

### Proposition 17

**YOUR STATE SENATOR REPORTS**  
By Senator Richard Richards

In a breakdown of probable costs of the various propositions on the November ballot, the Office of Legislative Analyst estimates that Proposition 17 would bring a loss in state revenue of approximately \$47,000,000 in its first year of application. The same analysis foresees an additional loss in the years thereafter.

At the same time, the State Department of Finance estimates that the 1959 Legislature will face a General Fund deficit of at least \$200,000,000 even without taking into consideration the probable effects of Proposition 17.

In reducing the sales tax rate from three to two per cent, the proposed initiative specifically authorizes the Legislature to decrease, but not to increase, the sales tax rate. It does not, however, prohibit the Legislature from broadening the sales tax base by removing current exemptions on food products, utilities, services, and related items.

To compensate for the proposed reduction in rates, there would thus be a strong probability that the exemption on these items would have to be removed.

No change whatever in the personal income tax rate would be permitted except by a vote of the electors, although the Legislature might change the personal exemptions, credits for dependents or standard deduction under the income tax law, except as they affect the optional tax table which is specifically incorporated in the initiative proposal.

This freezing of rate into the State Constitution raises one of the primary objections to the proposal. The other, of course, is the immediate loss in revenue at this most inopportune time, and this loss is not to be minimized.

But in fixing rates that could be altered only by the slow process of constitutional amendment, the measure would tie the hands of the Legislature at a time when the greatest flexibility should be maintained in order that we may keep abreast of our State's changing and expanding economy.

### North Hi-Lites

By Rosalie Murray

To acquaint the people of Torrance with the activities taking place on the North High campus, this column will appear weekly.

Tomorrow North High Varsity gridders will tangle with the Redondo Beach "Seahawks". Hope for victory is strong because last year the Saxon squad trounced Redondo for our first varsity football victory. After the 8 o'clock game, the Junior Class is sponsoring a record hop in the Cafetorium, 10 to 11:30 p.m.

Frosh will get in the legislative act next Tuesday as they go to the polls to cast their ballot for Freshmen officers. Appearing in next week's column will be the names of their new proxy and his official helpers. "Songs, Old and New" will be the theme of the annual Saxon Homecoming, Nov. 15. All the clubs and organizations on campus are busily preparing floats depicting this song theme for the half-time parade. Student Council Business Manager, Bob Halliwell, is manager of the Homecoming Parade. He is confident this annual activity will be an enjoyable and successful evening.

Congratulations to Seniors, Julie Henderson, Clarence Fuzak, Carl Thornton, Kathryn Schade, James Wilson and Jack Buehler, all of whom earned a superior rating on the National Merit Scholarship exam. Now in the National finals, these six have an opportunity to take additional tests to win scholarship awards.

Commissioner of Group Control, Sonja Pesola, clean campus chairman is busy thinking up slogans to incite Saxons to keep that litter picked up. If the Julie Henderson, Clarence Fuzak grounds are kept in order, students will be rewarded by being shown a recently released major studio motion picture.

Junior Citizens Day found our own Senior Class President, Patty Reynolds, honorary mayor of Torrance for 24 hours last Tuesday. As a councilman, Student Body President Mike Cummings assisted Patty with her office. Other Student Council and Associated Student Body Officers carried out numerous duties of Torrance officials on this day designed to give the teenagers an insight on local government.

### Life Membership To Be Presented

Mrs. Phyllis Birch, immediate past president of the Women's Christian Service Guild of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Redondo, will be presented with a life membership in Tuesday night when the Guild meets at 8 p.m. in the church.

Demonstrating the evening's theme, "The Touch of the Masters Hand," testimonials will be given by Mrs. Audrey Puffenberger, Mrs. Betty Cummins, Mrs. Helen Crown, Mrs. Iva Ambuhl, and Mrs. Freda Oren.

Mrs. Betty Reese will sing a soprano solo, "Touch of God's Hand."

## Contributions of Petroleum Industry on Economy Cited

The oil industry contributed more to the economy of California last year than ever before in history, F. R. Schmieder, chairman of the Southern California Oil Information Committee, said here today in launching California's 1958 Oil Progress Week.

"Oil companies, big and little, employed more California residents, paid them more wages and salaries, and collected and paid more federal, state and local taxes than in any previous year," Schmieder said.

Figures compiled by the Western Oil and Gas Association, Schmieder said, show that 130,978 Californians were employed by the oil industry doing business here. "These include persons on the payrolls of oil companies, retail service station dealers, bulk tank dealers and oil field service contractors," he explained. "This represents an increase of more than 7500 employees over 1955 and nearly 16,000 over the 1949 employment."

Taking into consideration the families of these employees, an estimated 578,000 California citizens depended for their livelihood on the state's oil industry last year, Schmieder added.

Wages and salaries paid to California oil company employees during 1957 also were the highest in history, the Western Oil and Gas Association survey shows. A total of \$736,004,000 was paid in 1957, as compared to

### Ticket Irks Ired Taxpayer

A man who signed himself "an irate taxpayer" objected to enforcement of a new ordinance providing for turning the wheels on hillside parking, in a letter to the City Council.

"If your police department is overstuffed, then, one way to reduce our taxes would be to get rid of excess officers, because, at the time of the infraction, there were four officers within sight or assigned in the area," wrote R. D. Matteson.

### Police Chiefs Confer

Police chiefs of 35 cities and three counties will confer on mutual problems at the Elks Club today, according to Torrance Police Chief Percy Bennett, host at the affair.

George Brereton, assistant director of the Division of Criminal Law and Enforcement, will be coordinator for the meeting.

## Policy for Use of Forestry Camp Boys for Fire Fighting Adopted

On Motion of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the County Board of Supervisors has adopted an official policy to govern the use of forestry camp boys in fighting and controlling forest and brush fires.

Supervisor Hahn emphasized that the policy was adopted to spell out clearly the conditions under which the boys, who are wards of the juvenile courts, would be used in fire fighting. "This policy was adopted to confirm officially the practices which have been in effect for several years," the Supervisor stated.

"No boy under the age of 16 will be allowed to fight fires and adequate protection and safety is being provided for those boys 16, 17, 18 and 19 years old who qualify for the fire fighting duty," he continued.

He pointed out that forestry camp boys have been used for many years, under the joint supervision of the probation department and the County forester and fire warden, for fire-fighting and prevention activities.

### Plan Mardi Gras At Evelyn Carr

Mrs. J. R. Allison, president of Evelyn Carr PTA called a recent executive board meeting in the school cafeteria. Richard Welte, principal, offered a welcome to members.

Mrs. W. R. Towell announced a varied program for the year and Mrs. Perry Baker discussed the membership drive theme, "Carry the Ball for Carr." Plans were announced for the fall "Mardi Gras" festival to be held from 6-9 p.m. October 24.

Mrs. Carl Johnson presented the proposed budget for the year. Coffee and rolls were served by hostesses, Misses Phillip Brooks, Jack Lattin and Merle Love.

Officers to serve with Mrs. Allison, president, are Mrs. W. R. Towell, first vice president and program; Richard Welte, Second vice president; Mrs. Carl Johnson, third vice president and ways and means; Mrs. Merle Love, fourth vice president and room representative; Mrs. Albert Pesola, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Heynes, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Shinkle, historian; Robert Jones, auditor; Mrs. Eldon Morgan, parliamentarian.

## Bowling News

B. Pettis, rolling for Team No. 17 in Friday night's Men's Industrial Hdep, fell into the realm of the unusual during last week's meet, scoring a triple of 150's, while his team latched onto two wins from the Sanders squad. A&W Root Beer holding the top spot, followed by Longren Aircraft and Burg, too, two and one-half games down with the Moose Helcats in for third only three and one-half out of first. G. Bafrett claims early season series lead with his 560 and 87-647, while Moose Helcat G. Souder lashed out with a 266 and

8-274 sparkler to head the list of high single efforts. Coates-Cleaners, leading the field in Bowl-O-Drome's Thursday night's Men's Commercial, one game over the Torrance Rod and Gun as both clobbered opponents for the full count. J&M Produce Co. and Model Finance dex-locked for third, only three out of the choice position. Creighton Imported Car kegler W. Perich holding the season series height with his potent 637 and 66-703, while J. Gurnick of the J&M Produce quintet tossed out at 248 and 16-264 sizzler for high individual pitch. Last week's single honors claimed by the S. A. Cummings mob, whipped up the night's high team game and series while teammate D. Sapine knocked out a 228 single for a terrific 615 set. The Brave One's in Thursday night's 860' scratch snatched two wins from the Elks, placing them in the lead, two over Team 5, followed one down by the No. 1 quintet. A Lowell of the second place squad hanging onto the season's series topper with his power-packed 704 whipped up a couple of weeks back, tossed out a nice 607 package climaxed with a sizzling 245 single during the last game.



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**Children Wait—For You**

"This is a serious emergency."

These are the words used by Community Chest officials to describe a situation in which the Los Angeles Red Feather agency must have an additional one million dollars from the annual campaign which starts Monday.

Should the drive fail, the main sufferers will be children, many of whom are waiting for modern care and preventive treatment provided by the 167 health and welfare services of the Community Chest.

"Yearly gains made by your Chest have not been enough to meet growing needs," officials say.

At least \$222,000 is needed for health services—hospitals, clinics, mostly for children, and home nursing; \$411,000 more is required for child care in foster homes and institutions; and \$371,000 is the additional minimum figure for youth services preventing delinquency.

"Every family as well as every firm is asked to open heart and purse a little wider this year to help make up the million more needed to wipe out waiting lines," officials appeal.

This is good advice. Give generously.