

More Job Training Needed in Schools

H. Harold Lippard, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, today urged area citizens to focus more attention on the vocational programs of local schools as one means of helping solve a growing national problem.

Lippard said creation in America of a more enlightened educational climate is part of a "make America Better Program" of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

"Under our present educational system," Lippard said, "too often overemphasis is exerted to influence all youngsters to become graduates. While this goal should not be withheld from any who are qualified, many educators also take issue with the stress demonstrated.

"Some children are not equipped to pursue a college career," he explained. "Others dislike the academic routine so intensely that they refuse to cooperate. Yet, they may have a strong instinct to work with their hands, to learn a trade."

THE NET RESULT is that we have hundreds of thousands of dropouts. These dropouts, many of whom have tremendous drive and genuine abilities, often turn their energies into vandalism or criminal activities," Lippard added.

"The direct loss to society is staggering," he said. "But the greater loss is the failure

to use the tremendous energy and potential of a large segment of our population."

The Realtors' Make America Better Program suggests that schools make positive efforts to channel the energies of these young people productively, Lippard said. One method is to make available exploratory courses in technical training at early stages. These courses would

determine if the youngsters might be served better in vocational training than by a college preparatory curriculum.

"IF VOCATIONAL training or exploratory courses are not available until the youth reaches high school, it is often too late," Lippard pointed out. "The child should be given an opportunity to find himself when he is 10 and 12 years old. If the academic route is most suitable, then he should be encouraged to continue his education through college."

Lippard cited three benefits to be derived by helping some young people at an early age into vocational avenues. It would reduce juvenile delinquency, it would add to a much needed

skilled labor pool, and it would create within the individual a spirit of dignity and self-confidence.

Citizens must share the responsibility, he added. Taxpayers should scrutinize closely any proposed school bond issue to see whether it is geared to modern times or ignores the need for more attention to vocational subjects.

Lippard explained that the Realtors' Make America Better Program is a seven-point plan with 49 proposals for action to help solve the major problems of America's cities and towns. Realtors seek the cooperation of all concerned individuals and organizations in implementing this program, he added.

Traffic Warrant Arrest Leads to Narcotic Charge

A routine traffic warrant arrest turned out to have more serious implications Friday when police found what appeared to be opium paraphernalia and dangerous drugs on the suspect.

Booked at Torrance city jail was Roger A. McManus, 23, of 1621 W. 221st St. Police arrested McManus at 4 a.m. at his place of employment, Honeywell Inc., 17300 S. Western Ave.

Police said they found two syringes, three needles, cot-

ton, and what appeared to be Second capsules in the suspect's pockets. A nearby drawer contained two white tablets and a charred spoon. McManus said that he was keeping the paraphernalia for a friend.

LARGEST COW

World's largest cow, owned by a Wisconsin dairy farmer, weighs 2,200 pounds, adn stands 62 inches high. Her name is Reflection Honey of Lakehurst.

Housing Equality Is Topic

"Equal Opportunity in Access to Housing" will be the topic of a day-long session on human resources to be conducted at the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy., Tuesday.

Co-sponsoring the 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. event will be the League of Women Voters of Torrance, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Inglewood-Hawthorne.

Featured speaker at the noon luncheon will be Miss Carol Shiller of the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council who will explain how her organization's programs relate to activities of local fair housing organizations.

Preceding the luncheon, league members will present a panel discussion on the relationship of recent fair housing legislation to the citizen.

As a follow-up to the day-long session, league members will develop guidelines for fair housing standards during unit meetings later this month.

The public is invited to attend the panel presentation and luncheon. Reservation chairman is Mrs. Harvey Rosener, 22705 Draille Drive, Torrance.

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