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Soaring School Enrollment Adds Need for Safety

New high marks in both school enrollments and motor vehicle registrations, prompt Torrance police and educational authorities to redouble their efforts aimed at assuring the children protection from the hazards of traffic.

The problem is further complicated in many areas and age groups by a shortage of classroom facilities, which means that some children will be going to and from school in shifts.

And this in turn is going to require prolonged alertness on the part of motor vehicle drivers because more youngsters will be encountered along the streets and highways of Torrance for a greater number of hours during the day.

While constant attention to safeguarding the children from traffic hazards has paid off handsomely in the past, this is no time to let down say the authorities.

Young Lack Experience
Unrelenting emphasis on the need for their protection has brought a reduction of 35 per cent in fatal accidents during a period when enrollments nearly doubled and car registrations nearly quadrupled.

Yet, despite all the training the children are receiving in their homes and their schools, it must be remembered that the nature of the very young child does not change.

His youthful exuberance and his lack of experience, place the ultimate responsibility for his safety in the hands of the man or the woman behind the wheel.

The responsibility of the driver is obvious where beginners are concerned. It is almost equally obvious in relation to all children in the early grades. It takes years to properly indoctrinate them. They have a tendency to forget over vacation periods.

Alertness, however, is not enough. Authorities urge car owners to make sure now that their brakes and tires are in good condition, and that their motors are functioning for perfect control.

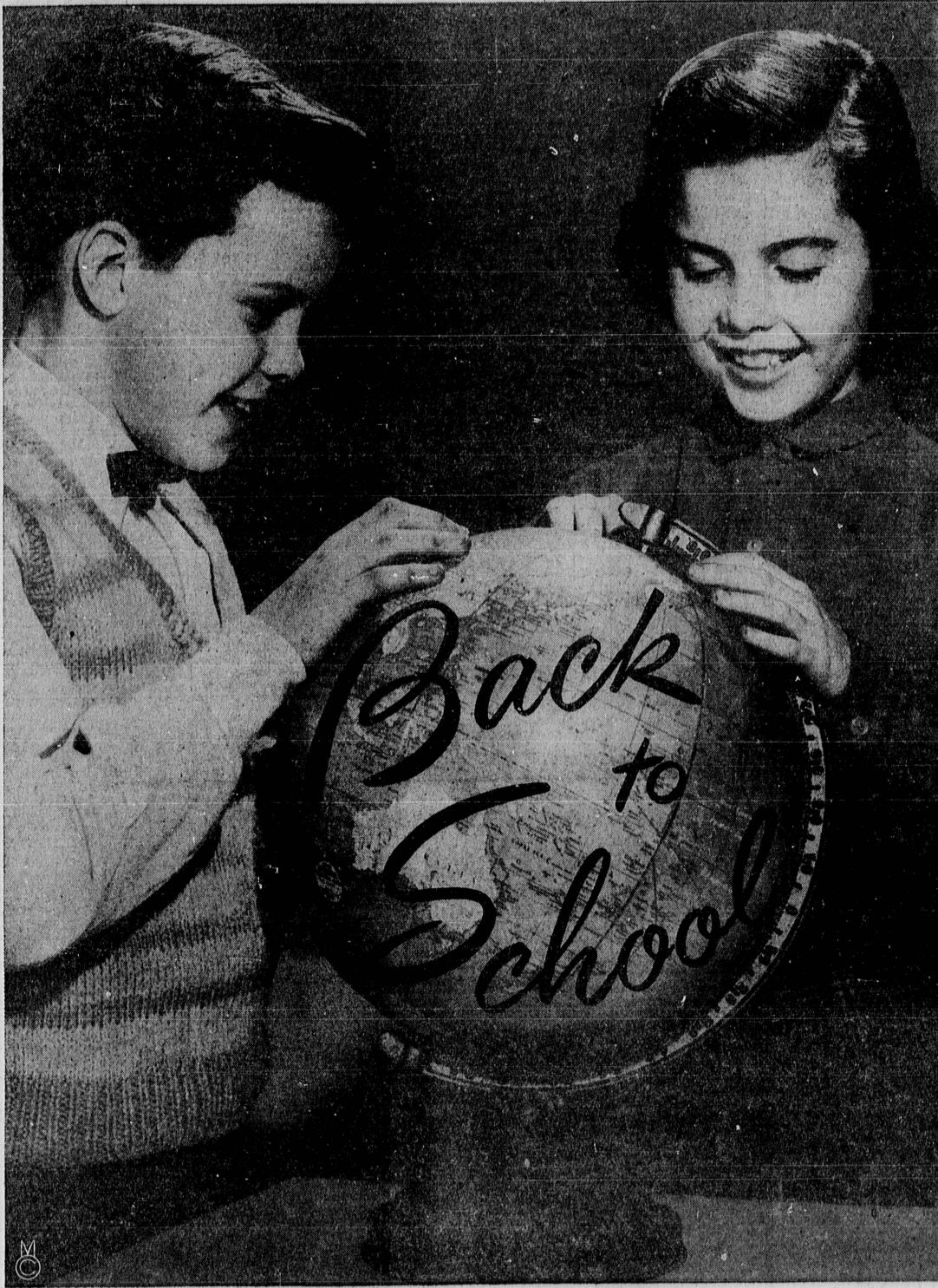
Advice to Parents
Parents, on the other hand, are urged to do their share in preparing the children for the school season hazards. The American Automobile Association suggests they make sure their children are instructed to:

- 1) Cross streets only at corners;
- 2) Look both ways before crossing;
- 3) Play away from traffic;
- 4) Watch for turning cars;
- 5) Walk on the left facing traffic when there are no sidewalks;
- 6) Keep away from between parked cars;
- 7) Be extra alert on rainy days.

Parents also will do well to urge their children to cooperate with their school safety patrols. Auto drivers who love children will do so without urging.

As a final caution to motor vehicle drivers, authorities point out that areas most dangerous to children are usually beyond the immediate vicinity of the schools.

That's why they ask drivers to be especially careful in all residential areas during the school season.



Torrance Building Program Puts School Administrators to Test

Building schools to keep pace with the city's rapid growth has occupied much of the time of Torrance school administrators during the past years. Right now the district is in the process of building a high school, two new elementary schools, and has several more schools on the drawing board.

The bid for the construction of the North Torrance High School was let by the Board of Education to J. C. Boesplug Construction Co. Ground was broken for the job Aug. 30, 1954. This contract is for the construction of the following units:

1. Administration wing consisting of principal and vice-principal offices, counseling rooms, teachers' workroom, health unit, attendance office, and adult education office.
2. Library wing with facilities to care for 80 students in a large reading room; conference room with a capacity of about 20 students; librarian's office and workroom; book storage for more than 10,000 books; and a receiving room for supplies.
3. Four classroom wings having six classrooms in each wing with rest room facilities for both boys and girls and student locker areas.
4. Home Economics wing consisting of two clothing and food laboratories, three classrooms, and student locker facilities.
5. Arts and Crafts wing containing an art room, craft room, and three classrooms.
6. The Science wing has chemistry, physics, biology, and general science laboratories.
7. An Industrial Arts wing contains two drafting rooms, a radio-electric laboratory, and two classrooms.
8. The shop wing is made up of a woodshop, general shop, and machine shop with each shop having the necessary facilities to serve each individual shop.

Low Cost
The plant under this contract will be modern to the extent of providing the essentials for carrying on a good high school educational program. There are a total of 44 classrooms in addition to the administrative and library wings. This portion of the plant contains 86,699 square feet of floor space with a student capacity of 1500. The contract was let for \$840,000, giving a square foot cost of \$10.84, which is a very good figure in comparison with costs in the state as a whole.

The Board expects to call for bids on the remainder of the plant in approximately 45 days. This portion will consist of the cafeteria, music building, gymnasium which will accommodate playing courts for both boys and girls. Shower and locker rooms are also a part of the gymnasium.

Elementary Program
Twenty-seven elementary classrooms will be made available for use for the first time this year with the opening of the Meadow Park School which will have 12 classrooms and an administrative unit to serve the area south of Sepulveda, avoiding some triple sessions at the Seaside School. Two new classroom wings will open at Waverly and Riviera. Each wing contains four classrooms and rest room facilities. Four bungalows have been moved onto the Carr site and three bungalows were moved to El Nido to help relieve some of the ever-increasing enrollment.

Two schools are now under construction but behind schedule due to the labor difficulties encountered in the building industry the last few months. The Crenshaw School, a pre-cast tilt-up concrete project, is well along. The plant consists of 14 classrooms and an administrative unit and multipurpose room. This project is being totally financed by the Federal Government. The Hillside School is being framed at this time. It contains 12 classrooms, a utility room, and an administrative unit.

Two complete schools are on the drawing boards at this time. The Carl Steele School, which will help to house a portion of the large subdivision east of Hawthorne between Del Amo Blvd. and 190th St., will be ready for State Division of Architects' approval in the near future. This is also a federally-financed project and will contain 18 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, and an administrative unit.

The Pacific School, which will

serve the large Ellinwood development south of Pacific Coast Hwy., as well as a portion of Hollywood Riviera, is also on the drawing boards. This school will contain 19 classrooms, a lunch patio, and an administrative unit.

In addition to the above projects, the Board has authorized the preparation of plans for portable classrooms to be built at the following schools: Perry School, two double classroom units and a double kindergarten unit; North Torrance School, two double classrooms and a double kindergarten unit; Seaside School, three double classroom units, a double kindergarten unit, and a lavatory unit.

Halldale School Opens Sept. 13, First Day Light

In order to squelch a false impression that the Halldale Ave. School starts when Torrance schools do, Miss Amanda Bonwell, principal, announced this week that Halldale School opens Monday, Sept. 13.

Halldale is in the Los Angeles City School System, thus starts a week prior to Torrance schools.

Minimum sessions will be held the opening day. Kindergarten children should report at 9 a.m. for registration; first, second and third graders will attend school between 8:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. and school for fourth, fifth and sixth graders lasts from 8 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Sign up New Students
New students are being registered this week, but school is not open today, Labor Day, or this Thursday, Admission Day. Parents were cautioned that pre-registration does not necessarily mean that their kindergarten children will definitely be admitted. The child must be in school the first day, Miss Bonwell emphasized. Those who are not will be put on a waiting list.

Halldale School will face an expected enrollment of 1300 students with a teaching staff bolstered by seven new teachers this year. Approximately 10 rooms, or about 350 students, will be on double sessions.

Students of PV Arrive, Campus Alive

The campus of Palos Verdes College is beginning to come alive again after its summer hibernation, as students and faculty arrive to make preparations for the opening of school on Sept. 13.

Many of the resident students are spending a day or two in redecorating their rooms and moving in their possessions, so that they may be free to renew old friendships and make new ones during the first week of school. Former students who are returning for their second, third, or fourth year at the College will arrive officially on Saturday, Sept. 11, to settle-in and make plans to welcome the newcomers in the student body, who arrive the following day.

Howards to Entertain
On Sunday, Sept. 12, President and Mrs. John A. Howard, assisted by faculty, staff, and returning students, will entertain for the new students and their parents at the Howards' new home in Portuguese Bend.

Monday the 13th, following registration, students are invited to drop in at the Howards for a swim in the pool, or they may go to the beach if they prefer surf swimming.

Among improvements to the campus which have been made this summer are a newly decorated kitchen and the acquisition of kitchen equipment such as utensils, a new coffee urn, and a new automatic dishwasher. Classrooms have been painted, furniture renovated, and a new athletic field leveled and seeded to lawn.

Watch Teen-age Diet For Deficiency

This may be hard for parents to believe on the basis of what they see with their own eyes, but nutrition experts say that teenagers are not getting enough to eat!

At a time when their diets should be equal to the demands made on their bodies and minds by the changes of adolescence and a heavy schedule of school work, teen-agers are undernourished.

This startling revelation comes from the Pennsylvania Human Nutrition Studies during which experiments were made among a group of teen-agers. It was found that girls, even more than boys, were suffering from food deficiencies.

The results were poor teeth, poor complexion, eyestrain and a low resistance to fatigue. What can be done about it? As the editors of Parents' Magazine point out, adolescents require more food than do grown-ups. But equally important is the need for a properly balanced diet. And this balance must start at home with menu planning.

Teen-agers are pretty intelligent people and, say the Parents' Magazine editors, if you make them partners in a project to improve the family diet, you'll find they have a real interest.

Here are some basic nutritional facts from which mothers will find it easy to prepare a great variety of balanced meals:—
PROTEINS, builders of bone and muscle, are found in meat, poultry, fish, eggs and cheese. They should be included in at least two meals a day for the growing youngster in addition to a daily quart of milk. Make the football hopeful realize this.
CARBOHYDRATES give young people energy. They are found in bread, cereal, potatoes and sweets and are very important, but should not be substituted for more essential foods. Many girls, the study found, were dieting by eating favorite sweets and cutting down elsewhere.
FATS, furnish warmth, combat fatigue and fight infection. Too often they are eliminated by dieting high school girls. Beauty-conscious daughter should know fats, such as butter, contain ingredients necessary for a healthy skin.
MINERALS, found in fruits

and vegetables are needed for bone growth and to keep the body functioning properly. All kinds should be served two or three times a day with emphasis on leafy vegetables, citrus fruits and tomatoes.
VITAMINS, essential to every one, are especially necessary to growing youngsters. Different ones are found in different foods. That's why it is so important for the teen-ager to eat a wide variety of food and plenty of it.

Check Facilities Now For Studying at Home

Homework, bane of the school child's existence, can be downright drudgery in awkward surroundings. The dining room table, situated in the mainstream of family traffic, is hardly the best place to concentrate.

Parents concerned about stimulating their children to apply themselves to their work, will do well to check up now, before the school term starts, on home study facilities.

Home Made School Togs Are Budget Wise and Appealing

Constant improvement in sewing machines, simplification of patterns and an increasing variety of new and easy-to-work-with fabrics can bring new joys to mothers preparing their children for the return to classes.

Here is the basis for the maternal counterpart of the "do it yourself" movement which has made a new and happier man of dad. Here is mother's opportunity to enjoy the satisfactions of expanding the wardrobes her school children should have.

"Sew it yourself" as a modern feminine movement, is rapidly spreading downward through the teen-agers. Sister, smart young fashion conscious gal that she is, learns from mother that the costume extras for which she yearns can be, if she makes them herself.

They Like It
Though economy is a good reason for home sewing, statistics show that 75 percent of the woman who engage in this activity, do it because they like to. Their

range of self expression in fashions is vastly amplified by the "sew it yourself" trends.
With the new sewing machines and their new attachments eliminating the need for much "hand work" the pattern people have met the challenge by providing up-to-the-minute fashions easily executed on the new equipment. There no longer is any lag between patterns and fashion trends.

And why should there be, now that mother can smock and shir, elasticize, pipe and otherwise fancy stitch school wardrobes. It's easy to hem, make button holes and even embroider, in addition to "sewing a fine seam." Working faster than ever to make the newest fashions available in patterns, the producers now offer complete kits for girls and also boys of all ages. And at this point mother shouldn't forget herself.



CAMOUFLAGE CUTIE... will be this classic coat of camel's-hair with its straight lines and handpicked trim. It's an all-events coat.