

A Reader Speaks . . .

'YES' URGED ON BONDS

Editor: Many childless Torrance residents vote against school measures such as the bonds scheduled for the April 16 election because they feel they have no stake in the education of youngsters.

I would like to emphasize two usually neglected reasons why they do have a stake in good, efficiently-operated school systems — why they should vote 'yes' for the bonds.

The first reason is quite positive. It is generally accepted knowledge that the greater an individual's educational attainment, the more money he will earn in a lifetime. Translated into other terms, it means that for this greater financial reward, he will contribute more production or services to our community.

This contribution, in effect, will raise the standard of living of all people in our community. For every person who, through increased education, becomes a more skilled mechanic, a better aircraft worker, a more efficient bookkeeper, a teacher, a doctor, etc., the standard of living for all will be raised by the amount of that individual's increased contribution.

The second reason is, perhaps, a corollary of the first. That is, the more financial security people have, the less need there is for community public services such as welfare payments, fire and police protection, public medical service, etc.

This can be equated with lower tax rates for these phases of government.

If you ordinarily fail to

support the school district needs because you do not not have children, please think about these two major reasons for a 'yes' vote before the April 16 bond election.

Your standard of living is raised and taxes in other areas of government are lowered by a good educational system.

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Hi-Shear Names Curtis Smith, Weldon Bankston

Monte W. Korb, ordnance engineering manager of Hi-Shear Corp., has announced the addition of two members to the ordnance staff.

They are Weldon Bankston, ordnance research engineer, and Curtis Smith, ordnance production engineer.

Korb said Bankston will be responsible for the design and explosive bridge wires, and will supervise the development of those products.

Smith will be in charge of production of all ordnance products.

Hi-Shear products are used for the stage separation in the Apollo moon-shot and other projects of space exploration.

Hi-Shear also provides the first stage tie-down units in the Titan II. Those units release the missile from the launch pad when lift-off rocket engine power is generated.

Profile of a Candidate . . .

WILLIAM C. BOSWELL

William C. Boswell, 2842 Onrado St., Board of Education incumbent; resident of district 15 years; department head, B-70 Logistics Systems, North American Aviation, Inc.; Hollywood High School, courses in technical, management fields at various institutions; member Optimist Club, Los Fiesta-dores, Inc., various trustee associations at local, county, state, and national levels.

1. What would your primary objective be if reelected to the board?

To maintain and improve on the accomplishments of the present board: Graded report cards; departmentalization of the 7th and 8th grades; hiring teachers with subject matter majors; improved academic standards; strict budget surveillance; good state legislation; no double sessions.

In addition, as funds became available: Increase vocational courses; reduce class size; add library facilities and instruction in physical education at 7th and 8th grade level.

2. How do you think a school board member can promote improvements in the following areas of education:

A) Curriculum. Establishing a policy which implements a continuous review of courses, as well as course content, not only by staff members, but by the teachers themselves. Encouraging establishment of new course or change of content which will keep the school abreast of the latest developments.

B) Obtaining and retaining a high caliber of teachers. Maintaining a school system which recognizes that the teacher is the prime element in the system, has a fair performance evaluation.

Torrance School Bonds To Be Sold April 23

Sale of school bonds totaling \$1 milli. for the Torrance Unified School District will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors April 23 when sealed bids will be opened.

Acting on a request from the school district, the supervisors are expected to refer the bids to the county treasurer before action is taken on the final sale.

Candidates' Forum

The voters of Torrance, on Monday, April 8th, at 8 p.m., will be given an opportunity to see and hear the candidates for the Board of Education express viewpoints.

The Torrance Education Assn. is sponsoring a candidates' forum at Torrance High School Auditorium. Judge Donald Armstrong is moderator.

educational base by participating in summer courses whether it be elective or solids. Our regular school schedule of six periods does not afford them the opportunity to acquire a broader base.

E) Special services. Being cognizant of and sympathetic to the needs of children for special services. Funds allocated to these services come back in many ways which benefit the district. One has only to visit Columbia School, just one of the special services, or an EMR classroom to feel justified in maintaining and improving these services.

3. What means do you favor for financing new school construction.

The least expensive is "pay as you go" for slow growing and high assessed valuation districts. This eliminates paying interest charges as with a bond issue.

However, the pupil population growth and low assessed valuation in Torrance makes issuance of building bonds the only answer.

D) Summer school program. Stressing the need for students to get a broader

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posing on every future resident of Torrance a share of this repayment.

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