

## District Calendar Set; 177 Days for Teaching

Students in the Torrance Unified School District will attend classes for a total of 177 days during the coming school year. School officially opens on Sept. 12, and closes on June 14, 1963. Included in the calendar are 23 holidays.



GARCON, TOOT SWEET!

Youngsters will enjoy a two-day Thanksgiving recess, and a 10-day Christmas vacation, Dec. 19 through Jan. 2 will constitute the two-week recess.

Other holidays include a week's recess for Easter from April 8 to 12, Veteran's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, and Memorial Day.

Graduation day is June 13, 1963, and summer session will get under way on June 24. Several teacher institutes are also included on the calendar.

Report card dates for elementary schools are Nov. 16, Jan. 25, March 22, and June 14. High school students will get grades on Nov. 16, Feb. 1, March 29, and June 14. Semesters end on the second and fourth report card dates for each group.



**BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS . . .** What looks like turmoil is really a young lady doing routine work in the Torrance schools' Educational Materials Building. Mrs. Frances Henderson is processing new textbooks and library books for the 37 schools in the district. Daily delivery is provided for the teachers in the district.

### Educational Materials Library Filled to Top

If all of the library books and textbooks in the Torrance schools were laid end to end they would reach from Torrance Beach to Big Bear Lake, via San Bernardino. If they were placed end to end vertically, the top book would be far enough out into space to go into orbit, according to Roderick McDaniel, educational materials administrator for the Torrance Unified School District.

McDaniel agrees that these statistics have little or no practical application to the welfare and education of children, but they do provide the interested bystander with an unusual picture of the magnitude of the educational materials available to the 30,000 students in our schools.

"THE MOST important objective of the professional educational materials staff," he stated, "is to provide the right book for the right student at the right time." Books, films, filmstrips, records, tape recordings, and other teaching aids are provided to each Torrance elementary classroom teacher in amounts ranging up to 300 items.

One of the unique features of the educational materials center is the "open-stack" operation in which teachers may shop with a market basket, selecting books and other materials considered necessary for the abilities, needs, and interests of the students in their classrooms.

Daily delivery service is provided between the educational materials building and all of the schools in the district. The procedure provides a current and up-to-date library in each classroom.

"DUE TO the large volume of circulation," stated Dr. Posner, assistant superintendent for educational services, "it is possible for a teacher to return books and obtain a new supply of books at any time. For example," he continued, "so-called 'fourth grade textbooks

### UCB Shares Net 40-Cent Return

Directors of the United California Bank have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share. The dividend is payable Sept. 27 to shareholders of record Sept. 12.

### Picnic Slated

Former residents of Blytheville, Ark., will meet Saturday, Sept. 1, at Torrance Municipal Park for a "get-acquainted" picnic. Soft drinks and coffee will be furnished.

and library books' are not restricted to use in the fourth grade classroom. It is possible for a teacher of fourth graders to obtain books ranging in difficulty from beginning reading through the high school level if she has students who need these materials and are capable of benefiting from them."

According to Superintendent J. H. Hull, the educational materials services of the Torrance Unified School District are designed to complement our policy of "taking the ceiling off of learning."

## University Extension Program

Richard D. Guengrich, North High School principal, has been appointed area representative for the University Extension at UCLA.

Established last year as a major center for the University Extension, North High will again be headquarters for the University's adult education courses in the greater South Bay.

GUENGRICH, who holds a B.A. degree from Pepperdine College and is presently a candidate for a doctorate in Education, was formerly principal of a San Diego high school. He has also served in the Lompoc school system.

University extension classes, which will begin during the week of Sept. 17, will be offered in Torrance, Lawndale, Inglewood, Wilmington, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Gardena.

SPECIAL EVENTS have also been scheduled for this area. Among those to be held in Torrance are a series of lectures on "World Arts and Culture: The Americas" and a series on "Land and Life in California."

Advance registration and information bulletins listing complete area classes and special lectures are now available. Requests for the bulletins should be directed to the University Extension at UCLA, or by telephone at Bradshaw 2-6161, station 721.

### Evening Humanities Class Set

Harbor College will offer, for the first time, an evening section of "Humanities I" during the fall semester, it was announced yesterday by Dwight Garner, chairman of the humanities division.

This course will appeal to many, since it is an introduction to the development of human ideas, arts, and institutions of Western Civilization from the Renaissance to the present.

"Humanities I" will be given on Monday evening from 6:30 to 9:30, starting Sept. 17. It offers three units of credit, which is approved for transfer to University of California at Los Angeles, Long Beach State College, and University of Southern California.

AT ALL the above institutions, the course will meet either the Music or Art Appreciation requirement or will be given elective credit. It will not meet the General Studies or Man and Civilization requirement in the area of history, but it will be a valuable addition to the background of any student of the Liberal Arts.

Miss Jeannine Peters, the instructor in the new evening class, received her master's degree at USC in humanities and is a counselor-teacher at Stephen White School.

Applications are now being accepted at the college for early registration. The last day to file application for the fall semester is Sept. 7.



**NAMED EXTENSION BOSS . . .** Richard D. Guengrich (right), principal at North High School, is pictured discussing fall plans for the University Extension with Dr. Richard Baisden, associate director of campuses and centers for the extension. The conference followed the appointment of Guengrich as area representative for the University Extension this fall.

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