

State's Schools, Billion-Dollar Business, House 2,945,000 Kids

Cost of California's public school system now runs well over a billion dollars annually, according to an updated revision of the California State Chamber of Commerce study of public school finance in California. The study was prepared for the state Chamber's subcommittee on public school finance, with N. C. Hayhurst, Glendale, as chairman. The cost in 1955-56 was \$1,050,402,000. Included in the system are elementary and high schools and junior colleges.

Two Billion Spent
The study shows that California built over two and one half billion dollars worth of school plant in the 32-year period, 1924-25 through 1955-56. Over two billion dollars of this amount was spent in the last nine years.

Indication of the continuing growth in school system needs is seen in estimates that in the 12 years to 1970 public school enrollment will increase by nearly one half—from the present 2,945,000 to 4,345,000.

Enrollment Doubles
In the period from 1945-46 to 1955-56, school enrollment in California increased from 1,244,535 to 2,546,281, a total 11-year increase of 1,301,746. Continued migration to California, together with a greatly increased birth rate, had the effects of more than doubling average daily attendance in the 10 years to 1955-56. The 1,301,746 increase has had a serious impact on both school

finance and school classroom requirements.

The study brings out the fact that the large number of California school children which resulted from World War II entered the 10 grade in September this year.

Numbers Swell
An even larger number entered the sixth grade and will, with still larger preceding grades, swell both the elementary and secondary grades in succeeding years. The impact on junior colleges will strike in September, 1960.

Corresponding to the increase in student enrollments has, of course, been an increase in the number of full time teachers employed by districts. In the nine years, 1947-48 through 1955-57, the number of teachers increased 41,980, and in 1956-57, some 94,069 full time teachers were employed. These, by school level, were divided 58,722 elementary; 31,377 high; and 3,999 junior college.

Drunk Costs
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SCOUT SPEAKER... Robert Mooney, left, Director of Activities for the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, congratulates Robert S. Halliwell, who has been selected by speaker at the 13th annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner. The affair will be held Oct. 29 at the Biltmore Bowl.

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North High Students to Speak For Scouts at Eagle Dinner

Robert Halliwell, of 3723 W. 226th St., has been named boy speaker of the 13th annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, which will be held at the Biltmore Bowl on Oct. 29. Halliwell was chosen as the speaker over 11 other Boy Scouts, all winners in their own Districts of the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

A student at North High, Halliwell is on the Student Council and is Commissioner of Clubs. He is a member of Scout Troop 996 in the South Bay District, and among his Scouting awards are the public speaking merit badge, the God and Country award, and the Silver Moccasin award, which he received after hiking the 65 mile Silver Moccasin Trail through the San Gabriel Mountain Range twice.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Halliwell.

Alternates chosen are Dale Miller, 8986 Victoria Ave. South Gate, an Explorer in Post 543, and Robert Dewar of 1633 West 109th St., Los Angeles, a member of Troop 630.

At the Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, more than 400 professional men will host an equal number of outstanding local boys, all Eagle Scouts. The men and boys will be matched according to the man's profession and the career the boy would like to follow as an adult.

Dr. Arnold O. Beckman, founder-president of Beckman Instruments Co. is chairman of the Eagle Dinner, which has as its theme, "Preparedness."

Planners

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Single-family residential zoning for property along Doran Ave. between 182nd and 186th Sts. will be discussed at a hearing on Nov. 6. Subdivider George Steinkamp presented the request.

Also to be heard on Nov. 6 will be the request of the Aspan Land Co. for a change to residential zoning on property northwest of 182nd and Doty Ave.

Variance Okayed
Luther D. Goode's request for a variance to build a two-bedroom home on his lot at 1628 Date Ave. was recommended for approval, providing the lot is never split.

Two tracts, containing 65 lots, were recommended for approval, while a hearing was set Nov. 6 on the plans of George Chacksfield to build 456 homes northwest of 190th and Crenshaw.

A 50-home tract southwest of Spencer and Madrona, presented by the Norris Construction Co., was recommended for approval provided sewers are installed, utility poles are located in the rear, and necessary street is dedicated to the city.

Tract Approved
R. A. Watt's plans for 15 homes northwest of 182nd and Doty also got a green light provided the homes do not exceed 1250 square feet, utility poles are in the rear, and 10 feet is dedicated for widening of 182nd St. It was pointed out that the 5000 square foot lot sizes conforms to those in the area.

Planners indicated considerable interest in a "swap meet" proposal at the Radium Drive-In Theater, but suggested that a variance be obtained.

"Swap Meet"
Under the proposal, the operation would be similar to one in Paramount in which residents, for an admission fee, bring items they want to sell or swap to the theater's parking area. The items, of all descriptions, then are sold or traded in an old country fair style.

The Commission moved to deny the requests for business licenses of Southwood TV Service at 21328 Mildred St., and Pat's Radio and Electronic Service at 2247 W. 237th St.

Favorable action was given, on a year-to-year basis to the license requests of Mrs. Eleanor Valenzuela, 22645 Anza Ave., and Belle Elaine Harrell, 23702 Susana Ave., for child care. Similar approval was given to the request of Mrs. Mary Lou Collins, 3330 Dalemead St., providing all requirements are met. Mrs. Earl T. Eisinger's request for a center at 3515 W. 187th St., was held over.

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Shell Explodes

Fred Prosch, 11, of 18102 Faysmith Ave., was injured slightly Friday when he tried to detonate a .22 shell with a hammer.

The shell exploded, inflicting a minor flesh wound to the youngster's right hand.

The accident was reported at Crenshaw School.

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