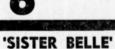
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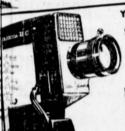
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## School Dropout **Problems Faced** By Legislators

How to get our children over the many hurdles they must surmount before they go out into the world on their own will always be a major prob-lem. Our triple-threat attack on lem. Our triple-threat attack on the problem — home, church, and school — has achieved magnificent results over many generations, as the soundness of our society testifies. Yet there are signs on the horizon that the team needs more back-ing up, if it is to meet demands on it.

on it.

One of the areas in which trouble is apparent is the number of youngsters who drop out of school before finishing their courses. These individuals rep resent a great loss to our so-ciety because their skills and talents are not completely real-ized, as well as a real drain on all our community resources.
Because there are so many different types of such cases,
specialists have given the name
"divergent youth" to the whole

RECENTLY A subcommittee RECENTLY A subcommittee of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Education held a hearing on divergent youth, and what and could be done to remedy the problems involved. Spokesmen for school districts, county education departments, the University, and the state department of education offered their views and opinions, and recommendations for legislative, action were submitted. ed their views and opinions, and recommendations for legis-lative action were submitted.

The group was informed that the term "divergent youth" includes not only actual and potential drop-outs, but also delinquents and near delinquents, the emotionally disturbed, the culturally deprived, and those enforcing from speeds condiculturally deprived, and those suffering from special conditions. The culturally deprived come mostly from the rural South, have little or no experience with city life, and little contact with schools. Many youths have no motivation to learn develop behavior problem. learn, develop behavior prob-lems, and may even become de-linquents before they can be legally released from school.

"WE WILL continue to turn reported.

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
How to get our children over the many hurdles they over the many hardes they go teachers' representative. Smal-ler class sizes, and more coun-selors were suggested as par-

tial answers to the situation.

The subcommittee was reminded that the state department of education conducted a ment of education conducted a three-year study of emotionally disturbed children in public schools. An effort was made to secure state funds to reimburse school districts for the added costs of properly teaching such students, but proved unsuccessful. It was said that a bill for this same nurnose will bill for this same purpose will be introduced at the 1963 session.

THE DEPARTMENT recommends and is supporting pas-sage of a bill to provide extra state funds to school districts in densely populated areas where problems of divergent youth are particularly acute. However, the department feels that in order to develop a com-prehensive attack on all phases

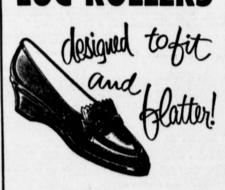
The subcommittee was told that problems such as those of divergent youth point up the dire need for the state to step up its studies of such matters, and to increase its share of the financial support of adequate educational opportunities for all the youth of California.

## **Measles Cases Noted Locally**

Four cases of measles were noted in Torrance by the Los Angeles County Health Department's record of reportable diseases for the week ending Nov. 10.

One case of mumps and one of gonococcal infection was reported.

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