

# Torrance Cagers in Beverly Hills Tourney

## Survey Shows People Like Job Public Schools Doing

Sixty-three per cent of the people of California approve generally of the job the public schools are doing in educating children these days, and over 15 per cent more approve with some reservations, according to the Public Relations Advisory Panel of California Teachers Assn.

On the basis of an opinion survey taken in a typical California city last August and just made public, figures were announced this week.

The survey, sponsored by the CTA at the request of the panel, was conducted by the Institute for Journalistic Studies of Stanford University, which selected Fresno as the typical community to be studied. It revealed that less than 14 per cent disapproved of the work the schools are doing and less than eight per cent had no opinion.

Highlights of the survey in which 623 voters were questioned, the panel composed of four educators and three businessmen, declared:

1. That young people, recent products of the schools, have more favorable attitude toward the job being done by the schools than older folks. Of people 45 and over, 59.2 per cent approve, while approval of persons under 45 was 66.2 per cent.

2. That people who have had contact recently with the schools through PTA, talks with teachers, and visiting schools, voted more approval than those with fewer school contacts.

3. That 70.8 per cent of the parents of school children registered approval of the work the schools are doing in educating children these days, and over 15 per cent more approve with some reservations, according to the Public Relations Advisory Panel of California Teachers Assn.

Persons interviewed were asked, the panel announced, to compare the performance of today's children in the 3 R's with that of children in former days. The results:

1. Twenty-eight and two-tenths per cent said children are doing better in arithmetic now, 27 per cent said children are doing about the same, 22.2 per cent said children were doing less well now, and 22.6 per cent had no opinion.

2. Twenty-eight and nine-tenths per cent said children can read better now, 21.7 per cent said children read about the same, 28.5 per cent said children read less well now, and 20.9 per cent had no opinion.

3. Twenty-two and eight-tenths per cent said children can spell better now, 27.5 per cent said children now can spell about the same, 32.7 per cent said children were poorer now in spelling, and 17 per cent had no opinion.

Groups Studied Percentages of approval of the job being done by the schools today were registered by various groups as follows: College graduates—63.8 per cent approved; persons who went to school only to the eighth grade or below—66.4 per cent approved.

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## ELLINWOOD

### Sullivan's Repay Blood Donors At Sumptuous Christmas Dinner

By JANET ROBINSON

James and Joyce Sullivan, of 4539 Highgrove Ave., chose a pleasant and unique way of thanking all the donors, who gave James pints of blood during his serious illness last spring, by having them and their families in for a Christmas dinner from 3 to 5 p.m. last Monday afternoon.

Eight couples were present, with their 14 children. They were the Paul Strubbs, Thomas Burns, Charles Duffys, Maurice Quins, Ralph Hernandez, Mel Wellies, and Jack Rice families.

Joyce said they had some games planned for the afternoon, but everyone had such a good time visiting that they spent their whole time doing just that.

Albert and Merla Wilson and two sons, David and Steven, of 4527 Green Meadows Ave., had a nice family gathering at their home both for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Albert's grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Wilson, his mother, Mrs. Gil Skimin, and Merla's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Tarpley, were all present for the Christmas festivities and they had dinner together on Christmas Day.

Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Klotz and Mrs. Skimin left for their homes in San Diego. The Klotzes just recently moved there. They spent some weeks with the Wilsons after coming to California from Iowa.

Brownie Troop 239 had a Christmas party in which they all participated at their co-ed campers home, Mrs. Ray Lee. Part of them also made candy at Mrs. Eamon Pickering's home. Those staying at the Lee home made cookies. After they finished their respective endeavors they had their party and ate with punch they made too.

Those cooking and eating were: Alice Dennis, Candace Fleener, Caroline Harris, Claudia Hoyt, Marsha Hurst, Vicki Lee, Joan Leichty, Marsha Moxley, Debra Pickering, Lucretia Trotter, Roxanne Werden and Kathleen Zurburg.

We have birthdays to report during the holidays too. Little Dickie Yates, of 4433 Newton St., celebrated his fifth birthday on Dec. 24, having 24 friends in his home.

The party was completely in the cowboy motif this year, including the invitations which were made in blue denim like levis with heavy twine as a belt. Gifts were given as levis and the cake was a big cowboy design. Games were played during the afternoon and a good time was had by all.

Janet Robinson also celebrated a birthday this week. A group of four couples went to Disneyland to attend the circus in the afternoon.

During dinner at one of the restaurants, they surprised her with a cake and some lovely presents. Afterward they enjoyed the beautifully lighted Christmas decorations and the many carolers.

Those out for the evening included Marilyn and Bill Forrester, Agnes and Roland Rogers, Barbara and Jack Dunsmore, and Orville and Janet Robinson.

## TORRANCE HERALD Sports

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### City Hoop Loop Launches 1956 Slate Tomorrow Night at THS

Six teams are primed for the opening whistle of the Torrancia Recreation Department's City Basketball League, which starts with a full three game slate tomorrow night in the THS gym.

Longren meets the Lutheran Men in the initial game of the 1956 season at 8:00 p.m. Knolls Drug then tackles Burchfield Rug at 7:55 p.m. and Kenny's Shoes tangles with Roy's Service in the 9 p.m. closer.

Games will be played every Tuesday night at the gym, 2200 W. Carson St. The first game will start at 8:50 p.m. with the second and third game of each week's triple header set for the 7:55 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Teams will have 15 minutes of grace before forfeiting a game because of insufficient players. Elmer Moon, city athletic director, said Friday.

Allen's Burgers, not in the league this year, were the champions of the 1955 winter cage loop.

First round play ends on Jan. 31, with the opening of the second part of the schedule set the next week, Feb. 7. The league closes on March 6.

Winning team will go on to the Southern California MUNY cage tournament.

SCHEDULE  
Jan. 3—Longren vs. Lutheran Men  
Jan. 10—Knolls vs. Burchfield  
Jan. 17—Knolls vs. Lutheran Men  
Jan. 24—Burchfield vs. Knolls  
Jan. 31—Longren vs. Roy's

Coach Norm Kettering's five top rated players, 75-70, in Los Angeles City College Friday night in the finals of the Sam Barry Memorial JC Tournament at Glendale, but couldn't quite catch the Cubs, who won out, 65-63.

The loss didn't take any luster from the Hawks' fine showing in the tourney, however. They squeezed past three straight foes in gaining the finals. In doing so Harbor surprised everybody, including themselves, as they weren't given any kind of chance to survive the first round.

Harbor meets Fullerton's Yellowjackets tomorrow night at Fullerton in a non-conference game.

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Jim Newman, 6'2" forward from Los Angeles' Jefferson High, led the Harbor surge. He got 20 in their win over Ventura and topped scores again with 23 against Orange Coast. The win for LACC in the final was its 19th in a row and erased any doubts the Cubs might be challenged for Southern supremacy in Jaycee cage circles.

Ventura's Pirates came back in the first game Friday night to smash El Camino, 61-68, for the consolation title.

George Stanich's Warriors' heart came back from opening round defeat by LACC, 88-52, to top Redkey, 77-74, and Glendale, 74-67, to square off with Ventura for the third place championship.

## Saxons, Tartars Face Rough Foes

Both Torrancia prep cage teams leap back into action Wednesday in first round play of the 14th Annual Beverly Hills Invitational Tournament with host Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Ventura getting most of the pre-tourney rankings.

Torrancia High meets Ventura's Cougars at 7 p.m. and North High tangles with a puzzling Mira Costa Mustang five at 2:30 p.m. in first round games.

Coach Fanny Markham takes his Tartar Varsity into the Ventura game with the squad's strength still a question mark. He has 6'2" junior Rich Ruffell as his main shooting threat, but hasn't come up with some offensive support.

Ventura has long been the breeding grounds for fine prep and junior college cage teams, but no record on the Cougars was available for this season's play.

Markham will open with Ruffell at center, John Usab and Kent Jackson at forwards, and Mike Kendall and Mike Bertolo at the guards.

Others Could Help Bertolo, Kendall and Jackson all have the potential of scoring heavily, but haven't been able to hustle up a good performance yet. Usab, who finally broke into the starting team against Redlands, is potentially the answer to Markham's problems. If he can come through with high scoring efforts and a climb the boards as he did in the Redlands game, the Tartars might come up with the one-two punch they need.

Certainly Ruffell needs some help from his teammates. Also slated to see plenty of action in the tourney are Tarts Tom Ito, Ron Waller, Rich Mason and Toby Venable.

Still Experimenting If the locals clip Ventura, they'll meet the winner of the Mochi-NHS game at 3:30 p.m., Thursday. If not, they'll drop into the consolation bracket and face the loser of the same game at 2:30 p.m., Thursday.

Coach Bill Wood still is experimenting with his quintet and chances may be the Saxons will surprise a lot of people soon. Although they've claimed only one win, the Saxons have been taking on football and cross country men and haven't had time to come up with a well-molded outfit.

Roger Snell, 6'4 1/2" the tallest cager at both schools, is in his first season of the sport. And he's looked outstanding in his only two games.

Other Tourney Teams Other teams in the tourney besides Torrancia, North, Mira and Ventura are:

COACH MAROONED BY FLOOD WATER Torrancia High Coach Dave Dana, whose home is in flood-ravaged Humboldt County, still was unable to leave the stricken area late last week and whether or not he will be back for the opening of school tomorrow is unknown.

Dana, a graduate of Humboldt State College, at Arcata, went home for the holidays and wired friends here early last week that he couldn't get in or out of the area. The Eureka area was one of the hardest hit towns in the Christmas floods in northern California.

Dana coached the Tartar basketball team last fall and is assisting Coach Fanny Markham with the THS cagers. He also is slated to take over as head baseball mentor at Torrancia this spring.

Chansley in Weather Test Sgt. Clyde E. Chansley, 23, whose wife, Doris, lives at 28005 S. Cypress St., Lonita, recently took part in cold weather squad and platoon test with the 6th Infantry Division at the Grafenwohr training area in Germany.

Carrying out tactical missions in sub-zero weather, the troops put classroom theories into practice.

Sergeant Chansley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Chansley, De Valla Bluff, Ark., is a squad leader in Company I of the division's 11th Regiment. He entered the Army in September, 1954.

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Public Notice TORRANCE HERALD-426 NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 1956, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Torrancia, California, a public hearing will be held on various proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Torrancia. All persons having an interest in any such amendments are invited to attend said meeting and address the City Council thereon. M-JAN. 2, 1956

LOCAL CAR... This 1956 Ford, sponsored by Oscar Maples Ford in Torrancia, and driven by Scotty Cain, will be one of favorites to cop 200-lap special today at Gardena Stadium. Track promoters have impressive list of stock car drivers entered in one of usual holiday NASCAR sanctioned races.