

Pace Stepped Up In Today's School, Says Educator

"The tempo of instruction in our schools is stepped up today to meet the needs of society and economic life," according to Walter Rehwaldt, Director of Instruction, Torrance Unified School District, in a statement released to the press.

Said Mr. Rehwaldt, "Many parents believe that schools should be run the same way now as they were run 20 or 30 years ago, but they must remember that television and tape recorders and super-bazookas have made substantial inroads in today's society; and it is the sacred function of education to keep up with the needs of society as they actually exist today."

"Many parents ask their children what they have done at school today, and frequently the answer is 'we saw a picture show,' and later it turns out that the picture show was an educational motion picture showing the children how people live, or how industries operate, or how trains, or planes, or boats play an important part in our lives. Actually, these films serve as a foundation for reading, writing, and arithmetic, for without a knowledge of the world around us, words in books would mean nothing but letters and unintelligible symbols."

"With the increasing complexity of modern life, we can no longer teach subjects in separate pigeon holes as we did years ago, for an important function of an individual today is to make decisions based on many different subjects. The inclusion of history, economics, and civics under the heading 'Social Science' presents these subjects in the same way that the child will be presented subjects in his adulthood. Schools in Torrance place great stress on the three R's and on helping the child to think his way in life and to settle problems that he will meet every day."

Atomic Bomb Defense Now Underway

California is proceeding with plans for defense against atomic bomb attacks.

This assurance has been given by Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, the state's new director of civilian defense, in an address attended by Mayor Bob Haggard and George W. Stevens, City Manager.

Mayor Haggard says that State Organization for defense is taking shape at the "local levels" with constant guidance from Sixth Army headquarters. According to present planning, civil defense must take its place alongside the military defense of the country, must be capable of rapid mobilization, and must be prepared to operate with little or no help from the military forces of the nation.

The objectives of an adequate civil defense plan for any city can be stated about as follows:

1. To save the greatest number of lives at the time of a disaster.
2. To be prepared to render the greatest possible aid to the injured.
3. To give the greatest possible protection to property.
4. By every means at hand, to maintain the morale of the city at its highest possible level.
5. To be prepared to go to the assistance of neighboring stricken communities.

An enemy would consider this community a good target for attack because in so doing, even if the effort was not completely successful, our war potential would be partially destroyed and the people would become fearful. The morale of the people would be low.

The civil defense plans would integrate all the forces of the community, professional and volunteer, under the departments of city government best qualified to cope with any emergency.

The police, fire and health departments are examples.

Advance Plans
Public and parochial schools are well advanced with their planning. Unified School Supt. J. H. Hull announced that planning precautions are underway.

At present time it is not planned to recruit large numbers of volunteers; that will come later.

Through the local unit of the American Red Cross, citizens should get as much training in First Aid, Home Nursing, and Nurse Aid work as possible.

Watch for announcements in the Press as the plans for defense are developed, and then volunteer where your ability will do the most good.

A community is more than just houses and people. It has a heart... our Community Chest. We must have aid for the sick, for homeless children, for desperate people. We must develop good citizenship in our youth. Help raise the funds for this work in the single annual Red Feather appeal.

Xmas Party

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area, and it will be complete with Santa Clause, and gifts of candy, fruit and nuts.

Paul Diamond, first vice president, is general chairman of the Torrance Lions, will be free to all children of the Torrance affair this year. The party probably will be held December 21 or 22.

Other committee chairmen named are: Roy Peterson, finance; purchasing, George Colburn; municipal cooperation, Capt. Roy Winters; program, Milt Isbell and Walt Schaefer; basket delivery, John Ott; publicity and printing, Frank S. Selover; basket clearance, Warren Hamilton.

As in years past, all surplus proceeds from the fund-raising drive which Peterson and his ways and means committee will stage for the Fifth Annual Lions Childrens Christmas Party will be used to purchase Christmas food baskets for needy families of Torrance. Last year, the club purchased 40 \$10 baskets of food with funds secured over and above the party cost.

Member Not Elector

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someone to take his place or else hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Jackson resigned from International Derrick & Equipment Co. on May 15 to take employment in Oregon.

It is pointed out that there is no criticism of Jackson, who was high man on the ballot at the recent school election, but it is feared that the Board of Education may be placing the fiscal affairs of the school district in jeopardy by failing to act according to law on Jackson's absence from the district and his resignation.

The County Counsel's office recently declared that where a member sells his home and takes employment out of California he cannot hold office on the Board of Education.

"Get Out & Vote"

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Drile, chairman of Torrance Democrats, and Jess Dean, treasurer.

In a brief review of his record, Brown, who has served many terms as district attorney of San Francisco, mentioned that he had received the nomination of the Republican as well as of his own party in San Francisco for district attorney.

He also said that "I have never been satisfied simply to be a prosecutor of crime. I have always tried to prevent crime before it occurs."

Brown, who is a family man with four children, said that he has always liked to go to labor unions and talk to them because they are always friendly.

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