

# Running School District Is Real 'Big Business'

Running a school district is real "big business," with officials handling \$24,000 this year and hiring 1375 employees. Superintendent J. H. Hull and school officials told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon.

Staff members from various departments of the Torrance Unified School District presented facts and figures on the operations of providing schooling for some 20,000 school children currently enrolled. It costs approximately 25 cents per hour per child each day of the school year.

Figures Cited  
Some of the facts and figures cited to show the variety of services and duties required to run a school system were:

The Torrance Unified School district this year will handle funds totaling about \$24,000,000. Of this, more than \$8,000,000 will go for operating expenses; \$2,000,000 for bond redemption; \$500,000 for cafeteria operation; and smaller amounts for other items. Some \$12,000,000 worth of construction work and planning will pass through the hands of school officials.

The school district employs 1375 persons, as compared with 1500 at National Supply and 1200 at General Petroleum.

Eighteen school buses hauled 1 1/2 million youngsters some 300,000 miles, using 63,000 gallons of gas during the past year. These included 28,000 trips to and from school and 3500 field trips. This was done

with four minor accidents and no injuries.

**1,500,000 Meals**  
To feed the youngsters of the district, the cafeteria served food including 71 tons of meat, 300 cases of canned meat and 1,300,000 bottles of milk. Approximately 700,000 lunches were served to children and teachers, with a sales volume of some \$300,000.

About 108,000 pencils, 68,000 pieces of chalk, and 31,000 boxes of crayons were used during a year by teachers and pupils.

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visual aids totalled about 5500.

Purchasing enough supplies for students required some 7000 purchase orders valued at \$1,000,000.

**Huge Lawns, Floors**  
Maintaining school buildings included work on 2 1/2 million square feet of lawn and 1 1/2 million square feet of floor, which used 3500 gallons of wax. Employees used 12,000 gallons of paint to cover 150,000 square feet of wall and 1400 pounds of putty to repair 985 broken windows. They also used 15,000 feet of pipe and 75,000 board feet of lumber.

The personnel department interviewed 2100 persons to fill approximately 180 positions open in the local school district, which hires about 800 teachers.

The cost of keeping one child in school for one hour is about 25 cents.

**LUMBER OUTPUT**  
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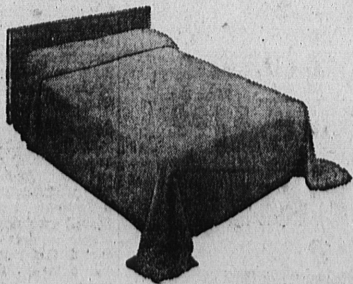
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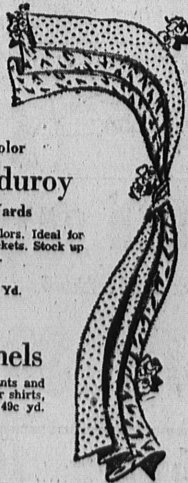
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