

# Schools Push Job Training for Drop-Outs

BY BOB LUPO

What do you do with youngsters who'd just as soon not go to college—and aren't too interested in calculus or the history of Afghanistan?

One answer may come from a proposal made this week by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School Dis-

trict, teamed with an idea offered by Bert M. Lynn, newly-elected president of the district board of education.

Hull suggested to the board at Monday night's meeting that consideration be given to a plan to introduce auto shop and graphic arts instruction in the district's fur high schools as a counter-remedy to the

much-publicized national "drop-out" program.

Hull pointed out that many educators are concerned over emphasis on so-called "academic" subjects to the exclusion of developing skills needed and desired by many young people.

Torrance district already has an excellent vocational program in many areas—metal and wood shops,

among others—but doesn't have instruction in the areas Hull outlined.

**Approval Expressed**

The board expressed general approval of the idea, although no action was taken at the meeting.

Lynn proposed that the schools consider a program of developing apprentice jobs for Torrance youth with local industries and

businesses. This program would be applicable both to potential "drop-outs" and to others who would prefer this kind of training to college preparatory work.

This proposal, too, met with favor. Indications were the board and district officials would expand both Hull's and Lynn's ideas into action after suitable study and planning.

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# City School Budget Tops \$15 Million

Torrance Unified School District is about to embark on the seas of planned deficit financing.

The district's proposed 1963-64 budget, submitted to the board of education this week, calls for expenditures of more than \$15 million, or almost two million dollars more than this year's operating budget.

More than a million dollars of the increase will go into instruction, about a quarter of a million for operation of plant, and a sim-

ilar increase in maintenance of plant. Increase in administrative costs will be about \$37,000, health services, \$11,000 and transportation, \$58,000 if the proposed budget were to be adopted in its present form.

**Changes Expected**  
Numerous changes will probably be made before the July 1 legal deadline for the board to adopt its tentative budget, but even though reductions will be made in many areas, the final budget is expected to be

over the \$15 million figure. This is because the preliminary budget offered for study does not include any contemplated salary increases for teachers or other personnel. The increase in the instruction budget comes from added personnel and automatic salary steps as the district continues to grow along with the general boom in the Torrance area.

More than 29,000 pupils now attend Torrance schools, and the figure should swell by an addi-

tional 2,000 or so next year. District administrators have offered a budget amounting to \$15,412,635, an increase of nearly \$2 million over the 1962-63 budget of \$13,550,542. These figures compare with the 1961-62 budget of \$11,808,676.

**\$1,432,932 Deficit**  
Projected revenue next year of \$13,979,703 will leave a deficit of \$1,432,932 to be made up by funds from the 50-cent tax override voted in for a three-

year period beginning in 1961.

Superintendent J. H. Hull explained to the board that in 1961-62 the override money was not used, and the district was able to bank \$1,339,673, and that this year a "profit" of \$160,667 is anticipated.

These monies, Hull said, will be used to supplement next year's budget. He said this was the general plan when the override was voted in 1961.

In general discussion of the problem, the board members—new president Bert Lynn, Bill Hanson, Al Charles, Dr. Kurt Shery and new member Polly Watts—expressed belief that in view of the district's continued growth, new revenue sources would have to be found for 1964-65 and future years.

**No Tie With Bond Issue**  
If the state law is not changed to permit a broader tax base, they indicated, another tax override election might be necessary. In any event, either by a tax override or by increased basic taxes, the price of education, like everything else, is going up.

These costs, it was pointed out, are for operation of the district. They have no relation to new construction to be financed by the school bond issue recently voted.

## Torrance Police 'Best in West' On Pistol Range

If you ever thought of trying to outrun Torrance Police Dept. bullets—DON'T.

The department's four-man pistol shooting team demonstrated its outstanding marksmanship in convincing fashion this past weekend by capturing the championship trophy in the Southern California Practical Pistol championships, held at Redondo Beach.

Officers Noel Cobb and Donald Henry registered perfect scores of 250 each, while David Williams and James Daniels each hit 247 targets out of 250. The four-man combined score of 994 targets out of a thousand made Torrance PD the "Best in the West."

Cobb and Henry had the only perfect scores out of the more than 200 entries from all over Southern California.

## Watson Warns Firms on Data For Assessments

County Assessor Philip E. Watson said today, the Business Division will be forced to enter its own assessments against those firms that haven't returned their business personal property affidavits.

Starting today, Business Division deputies will be sent to such firms to make assessor's estimates.

Watson suggests that these non-complying taxpayers return their affidavits immediately if they wish to avoid a visit from his deputies.



**TAKING OVER** the helm of Torrance board of education is Bert M. Lynn, center, elected president Monday night. Handing him the gavel is Dr. Kurt Shery, named vice-president as he began his second term on the

board. Polly Watts, left, was sworn in as the board's newest member. Mrs. Watts and Dr. Shery both polled more than 5,000 votes, the official canvass showed.

## Teen-agers Get Feet Wet in Business... Market Own Product with PacTel's Aid



**JOT IT DOWN** on this pad, says 16-year-old Steve Islander of South High. Steve is president of Junior Achievement company, "Noco," which has turned manufacture of pad into profitable business.

## TORRANCE POLICE SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE, MEMORIAL RITE

In recognition of the many law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties, the President of the United States has designated May 12 to 18 as Police Week and May 14 as Police Memorial Day.

Mayor Isen and the City Council have passed a resolution designating Police Week in Torrance to coincide with the National proclamation.

The Torrance Police Department will join the nation in paying tribute to these men with a Memorial Service in front of the city hall May 14, at 11 a.m. Ending Police Week, the Police Department will hold Open House at 3131 Torrance Blvd. on Saturday, May 18, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. During this time the public is invited to tour the Police Department and its facilities. Off-duty police personnel will be hosts during this time and will be happy to answer any questions that may arise.

## Youngsters Vie in Science Show

A total of 195 Torrance youngsters competed in the third annual science fair sponsored by the Torrance Unified School District.

The \$25 bond for the winning physical science exhibit was donated by the Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers. The bond for the same amount awarded to the winning biology project was given by the South High School faculty.

These awards went to Carl Evans of South High School for his exhibit "Lunch Photography;" and West High's Richard Deuel, whose project was entitled "The Effects of Tranquilizing Drugs."

Eleven teen-agers from South Bay area high schools have been getting their feet wet in the business world with their own company, "Noco."

The students market their own product—a 3x5 inch jotter pad mounted on a frame with a ballpoint pen and holder—and are finding out what America's free enterprise system is all about.

Pacific Telephone's information office at 375 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, was used by Noco as a display outlet where the product could be viewed by visitors to the office.

According to Steve Islander, Noco's 16-year-old president, it wasn't too difficult to convince the telephone company that the display "belonged" in its building.

Three telephone men gave advice to the teen-age company. Business management adviser is John Gray and the students are counseled in the sales and production aspects of business by Norm Boy and Bob Turner.

The JA program gave the South Bay youngsters a chance to organize and operate a small business. Officers are elected at the start of a school semester—Steve Islander was re-elected president in February—and the company sells stock.

All functions of an adult business operation are performed on a smaller scale.

Noco holds a meeting every Tuesday night in the Southwest JA Center on Imperial Highway in Hawthorne.

The company's initial product was a bamboo rake converted to a miniature Christmas tree. According to adviser Gray, "The trees presented their problems, but the achievers learned a great deal from the experience."

The jotter pad has greater promise, Gray said, since it is primarily designed for use by housewives near their telephones.

The group set up a display in the Hawthorne telephone information office on Hawthorne Blvd. initially, but it later was decided that more people would see it in the public office.

Noco, a shortened version of "novelty company," will close its doors when the 1962-63 school year ends in June.

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## Riviera 'Mother of Year,' 32 Area Couples Honored

Riviera Homeowner's Association honored the "Riviera Mother of the Year" at the Parkway School Monday night, according to John D. Haidinger, president.

Thirty-two couples were also honored by the homeowners. They were presented with the "Mayor's Award" by Mayor Albert Isen, for having modernized and enlarged their homes, thereby making Torrance's Riviera a more attractive place in which to live.

The honorees are: Messrs. and Mmes. John Maloney, Charles John, R. A. Beach, L. O. Heflinger, L. C. Musick, Henry Low, Michael Walsh.

Messrs. and Mmes. L. F. Crisfield, Webb Morrow, Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Karr, F. R. Seaholm, F. Berry, E. F. Lyon, E. Felkel, Merrill Bickmore, P. W. Irwin, E. Cable, F. J. Smith, Irving Lessin, H. Carpenter, J. Schwier, Charles Waters, E. Schefers, William Newell, L. Garwood, Robert Atha, Wade Peoples, Dan Saban, B. J. McComb, T. Baciu, R. Anderson.

Developers of the proposed high rise building on the former site of the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse will present architectural drawings of their plans and it is expected that some Rivierans will protest the erection of the high rise building.

Mrs. Roy Halpern, committee chairman, will report on her committee's activities on the proposed new homes on that part of Via El Sereno which is a private street.



**MOTHER OF THE YEAR** for Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Assn. is Mrs. Clara Byrne, second from right, selected this week in honor of Mother's Day this coming Sunday. Mrs. Byrne, of 1801 Camino de la Costa, who has two grandsons and five great-grandchildren, is mother of late Joe

Byrne, popular and prominent in local affairs. Helping her celebrate award are, from left, James Byrne, a great-grandson; John D. Haidinger, president of the home owner group; Robert Byrne, her son and father of two, and great-granddaughter Denise Byrne. —PRESS photo

## Pacific Telephone Rings Bells Here 50 Years

Pacific Telephone kicks off its golden anniversary of service to Torrance tomorrow with an open house at 2154 Torrance Blvd.

The celebration continues Friday. Hours both days are 1 to 9 p.m.

Manager Dick Pyle said visitors will see the information, business and employment offices in the modern, two-story building.

"Incidentally," the manager said, "our employment office is celebrating an anniversary of its own—having been established here a year ago last Monday."

He said more than 2,800 job applicants were processed during that year and 280 were hired.

The business office, which handles the records of more than 20,000 telephone users, was the first established in the building. It moved from 1307 Cravens Ave. in March of 1962.

Highlight of the open house may be the information quarters established last September. The "113" office has drawn state-wide attention because of its colorful and unusual aspects.

"For instance, the color scheme which incorporates turquoise switchboards, yellow walls and a gray floor give a cheerful atmosphere not ordinarily found in an information office," the manager pointed out. "Installation of equipment cabinets flush with the walls and placement of registers

and pipes into walls and ceilings lend a touch which is both safe and decorative."

He said the number of information switchboards will be doubled next month and that visitors will notice switchboards in the process of being connected.

The office handles about 25,700 "113" calls daily, a figure that is expected to increase immediately to 31,000 when the new switchboards are put into operation.

Telephone installation and construction crews will be on hand to show open house guests the tools and implements used in hooking up lines and other equipment.

Several times during each open house day a visitor will be selected for a free long-distance call to a point within the continental United States, Pyle said. Invitations have been mailed to subscribers.

"Here's an opportunity for everyone to see what we are doing to meet Torrance's explosive growth," the manager said. "I hope as many as possible will be able to come in, say hello and look around."

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