MusiC ©h.N. . .aciser Ronali J. La-ge listans to the
trumpet playing of Buddy Whipple, 7; Bob Betts, 12; and kenneth Stuart, 12, students in the instrumental musie
program at Crenshaw School. Torrance. More then 2000 elementary students are enroiled in the program. Buddy,
a second grader, is one of the youngest students in the
Problems of Music Insiructors
Come in Several Small Packanes
"I just swallowed the reed pupular instrument among stu-
dents was the trumpet, but the
diar.n.t" "I didn't think my violin clarinet and saxaphone seem to string would break if I tighten- be gaining in popularity, ac-
ed it just a little."
cording to the teachers. Fre"Teacher, Ive lost my buf. quenty, when trumpeters got
to high school, they found
foon." (He meant bassoon) Problems like these make bands long on trumpets and
Phen teaching interesting for the 11 short on other instruments. elementary instrumental music The district's 11 music teagh-
teachers in Torrance schools. ers serve the 30 elementary Their job is to help some 2000 schools, each teacher handling young musicians become as two or three schools, depend-
good on their instruments as ing on enrollment. They have Harry James or Jascha Heifetz. varied backgrounds, most hagvsigned to give students a orchestras, bands, or musical chance to learn to play instru- groups. Several studied abroad. ments ranging in size from the
piccolo to the bass fiddle. piccolo to the bass fiddle. miLTON MARCUS, music STARTING with one student and Carr has played with mu-
back in 1947, the program has sical groups led by such well grown today to the point where
there are about as many ele. telanetz, Howard Aarlow, Vic
ter there are about as many ele-
mentary music students as
tor Young, Howard Barlow, Vic
to Mark Warnow mentary music students as ore Yere students in the He has performed with the whole district 13 years ago. New York and Los Angele Nearly one of every 10 students Philharmonic Orchestras, as in elementary school is learn-
ing to play an instrument.
movie studios. ing to play an instrument.
Generally, instrumental mu- Adrian Pas sic instruction begins at about Hamilton, and Yukon instruc the fourth grade, although an tor, played with the Israel Symoccasional younger student is phony, national symphony of
enrolled. There are always Israel for two years, and with enrolled. There are always
some eager volunteers and gen- the U.S. Navy Band, among erally, the music program is others. Robert Simon of Newexplained to students at an ton and Meadow Park served
assembly. Then, those interest- as music director for a modern assembly. Then, those interest-
ed sign up.
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dance group in New York for IF A student chooses a $\begin{aligned} & \text { several years and has compos } \\ & \text { ed works for band, orchestra }\end{aligned}$ smaller instrument, such as chorus, and chamber music the violin, trumpet, or clarinet, he gets his own. Those who $\begin{array}{ll}\text { pick the large, costly instru- } & \text { FRANCIS SNYDER, Anza, } \\ \text { ments - bass fiddle, tuba, or } & \text { Adams, and Wood teacher, for }\end{array}$ drums - may use the school merly conducted the Colgate instrument. Lessons are given in groups played bass fiddle with the
to students by type of instru- Frankie Carle and Salt Lake ment played - woodwind, City Six groups. A first serbrass, string, or percussion. geant in the Army Eand, he After youngsters pass the recalls that his outfit "tooted
squeaky, screechy stage of a different kind of horn" in squeaky, screechy stage of a different kind of horn" in
playing, they may be promoted doubling as truck drivers on playing, cheol mand.
to the school the Burma Road.

Other teachers include Mrs. MANY OF THE elementary $\begin{aligned} & \text { Merlyn Wilde, Madrona and } \\ & \text { Fern Greenwood, who helped }\end{aligned}$ musicians continue to play in start the local program; Jerry lege bands as they move up. Andrews, Flavian, Steele, and lege
Most of the participants in the $\begin{aligned} & \text { Towers; Ronald Large, Perry, } \\ & \text { Crenshaw, and Madison; John }\end{aligned}$ recent all-star high school band Ducar, Seaside, Jefferson, and which marched in the Rose e e
Parade started playing instruments in elementary school. Way and Riviera; David SherEach year, musicians from
man, Calle Mayor, Huliside, and
Walter picked elementary school are Torrance Elementary, and Maelementary music festivals, gruder

This year the central music "One trouble with growing $\begin{array}{lll}\text { restival will be on Feb 17; the } & \text { older is that it gets progres- } \\ \text { south festival on March 10; } & \text { sively tougher to find a }\end{array}$ | and the north festival on | famous historical figure who |
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| didn't amount to much when |  | didn't amount to much when

he was your age." - Bill State Near Top Year in Road Deaths tality toll rose to within 81 ford M. Crittenden said the of- when it is known that the rate states highways and streets. nored the potential consequen- tions. Driving is too serious
of the all-time mark, final ficial tally was 3723 . The of fatalities per 100 million Many of these deaths were the ces of his actionfigures revealed by the Cali- highest year on record was miles of vehicular travel held result of mistakes or care- ces of his action.
fornia Highway Patrol showed 1956, when 3804 died in motor steady at 5.3 , the same as in lessness, momentary lapses "No mater what your job avocation. It is a business.



