

# 34,499 Expected In City Schools For Fall Term

Torrance schools will open their doors to the largest student body in the district's 21-year history when 34,499 students return to class Thursday, Sept. 12. Manning classrooms will be 1,891 teachers and administrators. Registration of new students got under way last month at the high schools and began yesterday at the 36 elementary schools. Returning students registered last spring. Parents of new students who have not yet registered are advised to bring polio and measles immunization verification, proof of birthdate, and a previous report card.

**MORE THAN 200** new teachers will report to school a week early for orientation sessions. Returning teachers will attend meetings and prepare their classrooms for the new school

year Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 10 and 11. A recognition breakfast of employees celebrating 10 and 20 years of employment with the district is scheduled for Wednesday morning at South High School cafeteria. Orientation programs for incoming freshmen will take place Wednesday, Sept. 11, the day before the official opening of school.

Eight elementary schools have been assigned new principals this fall: New principals will be: Grant Logan, Crenshaw Elementary School; Michael Brajevic, Hamilton Elementary School; Mrs. Catherine Stock, Victor Elementary School; and Clark Merrill, Hickory Elementary School. Principals who have been reassigned include: Richard Liebovitz, Newton School; Hugh Dooley, Sepulveda School; George Marich, Sea-

side School; and William Zecher, Jefferson School.

New principals include: Scott Gray, Hickory School; Craig Kimball, Anza School; Darold Kusch, Fern-Greenwood School; Richard Sylvester, Madrona School; and Calvin Eubanks, Shery High School.

No new schools will open this fall. However, a new industrial arts building will open at North High School, a fine arts building and a student service center will open at West High School, and a new auto shop will open at South High School.

Additions to Hickory Elementary School and Madrona Elementary School will be completed before school starts and additions at Columbia School are expected to be complete by the middle of next month.

**UNDER** construction will be classroom buildings at

North, West and Torrance high schools, and a new library at Torrance High School. Elementary schools scheduled to have additions constructed during the coming year include: Hillside, Lincoln, Anza, Arlington, Carr, Casimir, Jefferson, Newton, and Seaside schools. Additions to the district service center are in the planning stage.

Boundary changes this fall involve only one school. Former Crenshaw School students residing in the area between Van Ness and Western avenues and between the San Diego Freeway and 190th Street will attend Hamilton School.

In the classrooms during the coming year, renewed emphasis will be placed on English, reading, economics, home economics, health and family life education, and the academically talented program.

To help first, second, and third grade pupils in reading, literature and language, a reading specialist will be assigned to each school. Third grades will be taught library skills during bi-weekly visits of a mobile library.

Emphasis in the semi-departmentalized program will be placed on reducing the number of teacher-pupil contacts. To achieve this goal, 13 of the largest elementary schools will have additional teachers.

New courses to be offered in the high schools include: mathematics laboratory, health and family life education, mass media review, the motion picture as literature, social health, machine lab, beginning folk guitar, computer programming and related mathematics, choral workshop, and English reading.

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**DONALD E. NASH**  
New Captain



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Lieutenant



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New Sergeant

## Torrance Police

# New Badges Given To Three Officers

Three Torrance police officers have been promoted in ceremonies conducted by Chief of Police Walter R. Koenig.

The officers are Donald E. Nash, promoted from lieutenant to captain; Charles B. Oates, from sergeant to lieutenant; and Harry Waugaman, who was named a sergeant.

Captain Nash, a native Californian who has lived in Torrance since 1939, was graduated from Torrance High School and attended

El Camino College. He enlisted in the Navy during World War II and was assigned to merchant and personnel transport ships.

**DURING** his last six months in the service, the new captain was assigned to the Provost Marshall's Office. He joined the Torrance Police Department in 1948. Prior to that he was employed by the Shell Oil Co.

Captain Nash was promoted to sergeant in 1956 and to lieutenant in 1959.

He has been assigned to the patrol, traffic, and detective divisions and has served as commander of the juvenile, personnel, and training divisions.

In his assignment, the captain will command the Investigative Bureau. He is the father of two sons, Donald and John.

**LIEUTENANT** Oates was born in Willard, Ohio, and attended school in West Virginia and Illinois, graduating from high school in Chicago. He holds an associate in arts degree in police science from El Camino College and a bachelor's degree in police administration from California State College, Long Beach.

A veteran of World War II, Oates was in the Navy and spent most of his tour of duty in the Western Pacific Theatre.

Lieutenant Oates was appointed to the Torrance Police Department in 1955 and promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1964.

**OATES** is vice president of the Peace Officers Research Association of California. (See POLICE, Page A-3)

## Appliances, Suits Taken From Home

A Labor Day weekend vacationer returned home Tuesday to find his home had been burglarized to the tune of \$1,422.

Missing from the home of Alvin N. Drucker, 724 Calle de Arboles, were a television set, an electric typewriter, a lady's gold watch and diamond necklace, a revolver, five men's suits, and other items of value.

## Sharon Seeks Title

By HENRY BURKE  
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America, the Beautiful, is on display this week in Atlantic City, New Jersey, home of the Miss America Pageant.

One of the 50 beauties is Sharon Kay Terrill of Torrance who hopes to become the sixth Miss California contestant to reign over the 48-year-old pageant.

Sharon, who will be 22 in November, is the fifth oldest participant. Her maturity and disposition are most qualifying credentials for Miss America. During the talent segment of the contest, Sharon will present a poem interpretation.

The pageant got under way yesterday with a parade on the boardwalk. Floats sponsored by resort hotels and leading businesses carried the girls across the boardwalk. There were 32 parade units and 23 marching bands.

Judging of 15 of the girls, including Sharon Terrill, begins tonight. The final showdown for the 15 finalists will be presented Saturday night on NBC Television.

Although the pageant began with yesterday's parade, Sharon arrived in Atlantic City late Friday night from Santa Cruz where in early July she was crowned Miss California. Enroute to the Miss America Pageant she stopped in Minnesota for an official visit with Governor LaVandor. She was accompanied by Marjorie Kay Langley, Miss Oregon.

**OTHER** highlights of Sharon's reign as Miss California have been various visitations. Her most satisfying experience was a meeting with Governor Reagan. She was also guest of the Miss Texas Pageant which selected Miss Shirley Diane Huggins as its Miss America contestant.

In an Atlantic City interview, Sharon reiterated she has no desire for show business. Her primary ambition is to raise a good Christian family. Miss Terrill said she arrived early in Atlantic City to do some sightseeing prior to Tuesday's opening pro-



**MISS CALIFORNIA . . .** Posing at the Haddon Hall Hotel in Atlantic City in preparation for the Miss America Pageant is Sharon Kay Terrill of Torrance. The 21-year-old blonde is one of 50 girls seeking fame and fortune on the famous Boardwalk. The winner will be named Saturday night. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Controls on Oil Wells Approved

City Councilmen turned a deaf ear to protests from local oil well operators Tuesday night, passing a stiff emergency ordinance to clean up hazardous conditions in the South Torrance oil fields.

The measure requires that every oil well site on industrial land must be completely enclosed by a chain link or grape stake fence or a masonry wall at least six feet high topped by a support for barbed wire.

In commercial or residential areas, the wall must be masonry or grape stake.

**THE ORDINANCE** further provides that storage

tanks and heaters must be kept reasonably free of rust and must meet the requirements of the Uniform Fire Code.

All oil well sites must be kept free of debris, pools of oil, weeds, and trash.

Councilmen responded to pleas from area residents that current conditions in the oil fields are not only unsightly but also dangerous to curious children.

Mrs. Genevieve Burchfield, 24017 Huber Ave., urged councilmen to pass the ordinance, stating that oil well operators act only "when threatened."

However, a minority (See OIL, Page A-3)

## Columbia Park Development Cited by City

By NATALIE HALL  
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Charges of "hypocrisy" and counter charges of loss of local powers rang through City Council chambers Tuesday night as councilmen found themselves divided on an issue intimately linked with the proposed Columbia Park.

In a 4-3 vote, the local lawmakers elected to become members of the controversial Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The city must join SCAG in order to collect \$387,852 in federal open space funds, needed to purchase Columbia Park land.

Councilmen's vote on the SCAG issue mirrored the 4-3 voting pattern that has emerged on many recent council issues: Councilmen Donald E. Wilson, Ross Sciarrotta, Ken Miller, and Jay Beasley voted for the association, and Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen William J. Uerkwitz and Orin P. Johnson opposed the issue.

"I think we're headed for metro government for sure," Councilman Johnson said in objecting to SCAG.

**JOHNSON** also predicted that SCAG would soon raise

its \$650 annual membership fee and eventually cost the city much more.

Councilman Uerkwitz objected to the fact that the city must join SCAG in order to qualify for the grant and questioned the actual need for federal funds.

"If we can't do it ourselves, maybe we don't need it!" Uerkwitz exclaimed. "Let's don't spend the money if we haven't got the money."

The Councilman also looked askance at the possibility of SCAG interference with local affairs. "We can do our own planning," Uerkwitz said. "We have no need for outsiders to tell us how to plan."

**TAKING** up the opposite point of view, Dr. Wilson pooh-poohed the idea that SCAG would grow into a regional government and usurp local powers. He pointed to the "hypocrisy" of refusing to join SCAG when the city is a member of so many areawide groups such as the Metropolitan Water District.

Councilman Beasley brought out the fact that the city of Torrance has accepted federal aid for many items such as schools and (See SCAG, Page A-2)

## Late Rubbish Collection - - -

Trash collections in Torrance will be one day late this week due to city observance of Admission Day, Monday, Sept. 9. Government offices and banks also will be closed. California was the 31st state admitted to the union, Sept. 9, 1850.

## Hula Hoop Champ Named - - -

An 11-year-old Torrance girl Sunday was crowned the Hula Hoop champion of the nation. Marilou Jones, a fifth grade student, won the national title in competition in Los Angeles. To win the contest, Marilou came up with the hip 'n flip, wrap the mummy, the stork, the buzzard, double trouble, and the free form movement.

## Tax List Published - - -

A list of Torrance area tax-delinquent properties is published in today's editions of the Press-Herald. County Tax Collector Harold J. Ostly said the properties have been sold to the State of California and may be redeemed only by payment of taxes due and other penalties prescribed by the state. The list begins on Page D-2 in today's editions.