

English Teacher Chores Told

Board Asks Study Of 'Reader' Helpers

A proposal to employ non-teaching personnel, called "readers," to reduce the additional load carried by English teachers in the Torrance schools, at an estimated cost of \$12,000, was tabled Monday night by the Board of Education until consideration of a new budget.

In a communication to the board, Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, wrote: "There is a definite need to provide high school English teachers with some type of assistance in correcting English papers and compositions."

Dr. Hull noted that the average student load for teachers in this district, at present, is 163 students daily.

teachers to correct English papers. The most practical way we found is the reader plan we suggested. Some students feel that if a standard which could be followed by lay (non-teaching) readers were applied, a more practical job would be done.

"People," said President Charles, "who are not teachers ought to be able to grade papers where there are only blanks or spaces to be filled in, but what about questions comparative cost study... say, comparing the cost of the readers to that of hiring more English teachers."

"To reduce the student load from 163 to 125 per teacher," said Dr. A. N. Posner, assistant superintendent for education, "would require from 12 to 14 additional teachers. When we add teachers, we must add classrooms."

"Yes," said Dr. Hull. "It would cost about \$1,500 to where a greater knowledge of English is required."

"We haven't worked out all the answers," said Dr. Hull. "We don't yet know where we can get people of the quality desired."

"I believe in economy," said President Charles, adding



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It's Big Night For Dr. Ford Of West High

Commendation came twice to Dr. Robert Ford, principal of West High School, 29401 Victor St., Torrance, Monday night at the meeting of the Board of Education.

The first was a request for Dr. Ford to serve on the Large High Schools Committee of the California Assn. of Secondary School Administrators.

The only question raised was "could Dr. Ford spare the time?" Or, as Board Vice President Bert M. Lynn put it, "He's got his hands full now with that new plant at West High."

The second came in a letter from the Accrediting Commission for Secondary Schools. "We received a fine report," the letter said, then added the good news: "On the basis of this report, the Commission has granted preliminary accreditation to your school until June 30, 1967."

The board of education decided to approve Dr. Ford's service on the state committee and to send a letter commending him on the "fine report" of the visiting educators.

Poetry Stars At Workshop For Teachers

Poetry is the subject of the institute on literature for Torrance teachers tomorrow at Seaside School, 4651 Sharyne Lane, Torrance. The workshop begins at 4 p.m.

Roderick McDaniel, administrator of the educational materials building, will offer teaching tips on how to sharpen listening skills through the enjoyment of poetry.

Tape recordings of Carl Sandburg, Dr. Frank Baxter, John Hall Wheelock, and Robert Frost, will be featured, as well as recordings of Alexander Scourby, Martin Greene, and Arnold Ross.

New and old poetry anthologies will illustrate McDaniel's discussion of poetry in the literature program.

AiResearch vs. Harvey Tuesday

AiResearch meets Harvey Tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. in the first game of the second round of the Thursday basketball league in North High School's gymnasium, 3620 W. 182nd St., Torrance.

In the second game of the night, Party House plays Aerona at 8 p.m., and the nightcap games sees Murphy matched against McCulloch at 9 p.m.

ing with emphasis, "but not agree," said Dr. Hull, "that English teachers have the toughest job of all teachers insofar as paperwork such as grading and handling papers is concerned."

"I think most authorities

At this point, Cecil Paschal, of the Torrance Educational Assn., rose in the audience, and was recognized by President Charles.

"The Torrance Educa-

tional Association," he said, looks with favor toward any proposal which will achieve the primary job of a teacher, — contact with the children."

Member Dr. Kurt Shery's motion to table until budget time was seconded and carried. The matter will return to the board's attention at a later date.

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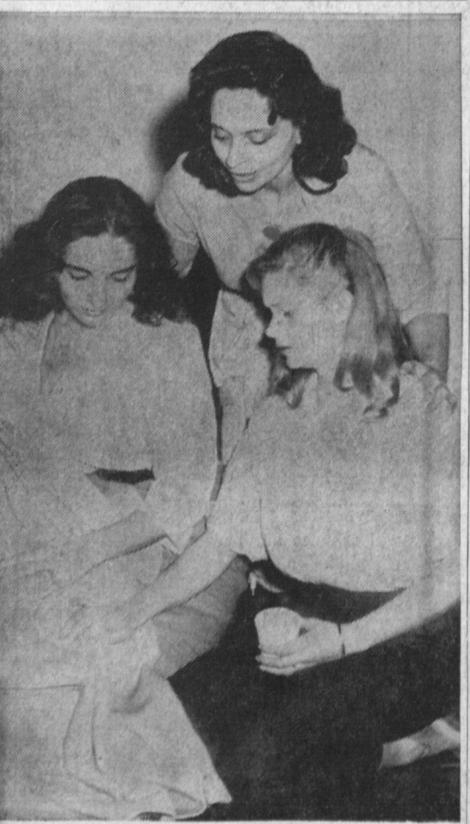
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