

State's Special Districts Now Exceed 3000, State Report Says

Sustained growth of the special district concept of local government is reflected in the fact that 3038 such districts were in existence in California in the 1958-59 fiscal year. This is the first time that the total number of special districts in this State has exceeded 3000, according to State Controller Alan Cranston. The total for the prior year was 2982. Cranston's office issued a 439-page report that summarizes the financial operations of

the districts for 1958-59. It shows their total income to have been \$287,525,865 while total expenditures amounted to \$284,297,593. Income increased by \$61,826,959 over the prior fiscal year and expenditures by \$54,547,420.

"IT IS NOT surprising to find that Californians rely heavily on the special district form of government," Cranston said. "Probably nowhere else

in the United States is the trend toward urbanization more pronounced than it is here. "This centralization of population breeds public needs, and only through special districts can many of these needs be satisfied."

Cranston said 1108 of the district were governed by county supervisors and the other 1930 by local boards.

OF THE TOTAL income,

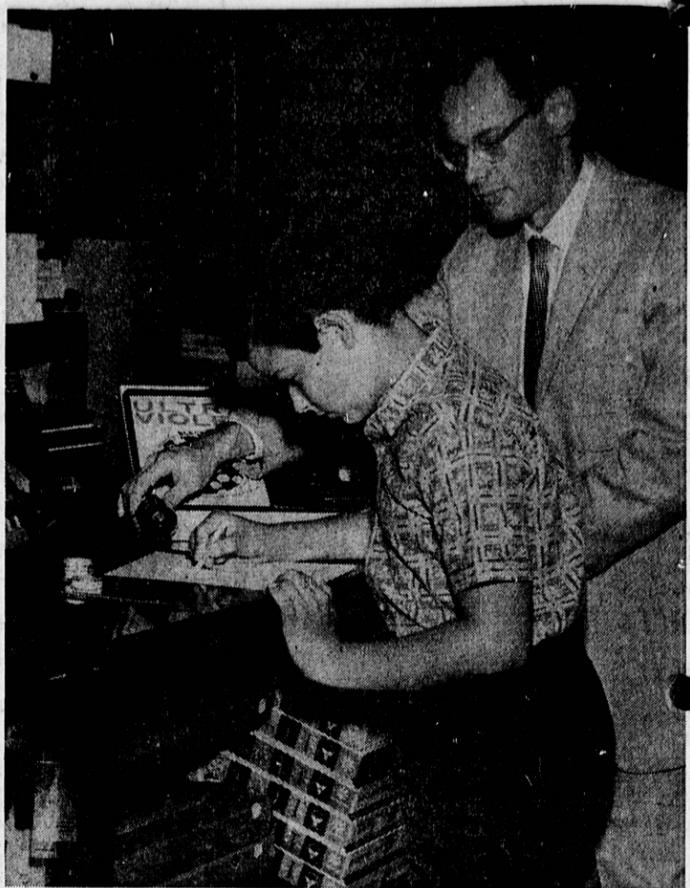
services accounted for 53 per cent, taxes and assessments for 38 per cent, subventions and grants for 3 per cent, and miscellaneous sources for 6 per cent.

On the expenditure side, salaries and wages accounted for 37 per cent, other operating expenses for 36 per cent, and capital outlay for 27 per cent. Total bonded indebtedness of the districts at the end of the 1958-59 fiscal year was \$671,329,431, an increase of

\$205,315,280 over the prior year.

THE DISTRICTS carried on 66 different classes of activity. Major groupings included 451 districts for fire protection, 429 for highway lighting, 168 for lighting maintenance, 251 for cemeteries, and 160 each for soil conservation and county water.

Those counties with more than a hundred special districts within their boundaries included Los Angeles with 347, Sacramento with 154, Fresno with 131, San Joaquin, 127, Contra Costa with 126, San Diego with 125, and San Bernardino with 103.



STUDIES BLACK LIGHT... At the May Co. Science Material Center, a young science student, John Morias learns something about the principles of fluorescence from a "black light" science kit. Here H. Richard Gebers, a Van Nuys engineer, shows John how to detect invisible writing. The May Co. Science Materials Center contains science kits for children of all ages, from 6 to 18. Among them are kits to teach atomic theory, light polarizers, microscopes, photo laboratories (that teach the theory of lenses), and others.

May Co. Exhibits Kits to Teach About Atomic Theory, Computers

Kits that teach youngsters science subjects—such as atomic theory, and how computers work—are now on display at Science Materials Centers in the May Co. stores, throughout Los Angeles area. With the kits, youngsters build working models of scientific equipment—including computers, ultra-violet laboratories, light polarizers, microscopes, particle accelerators (to teach atomic theory) photo laboratories (that teach the theory of lenses)—and others. One of the kits, a digital computer lab, will build over 50 different reasoning and computing circuits. It was designed by Edmund C. Berkeley, editor and publisher of "Computers and Automation," and demonstrates computer theory by solving arithmetical problems with electric circuitry. As a diversion, the kit can be set up to play logic games—such as tic-tac-toe—in which the machine cannot be beaten by a player.

SCIENCE Materials Centers are the brain-children of the 50,000-member Library of Science, a group of engineers, scientists, teachers, and scientific-minded laymen which in the past concentrated upon textbook approaches to teaching science.

The development program for the Centers is directed by H. Ruchlis, former president of the New York Federation of Science Teachers. Among his distinguished collaborators are: Dr. Paul Blackwood, specialist in science of the U.S. Office of Education; Harry Milgram, Supervisor of Science, New York City Elementary Schools; Dr. Alan Holden, crystallographer of Bell Telephone Laboratories; Professor Victor Gruelach of

the University of North Carolina; Dr. Norman Molomut, Director, Waldemar Medical Research Foundation; Leo Gross, radio-isotope physicist Beth Israel Hospital, New York City; Allen Strickler, physicist, Beckman Instruments Company; Samuel Podgor, National Bureau of Standards.

THE KITS created for the Science Materials Center recognize that scientific interests start even before a youngster enters school. Some are aimed at stimulating the youthful curiosity of the youngest child. Other "laboratories" have been designed for use by children of 8 to 18 years old.

Each of the Center's Portable Laboratories is an entertaining, safe and age-graded course in a specific field of basic science. The labs are all pretested by trained instructors in science classes throughout the country. By providing the necessary equipment, proper background and instructions, the kits allow the youngster to conduct a large variety of truly scientific experiments.

MOST IMPORTANT, young scientists using a Center laboratory learn to think to form a theory, predict results, test ideas—in the same way as the professional scientist.

Development of the Portable Laboratories has been hailed by science educators as one of the most important tools now available for the revamping of the nation's sagging program of science texts for children calls the Center kits "the biggest thing in science education in the last decade." Professor J. Darrel Bernard, head of the New York University department of science education, describes the laboratories as the most effective way to stimulate a child's interest in the wonders of science.

Moffitt in Oregon For Speech Tourney Charles Moffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffitt, 1434 Post Ave., is one of 10 Loyola University debaters in Corvallis, Ore., to compete in the annual Western Speech Assn. tournament on the Oregon State University campus.

Calvary Baptist Plans Service On Thanksgiving

A one hour service, beginning at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2818 Manhattan Beach Blvd. The Senior Choir will sing "Thank Be To God," under the direction of Kay Bareford. Martha Lacy will be the soloist, and the pastor, Rev. H. Earl Kuester, will bring the message, "In Everything Give Thanks."

Testimonies will be given from individuals who wish to praise the Lord for his goodness. The annual World Fellowship Offering will be received. This year, a special feature of this missionary offering will be to help the displaced Baptist missionaries from the Congo with their unexpected expenses.

The pastor will be bringing a message from 1 Peter at the 8:30-11 a.m. duplicate services next Sunday. The "Timothians," a group of youth who have yielded their lives to full time Christian service, will be in charge of the 7 p.m. Sunday service. Vernon Rollins and Tice Powell will divide the message time, and other youth will have parts on the program.

Special Service On Thanksgiving Day Scheduled

A special service entitled "Thanksgiving" will be held in all Christian Science churches in the United States and in many foreign countries in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Appropriate testimonies will be given by Christian Scientists in the congregation expressing their joy and gratitude for healings, protection, and spiritual growth, through their understanding of the love and power of God.

In a Scriptural passage the Psalmist sang "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth." "It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love," declares Mary Baker Eddy in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." She continues, "Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established. Again she says, "Unite Love is the divine way Christian Science."

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