

Bonds Needed for Torrance Schools—Hull

Whether or not Torrance youngsters will be back in double-sessions for the first time in five years will be determined at the polls Tuesday when voters decide the fate of a \$9,000,000 bond issue. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, warned Torrance residents this week.

Proposition FF is earmarked for school construction. Bond funds are being sought to build additional elementary classrooms, equalize facilities at the district's four high schools, provide fa-

ILITIES for the departmentalized programs at the city's elementary schools, and purchase land and build two new schools.

All bond money authorized by voters for school construction in 1963 has been used; and if the June 7 bond fails to get the required two-thirds vote, there will be no money available for any future school construction, according to the Board of Education.

Facing an immediate crisis this fall are 12 schools which

expect more students than they have rooms for. Double sessions appear likely at Hickory, Meadow Park, Wood, Jefferson, Carr, Newton, Walteria, and Yukon Schools. Classes will overflow into the music rooms at Anza, Magruder, Steele and Torrance Elementary Schools.

At the present time every school in the district is filled to capacity. Every vacant classroom — plus several music rooms, storage closets and cafeterias — has been called into use.

Enrollment in Torrance schools is growing at the rate of a classroom a week, officials say. In the district's 18 years of existence Torrance's enrollment has expanded from 2,000 to 34,000 students. It has averaged an increase of 1,200 to 1,500 students a year for the past several years.

"School enrollment has more than paralleled city growth in this period," Dr. Hull said. "While the city has grown seven times as big as it was, the schools have 17

times as many students as they had. As of this year, Torrance is the third biggest city in the county. As such, it needs 50 new classrooms a year to house its expanding student population."

If the voters approve school construction bonds, high school facilities to be financed by bond money would include: an industrial arts building and a physical education addition at South High; a student service center, music building, classroom building and auto shop at West High; a library

complex, rehabilitation of old main building and cafeteria, and demolition of old buildings at Torrance High; classroom building, industrial arts facility, bleacher seating and sanitary facilities, and rehabilitation of and additions to multi-purpose building at North High.

Elementary school improvements would consist primarily of 150 new classrooms wherever they are needed during the next three years throughout the district. Bond funds would be used to add rooms at schools presently threat-

ened with double sessions and to build two more elementary schools to relieve overcrowding.

To handle the departmentalized program, facilities would be adapted at every elementary school in the district. Improvements would include storage rooms, remedial reading classrooms, and enlarging student service centers.

Passage of the bond, according to school officials, would not increase the present tax rate inasmuch as the district is already bonded to capacity.

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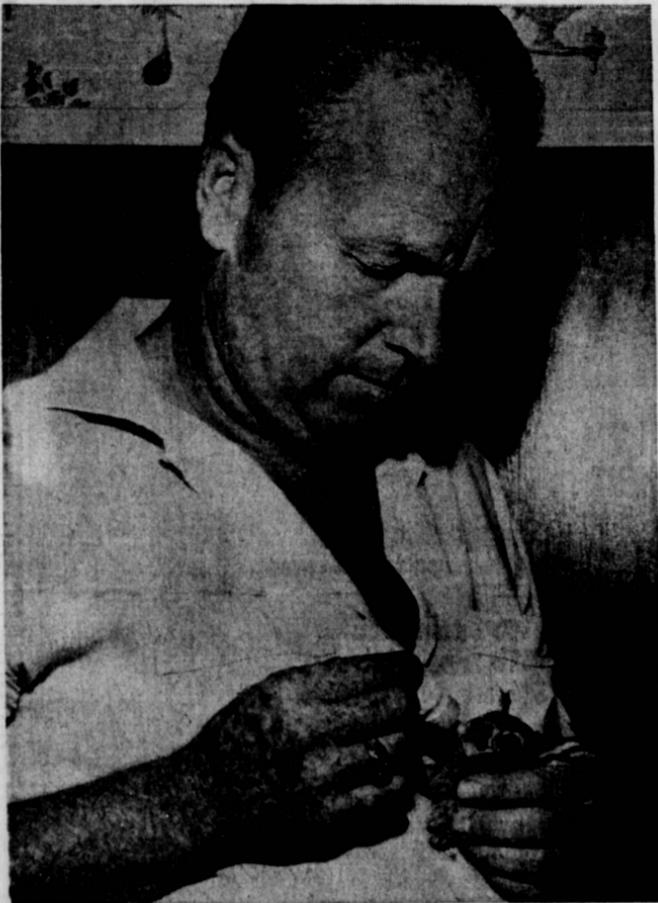
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SNACK-RABBIT . . . It was back to baby bottles for the Spence family last Sunday with the arrival of a month-old jackrabbit, found while James T. Spence was working swingshift at Shell Chemical Co. The rabbit takes warm milk from the toy baby-bottle pictured above about every four hours.

Everything's Jumping At the Spence Home

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Two bright, beady little eyes were spotted next to a track at Shell Chemical Co. by James T. Spence, of 17504 Cerise Ave.

Spence, who was operating a trackmobile Sunday eve-

ning, at first thought it was a gopher. "But I knew it was a rabbit of some sort the moment I saw those huge ears," said the Shell employe.

Closer inspection proved that the eyes belonged to a very young, very frightened

jackrabbit. Spence decided to take the furry little ball of fluff home and take care of it, much to the delight of two blue-eyed little girls.

"THE KIDS are crazy about him," said the 16-year Torrance resident. The little jackrabbit receives nourishment about every four hours from a toy baby-bottle filled with warm milk. Sometimes he drinks all of it (2 oz.) and sometimes he stops at the half-way mark.

"You can always tell when he's through," remarked Mrs. Spence. "It's when those tiny whiskers stop jiggling." The family refers to the rabbit as "him", but admits need of professional help to say for sure.

"WE JUST might be doing her a great injustice," laughs Spence.

"His" or "her" hindlegs are so much larger than the two in front that its body appears to be sitting on a "rake." The ears also seem out of proportion, being at least half as long as the rest of the torso.

When questioned about plans for the future of his new border, Spence told the Press-Herald, "We'll just raise him and keep him around as a house-pet."

He added that several of his neighbors have rabbits as pets.



CLOSET CLASSROOM . . . Classes for hard of hearing students at Crenshaw Elementary School are held in a closet, here visited by Dr. Kurt Shery, member of the Board of Education. Mrs. Ernestine Dunlap conducts the class amidst shelves of textbooks and supplies. School officials say such crowding would be alleviated with approval Tuesday of the bond issue on Proposition FF.

54,000 Eligible to Vote In Torrance on Tuesday

There are 54,324 Torrance voters eligible to go to the polls Tuesday to vote in the direct primaries. Of this number, 29,707 are registered as

Democrats, 22,612 Republicans, 1,271 declined to state and 734 were miscellaneous.

The 17th Congressional district saw 106,858 (69.2%) register as Democrats, 47,648 (33.0%) as Republicans, 3,558 declined to state and there were 1,930 miscellaneous. Total registration was 159,994.

In the 28th Congressional District, 163,967 (48.0%) registered as Democrats, 177,481 (52.0%) as Republicans, 9,587 declined to state and 4,386 were miscellaneous. Total registration was 355,421.

The 32nd Senatorial District saw 119,798 (72.9%) register as Democrats, 44,616 (27.1%) as Republicans, 3,498 declined to state and there were 1,756 miscellaneous. Total registration was 169,668.

In the 25th Senatorial District, there was a total registration of 242,498. 109,605 (47.1%) registered as Democrats, 123,215 (52.9%) as Republicans, 6,719 declined to state and there were 2,959 miscellaneous.

In the 46th Assembly District, 116,899 registered to vote. Out of these, 52,284 (46.4%) were Democrats, 60,409 (53.6%) were Republicans, 2,908 declined to state and there were 1,296 miscellaneous.

The 67th Assembly District saw a total of 83,810 register. Out of these, 54,895 (69.1%) were Democrats, 25,769 (31.9%) were Republicans, 2,092 declined to state and there were 1,054 miscellaneous.

In the 68th Assembly District, 73,830 voters registered. 49,627 (69.4%) registered as Democrats, 21,923 (30.6%) as Republicans, 1,502 declined to state and there were 778 miscellaneous.

MARINE GRADUATED Marine Pvt. Robert R. Garcia, son of Mrs. Margaret F. DeArman of 5307 Highgrove Ave., was graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego.

Report Victim Handed Note At Gunpoint

A young bandit, described as "good looking" by his victim held up a teller at the Security First National Bank in downtown Torrance Friday before noon, escaping with more than \$1,000 in currency.

Teller Marilyn Ireton, who was on duty at her window about 11:30 a.m. Friday, said the young man estimated at 20 to 22 years of age came into the bank from El Prado, walked directly to a table in the center of the bank and began writing.

He approached her and shoved a note across the counter, then lifted his "T" shirt to show her a revolver which had been tucked into his waistband.

The victim told officers she started to leave the window but was warned by the gunman.

"Come back here . . . move very slowly," she said she was told.

The bandit asked her for the 10s, 20s, 50s, and 100s from her cash drawer, and then asked for the 5s, she told officers.

"If you send anybody after me, I'll shoot them," the gunman warned.

The note, which the victim said she did not read, was taken back by the gunman before he left.

Police were told the gunman got between \$1,000 and \$1,500 from the teller's window before disappearing on El Prado.

Readings of Stage Band Charts Set

Readings of new stage band charts will be held in four sessions presented by the El-Camino College Stage Band under the direction of music instructor Calvin Greer.

Stage band chart is the name given to new sheet music which is still unfamiliar to professional and amateur musician groups.

The new charts, supplied by the Keynote Music Service, will feature various types of music including jazz, dance, and combo.

The sessions will be held in Room 52 of the Men's Gymnasium at El Camino College at 7 p.m. on June 28, June 30, July 5, and July 7.

Students Named To Dean's List

Two Torrance students are among the 721 students at California State Polytechnic College Kellogg Campus, Pomona, named to the dean's list for the winter quarter of the 1965-66 academic year.

Students are Jerome Lemberger, 22, senior social sciences major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lemberger, 4103 W. Artesia Blvd.; and Richard Specht, 21, junior electronics engineering major, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Specht, 4533 Cadison.

Chamber Banquet Set - - -

The annual meeting and banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has been scheduled for Friday, June 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will be held again in Manhattan Beach. Progress in major areas of Chamber of Commerce activity will be detailed in a printed annual report, President Bruce Jones said. John O. Schmidt will serve as chairman of the annual affair.

Council Meeting Delayed - - -

Because of election day on Tuesday, the regular meeting of the Torrance City Council has been delayed until Wednesday evening. The councilmen will convene at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers and consider the regular agenda.

Hospital Land Purchased - - -

A 35-acre parcel of land north of Torrance airport has been purchased for the new Torrance Memorial Hospital, according to an announcement by McCabe, Demetriou and Del Guercho, attorneys. The firm of Aetron, a subsidiary of Aerojet General, has been appointed general managers, contractors, developers, and engineers for the project.

Student Achievement Honored at West High

Certificates of recognition and trophies, for outstanding scholastic achievement, were awarded to 79 students at the fourth annual awards assembly at West High School.

Dr. Robert Ford, principal, welcomed students and parents and then introduced guests to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, Torrance Unified School District and Mrs. Kenneth Watts and Bert Lynn, Torrance Board of Education members.

A special "Chieftain of the Year" award was presented to Donald Gardner by student activities advisor, Mrs. Kay Denney.

The presentation of awards was followed by a traditional ring-turning ceremony by the members of West's junior class.

TROPHIES WERE awarded to the following students for outstanding academic achievement; Patricia De Fussi, art;

Anna Davis, business; Gregory Bostwick, English; David Forbes, foreign language; Patricia Eyer, home economics; Allan Rich, industrial arts; Stephen Gayer, mathematics; Thomas Somers, music; Stephen Faessler, boys' physical education; Patricia De Fussi, girls' physical education; Harold Pretorius, science; and Stephen Gayer, social studies.

Certificates were awarded to Jennifer Paddock, art I; Clare Nonoshita, art II; Janet Butts, art III; Margie Maas, general business; Roberto Braendlin, bookkeeping I; Linda Clements, business machines; Joanne Craig, record keeping; Sharon Walker, shorthand I.

Cheryl Nakaji, typing I; Earleen Gregory, typing II; Margery Snyder, English I; David Young, English II; Carole Patterson, English III; Jerry Martin, English I Genment; Patricia De Fussi, art;

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