

High School Student Government Its Purpose and Organization

Following is the 15th article in the "Know Your Torrance High School" series written especially for this newspaper . . .
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The American public schools were founded for the express purpose of promulgating and perpetuating the American form of democracy. No school which fails to perform this function justifies its establishment under that purpose.

There are two ways in which this objective may be approached: First, the school itself may be organized and operated on a democratic basis; second, it may instruct its students in the meaning and practice of democratic principles. Torrance high school strives consistently to meet both of these conditions. Aside from its strictly administrative functions, the staff operates on a cooperative basis. Faculty meetings and faculty business is done through committees, with opportunities extended to all members to participate in development of policies and practices. We believe the school is organized and operated in a democratic fashion.

Make Democracy Vital
Instruction of students in the theory and practices of democratic government is accomplished through two means: First, in every instructional unit where such instruction is feasible, fundamental principles of democracy are studied. We attempt to define democracy, citizenship and similar subjects in terms so simple and practical as to render them meaningful in everyday lives of students.

Second, every possible opportunity is utilized to give the student practice in functions of democratic control. The following resume will indicate the range of these opportunities and the manner in which they are utilized:

1. The constitution of the student body is one of the finest, simplest and most democratic instruments of its kind. It was developed through practice, compiled by a joint faculty-student committee and adopted by a majority vote.
2. The holding of office and participation of students in self-government is encouraged primarily because of value to the participants rather than as a means of control.
3. All elections are carried out in conformity to the procedure of adult society with improvements.
4. One of these improvements is the selection of nominees over the party convention system employed by adult society. A nominating committee, chosen by popular vote selects from the list of applicants those whose records and fitness entitle them to run for office.
5. Only those who register during registration week may vote. The great register is kept by members of the nominating committee functioning as an election committee.
6. Primaries and final elections are held.
7. Hold Regular Campaigns
Problems of student control are not arbitrarily settled by faculty members but referred first to the student government group having jurisdiction.
8. Student government procedures are based upon the democratic principles accepted by adult society.

9. Campaigns are conducted before both the primary and final election. Candidates are put to the test of declaring their principles and platforms before the assembled students.

10. Campaign managers learn legitimate ways of presenting the virtues of their candidates.

11. Successful candidates are properly inducted into office.

Next week's article, 16th in the "Know Your Torrance High School" series by Principal Elson, will give an outline of the student government organization and functions of the several control groups.—ED.)

Students Elect Officers, Members of Honor Clubs
Narbonne high school students held their semi-annual Associated Student Body elections Tuesday. On the same day five vigilantes and eight Jane Addams club members were chosen. Donald Bailey, a popular Senior B, was elected president of the A.S.B.

On the Vigilantes, of which five vacancies were to be filled, the following were elected: James Biller, Maurice Binkley, Lonnie Bowman, Ricky Ishikawa and Harold McCormick.

On the Jane Addams society, of which there were eight vacancies to be filled, the following were elected: Wanda Lee Asher, Mona Delore, Rosemary Kerber, Gloria McVeigh, Yvonne Poole, Gwen Fisher, Charles Weddington, Madelyn Kette and Ratsy Knox. Elected to the presidency of the Girls' League was Yvonne Poole.

Lomita Trio to Enter Pleas Today in Assault Trial
Phillip Keeley, Alma Brown and Noel Temple are to make their pleas today to charges of assault on Clayton Beaudry of Hawthorne on Christmas day, according to Los Angeles county superior court records.

None of the trio has been able to make bail, court records showed at the middle of the week. Keeley's bail is set at \$250, and the other two at \$1,500 each. Keeley is the only one who has engaged a private attorney, the other two being represented by the public defender's office.

Husbands of A.W.O.L. Club to Be Dinner Guests
The A.W.O.L. club will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 22, at the home of Mrs. Jewell Taylor, 722 Portola, Torrance. Husbands of members will be dinner guests and December and January birthdays will be celebrated.

The club met last week for potluck luncheon with Mrs. Adele Leon Ward in San Pedro, ten members being present. Mrs. Ellis McCay, president, being absent because of illness, Mrs. Grace Brown presided. Games were played and prizes given, Mrs. Mary West and Mrs. Faye Poole being winners.

USE LOCAL TALENT
PEORIA, Jan. 16. —(UP)—Eight of the 16 members of Bradley Institute's basketball squad are Peorians. Six of them played for Peoria high schools; two never played before entering college.

J. Marion Wright, Los Angeles Attorney To Head Shrine Through 1941



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J. MARION WRIGHT, prominent Los Angeles attorney, chosen illustrious Potentate for 1941. The new Shrine chief resides in Glendale, where he is president of the Board of Education of the Glendale Unified School District and trustee of the Glendale Presbyterian Church. He belongs to Golden West Commandery, No. 43 Knights Templars, and Los Angeles Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons. He has been president of Al Malakiah Patrol and is an honorary member of Anahel Temple, Mexico City, and Aloha Temple, Honolulu. He is married, resides at 815 East Mountain Street, Glendale, and has two grown daughters.

"BEER BARREL POLKA" WINS AS WAR'S BIGGEST SONG HIT

LONDON (U.P.)—Biggest song hit of this war is the "Beer Barrel Polka." Canadian soldiers sang it when they debarked in England, Australian and New Zealand soldiers sang it when they fled down the gangplank in the Middle East. English soldiers sang it as they trudged through the mud of France. And sheltered dwellers in London sing it while the bombs whistle down about them.

So far it has sold nearly a million copies—and it's still a good seller.

Running a close second on England's "hit parade" is the American best-seller, "South of the Border," which, incidentally, was written by England's best known song-writing team, Jimmy Kennedy and Michael Carr. That, too, has sold nearly a half million copies.

None Near '14-'18 Hits
Third place probably goes to "Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Good-Bye," with which Grace Fields, the English comedienne now in the United States, sang her way into the hearts of the British army, navy and air force. Some 450,000 copies have been sold.

Song of France
Carr, working alone, wrote the song that is in fourth place, "Somewhere in France," whose popularity waned after the British retreat to Dunkirk. It sold 400,000 copies.

But none of the songs of this war approaches the sales of England's hits of the World War. For instance, "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," sold 5,000,000 copies, "Roses of Picardy," 3,000,000 and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" more than 1,000,000 copies.

Publishers attribute the drop in sales of songs to the radio, on which a popular song today is literally "played to death" in about 13 weeks, whereas during the last war the average life of a hit song was two years.

Lopez Moves Riding Academy to New Site in Torrance

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lopez have moved their popular riding academy from East Road to 23124 Narbonne avenue, Torrance, where they have the same gentle horses and much better riding trails to offer for their patrons' pleasure. They will be glad to meet their friends at their new location on Friday.

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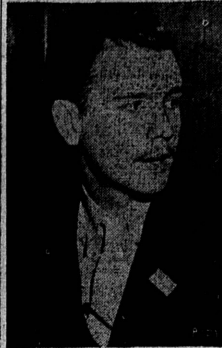
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Britain to Open Blockade for U. S. Mercy Ship

LONDON, —(UP)—The Ministry of the economic warfare says that Great Britain has agreed to passage through the blockade of a shipload of American vitamin concentrates, dried milk and similar supplies for unoccupied France. Authority for the shipment was granted, the ministry says, on the personal request of President Roosevelt.

Wooldridge Herald-News Circulation Mgr. Writes

Society is composed of two great classes: Those who have more dinners than appetite and those who have more appetite than dinners.

No Drivers' License Renewals Until After Plate Period, Feb. 4

No 1929 "good until revoked" drivers' licenses will be renewed until the close of the current license plate renewal period, Feb. 4, the department of motor vehicles announced this week.

Paul Mason, chief of the division of drivers licenses, explained the renewal has been postponed, because of the necessity of using clerks for registration work.

The 1929 good until revoked licenses are still valid, he said, as they have not been cancelled. Plans are being made by the department to cancel them in the early spring.

"Talent Girl of '38" Entertains Students

Nationally famed for her varied talents and charming personality, Miss Muriel Goodspeed, Atlantic City's choice for the most "Talent Girl" of 1938, yesterday drew applause from every Narbonne student body member attending the aud-cast.

Possessing talents ranging from dancing to singing and having an original charm all her own, Miss Goodspeed, danced and sang her way into the heart of every student who attended. Accompanying Miss Goodspeed was Paul King Jr., outstanding pianist of Los Angeles, who played symphonic pieces with the nimble fingers of an artist. King spoke on "How to Win Contests" with Miss Goodspeed.

TO CONVENTION
On motion by Councilman James V. Murray, Fire Chief J. E. McMaster and Councilman George V. Powell, who is fire commissioner, will attend the convention of the state fire chiefs convention at Catalina Island Saturday and Sunday with expenses paid.

—Want Ads 25c—

Social Clubs Must Pay \$48 License Yearly in County

Effective Feb. 13, so-called social clubs in Lomita and other unincorporated territory will be required to pay a fee of \$12 a quarter, amounting to \$48 a year, under an ordinance adopted this week by the board of supervisors.

In addition, proprietors of the clubs will be required to take down all screens at the front of the rooms where pool tables are placed, so that full view of the interior is not hidden from the street.

The ordinance was recommended after complaints from pool hall operators that while they were required to pay \$1 per month on each table the so-called social clubs avoided payment of license fees.

HAGUE ON LEAVE
Permission to be absent from the state for three weeks was voted Supervisor Oscar Hague of the Fourth district this week by the board of supervisors. Dr. Hague said he expected to be called east on business.

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