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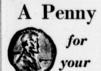
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# BANK SUSPECT STILL AT



Thoughts

asked several Torrance Student Council members, "What is the value of student government at the local high schools'

sophomore

though student has increased my knowledge of Torrance High and how the school is run. I only wish everyone

were as lucky as I am in learn-

Jane Allen, ASB vice presi-

"Without the schools would be boring and dull, and inactive as far as



government, the students have a voice and chance to prepare for future leadership."

Karen Keller, senior prexy: Council is



more exciting. I've learned a lot about lead-

lot out of it. Everyone who has the chance should run for an

Carol White, commissioner of group con-

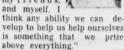


students a chance to have a system of representation.
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voice their opinions this way and get a good education in political science, too."

Jeff Carpenter, commissioner

"The value in student gov-ernment is the faith that one develops in fellow stu-dents. It is an opportunity to help my school, my friends.



How Much? How Long?

#### **Board Faces Decision** On School Override

By JERRY REYNOLDS HERALD Staff Writer

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told board of education members and a large audience, "we must put our values for children ahead of our concern for taxes," dur-ing a discussion of the Feb. 4 override election in the Torrance district.

was between higher taxes or curtailment of the number and quality of services now offered by the Torrance schools.

The trustees devoted much board must make a decision on the amount and term of any

### Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors, on motion of Burton Chace, has accepted the cityhood petitions filed by the Committee for the Incorporation of Car-

R. B. Keith, chairman of the group, was present with members of his committee. Keith told the board that the signatures represented 30 per cent of the property owners and 33 per cent of the area's assessed vaulation.

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proposed override by the Oct.

Watts agreed, but also said a change will almost certainly three-year term would permit a lower override of something valuation of the city. Dr. Hull, who cited the example of Louisville, Ky., told board members that the choice was between higher taxes or mind, but that he was definated assessed valuation. The tax initely decided on a three-year

Board President Bert M. Lynn suggested the board use The trustees devoted much of their four-hour meeting Monday evening to the coming override tax election. The board must make a decision. include a 25-cent override for the same term, allowing voters to vote for a 60 cent or an 85

cent override tax.

The plan was ruled out, however, when Dr. Louis Kap-Okay Carson lan, assistant superintendent for special services, told the board the idea is prohibited by law. Dr. Kaplan said the wording and form of the ballot is spelled out in state law.

In a coepting the petitions, in motion of Burton Chace, has accepted the cityhood petitions filed by the Committee for the Incorporation of Carson.

In accepting the petitions, which were certified as more than sufficient by clerk Goraton Nesvig before presentation to the board, Chace noted that I've learned a lot about leadership on the council. It is a lot of work, but I've gotten a lot out of it. Everyone who has a lot out of it. Everyone who has group, was present with men. 000 districts, Waldrip noted, only 132 have more than 25, 000 students.

Trustees of the Torrance state to match local school Unified School District have funds on a 50-50 basis.

The board voted to act on ent hills were submitted to the

agreed to seek the cooperation of other state school boards in putting an initiative measure before the voters to force the

Bert M. Lynn, who said that petitions would be easily filled if PTA's could be enlisted. Lynn said he deubted such a measure would ever reach the voters because mass action would pressure the legislature into acting first.

single effort was return the school situation to a balanced position.

The board voted to seek support from the California School Boards Assn. at its convention in San Francisco later this year. Mrs. Kenneth Watts, a member of the board, restricted to the school situation to a balanced position.

Currently, the state provides member of the board, reabout 40 per cent of the funds in the average school district. Suggestion is one worth work-the ratio remained stable at 50.50 during most of the the liberature.

50-50 during most of the the the financing of the Torrance

district now.

Vote on State Finances

The problem also has been complicated by the announce-IN RESPONSE to a question raised by Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, a board member, Albert Charles indicated he believed that a five-year override at 90 cents would be needed. Mrs. Watts agreed, but also said a three-year term would permit a lower override.

The district currently col-lects a total of \$2.90 per \$100 cludes a \$1.65 legal maximum, and added to that a 75-cent unlimited override tax voted in 1957. In addition, a 50-cent override voted in 1961 and due to expire at the end of this fiscal year, also is collected. Failure to renew the 50-cent override would drop the district rate to \$2.40 per \$100 valuation, further reducing district revenues.

ADDED COMPLICATING factors include new state pro-grams, such as the elementary (Continued on Page 3)

## CC Board

The City Council has been urged to take another look at the recommendation to open fire and police chief examina-tions to qualified outsiders. The Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Com-

merce, passing on the recommendation of its Governmental Affairs Committee, voted unanimously Tuesday evening to "go on record" as opposing the City Council rejection of the page as a supposing the component of the page of the comments of

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LITTLEST FAN... Lauresa Bare, two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Gwen Bare of Torrance, probably holds a record for being the smallest interested fan at the North-South football game last week, Mrs. Bare, a teacher at North High, attends games regularly with the youngster. Little Lauresa seemed to be having a ball with her pop corn. (Herald Photo)

#### September Permits Total \$10 Million

Building activity in Torrance | topped the \$250,000 figure for

peak was recorded, but the trend has been slightly upward since 1960. It is expected total 92 new homes. Several permits

#### Truck Crushes Two-Year-Old

year.

Robert Curtis Day, 349 W.

construction will top the \$50 million mark by the end of the

California Highway Patrol offi- cars. cers that he did not see the

#### Three Held For Record Bank Heist

the masked bandits who took \$80,000 in cash plus other securities from a Torrance area bank Friday morning is still being sought, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation told The HERALD yesterday afternoon.

vestigation told The HERALD yesterday afternoon.

The suspect, fourth to be implicated in the robbery which has been described as the biggest in Southland history, has been the object of an all-points hunt since the arrest Saturday of three others charged with implication in the robbery.

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ARRESTS began early Saturday when Raymond A. Vigneau, 26, of 26025 Narbonne Ave., was apprehended by Santa Barara County officers and Califorina Highway Patrolmen near Buellton in northern Santa Barbara County.

His arrest was followed by those of Jorge Velasco, 25, of Lawndale, janitor at the bank who claimed he was forced to cooperate with the bandits Friday morning, and Avaline Reataza, 31, of Los Angeles, who was implicated with the crime although he apparently did not participate in the actual

SOUGHT AS the remaning member of the quartet is Ed-ward Richard Romero, 26, who is believed to have been a is believed to have been a masked partner to Vigneau during the two-hour robbery siege at the Pacific State Bank at Carson Street and Norman-die Avenue. Romero may have as much as \$50,000 of the loot in his possession, officers say. Total taken by the masked robbers has not been deter-

robbers has not been mined, although the total has been estimated in excess of been estimated in excess of \$200,000 when the potential value of travelers' checks, bonds, currency, and other items are considered.

### Verdict on Death Due

Torrance Police officials are holding three youths on vari-ous charges this week pending the outcome of an autopsy re-port from the county coroner. The three were arrested after the death of Gilbert Nicolas, 18, 23633 Madison Ave., last Thursday.

The youth was found dead in his bed last Thursday morning. It is believed he died from a fatal injection of heroin, but specific identification of the substance is expected from the coroner today

Being held are Kenneth Jarrett, 21; Patrick O'Hare, 21; and a 17-year-old boy. The 17-year-old is being held in juve-nile hall, while O'Hare is being held for possession of nar cotics. Jarrett is being held under a warrant issued in Long Beach.

Lt. D. C. Cook, head of the Torrance Police Department's vice squad, made the arrests with the help of Officers Jerry Garver and Leo Gonzales after an intensive investigation. MORE THAN \$28,000 was re-covered with the arrest of Vig-neau, officers reported.

Cook said all three suspects will be rearrested for murder if the autopsy proves heroin was the cause of death.

#### ROBERT WATKINS WINS CARRIER SELECTION

He began classes as a sixth grader at the Howard Wood Elementary School about the middle of September, and caped off the month by winning honors as The HERALD'S "Carrier of the Month."

Robert, who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Watkins at 2322 W. 231st St. L. Watkins at 2322 W. 231st St. was announced as September's "Carrier of the Month" by Darrell Westcott, circulation manager for The HERALD.

"Robert has consistently given top service to the 200 homes on his HERALD route,"

Robert Curtis Day, 349 W. 1218th St., was crushed to death Tuesday by a dump truck. The two-year-old boy was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

Officers said the youngster apparently walked up behind the truck as it was being backed. Gabriel Robles Gastelum, 19, of El Monte, told the California Highway Patrol officers.

Robert has two sisters, Mary 16, and Charlotte 14.



ROBERT WATKINS