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WHOPPING JOB for these Torrance School District administrative workers is distribution of an estimated 50,000 new textbooks. Received from State Department of Education, books must be delivered to schools prior to Sept.

12 opening. They cover subjects from history to English literature to mathematics. Women are (from left) Mrs. Lynn Shidler and Mrs. Mary Long. —Press Photo

Work Speedup Hinted on San Diego Freeway

County to Get Federal Money

TORRANCE — Construction of the San Diego Freeway may bet an unexpected shot in the arm Tuesday if county supervisors approve a measure for speed-up of the Federal-State Road Building Program.

The measure will be presented in resolution form by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and, if adopted, will urge the State Highway Commission to allocate additional funds for highway construction in Los Angeles County.

Hahn said his request is prompted by a recent federal move to give an additional \$1.9 billion to the states for acceleration of highway construction programs.

Logically, one of the major projects to benefit would be the San Diego Freeway construction of which is reported bogged down in the area northwest of Torrance.

BIG BOOST
"The federal government's action," Hahn said, "will increase the original amount granted for this fiscal year by 50 per cent. It will serve to expedite the road building program and will provide an additional stimulus for our economy."

Hahn also said the County Road Department has a backlog of plans prepared for major county highway construction which are being held up pending financing. These, too, might conceivably be speeded up by the federal grant.

WOULD QUALIFY
"These improvements," he said, "would qualify as federal aid urban highway projects, and would place Los Angeles County in a position to utilize additional funds immediately to augment the County Road Department's highway construction program."

Youngster Hurt In Car Mishap
CARSON — A 5-year-old boy was injured here Friday when he was struck by a car on 184th St. west of Towne Ave.

California Highway Patrolman identified the boy as Larry T. Smith, a Gardena resident.

He was taken to Harbor General Hospital with multiple cuts and bruises.

Correct Problem
"Doctors were able to free the contracted tissue and correct the deformity by bringing the right hand into its normal position."

"The baby felt no ill effects from the use of anesthesia, and his general condition is good."

"Surgery was performed under tourniquet, so there was virtually no loss of blood. At this phase, there was no attempt at bone grafting. This step will be undertaken at a later date."

NO FOREARM
The baby, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Webb of Gardena, was born June 21 without a right forearm and without thumbs on either hand. Early plans called for a dual-purpose operation to be performed, but physicians later decided to undertake only that portion done Thursday.

Mrs. Webb said she took the drug in Germany before its dangers were exposed.

Doctors View 'Drug Baby' After Surgery
TORRANCE — Physicians watched with optimism today as William Webb Jr., an infant victim of the drug Thalidomide, recuperated from a history-making operation on his deformed right hand.

The operation was the first ever performed on a baby deformed by the drug. The child underwent surgery shortly before 9 a.m. Thursday for birth defects blamed on his mother's use of Thalidomide during her early stages of pregnancy.

VERTICAL TAKEOFF

World's First Jet VTOL To Be Engineered Here

TORRANCE — A major share of electronics work on the world's first lift fan, vertical takeoff aircraft will be performed here by the Ryan Aeronautical Co., the Army disclosed this week.

Initial plans call for the craft, the VZ-11, to be flight tested by mid-1963 and to be operational by late the same year.

The plane, which is being financed by the Army, is the outgrowth of three million hours of engineering or 21 years of research, spokesmen say. It is the first such aircraft if its type ever deemed practical.

The VZ-11 is a full-scale forerunner of two advanced V/STOL research aircraft which the Army's Transportation Research Command ordered from General Electric in November, 1961, under a contract which totals \$10.5 million.

Ryan received a subcontract from G.E. to design and build the two fan-in-wing aircraft.

The VZ-11 demonstrates compatibility of the lift fan vertical propulsion system with a high performance air-

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The research aircraft will be powered by General Electric's Lift Fan system. It will be capable of taking off vertically, transitioning to conventional flight, and will fly at speeds of more than 600 miles an hour.

The Army feels V/STOL aircraft can make a major contribution to mobility needed for limited and general war. Such aircraft, for example, may be used for future combat surveillance or target acquisition missions and will greatly extend the vision of Army 'FIGHTING MOBILITY'.

Free from dependence upon airfields or other support

complexes not available in remote combat areas, the VZ-11 concept blends battlefield mobility with high performance. Aircraft based upon this concept could "live with the troops" and be instantly responsive to ground commanders' requirements.

The VZ-11 concept provides unique advantages in performance and operational suitability because of inherent and engineered features.

Junior 'Frogs' End Training
Under auspices of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, approximately 100 boy and girl members of the Junior Frogmen program will climax their summer training today with an educational tour of Marineland.

The junior skin divers, who will come from various parts of the county, have participated in skin diving training at 23 county operated pools since the close of school.

Junior Frogmen also were trained at other pools in Boy Scout, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. programs.

Within the 10 to 17 year age bracket, the Junior Frogmen will study professional aspects of diving while at Marineland. They will become acquainted with marine life and the feeding habits of fish and sea mammals.

Topping their day at Marineland, the Junior Frogmen will view the popular whale, seal and porpoise shows.

School Planners Face Statistical 'Headache'

By LYSLE ALBRO
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Information in the vital statistics column having to do with the activities of cupid and the stork may be somewhat heavenly to parents, brides and grooms.

But according to Albert Charles, president of Torrance Board of Education, it inevitably means a series of headaches for the schools.

Latest tabulation of expected enrollment figures shows kindergarten children (to be the Class of '74) outnumber the present high school seniors (class of '63) 3 to 1.

More than 30,000 youngsters, grades kindergarten through 12, are slated to enroll in Torrance schools on Sept. 12. This is almost 1600 more (800 elementary and 800 high school) than enrolled in September, 1961.

What these figures mean to Dr. Louis Kaplan of the Special Services Division, who must figure where the children go to school, and Dr. Bernard Garen, supervisor of new construction, who must plan new facilities to be built, is more, more, and then some more.

ACCURATE GUESS
The Special Services staff predicts (their predictions have proven to be 99 per cent accurate over the last five years) there will be 34,000 pupils enrolling within three years.

The schools can presently accommodate little more than 29,000 students. There is enough money left from the 1958 bond authorization to do the job for about half of remaining expected increase in enrollments. These are reasons why the school board is asking voters to authorize at the Sept. 18 bond election the sale of additional building bonds.

"Without this money," states Assistant Superintendent Sam Waldrip, "the building program will come to a grinding halt in 1963, and, shortly thereafter, several thousand children will

be without classrooms." In grim speculation of possible bond failure, Charles announced at a recent board meeting the city would probably be back where it started several years ago, with double sessions and possible curtailment of services and the curriculum.

NO TAX HIKE
According to Charles, authorization of the sale of bonds by the voters does not mean the approval of a tax increase. The school dis-

trict is allowed by law to use for building bonds only 10 per cent of the amount of the assessed valuation.

Since the district has been bonded to this capacity for sometime, present tax rates already reflect this 10 per cent. The voters are only being asked to allow the continuance of the sale of bonds after the 1958 building bond monies run out early next year, Charles said. Therefore, passing the bond issue will not raise taxes.

'Airport Days' Plans Mapped
TORRANCE — Committee members began mapping plans this week for a spectacular Airport Days celebration Sept. 29 and 30.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the event will be held on grounds of Torrance Airport and has been billed as "the biggest" Airport Days celebration since Orville and Wilbur flew at Kitty Hawk.

Highlights of the two-day observance will be a display of military classic and antique aircraft, free helicopter rides and an exhibit of latest aircraft models from Aerocar, Beech, Bellanca, Cessna and Piper.

A "fly-in drive-in" breakfast will be held Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Antique automobiles, photographic displays and "penny-a-pound" air rides also will be featured.

Plans also were reported under way at the Chamber of Commerce this week for the group's annual banquet ceremony.

According to Martin Denn, chamber president, the observance will take place Sept. 27 at the Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach.

A 7 p.m. reception in the

Mark Twain Room will be followed at 8 by dinner in the Manhattan Room.

Persons interested in attending have been asked to reserve the date, and to obtain tickets at an early date. Ticket information will be announced next week.

SCHOOL BUS ROMANCE
Teen-age Rock 'n' Roller Makes Hit with Surprise Recording

By CAROLYN PERKIO
Staff Writer

The search is on for "Brenda," a pert Torrance gal who is now the subject of a fast-selling rock-'n'-roll record.

Songwriter - vocalist Frankie Anthony, 21809 Figueroa St., said he wrote a song about Brenda several years ago as they both rode home from Bishop Montgomery High School on a bus.

"We didn't ever think it would be recorded or sold," the 17-year-old lad said. He added he doesn't even know

at a Torrance barber shop. "I was walking the picket line for the AFL-CIO and nonchalantly singing to myself when Dick Williams from Hollywood 'discovered' me."

The new record star was brought to the attention of songwriter Hal Winn, who, in turn, arranged for Joey Records to record Anthony's tunes.

"This record business certainly is an easier way of making a living than walking picket lines," he winked. "You make a lot more money too."

Anthony, whose hit is now spreading in popularity to all parts of the country, appeared as a guest on the Bob Eubanks "Pickwick Dance Party" on KTLA-TV last night. He, of course, sang his hit record.

Plans for the future of the June graduate of Banning High include recording of an album and a series of radio - television appearances across the country.

"You know, I thought something like this could never happen to me. But I guess if you really want something and wait for it, it will come," the cheerful record star philosophized.

ROCK 'N ROLLER Frankie Anthony, 19, gleams behind display of his hit record, "Goin' to the River." Tune has sold 12,000 copies in San Francisco, appears headed for Southern California. Anthony, of 21809 S. Figueroa St., was "discovered" while singing in front of a Torrance barbershop.—Press Photo



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