

# School Building Program Threatened Without Bonds

"If the Sept. 18 bond issue for new school buildings fails to pass, all the construction in Torrance would come to a grinding halt, shortly thereafter," Asst. Supt. S. E. Waldrip told members of the PTA Council Tuesday. Present construction that would be immediately affected, Waldrip indicated, is the new Torrance Elementary School, Torrance High School rehabilitation, and additions to the Victor Elementary School.

Explaining the need for the bond issue, Waldrip said that the bond funds authorized would be used to add classrooms to Torrance, South, North and West High Schools; building three new elementary schools; and making additions

to at least five elementary schools.

"This construction must continue," he said, "if we are to be able to handle the 6,000 new students we know will be here in three years and stay off double sessions. We cannot wait until these children begin knocking at our doors," he continued, "because it takes a minimum of 18 months from the time the voters authorize the borrowing of money until the facilities have been planned, built, and are ready to be occupied by students."

SCHOOL SUPT. J. H. Hull explained that all the money authorized by the public to be borrowed through the sale of bonds in 1958 would be used up by next January. "Much of

this borrowed money has been paid off in yearly payments, including principal and interest," he stated, "which is very similar to the way each of us borrows money for the construction of our homes and makes payments so that we will eventually own the property. The new bond authorization," he continued, "will merely allow us to borrow money as we pay back the money used to construct buildings presently occupied."

Waldrip explained that the state law will allow a school district to borrow money for building schools in the amount up to 10 per cent of the tax value of all the property in Torrance.

"THIS AMOUNTS to about

25 million dollars," he said. "A small amount of the tax bill each year has gone to pay back this money borrowed," he explained, "therefore, the passing of this bond authorization by the public is the same thing as saying 'As you pay money back, you may borrow more but you cannot raise my taxes because of it.'" The school officials assured the group that taxes would not be raised.

"The facts are simple," summarized Dr. Hull. "We are out of building money—our school population is increasing at a rate of 1,500 students a year—present school buildings are providing for a capacity school population. If we are to be able to provide space for these students and stay off double sessions, we must be allowed to plan now. That's the whole story in a nutshell," he said.

We already have one: marriage.—Kevin Keating, San Francisco, on establishment of a national lottery.

# Plan Family Bus Trip to Ice Follies

A family theater bus trip to 1963 Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies will be sponsored Thursday, Sept. 13, by the Torrance Recreation Department. The popular ice spectacle will be held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

The bus will leave Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., at 7 p.m. Costs, including Ice Follies tickets, transportation, and trip insurance, is \$3.75 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Youngsters joining the bus trip must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult.

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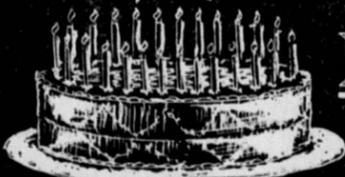
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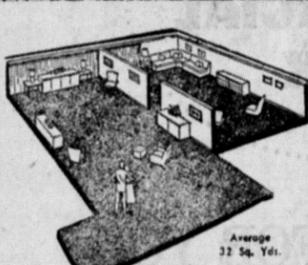
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