.

Sea-Aire Golf Course will offer golf lessons for teenagers in the morning and evening classes for working men and women. In addition to classes held at Sea-Aire, the instructors will take their golf equipment and knowledge of the game to parks and playgrounds for beginning lessons to boys and girls.

### Letters to the Editor

April 4, 1958  
Dear Editor:  
The Torrance Art Group wishes to thank the Torrance Press and its staff for their fine

co-operation and interest shown our organization. The publicity given to our recent exhibition helped make it a success.

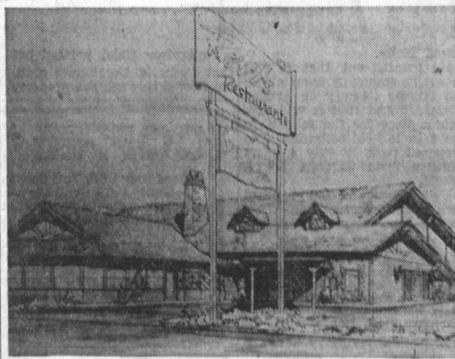
We also wish to thank the community for its support. A well-rounded community is not only measured by its number of buildings, sales tax receipts, and other visible statistics, but also by its support of art, music and drama activities, and these cannot be measured in any regular way.

Vicki Feldon,  
Publicity Chairman  
Torrance Art Group

### BECOME SHRINERS

Bill McEwen and Leonard Burlison have returned to Torrance after a weekend trip to Las Vegas where they were initiated into the Al Malikhah Temple Shriners at a ceremonial service for 814 new members.

The June initiation ceremony will take place in Mexico City.



**NEW RESTAURANT**—This is an artist's sketch of Robb's new restaurant at 707 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, which is now under construction and will be completed at end of month, according to owner Bob Cox. Designed by Architect William R. Pickering, the restaurant will have an Old English decor and will seat 250 guests. The main dining room, the Steeplechase Room, will seat 70, the coffee shop 60, and the bar 50. This is the second Robb's Restaurant. The first one, now five years old, the Glenn Cove, is located at 10369 Santa Monica Blvd., West Los Angeles.

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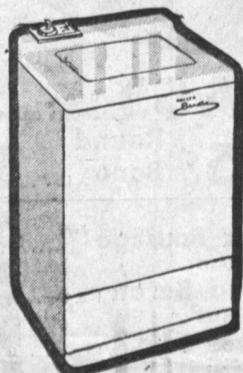
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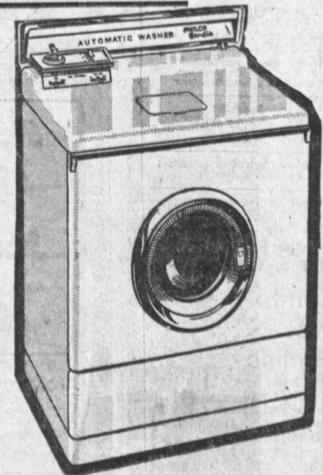
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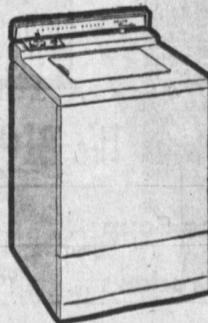
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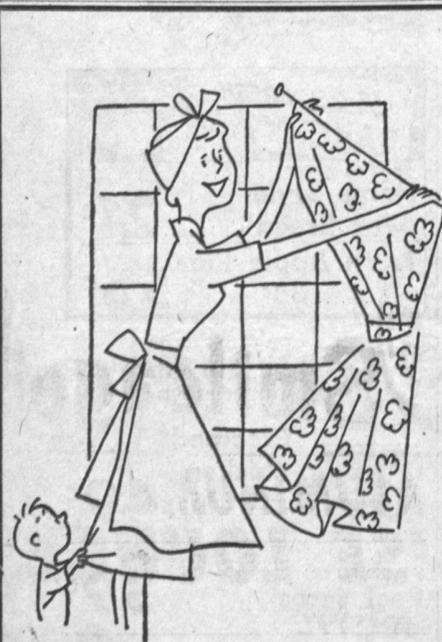
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