## EDITORIALS

#### Keep Schools Free

A number of amendments to the city's charter have been proposed recently and a public hearing on such pro-posals has been scheduled here for Jan. 10. Among the changes to be considered formally at that time is an amendment which would put school and city elections on the

The HERALD can not believe that such a change could be in the best interest of economics, efficiency, or most important of all—the welfare of the city's educational program.

Several obvious disadvantages of such elections dic-

- 1. It would expose the school elections to the petty politics which have marked Councilmanic campaigns, thereby possibly keeping many able and qualified candidates off the ballot who would not subject themselves to such a political scramble.
- 2. Costs of city elections now will exceed \$20,000, no school election yet has cost more than \$1000. Yet the school would be asked to share the costs of a consolidated election, probably far beyond its normal expenditures. This money could better be used for educational purposes.
- Tickets on both Council and School Board bal-lots could put one group in a position of power on both bodies—a most unhealthy situation.

Some proponents of the move to consolidate the elections have commented on the comparatively small turnout at school elections, giving this as one of the reasons for putting the two elections together. It is our belief that if the voters of Torrance were in any measure dissatisfied with the conduct of school affairs, they would turn out in large numbers.

Building, Babies Increased

Each registered voter of Torrance receives written notice of the time and place of all board elections, rent-free polling places are set up in Torrance schools, and wide publicity has always preceded any such election. The HERALD therefore feels that any suggestions that the selection of board members is not representative, has no basis in fact.

Population by 15,000 in '55

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nounced plans to build a new si,000,000 hospital on Torrance Bivd.

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Because of these and other apparent disadvantages this newspaper recommends that the proposal be dropped. The voters overwhelmingly endorsed split elections seven years ago, and the situation has not changed since that time.



## LAW IN ACTION

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IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL



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Back Glances At 1955

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The influx of families who move in to take advantage of the many three- and four-bed room home in to take advantage of the many three- and four-bed room homes being constructed in the city also filled the schools to capacity, with more than 4000 local youngsters now on double sessions.

At the beginning of the year, 13,027 children were enrolled in local schools. On the last school day of the year, 15,426 students were enrolled in classes, with 2600 in high school and 12,286 in elementary schools.

The double sessions continued despite the fact that the schools had taken out \$2,507.

Old In building permits and added 119 classrooms to the system. The opening of North High School releved double sessions at Torrance High School, and three new elementary schools — Hillstde, Newton, and Steele—helped the double session problem somewhat at the other 13 elementary schools. Additional classrooms were built at four other schools.

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The pasage of a \$10,000,000 bond issue during the year enabled the educators to make plans for an additional eight schools—one high school and seven elementary—and more classrooms at two of the r schools, to be ready next year. The school population is expected to be 19,000 next fall, rising to about 30,000 about 1965.

derway.

During the year, about 475,000 persons participated in various events sponsored by the Recreation Department, with 310,977 taking part in recreation events at parks and school playgrounds. Under the leadership of Director Harry Van Bellehem, more emphasis was being placed on year round recreational facilities for the whole family.

baptisms and acted at 40 fu-nerals.
On the Protestant side, Rev. Paul Wenske, of the First Lu-theran Church, reported an in-crease of nearly 150 members during the year, with congre-gational membership now at -about 889, with a Sunday

about 889, with a Sunday school enrollment of about 850.

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Commercial facilities also expanded during the year with 62 new units, valued at \$859,000, being started during 1955. Plans for the commercial zoning of north and south Torrance were processed by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council. A new shopping ce en ter, which will include a large department store, drug store, and other facilities was announced at 174th and Hawthorne Ave. to serve this area. The City Council restfrired a lease for a huge new shopping center at Creushaw and Pacific Coast Hwy., although final plans for this development have not been announced yet. New manufacturing facilities, worth \$1,991,130 were started in Torrance during 1955, with 83 new buildings or additions under construction. The Reynolds Metals Co. announced its plans to build a huge new aluminum plant here, which, togsther with the present Harvey Machine Co. should make Torrance one of the aluminum centers of the country.

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equipment in this area.

During the spring and summer, residents of north Torrance were frightened as six rabid dogs inflicted numerous bites on residents, with an additional 21 rabid an ima is found in nearby cities. Health authorities acted quickly to find the bite victims and no humans caught the disease.

After considerable discussion, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring compulsory vaccination of all dogs in the city against rabies. An estimated 4800 were vaccinated in four rabies clinics held here, while the remainder of the city's canine population were apparently inoculated elsewhere.

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During the year, the South Bay Humane Society picked up 4800 dogs, 9500 cats, and an assortment of skunks, honey bears, possums, rats, beavers, phessants, rabbits, a rank e s, and other animals. It also captured four vicious monkeys which escaped from a circus passing through the city, but failed to locate z "panther" reported in south Torrance.

Business at the Torrance. Business at the Torrance Post Office boomed during the year, with receipts exceeding \$400,000, an increase of about 18 per cent over 1954. Letters flowed through the Torrance Post Office and its two stations at the rate of 25,000 per day, with the peak Christmas flow near 200,000 on Dec. 19.

Life in Torrance had its tragic aspects during 1955, too. Six persons died in autoacidents, while an additional 247 were hurt in 331 accidents here. according to Police reports. Some 5100 persons were treated at Torrance Mememorial Hospital for varione Mememorial Hospital for vario

children during the 12 month period.

A A To the Was a big year for Torrance, but officials predict an even bigger 1956. City Manager George Stevens foresees a city of 85,000 by the time 1957 makes its appearance, and might be bigger than that if the proposed Victor tract annexation is approved by residents of the area and the City Council, as recommended by the Planning Commission. During 1956, the proposed annexation of a huge area in the Palos Verdes peninsula fell through after prolonged negotiations between the city and the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., owners of the land. This would have added an estimated 5000 persons to the city. Somewhere in the future, officials see a population of about 180,000 in Torrance's 18.88 square miles. That's a far cry from the sleepy little town of 12,000 which was here only 10 years ago.

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# AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

After hours tonight I'm hinking of one of the most common causes of unhappiness among my friends that I found here and abroad in 1955. It is universal... it occurs in all languages... under all standards of living. It is nothing else than ... Worry...

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Most of us ha ve worries. Some of them are so bad they seem insurmountable. Some of them are so bad they seem insurmountable. Some of them never really get solved but they are in the minority. Somehow, some way, genuine worries are overcome with faith and searfice. But my experience has been that the greatest majority of "worries" I run into all over the world are imaginary, or self-imposed. Since people will always have worries, why not turn them into beneficial channels? I found that it is possible to "worry" .. successfully. I don't believe "worry" is all to worry that's bad. My diction any defines worry "as to torment." That's the extreme definision. But it also says "undue solicitude or anxiety, which means a greatly exaggerated situation. I am convinced that some worry is necessary and essential for all or use. I am also convinced that most worry, read or imaginary can be handed intelligently and successfully. Here's how it sums up to me.

thought. If you can do sor thing about it . . . do M. you can't . . . drop it, or ti t over with your minister, your attorney. work them out one by one. Then rest a few days between worries. \* \* \*

#### Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER





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