

## New Reporting Program Used

The new reporting method for the elementary schools of the Torrance Unified School District was inaugurated in the fall of 1951. The first two phases of this program have been completed at this time with seemingly excellent results, it was disclosed today.

This means that nearly 3000 people discussed the school program in general and gained a better understanding of public education.

It also means that the school profited by meeting face to face with 3,000 parents and discovering how they felt about the schools.

Of particular value was the planning and preparation necessary by teachers to conduct these meetings.

By buildings the attendance was as follows:

School	Attendance	% OF ENROLLMENT
Seaside . . . . .	574	82%
Walteria . . . . .	332	71%
El Nido . . . . .	93	67%
Torr Elementary 603	190	61%
Greenwood . . . . .	183	53%
Perry . . . . .	64	40%
Crenshaw . . . . .	239	36%
Fern . . . . .	239	36%

TOTAL . . . . . 2676 60%  
The second phase of the reporting program consisted of making an individual progress report for each child.

A written report on a form provided by the district was made out which calls for recording the status of the child in nine areas of growth.

Teachers were encouraged to make this report in conjunction with an oral conference.

This was done in most cases, the exceptions occurring for new

teachers who wished to have a conference with the second report.

3800, which was 83% of the parents invited, came to these conferences.

The building summaries follow:

Walteria . . . . .	510	487	95%
Seaside . . . . .	678	634	94%
North			
Torrance . . . . .	687	584	85%
Fern . . . . .	506	420	83%
Torrance			
Elementary 1010	825	82%	
Greenwood . . . . .	364	275	76%
El Nido . . . . .	147	111	75%
Crenshaw . . . . .	221	156	71%
Perry . . . . .	438	307	70%
Total . . . . .	4561	3799	83.5%

## Steele Accident Stops Attendance At Board

Board of Education member Carl D. Steele, 1320 Coia Ave., was unable to be at a regular meeting of the Board, this week. He hit his foot with an axe last week and had to have several stitches taken.

Besides his latest misfortune, Steele had been restricted to his home for sixty days by his physician. Board members said that this week they had been keeping their fingers crossed that Steele would soon break the unlucky jinx which is keeping him out of school.

## SCHOOL BUDGET

The Torrance Unified School District's Budget Report of December 1951-52 indicates that the District is operating well within the scope of the Budget. The encumbrance method used by the District insures that all payrolls, contracts and purchases will be paid when due. All salaries for the entire year are automatically encumbered for the year when the individual is employed. This is reflected in the "unencumbered balance" and the "percentage of budget encumbered," Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull revealed today.

Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	Unencumbered	Encumbered	% of Budget Encumbered
Administration . . . . .	\$ 64,179.47	\$ 12,490.53	83.7
Instruction . . . . .	920,911.20	94,813.80	90.7
Auxiliary Services . . . . .	39,541.79	2,143.21	94.9
Operation of Plant . . . . .	143,183.83	40,216.17	78.1
Maintenance of Plant . . . . .	28,101.13	15,948.87	63.8
Fixed Charges . . . . .	9,789.26	31,080.74	23.9
Transportation of pupils . . . . .	22,272.85	14,297.45	60.9
Community Services . . . . .	64	5,290.00	60.9
Capital Outlay . . . . .	33,549.99	42,580.01	44.1
Total . . . . .	\$1,251,529.22	\$258,770.78	
Tuition . . . . .	251.70	6,188.30	
Reserve . . . . .	\$1,251,780.92	\$264,959.08	82.6
Grand Total . . . . .	\$1,261,780.92	\$389,959.08	76.4

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## WATER ORDINANCES TO BE REVISED BY HALL

Subdivider Truman Browne had to threaten a court suit before city officials permitted him to put in his own water mains on his 150 home subdivision on Sepulveda, West of Hawthorne. At the City Council meeting Tuesday, City Manager George Stevens suggested that a change be made in the regulation to permit all subdividers in the future to put in their own water mains.

### CHARGES MADE

"There have been charges," said Stevens, "that we can't do the job as cheaply as the subdividers. I think we ought to give them a chance to do their own work."

One subdivider pointed out that since a municipal election is just around the corner, the City Council members who fought Browne—want to placate the builders—at least until the April balloting is over.

In his report to the City Council, Stevens said that changing the water main regulation would be part of revising the three water ordinances into one. He pointed out that this work was progressing under direction of City Attorney James Hall.

### BROWNE SUBDIVISION

Another matter concerning the Browne subdivision also came up for discussion.

It was pointed out that the City Council was working out an agreement with the Dominguez Water Company whereby the City would buy water wholesale from Dominguez and retail it to homeowners in the Browne tract.

### Visitors Invited by First Baptist Church

It is the goal of the First Baptist Church of Torrance with its rising attendance in the Sunday School of now over 500 to burn the mortgage on the new Auditorium sometime in March. The Church finds itself growing with the town of Torrance, Rev. Northrup, pastor, revealed.

It is apparent with the crowded condition now prevailing that the new Sunday School addition should be built in the near future, he disclosed. Once the mortgage is written off on the new Sanctuary they will start raising funds for the new addition.

This Sunday morning, Rev. C. M. Northrup will speak on the subject, "Possessing our Possessions," Rev. J. Russell Killman the assistant Pastor will speak in the evening service at 7:30

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