



THE CLASS OF '51 OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL STANDS FOR ITS PORTRAIT FOLLOWING BACCALAUREATE LAST SUNDAY

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## Wentworths Safe After Landing Plane in Jungle

Reported safe Monday after a three-day search by planes of the Bolivian air force was a Torrance couple who left here May 4 for an aerial tour of Central and South America. Missing from Saturday until Monday on a flight from La Paz to Santa Cruz were Mr. and Mrs. Hampden Wentworth. He is vice-president of the Longren Aircraft Company here and brother of Chapman Wentworth, the company's president.

Press dispatches from South America received here Monday reported the couple had been forced to set their single-engine Beechcraft down on an isolated jungle farm because of mechanical trouble. They were later reported to be flying on to Brazil.

## Son Wants to Be Like His Dad—A Safecracker

Fifteen-year old Bob Stewart has it figured out what he is going to do for a living. He is going to be a safe cracker like his dad—Glen Stewart.

The Stewarts are recent newcomers to Torrance having only a month ago purchased a new home at 3423 West 188th street.

Daddy Stewart has been getting into safes to get people out of trouble for 15 years. He does it all with a special drill and a lot of know-how.

Some of his better known customers have included Edgar Bergen, Bob Hope, Sue Carol, Tyne Power, Max Baer and a lady he remembers well, Ida Lupino.

"One night I crawled out of bed at 2 a.m. drove about 10 miles to make a car key for Ida Lupino. When I told her it would cost \$10 she refused to pay and her girl friends chipped in and paid the bill," recalls Glen.

The two Stewarts practice their art with full knowledge and blessings of the police department and FBI. In fact the father and son safe cracking team have been called in on a number of cases by the police. One not too long ago was the still unsolved case of the missing Bel Air widow, Mimi Boomhower. The police had Stewart open the safe in the \$65,000 mansion of the missing heiress for possible clues to her mysterious disappearance.

Although Stewart enjoys a certain popularity among police departments, few safe-manufacturing companies and locksmiths share the same regard for Stewart and his ability to open safes and locks. One lock company for instance, had to change its advertising slogan about one of its products being pick-proof because Stewart had



A NICE SAFE JOB . . . Fifteen-year-old Robert Stewart wants to be a safecracker like his father Glen, who has been opening safes and locks for 15 years. The father and son team can make a job of opening a locked safe as simple as opening a can of sardines with an electric can opener. (Herald photo).

## KTLL to Feature Safecracker, Son

Glen Stewart and son Robert will appear on KTLL's Sunday night feature, "The Magazine of the Week" on June 10 at approximately 10:45 p.m.

The father and son combination will escape from a pair of handcuffs and demonstrate how "easy" it is to pick locks.

solved the super secret mechanism of the lock.

When the Stewarts go for a ride the whole family usually goes—but not his safe tools.

"Might be too much temptation for someone if they thought I had my safe tools with me. I don't enjoy the thought of opening a safe with a '45 jammed in my ribs," explained Stewart.

During his 15 years in the safe opening business, Stewart claims he has been approached several times by what he felt certain were propositions to open a safe—without the owner's consent.

"I give 'em a rather cool reception and that usually ends the conversation," avers Stewart. Stewart modestly feels he is among the six leading lock and safe men in the Southland, if not the leading safe man. "The safe that I can't open, without damaging any of the contents or the safe itself, has not been invented," Stewart claims.

One of these days he figures there will be seven leading safe men in the Southland. The addition to the sextet being his son Robert. At present young Bob is learning the business "by doing" and is working with his dad at the Hollywood Lock Company where his father is a foreman. Daddy Stewart works out the tumbler combinations while his son is one of the assemblers. Stewart, known as the "Safe Man," has a long laugh whenever he sees a movie bad man open a safe by rubbing his fingers on sand paper Jimmy Val-

entine style or using a glass of water to indicate the fall of the lock's tumblers.

"I saw a movie with a safe picker open a safe by holding an icepick between his teeth and placed against the dial of the safe. He was supposed to be able to feel the tumblers fall," said Stewart.

"It is impossible with modern safes," he claims. Stewart never looks upon a job of opening a safe as a chore. He accepts it as a challenge.

"It's almost like a fever," he explains. And noticing the look that creeps into son Bob's eyes when the conversation is about "that tough job back in Denver" it would appear the fever is contagious—if not contagious then certainly hereditary.

## Death Takes Brother Of Mrs. Ethel Sears

Funeral services were held in Colton this week for Harold Vaughan, 47, brother of Mrs. Dean Sears, of 1535 Post avenue. Mr. Vaughan died of pneumonia following a short illness.

He leaves his widow, Kathryn, and three daughters. A brother, Paul, and another sister, Mrs. V. L. Huskisson, also survive. Interment was in Montecito Memorial Park.

## Storkatorials

AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Ariaga, of 20509 South Vermont avenue, a son, born at 6:45 a.m. May 22, named George.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeCaro, of 3338 Danahy street, a son, born at 3:46 a.m. May 23, named Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Potts, of 1507 Greenwood boulevard, a daughter born 11:17 a.m. May 23, named Janell.

Mr. and Mrs. Trueman C. Beasley, of 1558 West 205th street, a son born May 25, named Troy Oliver.

PFC and Mrs. Pete Natali, of 3127 West 187th street, a son born May 25, named Robert Charles. PFC Natali, now stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, expects to be home later this week on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Rains, of 256 Cypress street, Lomita, a daughter born at 9:20 a.m. June 2, named Victoria Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cranshaw, of 2062 Middlebrook road, a daughter born at 5:37 a.m. June 3, named Dorothy Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Hitchcock, of 2264 Torrance boulevard, a daughter born at 5:03 a.m. June 1, named Patric Robert.

## Torrance Caminotes 'Out in the Cold'

El Camino College student voters elected Lynne Frantz of 615 West 112th street, the student body president at an election held last week.

No students from Torrance won any of the seats on the commission.

ward, a daughter born at 6:50 a.m. May 23, named Judy Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Jose Jesus Diaz, of 4434 Del Amo street, a son born at 6:48 p.m. May 26, named Jose Jesus Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Douglas, of 2811 Gramercy avenue, a son born at 9:59 p.m. May 26, named Paul Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Lowry, of 1303 1/2 Portola avenue, a daughter born at 6:26 a.m. May 27, named Vanita Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wallace, of 723 Pine drive, a daughter born at 11:59 a.m. May 28, named Sundee Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Johnson, of 22951 Walnut avenue, a daughter born at 4:26 a.m. May 30, named June Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. O'Brien, of 12065 Hawthorne boulevard, a son born at 5:03 a.m. June 1, named Patric Robert.

## End of School Career Nears for 159 Seniors

For many of the 159 Torrance High School graduates in the Class of '51, tomorrow will mark the end of 12 long, long years of school and the last time many of them will attend school before they start searching in the "outside" world for a spot in which to carve their niche.

For many of the boys there is already a niche waiting for them—in Uncle Sam's army.

The girls will find their niches as so many before them have done probably in front of a kitchen sink or an enameled stove.

Already Uncle Sam has made his demands on the Class of '51. The class is five short of topping the number of graduates in last year's record-breaking Torrance High School graduation class.

tion class. Of the 159 to receive diplomas on the athletic field tonight, 83 are girls and 76 are boys.

Many times during the past 12 years the names of the boys and girls in the Class of '51 have appeared in the columns of the Torrance Herald. Here they appear once more—as members of the graduating class of Torrance High School, June 7, 1951.

### GIRLS

A Doris Jean Ahrendt, Nancy Lee Allen, Wilma Lee Atkins.

B Zola Corinne Bellwood, Jane Bernath, Joyce Ann Bever, Elaine Carol Booth, LaVonne Vance Boydston, Emily Ann Burchfield, Moana Ahlstrom Burris.

C Erma May Carstaps, Annette Marie Castaner, Betty Jean Clark, Barbara Jean Coleman, Lois Mae Coniskey, Dilla Jean Cooper, Marian Cecelia Crowell.

D Dorothy Ryan Day, Viola Jean Dudley, Martha Margaret Dunn.

E Verda Mae Eads.

F Stella Rita Fernandez, Doris Mae Ford, Maxine Franklin, Donna Marie Friedman, Beverly Jean Fritz, Alene Fullmer.

G Alice Helen Gargalis, Shirley Jo Gish.

H Doris June Haselwood, Donna Corrine Hatfield, Sadie Mae Hawke, Dede Lioni Hightight, Elizabeth Ziemke Hunter.

J Barbara Jean Jackson, Marie Antoinette Jenczewski, Launa Jean Johnson, Joan Jones.

K Elizabeth Ann Klein.

L Grace Anne Lafferty, Elvira Mae Lindenberg, Irene Evelyn Lovelady.

M Dorothy Ann Mattix, LaDorna Brown Means, Beverly Ruth Mitchell, Sharrille Deane Moore, Irene Elizabeth Moreno, Neelia Marie Morin, Patricia Louise Munier, Beverly Jean Murdock.

N Jeannette Jacqueline Nincevic.

O Ina Celestine Packard, Janice Ann Perkins, Ellen Springsteen, Poer, Helen Louise Powell.

P Sally Ann Radcliff, Ora Nell Rainwater, Terry Diane Raleigh, Elaine Esther Reinwald, Vera Sue Russell, Mary Lee Ryan.

R Barbara Jean Salsbery, Arlene Louise Schreiber, Mary Jo Schrepel, Marilyn Joyce Schumert, Sandra Lee Scott, Jacquelin Jean Smith, Joan Bibbelle Smith, Eunice Lee Steele, Darlene May Stegall, Phyllis Rowena Stevens, Lorraine Stiefel, Tennessee Joy Sumpter.

T Mary Kathryn Tappin, Nova Leah Thompson, Myrna Claire Tomte.

W Donna Jean Weber, Marion Yvonne Westendorp, Ane Marie Wilbeck, Peggy Joanne Wilson, Shirley Mae Wunderlich.

Y Lenore Elizabeth Young.

Z Barbara Lee Zachary.

## Rites for Father of

Requiem Mass for Joseph Albert Rodifer, prominent plastering contractor of Los Angeles and father of Mrs. Myra Beeman, will be held in the Catholic Church of Nativity at 10 a.m. today. Rev. Robert Gara will officiate.

## Mrs. Myra Beeman Today

day at his summer residence near Lake Hughes. He leaves his widow, Alice Rodifer, of 2929 Knox avenue, Los Angeles; a sister, and three brothers. He was a member of the Wilshire Rotary Club. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery will follow today's final rites.

## Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

There is one class that very few people have seen any of this past week, that's the seniors. They have been on the go from morning till night. Last Friday they received their caps and gowns, and from that time on the favorite headgear of the whole class was mortarboard caps. Their schedule for the week was:

Monday, Senior Tea. The senior tea was served at the Woman's Club by the junior girls with Mrs. Betty McKowen, foods teacher, in charge.

Tuesday: Senior Aud Call. The senior aud call is a tradition at Torrance High School; at this time the seniors march down the aisles and make quite a ceremony out of it by reading the Senior Will and the hopes of the class for the future.

Wednesday: Senior Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The junior girls also served at this with Mrs. Betty McKowen in charge.

Thursday: Graduation, at 8 p.m. After this long-awaited affair there will be a post graduation party at the El Camino Campus Center. This is the first time that such a party has been planned, and thanks to the efforts of the PTA and many individuals it is now possible.

Friday there will be a minimum schedule and the moment for some students to dread—report cards.

Last Friday night was the long-awaited Junior Senior Prom, and was truly a wonderful affair. It was held at the El Camino Campus Center with music by Fred Gray and his orchestra. From all the juniors and seniors, "Thank you, Mrs. Betty Schaefer, Mr. Kilburn and all the committees that made the prom possible." The juniors presented the two class sponsors, Mrs. Schaefer and Mr. Kilburn with nice pens in appreciation and gratitude.

The junior class has picked the color of their sweaters, and measurements have been taken all this week. A \$3 deposit is required before the orders can be sent in. Measurements can also be taken at Strum's Department Store.

Another very important event happened last Friday night at the high school. The sophomore and freshman classes sponsored a movie and a dance for the eighth graders from all over Torrance. Hope you eighth graders had fun, and we'll see you at high school in the fall.

Two very important athletic events are coming up in the near future. One, the Torrance Recreation Department is sponsoring a tennis tournament during the summer for boys and girls in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Sign up before school is out tomorrow.

Two—there are only a few openings left in the Teenage Swimming program for this summer. Just \$2.40 for 17 days. Swimming will be at the Riviera Beach Club.

Last Thursday at the Civic Auditorium was the date and place for the First Dramatic Arts Banquet. This was sponsored by the Tartar Theater Guild and Troupes. Awards for all the outstanding dramatic arts students were made at this time. Grace Lafferty was named Best Actress of the Year; Irwin Kasten, Best Actor; Barbara Jackson, Best Supporting Actress; Gary Carter, Best Supporting Actor; Elaine Reinholdt, Best Character Actress; Dwight Hanna, Best Producer; Jo Ann Benard, Best Director; Glynn Boyce, Individual Improvement Award; Sally Radcliff, Award for Make Up; Donna Friedman, Speech Award; and Jim Crain received the PTA Trophy for the Most Outstanding Thespians of the Year.

To all the students at Torrance High: It's been fun reporting your news, and thanks for helping me do it.

MARIAN McDONALD