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## School System Grows to Fulfill Children's Needs

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ing bigger and making more 23 to 11 per cent.

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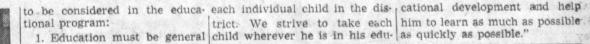
INCOME TAX

New Schools ing its instruction program to served in the rapidly-growing The number of elementary better serve the children of Tor- city continued to skyrocket, as 23,200 children answered the schools increased from 22 to 27 rance.

2. Gained more than 2000 call of the school bell. This in- during the past year, with the cludes some 18,700 elementary opening of Calle Mayor, Jeffernore students. 3. Opened five new elementary students and some 4400 high son, Magruder, Hamilton, and schools, a new high school, and school students. Within 10 Yukon Schools. The number of



and Daniel Rivard, kindergarten students at Magruder School, brush up on their numbers and their alphabet from tile on the floor of their classroom. The "circle of knowledge" is one of the modern features of Magruder School, which was one of three new elementary schools to open this month.



enough to provide a basis for the citizen to change his occu-

pation as time passes. 2. It must be specific enough to provide him with some skills that can be used either vocationally or for further study. 3. Many of the children we are teaching today will be working at vocations that are not now in existence.

4. The American traditions, cultural heritage, and humanities must be emphasized in order to maintain the basic idea of our American ideals and institutions. "We will continue to work for improvement of our program in the Three R's, science, and other subjects which children need, Hull declared. "At the same time, we are working to provide the best education possible for

THANKS CHAIRMEN Mrs. Hatt e Schroeder, Harhor City-Lomita chairman of the County Heart Association, expressed appreciation for the effort of division chairmen of Trio Rebekah Lodge. They are Mildred Taylor for Harbor City, and Ada Anderson for Lomita.

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NEW BUILDING-Clinton B. Cooke, president of the Torrance Board of Education, examines architect's sketch of South High School gymnasium building now under construction.

high schools increased from two (filmstrips, records, and other edto three, with the opening of ucational materials used in the instruction of local youngsters. South High School. Work on Scheduled for construction additions at North and South within the near future are four well as additions at five other more elementary schools-Ad-High Schools got underway, as The new Educational Materi- to-be-named school in the Victor elementary schools.

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**High Schools** 

Work now is underway on the final unit of North High School. One more unit of work remains to be built at South High School. Plans are being made to open West High School in 1962. The board recently has discussed the possible need for still a fifth high school.

The district also gained an additional square mile of territory to serve, with the annexation of the Victor and Howard Industrial Tracts to the school district. This action, effective July 1, makes the boundaries of the city and the school district the same.

Nevertheless, the district managed to reduce the percentage of children on double session from 23 to 11 per cent during the year by opening the new schools. The problem was greatest here in 1954 when 48 per cent of the children were on half-day sessions.

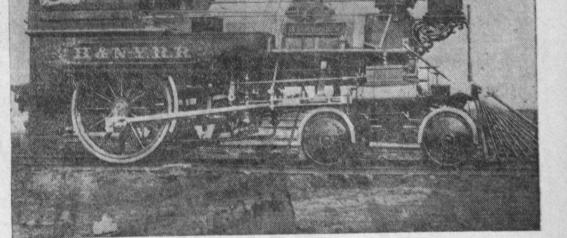
Bonds Passed .Torrance voters did their part in battling double sessions in October, 1958, by approving a \$15,000,000 bond issue for new schools. By an overwhelming 7-1 margin, they endorsed continuation of the funds, which will be used to construct more school buildings.

Local voters also returned School Board President Clinton B. Cooke for another four-year term on the Torrance Board of Education, which is charged with responsibility for seeing that children are adequately provided for. William C. Boswell Jr. also was elected to the board, joining three other veteran members-Mrs. Grace Wright, Joseph G. Arnold, and Walter A. Garrabrant.

Dr. Hull Continues Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools since the district was founded in 1947, continued as the chief adminis trative officer. Assistant Superintendents Albert N. Posner and S. E. Waldrip head the educational and business departments respectively.

The number of school em ployes grew from 1181 to 1265 during the year. Now serving the needs of the city's children are 930 teachers and 335 clerks, custodians, truck drivers, and various other employes needed to man school offices and facili-

Program to Improve The district also sought to continue to improve its instructional program. Superintendent Hull laid down a 17-point program for the district, which pledged continued striving for better instruction of each individual child and a constant evaluation to see that the schools are doing the best job possible. He listed four imporatnat point



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