

# Second Board Member Against Bond Proposals

A second member of the Torrance Board of Education this week urged rejection of the \$12.5 million school bond issue which will be before voters next Tuesday.

Dr. Kurt T. Shery, immediate past president of the board, suggested that a bond issue of "some \$4 million less should be adequate."

Main targets of criticism are a proposed vocational center, for which \$3 million of the proposed bond issue has been earmarked, and two additional elementary schools for which \$2.8 million would be set aside if the bond issue passes.

"MY POSITION has always been that not all of our young people are being given a fair shake in the educational programs offered to them in our traditional high schools," Dr. Shery declared in a letter explaining his position.

"If we want to continue in the tradition of the comprehensive high school," he said, "we have to modify this tradition by recognizing the fact that not all our youngsters have identical abilities and interests in all fields."

Dr. Shery said he favors development of vocational courses parallel to academic courses in each of the city's high schools, using present industrial arts facilities as a basis for the courses.

Such a program, Dr. Shery said, would allow students to remain in the same school as their classmates, permit them to participate in joint classes and activities, and not expose them "to the stigma of going to a separate or 'knot-head school.'"

DR. SHERY said a panel of experts in vocational education came up with "similar recommendations" at the annual conference of the California School Boards Association last December and

added, "Our own high-priced consultant, a national authority in the field of vocational education, agreed that this would be a good start for such a program."

He said numerous discussions about an area-wide vocational center have been held, but added, "I still feel that most programs can be incorporated into our existing high schools very successfully."

Dr. Shery also labeled the inclusion of funds for two new schools — including the purchase of two new sites — "excess of our needs."

HE ACCUSED proponents of the bond issue of "using the old 'bug-a-boo of double sessions' for their battle cry." Two new schools now are being built, using funds authorized in 1963, Dr. Shery said, and a third undeveloped site is owned by the district in South Torrance.

"I believe that we have to hold the line within what is necessary and desirable, eliminating unnecessary luxuries and monuments," Dr. Shery declared. "I recommend a 'No' vote on the present \$12.5 million bond issue."

## ... Scouts

(Continued from Page 1) a true sportsman, Carrett has become beloved in Southern California like no other Southern California athlete has ever been privileged, Koenig pointed out.

Indication of this was when a crowd of as many as 39,000 turned out for last year's U.S.C. - Wyoming football game, the final of the season, when Mike expected to establish a new NCAA career rushing record — which he did — 3,221 yards. Twice during the game — when he broke the NCAA record, and when he made his last departure from the field of play as a Trojan — he was saluted with a standing ovation.

## ... Bond Approval Urged

(Continued from Page 1) future, and if the Board of Education has to wait to buy sites for those areas on the open market it will be very costly to the Torrance taxpayers.

In the Torrance education program the one area needing the greatest improvement in the next few years, according to Mrs. Watts, is the area of vocational training for those students who do not go on to further schooling after high school. We now have an excellent program for college bound students, but over half our graduates do not go on to college.

"The Torrance school board has been working in this direction, and we now are advised the U. S. Government will give to the school district some 17 acres of land valued at over one million dollars, with the provision 10 acres shall be used for vocational education. Under these conditions the board is talking about establishing a vocational center, and have

"I think it is important for the taxpayers and voters to realize that the responsibility for wise use of school funds applies also to the yearly operating budget. The Torrance Unified School District is a big district, with an annual operating budget in excess of \$18 million. If the voters feel the board cannot be trusted to spend \$3 million in bond funds wisely each year, then the board certainly should not be trusted to spend \$18 million in operating funds each year. Financial matters are voted on by the Board of Education at every meeting during the year. If the community does not feel they can trust the judgment of the board, I strongly believe they should vote in a board they can trust, and then support them with funds."

## Police Set Detour for Scout Fest

Traffic in portions of downtown Torrance and along Torrance Boulevard will be halted Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon, the Torrance Police Department has announced.

Lt. Swayne A. Johnson, commander of the traffic division, said detours would be established to facilitate the flow of traffic through the city.

Occasion for the three-hour re-routing is the fourth annual Boy Scout Parade, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The parade will form along El Prado between Cravens and Carson streets, then move along Cravens Avenue and down Torrance Boulevard to Madrona Street.

Suggested alternate north and south routes are Western Avenue or Hawthorne Boulevard. Lt. Johnson said, Carson Street or 190th Street should be used by east-west traffic, he added.

## Funds for Lobbyist To Be Asked

California State College Trustees will ask the 1966 Legislature for \$51,613 to finance a three-man office in Washington, D.C.

Trustees voted unanimously to make the request after it was ascertained that the Coordinating Council for Higher Education had declined to ask for a Washington office to represent all three segments of California higher education — University, State Colleges and junior colleges — in following Federal education legislation and negotiating for grants.

## ... Parents

(Continued from Page 1) the Press-Herald yesterday that the young serviceman had apparently just completed a seven-day recreation leave in Hong Kong. He apparently was injured on his first duty day after returning from the leave, his father said.

Young Garvey has been in Viet Nam since last July and has been in action against the Viet Cong forces since arriving there, the Press-Herald was told. An account of his actions made available to the Press-Herald in December credited him with the capture of three Viet Cong guerillas during his tour of duty in the southeast Asian country.

His parents expect the serviceman to be in San Diego later this week.

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## Obituaries

### Geraldine Davison

Funeral services for Mrs. Geraldine F. Davison, 59, of 2118 Huntington Lane, Redondo Beach, were held in Inglewood Thursday, followed by interment in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Mrs. Davison was a native of Massachusetts and had lived in the Torrance-South Bay area for 18 years before her death last Sunday. She was an active member of the Redondo Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Surviving are her son, Dale, of Redondo Beach; and a daughter, Sister Bernadette Marie.

## ... State

(Continued from Page 1) quently has extended that doctrine to other areas.

He then accused the Assembly Committee on Criminal Study of failing to meet the problem during the last session of the Legislature. "This committee did not make any recommendations and simply came out with a statement that the problem is difficult and there are no simple answers," Sciarrotta said.

"True," he added, "there are no simple answers. But merely because a problem is difficult is no reason to postpone its solution indefinitely."

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## OLD COINS WANTED

WE PAY CASH for old coins every Sunday, after 11 A.M., at 1333 Post Ave. in Downtown Torrance. WE ALSO BUY FOREIGN COINS.

The resolution won unanimous endorsement of the five members present but will be returned next week to allow David K. Lyman and H. Ted Olson the opportunity to vote. Lyman was absent from the meeting, while Olson left early to attend a second meeting.

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