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TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Harvey Abramson

SUPPORT PAPER . . . The student body is really behind the Torrance News Torch news sheet as shown by the contributions received during the recent drive for funds. The Madrigal Singers led in the amount given, followed by Miss Miller's first period math class who needed but a penny more to tie the amount given by the singers.

AWARD SINGERS . . . Yesterday the Madrigals held their semi-annual business meeting at which time the officers for the past term gave reports. It was decided to award graduating seniors their sashes at the lettermen's aud call. The honor bar committee, headed by Marjorie Rusk, will now decide which members did the most to help the choir. These students will then be given an honor bar to be placed on their sash. During the meeting it was moved that the Madrigals meet with the junior choir week and hold an impromptu "jam session in a capella."

SCHOLARS BANQUET . . . Tomorrow the Scholarship society will be host to scholars from other schools in the sixth district at the annual banquet. The schools represented are: Torrance, Venice, South Gate, Huntington Park, San Pedro, Narbonne, and Banning. After the banquet each school will put on a program.

SENIORS BUSY . . . The Senior Ayes have been quite busy lately. During the last week they have received their cards, announcements and the tickets for the commencement exercises. Each member of the class got 25 tickets. They also made arrangements for the senior breakfast, which will be held Feb. 2. Decorations at the breakfast will carry out the class colors of green and white with fern and gardenias.

GOOD CITIZENS . . . The new honor list in citizenship has just been issued and it was found that more than 200 students were able to keep their name unblemished during the past semester.

Philadelphia Babies Healthier
PHILADELPHIA (U.P.)—The infant mortality rate last year was the lowest in Philadelphia history. Only 46.3 of every 1,000 babies born died.



WAR BIRD TRIO . . . Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and David Niven, shown above, make up the dashing trio of war aces about whom the story of "The Dawn Patrol" centers. This gripping drama of British flying dare-devils opens Saturday at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne.



NICE WORK, THIS DATE PICKING . . . Coming right down to a question of dates, readers may have some difficulty in making a choice between the real ones and the potential one posed above by Jackie LaBass. Unique displays of the choice dates being picked by Jackie will be one of the features this year at the Riverside County Fair and Coachella Valley Date Fiesta to be held in Indio, Feb. 3-4-5.

Psychologists Advise Job Holders Greener Fields Aren't Across Fence

CLEVELAND, O. (U.P.)—Just why the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence is the problem confronting psychologists at Cleveland College, who say that most people think they should be doing a different and more important job.

"Actually, most of them are better off doing the job they have," said Jay L. Otis, professor in the psychology department.

An accountant who wishes to be a doctor, for example, in most cases is found to be more suited for his job as an accountant when submitted to actual scientific tests.

The best cure for this yearning for far fields?

May Do Harm
A promotion or pay raise will work miracles, scientists say. Psychologists have found that an injudicious promotion may do great harm, however.

"One of the greatest tragedies that may befall an employee is to be promoted over his head," Prof. Otis said. "He may have been successful and happy in his old job, but often when his boss finds that he can't handle his new one he is discharged. Or even if he is retained, his self-

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD FILM LOTS

HOLLYWOOD (U.P.)—There are some actors in Hollywood with whom acting is an avocation but there are specialists in some particular line or can portray characters used only occasionally in pictures.

Midgets, for example, are rarely used on the screen, although recently 116 of the little folk were gathered from all over the country for "The Wizard of Oz." But as a general rule, the appearance of a midget on the screen is unusual. One of the best known, Harry Earles, played in three pictures over a period of 14 years. He makes his regular living with a circus.

The same goes for Chinese actors. They would starve if they had to depend on their screen earnings for a living. William S. Law, who played in "The Good Earth," is a San Francisco capitalist; Chester Gan, another Chinese character actor, has a slipper shop in Los Angeles; Chinatown; Willie Fung, Chinese comedian, owns a restaurant in Hollywood.

Wounded veterans are called to the screen on only rare occasions, as for the field hospital scene in "Of Human Hearts," when arduous and highest men were wanted. These work in pictures so seldom that they are not required to join the actor's guild.

Specialized workers are sometimes needed in a picture. Jack Hardesty, a Culver City printer, is called occasionally to operate a printing press in a scene, as in "Song of the West."

With the sport in racing pictures, jockeys at California tracks occasionally have a few days work between meetings. But they couldn't make a living from these infrequent camera performances.

Ernie Whitely, a movie projectionist, was called to operate a projection machine in "Too Hot to Handle."

Eskimos from the Arctic were brought to Hollywood for "Bohemo" and sent home afterward. They have not been in pictures since. The same is true of Mutia and Biano, African hunters brought back with the "Trader Horn" company. Both returned later to Nairobi and resumed their former life.

Giants, dwarfs, persons with strange faces, are others who occasionally find a part in pictures. They might get a day or two of work in three or four years.

Oldsmobile Sales Hitting New High, Mullin Learns

Oldsmobile retail sales are off to a flying start for the new year, according to figures received this week by Mullin's Service, local dealers. Retail sales of Oldsmobiles for the first ten days of January totaled 3,181 units. This is an increase of 84.4 percent over the 1,726 cars sold during the first ten days of January a year ago.

Present indications are that January, 1939, will be one of the biggest Januaries in Oldsmobile's long history and prospects for a record-breaking spring business are exceedingly optimistic.

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250 Elementary Pupils Rehearsing Operetta for Show Here on Feb. 3

With rehearsals being held every day, the large cast of more than 250 Torrance Elementary school children is becoming letter-perfect for the school's most ambitious stage production—the colorful operetta, "Dawn Boy," based on Indian life. This will be presented Friday night, Feb. 3.

The production will be given to raise funds to purchase sound motion picture projection equipment for the institution on Marlina avenue. A vigorous advance ticket sale drive is under way now with the tickets selling for 35 cents for reserved seats, 25c general admission and 10 cents for children.

Mrs. Juliet Young is general director of the operetta and she is being assisted by a number of other faculty members. The leading roles are being taken by Barbara Lee Watson who will be seen as a Storm Dancer, Ralph Pegors, See-All, the Medicine Man; Donald Johnson as Dawn Boy, a chief's son; Norma Levy, Silver Dew, an Indian Princess; Billie Johnson, Rain God; Lois Severin, Moon Beam, another Indian Princess; Betty Ruth Morgan, Wild Flower, and Paul Hoke, Red Blanket, a hunter.

The remainder of the big cast will be seen as members of the chorus, dancers, hunters, porters, weavers, water carriers, Indian maidens and youth, rainbow spirits, wind spirits and the rain drops.

"Horror Show" at Theatre Here

Does Torrance scare easily or can it take it? The management of the Torrance theatre will have the answer to that question tonight when the "twain, horror show of the century" opens there.

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Bela Lugosi plays the role of "Dracula"—grand master of the undead creatures of darkness who, while his victims sleep, comes to drink his fill of living blood. "Frankenstein," the monster of monsters, is played by Boris Karloff.

KANSAS . . . The annual "Kansas Day" picnic will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, in Bixby Park, Long Beach. A program of entertainment is scheduled after the picnic.

ILLINOIS . . . Former residents of Illinois and visitors will gather at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Thursday, Feb. 2, for the postponed picnic reunion.

Judge Speeds Procedure, Finds Witness in Error

COLUMBIA, S. C. (U.P.)—Mayor L. B. Owen was "cracking down" on traffic violators in record's court. Two men appeared before him and the evidence was quickly presented. The mayor snapped:

"Fine \$20 or 10 days for both of them. Take them away."

One started to speak, but the mayor's glare stopped him. Officers were leading the men away when an attorney spoke up:

"Your honor, one of the men was a witness." The correction was made.

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