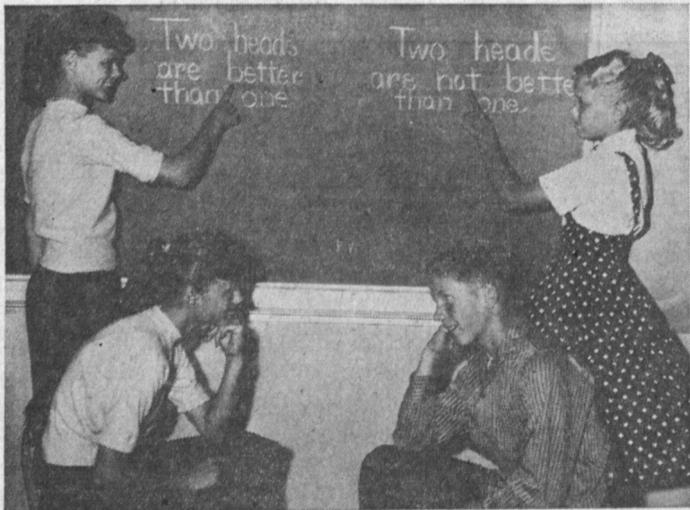




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OPPOSING NOTIONS—Newton School voters last week turned down bid of twin sisters who campaigned for office on the premise that two heads are better than one. Shown presenting platforms are Judy and Julie Moye and Connie Thornton and Ed Suykota, the winners.

### Engineer Night Set Tuesday at Harbor College

Stuart M. Friedman, chairman of the mathematics-physics division at Harbor College, today invited high school and college students to attend engineering night on the campus Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Highlight will be the X-15 rocket and models and motion pictures will be used to show what engineers accomplished with it.

Dr. Roland Benner, assistant engineer for the project, and John Lewin, fuel system engineer, both of North American Aviation, will explain the X-15. Harbor College instructors of engineering and related subjects also will participate.

### Pupils Get Cards on Library Visit

Youngsters in Jeanette Upton's third and fourth grade class at Calle Mayor School all obtained library cards in a visit to El Retiro branch of the Torrance Library last week.

Mrs. Upton's class is one of several visiting the near-by library to learn how to use it and make application for the cards. The youngsters learn how the books are arranged and how they can find information.

### Royal J. Harmer Promoted by Army in Europe

Royal J. Harmer of 2707 W. 181st St. recently was promoted to private first class in Germany, where he is a member of the 25th Signal Battalion.

Harmer, a pole lineman in the battalion's Company B in Karlsruhe, entered the army in January, completed basic training at Fort Chaffee, Ark., and arrived overseas last July.

He is a 1954 graduate of George Washington High School, Los Angeles.

Before entering the Army, he was employed by Zenith Plastics in Gardena.

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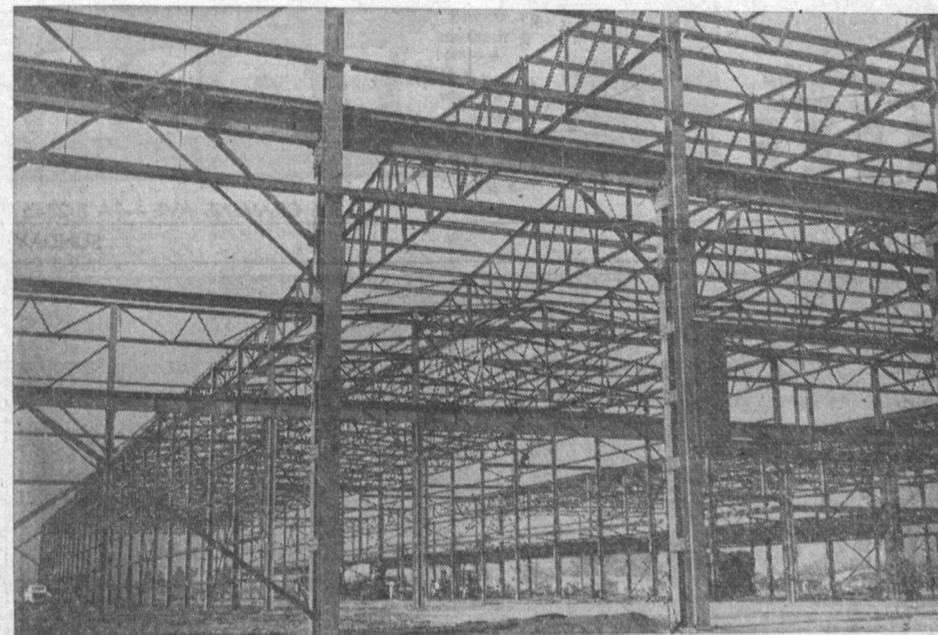
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### Stop Touting Success and Concealing Failure from Public, Educators Agree

Avoid presenting a myth of perfection in public-school interpretation, educators were told in conclusions reached by more than 200 school-research-specialists in their 11th annual State Conference on Educational Research at Anaheim last week.

"News carefully censored to spotlight success and conceal mistakes will destroy intelligent community participation in any drive toward excellence in public education," researchers agreed.

Discussion reports from the meeting were released today by the California Teachers Association, conference sponsors. Colleges, universities, county and city school systems, and educational organizations were represented by their research leaders in groups studying various phases of the conference theme: "Research and the Pursuit of Excellence."

Other conclusions listed in the conference summary prepared by Dr. D. Welty Lefever, USC professor of education, included the following highlights:

1. Current teaching methods — not the difficulty of arithmetic — have caused unnecessary postponement of instruction in many mathematical concepts. Improvements in teaching can make it possible to introduce in kindergarten.

2. Research is proving that many phases of science instruction also can be offered in earlier grades. Talented high-school students are demonstrating ability to undertake advanced science study formerly reserved for colleges.

3. Foreign-language teaching in elementary schools is desirable, and recent methods have proved far more effective than the old approach through vocabulary memorization and grammar. The ugly American will vanish if pupils in elementary and high-school grades learn first to understand, then to speak, then to read, and finally to write the new language.

4. Problems of preparing counselors may be more of selection than training. Research has shown the counselor's personality is a crucial factor in his success, and that what a counselor knows may be less important than what he feels toward pupils he is guiding.

5. Another call for change in common school practices came from the group discussing research and improvement in school administration. Education cannot be organized and administered effectively on the top-to-bottom line of command suitable for business and industry. Too much research in school administration has been devoted to managerial problems, while greater understanding of leadership is the primary need.

### Scout Enrollment Night Slated Here Tuesday in 30 Schools

A Boy Scout enrollment night for boys of Cub and Scout age in the Torrance area has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at all 30 elementary schools.

All boys 8 to 14 who would like to become Scouts or Cubs have been invited to go to the school in their neighborhood Monday evening. There they will meet unit leaders of Cub packs and Scout troops.

The Scout program will be explained, Cubmasters and Scoutmasters will tell about their meeting dates, locations and unit activities, and all boys may join the unit of their choice.

The enrollment night is an effort of the South Bay and Harbor districts of the Los Angeles Area council, under the direction of commissioner staffs.

John Warner of 2409 Thomas Ave., Redondo Beach, and Hal Laudeman, 1304 Greenwood, Torrance, head the undertaking, and have urged that boys come to the school with their parents.

The 50th anniversary of Scouting will begin in February.

**Gets Idea Award**  
Bonuses totaling \$420 were handed out by the army to Fort MacArthur employees for ideas now saving the government at least \$10,000 yearly.

Raymond J. Slick, 21626 Redbeam, Torrance won \$27.50.

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