

Girl Writers Win District Essay Honors

Eileen Whiting, Torrance Junior high school student, was awarded first place in the Junior high division in the 19th district elimination contest with her essay "How Can I Help Perpetuate Americanism?" according to information given Mrs. Ethel Sears, local essay contest chairman, last night at an American Legion Auxiliary district meeting.

Two other local winners, Rudella Bays and Virginia McGinnis, both of the Senior high school, also were district winners. Rudella took third place in the district elimination and Virginia was given honorable mention. All will receive citations of merit and their compositions will be forwarded for judging in the California State Department contest. The winners of that event will have their essays sent to the national finals.

Little Miss Whiting, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Whiting of 1719 Arlington, had won first award in the Torrance Junior high contest, while Rudella Bays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Bays of 1617 Beech, was given first place in the Senior high division here. Virginia McGinnis had received honorable mention here for her essay.

Border Drama Unfolds As U. S. Aids Couple Who Refuse To Part

MEXICALI, Lower Cal. (U.P.)—Early every morning an aged couple, he wizened and bent, she white-haired and motherly, carefully pick their way through the crowded streets of this Mexican border town, apologetically around the massive wire-mesh fence that marks the international boundary, receive a nod of approval from customs guards and pass through into the United States.

Each night at dusk they return. A little slower, perhaps a bit more tired. Again a nod from officials, and once more they enter Mexico.

He is a "man seeking a country," a once-prosperous merchant exiled from Germany who, unable to obtain immediate entrance to the United States, sought death because his feet could not walk upon the land that his eyes each day could see through the wire fence.

She, his wife, became eligible under the immigration quota to pass through the customs gates that barred him. But, ever-faithful, she stayed by him, hoping and waiting for the day when they would be able to walk side by side across the boundary into America.

Speak Broken English

Their names and the strange story behind these daily walks across the border are known only

to customs officials who have withheld their identity.

Months ago they had arrived in this dusty, hot capital of Lower California. Hope alone was their only salvation. They spoke no Spanish and only broken English.

Each day they set out for the American consulate seeking that prized envelope that would tell them their names at last were included on the immigration quota list of those privileged to cross the border.

They had never given up hope, for they had surmounted so many obstacles to get this far, surely their way would not be barred for long now that they were in sight of the land they had traveled so far to reach. But always the answer was "Maybe tomorrow."

At last one day officials at the consulate handed the wife her precious envelope. His? They were very sorry, but he was not listed in this quota; perhaps the next one.

Wife Declines Entry

Although she was able to cross the border under the new quota, she refused to go until that time when he, too, could accompany her. So each day they continued their visits, and each day were met by the same reply: "Not today, maybe later."

Daily the small man would trudge to the steel grating and stand by the hour looking across at the people, the streets, stores, cars and land that he could not touch.

He could stick his fingers through the fence into the United States, but he could not enter.

Sometimes a dog would scurry past the guards and disappear up the streets of Calexico while he stood there and grasped the wire until his knuckles became white.

Distinguished In Manner

He presented an odd picture to the officials, standing with pince nez and carefully creased but shiny trousers amid the slovenly-clad natives. He spoke to no one, for no one understood him; no one but his wife.

At last the frustration of his desire to take that one step into the country he had sought as a



FREED . . . Thomas J. Pendergast, nationally-known political boss, is seen signing a bond which secured his freedom, following his indictment in Kansas City, Mo., on charges of evading federal income taxes on \$315,000. Prosecution alleges the \$315,000 was Pendergast's share of the \$400,000 "mystery fund" pay-off, that put through the notorious \$10,000,000 O'Malley fire insurance compromise.

L. A. To Build New Owens Dam

Altho water from the Colorado river is scheduled to be brought to Los Angeles county by the end of this year, Los Angeles city will proceed to increase its supply from the Owens river, some 300 miles north of the metropolitan area, it was learned today.

Bids for construction of a dam across the Owens river in Long Valley are to be opened by the city on April 18. The structure is to be rock fill with earth core, similar to San Gabriel No. 1 dam. Excavation for the dam has been about completed. Capacity of the reservoir will be 163,000 acre feet, covering about 5,000 acres.

refuge drove him to attempt suicide.

It was his wife that saved him. She found him dangling from a chandelier in their hotel room, a bad sheet around his neck. Aided by two hotel employees, she cut him down and managed to revive him. It was then he explained how, maddened by the sight of the goal which he was unable to achieve, he had given up hope and sought the only other escape he knew—death.

Officials Relax Rules

When the immigration officials learned of the suicide attempt, they broke precedent and granted the couple a request unusual in department history.

He was an alien and as such he could not reside in the United States, but until such time when he would be included in the quota, they allowed him to accompany his wife into Calexico for the day, provided he returns to Mexico by nightfall.

So each morning the pair make their way over the border, visit in Calexico, and at dusk return to Mexicali. Some day, when the long-awaited number arrives, there will be no return trip at dusk.

Stage Coach Going To Fair

CONCORD, N. H. (U.P.)—A century and a quarter old, the stage coach built here by Abbott Downing will be exhibited at the New York World's Fair.

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TORRANCE JUNIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION

If you wish to attend Junior College in Torrance next Fall, please fill out the form below and bring or send to Thomas Elson, principal of Torrance High School, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I am interested in enrolling in the proposed TORRANCE JUNIOR COLLEGE provided courses in the following are offered: (Write in any choice not listed).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signed _____

Address _____

City Council Acts On Many Minor Business Matters

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CONTRACT FOR PLANNING SERVICE

At the recommendation of Councilman Tom McGuire, who is chairman of the commission, the request of the City Planning Commission that the city enter into a five-year contract with the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission for consultation on request was approved by the municipal board over Councilman George V. Powell's "no" vote. McGuire said that \$1,000 would cover all the costs of the local commission, including the services of the county's experts on planning, over the five-year period.

NO DECISION ON TIRE DAMAGE CLAIM

Altho he reviewed at length the "testimony" offered by the damage claimant, City Attorney John E. McCall in a written report to the council offered no recommendation regarding Melvin J. Trahold's request for a \$10 reimbursement to pay for damages to a tire and tube. Trahold, Attorney McCall, stated, submitted a cut tire, a blow-out tube, the bill for the tire and tube when new and a rock which he said was placed in the road by Assistant City Engineer Glenn Jain and caused all the rumpus. However, Jain denied Trahold's rock was the actual one involved. McCall said Trahold's claim and McCall's report were filed for future reference.

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SIGN FOR LIGHT: CULVERT INSTALLED

Engineer Young informed the council he saw no reason for an overhead light at the intersection of Cherry street and Redondo avenue in North Torrance (as requested two weeks ago by the Gardena Chamber of Commerce) inasmuch as Cherry is a dead-end street. He said a sign to that effect had been posted by the city street department.

"I am happy to report that the Pacific Electric has completed the installation of the storm drain culvert on El Prado that collapsed Jan. 21," Young said. He also reported that the P. E. is removing its tracks and overhead wires from the center station on Torrance boulevard recently acquired by the city for \$1,000 from the traction company.

BEAD TO PARADE AT BELLFLOWER MAY 19

Explaining that Bellflower expects to entertain 40,000 people when it celebrates the completion of its new street lighting

rabies. The matter was referred to the council's ordinance committee for study.

GRANT QUARTERLY CHAMBER APPROPRIATION

An appropriation of \$2,000 was made to the Chamber of Commerce following receipt of a report concerning that organization's office activities during the past quarter. The fund will carry the chamber thru the present quarter.

APPLY FOR TAX WAIVERS ON LAND

The city having come into possession of two more pieces of property by purchase—a lot in Walteria adjoining the fire station in that community and the center strip on Torrance boulevard, requests were made by supervisors to the board of supervisors for tax waivers on the land now municipally owned.

ENGINEER REQUESTS ON SIDEWALK REQUEST

Recommending that the city enlarge the width of the sidewalk on Marcella avenue between the Torrance Plumbing company building and the Firestone service station to make it of uniform width, Leonard Young, acting city engineer, said that J. M. Christensen, local car owner, sought the improvement because he intended to build next to the alley below the service station. The cost would be about \$102, Young said. Councilmen indicated they favored the city laying the additional cement if the city attorney rules it can be done legally. Action is expected on the matter at the next council session.

PROHIBIT OUTSIDE DUMPING AT DUMP

Councilman James Hitchcock informed the board that because the area was filling up rapidly with refuse oil, the city dump has been posted this week to prohibit dumping of materials there from outside the city limits.

MUNICIPAL WATER REPORT SUBMITTED

In presenting the quarterly report for the municipal water department, Councilman Tom McGuire pointed out that the balance and surplus is now \$3,927.38.

BUY FOG NOZZLE

At Mayor William H. Tolson's suggestion, the council decided to sell the old American-La France fire engine-motor for \$40 and purchase a "fog nozzle" (used in fighting oil fires because it throws a heavy protecting fog ahead of fire-fighters) for \$65.

G-Man Is Speaker At Church Club

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34 seconds, a robbery every 30 seconds and a burglary every two minutes," Ellsworth pointed out.

In sketching the careful manner in which prospective special agents are selected—they must be either qualified attorneys or accountants between 25 and 35 years of age and only one out of every 1,000 applicants finally makes the grade—the speaker outlined their training in Washington, D. C.

He described the fingerprint work of the F.B.I. headquarters where nine and one-half million prints are on file and 5,000 are received daily from 15,000 law enforcement agencies throughout the U. S., and several foreign nations. Ellsworth urged the public to volunteer fingerprints for recording in the F.B.I. civil file which is used only for identification purposes, stating that in this manner many persons whose identity is lost in time of sudden death or as result of amnesia can be restored to the records.

Asked Many Questions

"We consider our work a profession and we are glad that the general public now regards the F.B.I. with confidence. We are proud of our record of 95 percent convictions in all cases we bring before the courts. Things are quite different than when John Dillinger was held up as a hero and his picture on movie screens brought applause. Today we know that law-breakers of his type are rats and should be hunted down and put out of society," the speaker said.

When he concluded his talk, Ellsworth was asked many questions, some of which he declined to answer. Typical of his manner of responding to personal queries was his answer to the question: "Are all G-men as modest as you are?" To which he replied: "I don't know all the G-men."

President Post announced that the next meeting of the Episcopal Men's club would be held May 10 when "The 13 Golden Cities," a Metropolitan Water district play, will be staged at the Episcopal Guild Hall.

Powell Raps City's Law Enforcement

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information I get there are, it seems, some connected with the city that may need this revenue. I believe that most of the police department want to carry out their oath to the office that they were sworn in to fill. I am sure as a councilman that that is my honest desire.

"It looks suspicious to me that there may be a pay-off to someone connected with the city law enforcement," warn those responsible for the conviction of the ex-convict that they are interested in the office and position that they fill, it may be to their best interests and the interest of the city as a whole for them to take their obligations honestly and seriously.

"The people of this city are not in sympathy with the present conditions and I, as a city official, expect to protect my obligations and those of any officers and employees that are honestly trying to serve this city. If an officer or employee is requested to protect vice and gambling in this city and will make the facts known to me, I will do my utmost to have the guilty party or parties removed from office and indicted for same.

"The city is paying about \$2,000 per month for law enforcement and then we find it necessary to have to call on the sheriff's office to enforce the law. If that is the case, then it would be more economic for the city to contract for the law enforcement by the sheriff's department. This condition should not exist.

"It is sometimes difficult to reach the real guilty parties, but I trust this notice will be sufficient and that all will work to make this city a better and safer place to live."

Freedom For Forgetting Or It's Jail for Love

FRESNO (U.P.)—Earl Ostergard, 28, must forget about the girl he loves, or go to jail. Police Judge Melvin K. Gibbs decreed.

On the complaint of his former sweetheart, Miss Elsie Becker, an employee of the state highway department, that he was persisting in his intentions when they no longer were wanted, Ostergard was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace.

He pleaded guilty and was placed on probation on the condition he forget the love affair.

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Do You Lack Ability to Think Clearly and Act Promptly?
Do You Have Constipation—Maltreatment, and Indigestion?
Do You Have Headache—Pain or Ache in the Back or Legs?
Do You Have Stomach and Bowel Trouble?
Do You Have Skin Eruptions? High or Low Blood Pressure?
Do You Have Dropsy—Get the "Water" Out?
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