

# Local Schools Gird for New Enrollment Record

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## Nine Jailed in Huge Gang Fight at Dance

### One New School To Open

Some 23,500 students are expected to answer the call to return to school when classes in the Torrance Unified School District start again on Thursday, Sept. 1.

This will be an increase of about 2150 students over the opening enrollment figures last year. The 1958-59 enrollment is expected to include some 19,100 elementary and 4400 high school students. The teaching staff includes 894 teachers, 182 of whom are new to the district.

One new elementary school, Calle Mayor, and 10 new classrooms at South High School will be the only school facilities to be used for the first time this September. However, four new elementary schools, a school for the mentally retarded, and the South High School gymnasium are expected to open later in school year.

### New Policy Set by Board for Sex Education in City Schools

Written consent will be obtained from parents before their children will receive sex education courses in the elementary and high school level under a new policy approved by the Torrance Board of Education this week.

Although courses in "Family Life Education" have been taught in the past, the major change will require consent of high school students' parents.

Previously, written consent was obtained only for elementary students, a school official pointed out.

Another change is a written policy requiring teachers to use only books, films and other material of an approved list.

School officials said that a policy regarding this had been in effect in the past, but that it now is in written form.

Objective of the course, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, district superintendent, is to prepare boys and girls for better and happier family living through understanding of human growth and development.

Family Life Education classes are given to youngsters in the elementary age group in the fifth through eighth grades and in the high school Freshmen Problems classes.

Under the policy adopted by the board, parents will be invited to school to inspect the material to be used in the class and discuss the course with the teachers.

After the meeting, parents will be asked for their written consent to permit their children to take the course.

In case a parent objects, children will be excused from the period and steps will be taken to avoid embarrassment.

In his accompanying report, Dr. Hull stated that the courses will not conflict with denominational beliefs.

"Many parents who disapprove the inadequate information which they received when they were children, encourage us to develop a broader program in this area, only to revert to a status of conservatism if we move too far and too fast," the superintendent commented.

"There is probably no other single area which can produce such strong parent attitude toward the school. This is because the attitudes of individuals toward instruction on Family Life Education is intermixed with their customs, mores and even their religious beliefs," Dr. Hull said.

### Two Hurt In Brawl At Dance

Nine youths were arrested when two rival gangs crashed a dance in the Lomita Park recreation building and at least two persons were badly cut when a brick smashed a car windshield.

Eight carloads of deputy sheriffs and highway patrol officers reinforced four private security officers when the brawl erupted Wednesday night.

One witness said that at least 30 youths lay in ambush near 224th st. and Eshelman ave., "to get" a carload of youths.

Belle Foy, director of Lomita Park, said that the dance was sponsored by the Lomita Junior Chamber of Commerce for teenagers to raise funds for youth sports activities.

While some 240 teen-agers paid admission to the dance, a gang of youths crashed into the recreation building and started fights on the floor, deputies said.

Two of the party crashers, one of them identified as Tony Alvarez, 20, of 2417 W. 227 st., and a juvenile, were escorted from the building by special officers.

Deputies said that although the pair were handcuffed, another couple of youths, grabbed them and attempted to prevent their arrest by spitting them away.

Deputies chased them on foot, captured them and their liberators, whom they booked on suspicion of resisting arrest.



BEAUTIES INVITED—Bonnie Brown, the pretty current Miss Lomita, invites candidates for this year's Miss Lomita contest to fill out application forms. The Lomita Optimist Club is sponsoring the event, in which all single girls between the ages of 15 and 21 who reside in the Narbonne High School District are eligible to compete. Final judging will be held in Lomita Park Oct. 4. Press Photo

### Torrance Symphony Plays Pop Concert in Park

Light and charming music will fill the air today at 3 p.m. at Torrance Park Bandshell for the Torrance Recreation Department's 3rd Annual Promenade Pop Concert by the South Bay Torrance Civic Orchestra conducted by Elyse Aehle.

Helene Seaton and Robert Gilmore are the featured soloists. Miss Seaton, who has appeared throughout the country, is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and has sung in 28 leading roles including "Sister Angelica," "Paint Your Wagon," and "Hansel and Gretel."

Robert Gilmore is a concert pianist of distinction and has studied with Dr. Paul Hultman and Dr. Carr at the Zoellner Conservatory. While attached to the Army Special Services he gave over 300 performances and recitals for our troops in the European Theater. He also presented sixteen concerts for cultural audiences and American

Military audiences from 1955 to 1956, with high acclaim from German critics.

Also on the program are Eugene Minor, the young conductor of the Harbor Youth Orchestra, who will conduct one number, and Ronald Romm, a member of the South Bay-Torrance Youth Orchestra and son of one of the orchestra members, who will play a trumpet solo.

Some of the selections on the program are: Romeo and Juliet, Tschalkowski; Porgy and Bess selection, Gershwin; Rhapsody in Blue, Gershwin; Can Can from Gaiety Parisienne, Offenbach; and songs from Kismet by Wright-Forrest.

### Trio Files Claim Against Long Beach Brutality

A \$50,000 claim for alleged brutality by members of the Long Beach police department, were filed against that city Thursday by two Torrance brothers and their Gardena pal.

The trio charge they were assaulted by police officers who arrested them on drunk and disorderly conduct charges. The defendants were acquitted of the drunk charges but fined on the other count.

The claimants are Donald Lee Johnson and his brother, Richard L., both of 22114 Redbeam ave., and Richard Tardaguilla of Gardena.

BIDS FOR WIDENING

Bids for the widening of Lomita blvd., between Crenshaw and Hawthorne blvds., will be opened Sept. 17, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop announced.

### November Opening

Jefferson School, 2177 Tallisman, is expected to open about Nov. 1, near Hamilton, 2606 W. 182nd st.; Yukon, 17815 Yukon ave.; and Masgruder, 4100 W. 185th st.; are slated to open early in 1959. Columbia School, for mentally retarded youngsters, also will be finished early next year.

The double session problem will be a little better this year than in 1957, as only 4530 students will be on double sessions compared with 5349 last year. Opening of the other elementary schools later in the year is expected to eliminate half-day sessions at several schools.

For the first time, some freshmen students entering the three local high schools will be enrolled in advanced math and science courses, as the result of special classes they took during summer school. This program will allow some of them to graduate in three years.

Other classes for top students in math, science, social studies and English will be held this fall at the three local high schools, varying somewhat from school to school. South High held special Saturday classes for top students last spring, with considerable success. The programs this year will be part of the regular school day.

### Panels Lost in Postal Shuffle

Postal officials today are attempting to locate the sender of a parcel which became lost when the address label tore off.

Postmaster Clara Conner said the package was sent by a Clara Lee and was mailed from Torrance.

The package contained three gift-wrapped panties and a birthday card addressed to "Tottie."

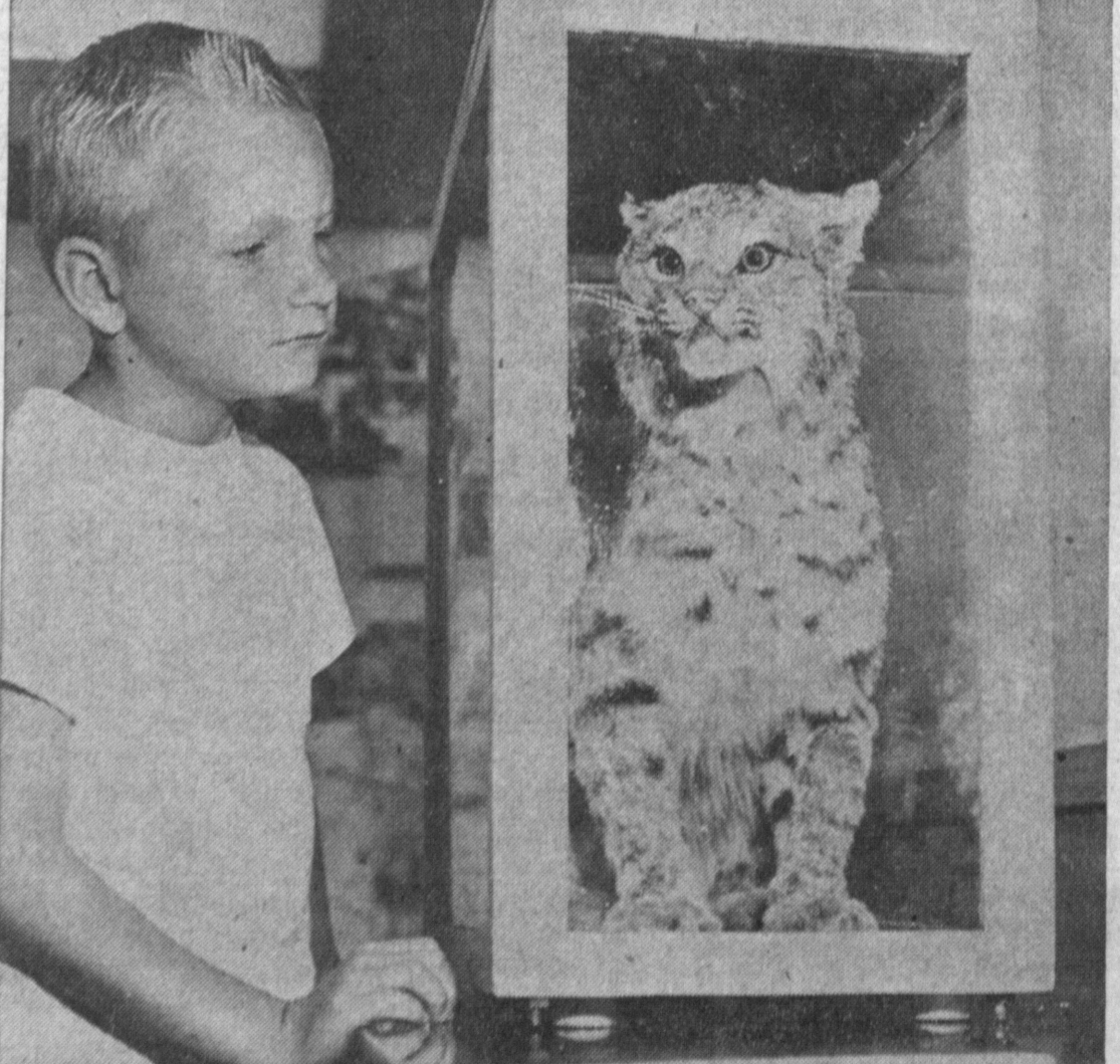
### Curfew Law Imposed on Boys Over 18

Two youths will have to obey the 10 p.m. curfew law for the next three years, even though they are both over 18.

Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong, made this ruling part of the probation conditions for Bennie Howard Dale, 18, of Long Beach, and Kenneth O. Slaughter, 19, of 21421 99th ave., after they pleaded guilty to stealing a tire.

The youths were arrested by Torrance police after the officers observed a brand new tire in the open trunk of their car.

Judge Armstrong fined them \$50 each, suspended 180 days in jail and placed them on three years probation.



WILD LIFE—Larry Schnoor, 8, buddies up to a bobcat, safely under glass, which is part of exhibitions to be furnished to the Torrance School District by the County Museum under a new contract. The museum's instruction displays will be furnished as teaching aids. Press Photo

### Council Ponders Pay Hike

Salary increases for city employees are expected to be discussed by the City Council Tuesday at 8 p.m.

That will be the time when City Manager George Stevens will present his final budget for official adoption.

The budget will be based on the official figures of Torrance's assessed valuation, estimated at \$17,000,000.

Stevens has been instructed to cut the tax rate by one cent per \$100 assessed valuation, to \$1.24.

A few weeks ago, Councilmen decided informally to approve a two per cent salary hike to city employees if the city should gain a "windfall" through higher than anticipated valuation.

At that time, educated guess around city hall was that the city will actually receive \$100,000 more than was estimated in the preliminary budget.

In addition to a retroactive salary boost to all employees, the city is also making plans for instituting longevity pay.

This will give veteran employees additional pay depending on the number of years they have worked for the city. A schedule will be drawn up between now and January.

### Club Aids Drive—King Car Club, Salvage Fund Campaign

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### Home of Invalid Looted

A Lomita house was burglarized Thursday without attracting the attention of the invalid son of the owner who was home at the time.

The thief entered the unlocked front door of the home of Nell Gertrude Osmond, of 26235 Eschelman ave. and stole a \$20 clock radio.

Her son, David William, 21, an invalid, was home at the time and apparently heard and saw nothing, deputy sheriffs reported.

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### Youths Jailed for Narcotics

Two youths were booked on suspicion of narcotics charges early Friday by Torrance police who noticed a suspicious car parked behind a service station.

Officers questioned Thomas Joseph Koehn, 18, of 2201 W. 181st st., who was the sole occupant of the car parked in the service station lot at Western ave. and 174th st.

Police said that he appeared dazed, and when they searched him, found what they believed to be marijuana seeds in his pocket.

Another youth, Fred Wilson Bennett, Jr., 22, of 4223 W. 156th st., Lawndale, was found a few blocks away in a cafe.

Bennett allegedly had been with Koehn before, and walked away from the service station, officers said.

### Gibbons Kept Busy Answering Jangling Phone

Although Don Gibbons received a dozen calls after his classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press, all he really needed was the first one.

That was the party to whom he rented his three bedroom house at 18828 Patronella st. The house, which had 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, garbage disposal, dishwasher, and included gardening services, rented for \$140 per month.

If you want fast results when you have something to rent, buy or sell, call a courteous ad-taker at the Torrance Press, FA 8-2345, and let her assist you in preparing a classified ad that pulls.

### Police Captain Exam Scheduled

Promotional examination for Torrance police captain will be given Sept. 6.

Six lieutenants are eligible for the test, the first to be given under the new rule which requires applicants to score at least 70 per cent on their written portion before permitting them to take the oral part.

### JUDGE RETURNS

Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett has returned from a three weeks vacation trip to the Northwest.

### Woman Jailed for Daughter's Parking Tickets

A Torrance woman had to put up \$120 bail to get out of jail on a string of parking tickets even though none of them were issued to her.

Torrance police picked up Mrs. Thelma C. Ledwidge, of 5124 McAfee Road, Thursday night and confronted her with 12 warrants for overtime parking in Long Beach.

Mrs. Ledwidge said that the citations were received when her daughter drove the car.

But since she is the owner of the car, she will have to appear in Long Beach Municipal Court, police said.

### NO FIRE SALE HERE

No bids were received when the county put the old Lomita fire station at 2240 W. Lomita blvd. on the auction block this week. Minimum price for the building and lot was set at \$13,500.

### City Car Club Aids Salvage Fund Campaign

"44 — Service, And More," might well be the slogan for the members of the King's Car Club, Torrance-South Bay Area, who voted for a third year to help raise funds for the maintenance of the Harbor District Mental Health Service.

As an immediate project, the 44 members of the club, consisting of young men, 16 to 22 years of age, through their sponsor, Frank Burk, Torrance, have volunteered truck and services for pickup for a rummage sale to be held at the House of Rummage, 1142 S. Pacific ave., San Pedro, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday. Pickups will be completed by Monday evening, Aug. 25, through telephone service, daily at TE 2-5528 and FR 5-4549. Donations of surplus articles are requested from the public. The Torrance YMCA will be the collection center.

General chairman for the sale will be Mrs. Jerry Brown, assisted by Mrs. Larry McGogy and committee members from the San Pedro Junior Woman's Club. Through a request of Bill Hood and Norm Bulat to the Employee's Welfare Club, the entire plant of National Supply Company, Torrance are cooperating in the solicitation of rummage for this sale.