



BOOMING ENROLLMENT—The rapidly expanding enrollment of the Torrance school system is outlined to teachers by Superintendent of Schools Rull at Wednesday briefing session.

Dr. Hull Outlines School Policies for New Teachers

Preparing for the return of some 25,000 Torrance children to local schools on Thursday, 950 teachers Tuesday:

1. Learned that 14,000 more children under five years of age will soon be in school;

2. Heard Superintendent J. H. Hull tell them that the biggest enemy of public education today is "lack of understanding;"

3. Were welcomed back to work by a principals' chorus singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning." Torrance teachers returned Tuesday to get ready for the return of some 20,000 elementary and 5,000 elementary students on Thursday at the district's 31 schools. Teachers heard Dr. Hull Tuesday and Dr. Robert L. Brackenbury, U.S.C. professor, on Wednesday.

Prefacing his remarks, Dr. Hull showed the group a chart indicating that Torrance's population is far younger than the U.S. average. There are nearly three times as many pre-schoolers—14,417—as there are persons in the 15-19 age group—5,281. Both children and residents of child-bearing age far outnumber the U.S. average, while the number of people over 45 is considerably under the U.S.

Children Most Important
The children are the most important parts of the school program, Dr. Hull said, and one of the most important functions of the schools is to help parents educate their children. The biggest barrier to this is frequently misunderstanding, he said.

"We don't want to take over any function but our own," he told the teachers. "We can't take the place of the Boy Scouts, Girls

Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Recreation Department, or baby sitters. We are happy to cooperate with these other organizations but we don't believe the schools should take over their jobs."

After talks by School Board President Walter Garrabrant and Torrance Council PTA President, Mrs. William Poser, Dr. Hull noted the following principles which are followed in Torrance:

1. The schools should do what is educationally sound, as shown by research.

2. The schools should not be caught up in fads, which may prove expensive and valueless. Torrance believes in trying out new ideas—this fall, educational TV and foreign language in elementary schools—but on a small scale. In this way, the program can be expanded if it works and dropped if it does not work. The cost is small this way.

3. Schools should not experiment, except with volunteers. The "Little Red Schoolhouse," a nationally-known experiment, involved and still involves children whose parents consent.

4. Torrance supports the self-contained classroom, featured in eight-grade elementary schools. It has been proven educationally sound for students to work with one teacher who, by knowing him well, can better help him with his problems.

5. The schools cannot stand still. Improvements constantly are being made in the curriculum and new and better methods are being discovered. Schools should seek out and use the best methods.

6. The schools must strive to help each individual child. Teach-

ers must give attention to the bright, average, and slow students—"All the children of all the people." Each child should be given as much material as he can handle.

7. Schools must cooperate with parents in educating children. Conferences, reports, PTA meetings, and various other means help. A child's education suffers if schools and parents work at cross-purposes.

Local Schools Start Today

Classes for some 20,000 elementary and 5,000 high school students in Torrance schools will get underway for the fall term today.

Torrance's 950 teachers, including 215 new to the system, reported early for duty to prepare for the flood of returnees.

School starting times will vary from school to school, North High will start at 7:40, South High at 8, and Torrance High at 8:05. Elementary starting times can be obtained from the schools.

North High students will report as follows: seniors to rooms 101-115; juniors to rooms 306-17; sophomores to 207-219; freshmen to teacher-counselors; and new students to the auditorium.

Students Report
Torrance High seniors will go to the senior patio; juniors, upper tennis court; sophomores, science patio; freshmen, teacher-counselors; and new students, auditorium.

South High students will be directed by signs at the school. Enrollment this fall will be up more than 2000 over last September, and is expected to climb during the year with completion of several large tracts. School officials estimate that more than 14,000 children in Torrance are of pre-school age, indicating even bigger enrollments in the future.

Lighthouse Tour Given Brownies

Brownie Troop 2030, sponsored by St. Catherine's Labourer Parish Council of Catholic Women, was recently escorted by A. A. Gunn, SN, on a tour of the Point Vicente Lighthouse.

The girls were given a detailed explanation of the size, origin and value of the light. They also toured the Fog Horn Building. Participating in the outing were: Virginia Cogbill, Josette Condon, Diane Cotter, Nancy Cotter, Kathy Dowling, Christine DePrez, Norine DePrez, Mary Earlandson, Linda Mattia, Denise Mattia, Donna Moreau, Maureen Mulvihill and Theresa Rigali.

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