

Summer School Signups Now Underway at Most Facilities in Torrance District

Sign-ups for summer school are in the Torrance Unified School District now is underway at most schools, according to Director Donald K. Duncan.

Classes will run for a six-week period, from Monday, June 25, through Friday, Aug. 4. Classes for both elementary and high school students are planned, designed to meet the needs of all children—bright, average, and slow.

Enrollment is expected to

be considerably larger than last year's 7500 average daily attendance, which was about one-third of the regular year's enrollment.

HS SIGNUPS

High school students will sign up for summer classes at their schools, while eighth grade students may sign up at the same time that they enroll in subjects for the fall term. Elementary sign-ups will be at the schools, with information to be sent home. Any child attending private

school also is eligible to attend if he lives within the city of Torrance.

Only changes in regular attendance boundaries will be for the summer only, that Victor area children may attend Flavian Elementary School, and Wood and Adams area eighth graders may attend Torrance High. No bus transportation is furnished.

GRADE CLASSES

Classes will be offered at all elementary schools where enough students enroll and high school courses will be offered in areas for which enrollment is high enough. Funds for summer school are furnished by the state, based on attendance.

Summer school courses are considered an extension of the regular school year, with work in subjects of special interest or need.

A feature of the program this year, as for several years past, will be high school classes for graduating eighth graders, to allow them to get a head start on their high school work or "explore" subjects of interest.

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Torrance Scout Wins Award for Saving Life of Younger Sister

A local Boy Scout has received the meritorious award for heroism from the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Star Scout Lawrence Till of Troop 948, sponsored by the North Torrance Lions Club, was credited with saving his sister's life.

The three-year old girl was playing in the back yard with a garden hose on Sept. 12, and was soaking wet when she stuck her finger into an exposed electrical outlet.

She received a shock, and was "frozen" and unable to pull herself away. Hearing her cry, Scout Till jumped over a fence, and by using a flying leap, was able to knock her finger away from the outlet, without himself receiving a shock.

The little girl was limp and not breathing, according to eyewitness reports, but the boy immediately started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

After about two minutes the little girl began to breathe again.

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awarded the Medal of Merit. The youngster learned mouth-to-mouth breathing in his Scout meeting.

Tenure Granted To 83 Torrance School Teachers

More than 900 Torrance teachers were officially rehired for the 1961-62 school year by Board of Education action Tuesday night, with "tenure" being granted to 83 teachers.

Rehired teachers, plus about 150 new instructors will serve the nearly 29,000 children expected in Torrance Schools this fall. The expected increase of about 2000 students will cause hiring of about 55 new teachers. Resignations of 95 teachers were accepted.

The number of Torrance faculty members on tenure will be about half of the total staff, as the result of the board action. "Tenure" means that a teacher has permanent status in the district as long as service is satisfactory.



RACER-WINNER—Fred Hansen, 12, is a study in concentration as he readies his miniature auto racer for a competition sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department. His creation won first place in his age category as well as the over-all design judging. Speed winners in other age groups were Lance Lofland, 6, and Dennis Petty, 14.

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South Bay Hospitals Will Celebrate 'National Hospital Week' May 7 to 13

Hospitals in the greater South Bay area will take time out during "National Hospital Week" May 7 through 13 to do a little bragging—and a little selling.

The "bragging" will be due to the fact that four hospitals today are in an area which a short time ago had only one hospital.

The "selling"—which will be done through open houses at each hospital—will be directed to South Bay citizens who go "out of" the South Bay to find hospital beds and medical care—unaware that their community hospitals can satisfy their medical needs, big and small.

South Bay's "family" of hospitals consist of Torrance Memorial, Riviera Community, Little Company of Mary and South Bay hospitals.

Three, four, five, or six years ago, the hospital picture was far different. In fact, South Bay's hospital bed shortage can be traced back to the beginning of World War II when the area's tremendous population growth began.

a period in which the greater South Bay population rose from approximately 172,000 to about 218,000.

But the hospital facility—arrival of three new hospitals and additions to the existing hospital.

In January, 1955, the one hospital had a total of 529 patients, and an average number of patients each day during the month of 51. In 1961, the total was 2124 patients for all hospitals, and a combined average daily census of 266. Total number of available beds in January this year was 473, compared to 63 the same date six years ago.

Torrance Memorial Hospital in January of 1955 had 138 births. The combined January of 1961 figure for all four hospitals was 332.

In 1955, there were two operating rooms available, and six years later there were 19. Surgeries showed a sharp increase from 204 in January six years ago, and 888 in January this year.

In the one emergency facility available in 1955, there were 41 emergency treat-

ments. This January with each of the hospitals having an emergency center, there were 770 treatments.

Combined hospital staffs are another indication of growth and medical capability in Greater South Bay.

In January, 1955, there were 100 doctors on the Torrance Memorial staff; 41 were specialists and 59 were in general practice.

Today, the total hospital staff roster is 946, which points up the fact that most doctors are members of more than one hospital in the community.

The professional staff growth shows a trend in the area of greater medical specialization. Where less than half of the staff at Torrance Memorial were specialists in 1955, today the combined figure of 946 has 666 memberships in the specialist category with 280 in the general practice category.

Laboratory tests administered to patients in January, 1955, were 1350. Tests given during the same period six years later were 13,766.

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