

National Magazine Cites Torrance School Plan

Torrance's "Little Red Schoolhouse" plan, in operation for the past three years at Writteria School, was the subject of an article in the education section of the Sept. 15 issue of Newsweek magazine.

Entitled "The Gradeless School," the article explained the operation of the local program and included a picture showing two girls in a multi-grade classroom. Pictured are Louise Hyde and Cathy Collins.

The elementary schools under a multi-grade system pioneered experimentally for the past three years," the article said.

"Essentially, the Torrance plan is a return to the old-fashioned one-room school," the article continued. "First, second, and third graders are still designated as such, but work together under the same teacher. As new 6-year-olds come in, 8-year-olds pass along to a second three-year multi-grade."

THE ARTICLE QUOTES School Superintendent J. H. Hull, who reported that tests show that children learned more reading, arithmetic, and English than those who went through the more customary single-grade classes. Neither pupils nor teachers were chosen specifically for the program, however.

Earster Omohundro, a parent, was quoted as favoring the program, and told some of his children's experiences in the multi-grade system.

Science Ed Group Changes Name, Expands Interests

The Torrance citizens' school organization formerly known as the Science Education Council has been reorganized and has adopted the new name "Torrance Citizens for Better Schools." It was announced this week. The change in name was recommended by the policy committee of the organization following several months of study and deliberation during which time the committee talked with similar organizations in other Southern California communities.

The retiring chairman of the group, Robert L. Younkis, stated, "Independent citizens organizations have been formed in more than 10,000 school districts in the United States. We believe such an organization can play a constructive role in Torrance."

THE DECISION to change the name of the local organization to Torrance Citizens for Better Schools was reached after reviewing the group's accomplishments of last spring and considering future areas of activity. Realizing that their real work should not be limited to science education, the group feels that the new name is more representative of the broader interests and backgrounds of the membership.

Adopted by the Policy Committee was the following statement of objective of the Torrance Citizens for Better Schools: "To support actively public schools in Torrance which will provide every student with the incentive and the means to develop to his fullest capacity, both as an individual and as a member of our society."

THIS SUPPORT will be carried out by means of the following procedures:

1. Promotion of increased interest in the Torrance public schools among the citizens of the community.
2. Study of the educational philosophy and methods of the school district, and evaluation as far as possible of the effectiveness with which the schools prepare the students for adult life.
3. Assistance in carrying out improvements to provide the best possible educational system in Torrance.

IN ACHIEVEMENT of the objective, members of the organization will work constructively with the Board of Education, the school administration, and all other interested citizens.

The group is now assessing specific member interests as potential areas of study. Individuals or groups interested in participating in future activities are invited to contact Richard Dodge or Mrs. Russell Haynes.

Promote Banker In Lomita Office

Kenneth D. Jurian, 3405 W. 168th St., has been promoted to officer in charge of personnel and interior operations at Bank of America's Lomita branch. It was announced today by John A. Minehan, bank vice president.

Durian, whose career with the bank dates back seven years, has spent most of that time at Gardena branch where he became junior officer in February, 1955. His promotion at Lomita branch is to the officer rank of assistant cashier.

A graduate of Iowa State University, he has also completed numerous courses of study at American Institute of Banking, the educational wing of American Bankers Assn.

Exam Date Set By Navy For ROTC Applicants

F. D. Fields, Navy recruiter at 16422 S. Vermont Ave., announced today that the 15th annual national competitive examinations for the Regular Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps will be given to interested high school seniors and graduates on Dec. 13. Application forms are now available and must be received before Nov. 15, he added.

Designed to supplement the officer output of the Naval Academy, the NROTC program makes it possible for a young man to earn a regular commission while studying at the civilian college of his choice which has an NROTC unit. All tuition, fees and books are furnished by the Navy, and the student receives an annual retainer of \$600 for four years.

During the summers the student takes part in training cruises as a midshipman. After completing the usual four-year college course, he is commissioned in the regular Navy or Marine Corps and goes on active duty as a prospective career officer with the Navy's far-flung fleets. For those who apply and qualify, immediate assignment to flight training will open new careers in naval aviation.

High school seniors and graduates between the ages of 17 and 21 may apply for the NROTC aptitude test. Those who make a qualifying score will be given a rigid physical exam early in 1956. From the pool of qualified young men approximately 1800 will be selected to begin their naval careers next September.

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Robert A. Wells, pastor, will continue his series of messages on "People of the Bible" with a message on "Lol—Who Had to Run for It" at worship services Sunday.

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8.00	47.75	12.00	34.00	32.87	32.74
8.50	52.25	12.50	38.00	37.12	37.01

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7.00	38.29	11.50	25.79	24.58	24.39
7.50	42.30	11.50	29.50	28.23	28.00
7.50	44.30	11.50	31.50	30.49	30.24
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