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City's Schools Bursting At the Seams, Hull Says

"A community can't grow from a sleepy suburb of 20 thousand to the third largest city in a county the size of Los Angeles without bursting the seams of its schools," said Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District.

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and formed its own district in 1947, the schools had less than 2,000 students, the superintendent said. "Today, not even 20 years later, the city is seven times as big as it was and the schools have 17 times as many students."

ACCORDING TO city manager Edward Ferraro, only four cities in the entire United States exceeded Torrance in percentage of population growth during the 1950-60 decade.

This year Torrance passed Glendale, populationwise, to become officially the third largest city in Los Angeles County with a population of 137,573 as of Jan. 1. "Each month the population increases 1,000, which means that we have already passed the 140,000 mark," Dr. Hull stated.

In the past year, city growth has resulted in an increase of 43,647 light meter installations, 524 new water meters, and an additional 931 gas meters.

EFFECT OF THIS growth, the superintendent said, is that the Torrance schools have run out of room.

"We have more students than we can house this fall," he stated. "Much as we dislike the thought, it looks like we are going to have to conduct double sessions for the first time in five years. We have used up all the money we had available for building schools. The only way we can solve our crisis is if the voters approve more school construction bonds in the June 7 election. Proposition FF on the ballot would provide \$9 million for building classrooms. If the voters give us the two-thirds majority we need and approve school bonds, schools will be able to keep pace with city growth."

Armed Forces

Pvt. James G. Wilson Jr., whose parents and wife, Robin, live at 2026 W. 237th St., completed a communication center specialist course under the Reserve Enlistment Program at the Army Armor Center, Ft. Knox, Ky., May 19.

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Show Given by 'Barkley for Senate' Group

Fashions of the hour were viewed by supporters of Dick Barkley, candidate for State Senate in the 25th district at the Westchester home of Mrs. William Prouty, campaign manager, last Friday. Among those in attendance were Mmes. Richard Collins, Willard Lobitz, F. Humphrey, A. Range, John Burns, John Stoakes, Dan Geiger, D. Parsons, Barney Jackson, Patrick McGarry, Dale Frazier, David Ayers, and Dick Barkley. Mrs. William Caldwell of Brentwood commented on the fashions and Mrs. Joe

Mount assisted as one of the models. Desert and coffee were served. A coffee reception is scheduled at the home of Mrs. Joe Mount Friday, June 3 for Barkley. Any registered Republican in the area interested in attending may call 670-7600 or 670-2657 for reservations. Barkley will be present to answer questions on election issues. Barkley's wife, Marlene, was honored by Assemblyman Charles Chapel for her civic leadership in the community. The award, in form of a signed State Seal, was received last week.

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