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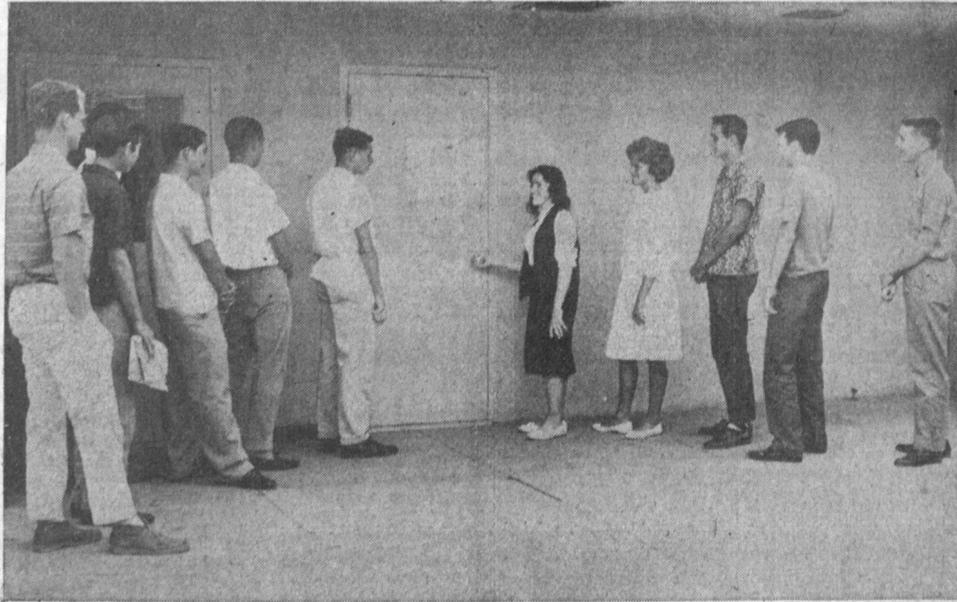
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# 1961-62 Budget Gets Council OK

## School Board OK's Tentative '61-62 Budget

A tentative \$12.9 million budget for the 1961-62 school year was approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

As presented, the budget contains no new services or salary increases, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said. It provides for district growth, including some 1800 new students next fall. Total enrollment is expected to be nearly 29,000.

New budget compares with an \$11.6 million budget for the current year. Factors in the increase, he said, are:

### FACTORS

1. Hiring new teachers and other personnel to handle the enrollment increase.
  2. Buying supplies and equipment needed for the 1800 students.
  3. Buying supplies and equipment for two new elementary schools — Hickory and Victor—and additions to several other schools.
  4. Step raises automatically given teachers and employees for continued service.
  5. Increased costs of retirement and other fringe benefits as employees grow older and their number increases.
- By budget categories, budget expenditures are nearly identical with the current budget, Waldrip said. About 85 per cent would go for salaries.

### LOCAL COST

Local taxpayers would supply about 59 per cent of the total budget, while state aid would provide about 41 per cent. Federal aid, which provided about 2 1/2 per cent of last year's budget, appears negligible because Public Law 874 expires and Congress is still debating whether to renew it.

Last year, local taxes provided 52 1/2 per cent of the budget, while the state share was 45 per cent. However, a legal formula set up by the state reduces state aid as the total amount increases.

The budget anticipated collection of the 50-cent override approved by voters in February, meaning a \$2.90 operating tax rate for local property. Assessed valuation of about \$230,000,000 also is estimated.

The final school budget will be adopted in August, once assessed valuation totals are known. Final budget figures will depend on assessed valuation and any income from other sources.

## City Council to Start Screening For New Manager

Preliminary screening of applicants for the vacant Torrance city manager's post will begin Monday, when city councilmen will hold a personnel session for the purpose.

Post has been empty since the resignation of former city manager George Stevens last month. Presently occupying the position is acting city manager George Bramhall.

Approximately 40 applications were received before closing date, May 31.

## Approve Pay Hikes for All City Employees

Torrance city councilmen last night hiked police and fire department salaries by a flat 10 per cent, all other city employees 7 1/2 per cent and tentatively dropped the city's tax rate by five cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Ten percent hikes will go to uniformed personnel only plus shooting pay and three hours court time allowance. Additional requests for longevity pay and other fringe benefits were not brought up.

Suggested city tax reductions ranged from 10 cents, proposed by Council-

man Nickolas Drate, to five cents proposed by Mayor Albert Isen.

**STAND PAT**

Councilman George Bradford stood pat, reporting that he felt that it would be impractical to okay tax cuts now and that money in the unappropriated surplus of the general fund should be allocated for capital improvements and park developments.

Council agreed on the five cent tax slash after Director of Finance Jerry Scharfman reported they could stay within the proposed balanced budget,

grant the indicated pay hikes, reduce taxes by the smaller amount and still arrive at the end of the fiscal year with about \$95,000 in the general fund.

He estimated that the police department raises would cost about \$90,000 per year, fire department \$72,000, and all other city employees about \$308,000.

Amended budget approved by the council reached a total of \$6,017,628. Budget is tentative and will not be finally approved until August 27, when county reports of assessed valuation in Torrance are received.



**JOB HUNTERS** — Thousands of local youngsters this week launched their annual summer search for jobs and, for the first time, will be aided in finding them. (See story on Editorial Page) Lineups appeared Monday morning at the California Department of Employment as vacationing students sought interviews for summer jobs. School officials, employment office personnel, and representatives of service clubs, noting the need of these youngsters, will cooperate in placing as many as possible. Top photo, lineup begins Monday with early risers forming before the Torrance office before it opened, while below, Mrs. Sylvia Humber, employment counselor, interviews Myrtle Korpi, 17, Terry Hallmarks, 16, and Kathie Drehr, 16, concerning the positions they would like.

## Problem Before Council Tuesday

Controversial Marble Estates rezoning case will be dropped in the laps of the City Council next Tuesday evening following a recommended denial by the planning commission.

Builder Don Wilson, who plans to build more than 600 homes on the property located near the intersection of Sepulveda and Crenshaw, is the petitioner. Land is presently zoned for industrial use. Commission indicated that the land should be retained for possible industrial purposes.

## Jaycees Will Sponsor Center Carnival

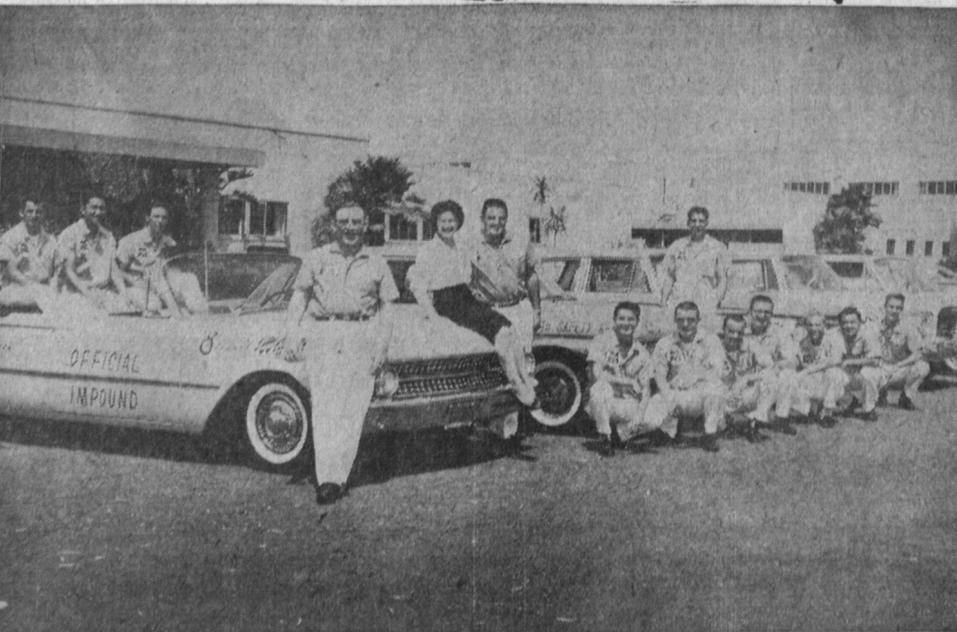
Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce officials announced a community carnival will be held from Wednesday night, July 19, through July 23, on the back lot of the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Adult and children's rides will be available together with game booths staffed by members of various service organizations. Proceeds for the fair will go toward financing a Torrance entry in the Rose Parade in Pasadena.

All interested service organizations are requested to have a representative in attendance at the organizational meeting to be held on June 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Torrance city council chambers.



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**TORRANCE TOURISTS**—Members of local car clubs will participate in annual economy runs starting Monday morning from Lynwood. Sponsored by the Torrance Police Department, the youngsters will make the trip to Santa Barbara and back next week. Shown readying for the trip before the Torrance

station are Bill Ladd, 17; Mike Dice, 17; Jim Masaki, 17; Police Lt. A. S. Thompson, Matron Pat Findley, Officer A. L. Jackson, Gary Shirley, 17; Dala Jordan, 17; Jack McTiernan, 17; Paul Schmidt, 17; Frank Argenteo, 18; Richard Baker, 16, and standing, Gil Hebert, 18.

## 11,550 SIGNUPS

## Summer School Classes Open for Torrance Elementary and High School Pupils Mon.

Summer school classes for Torrance youngsters will get underway next Monday, June 26, according to Donald K. Duncan, director.

Some 11,550 students have signed up for classes, including 3,350 high school and 8,200 elementary students. This represents about 45 per cent of the regular enrollment eligible to attend. Of high school students, 1,478 will be eighth graders who will be freshman next fall.

Classes will be offered in all elementary schools and in all high school subjects for which there is enough demand. Report cards will be given in high school courses and for elementary students who attend more than half the sessions. Summer school

courses are considered an extension of the regular school year—designed for bright, average, and slow students.

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

High school classes will run from 8 to 10 and 10 to 12 at all three schools.

At elementary schools, hours will be as follows: 8-12:20—Lincoln; 8:10-12:30—Edison; 8:15-12:35—Anza, Arlington, Calle Mayor, Casimir, Crenshaw, Magruder, Hamilton, Hillside, Parkside, Newton, Parkway, Perry, Riviera, Seaside, Steele, Torrance Elementary, Towers, Waverly, Wood, and Yukon.

8:25-13:45 — Madison. 8:30-12:50—Adams, Carr, Columbia, Fern-Greenwood, Jefferson, Madrona, and Meadow Park.

No bus transportation will be furnished.

Through the Torrance Police Department, crossing guards will be furnished at 178th and Arlington, 187th and Crenshaw, 182nd and Crenshaw, 174th and Prairie, 186th and Hawthorne, Fern and Torrance Blvd., Madrona and Torrance Blvd., Crenshaw and Dalemead, 244th and Hawthorne, Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd.

Only holiday during the period will be on Tuesday, July 4.

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**AWAITING SUMMER SCHOOL**—Among the more than 11,500 youngsters registered for June 26-Aug. 4 summer sessions in Torrance schools are children of all sizes, shapes, and backgrounds. Riviera School has a number of different countries represented. Shown here are children from some of the various countries—John Friedrich, France; Thomas Zunpas, Greece; Curt Palowiz, England; Patricia Priest, Chile; Kurt Strauss, Germany; Spencer Nash, England; Paul Oversir, Holland; Nancy Vogl, Turkey; Matthew Hoplamazian, Lebanon; Peter Wight, England; Gertrude Soderholm, Sweden; Fifi Fassy, Switzerland; Annette Soderholm, Sweden; Erick Strauss, Germany; Roger Nash, England; Michael Mooring, England; Doug Vogl, Turkey, and Kathy Friedrich, France.