



**DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT?** ... An unidentified defendant takes the stand at Torrance High School Girls Court and is queried by Prosecuting Attorney Dayle Denham, third from right. Girls at the school guilty of misdemeanors are reported by the Tartar Ladies and brought into court to explain the deed. If they plead guilty the penalty is set by

## CIVIL PROCEDURE

## Girls Court Determines Fate of THS Lawbreakers

By Marjorie Meyer

"Mary Smith, you are charged with eating a Mars candy bar on the steps of the science building March 6 at 15 minutes past one. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

Thus the wheels of Girls Court at Torrance High School are set into motion and a new case is entered on the records. Whether or not Mary will be required to pay a penalty for her misdeeds depends on many factors and people.

The Girls Court is an excellent example of the democratic process at work. Not only has penalizing been taken out of the hands of adult faculty members, but it has been put into the "due process of law" and "not guilty until proven guilty" category.

Rules are not made to be broken at Torrance High. Policing women students is the responsibility of 30 Tartar Ladies from the junior and senior classes.

Though they don't wear badges, the ladies are, law and order. If they spot another girl, or even one of their own members, breaking a rule, they file a complaint with the court and a trial is ordered.

Let's consider Mary Smith. A complaint has been put into the record. Her trial is called with in four days of the occurrence, and she is given a chance to plead guilty or not guilty.

If Mary pleads guilty the court passes sentence then and there. They may give Mary a suspended sentence without penalty, but if she comes before them again for another violation, she will receive a double sentence.

Mary, however, decides upon a

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members of the court seated above, left to right, June Rambo, Tamiko Okazaki, Beverly Rodgers, Judge Ann Bishop, Shirley York, Dayle Denham, Ann Stephens and Patti Lewis. If they plead not guilty they are tried by a jury of five or more THS woman students. (Herald photo.)

from actual civil procedure. If a jury is "hung," that is, cannot reach a guilty or not guilty verdict, the case is tabled and merely goes on the record. A second trial is not held.

Sentences are based upon the defendant herself, and are planned to help her avoid future misdemeanors. Standard penalties include oral and written reports. The guilty party may be asked to stay after school in the counselor's office, but this is not mandatory and must be agreed to by the defendant.

Repeated offenders get stronger sentences from the court. If a case becomes too hard to handle it is turned over to Charles E. Wallace, vice principal, together with the records of the court.

Wallace constitutes the equivalent of a higher court. Appeals are made to him, and he alone can take care of "felonies" involving violation of state laws such as smoking and off-campus permits. In the case of these major offenses, the Girls Court is responsible for the preliminary hearing.

Ann Bishop, judge of the court this semester, was elected to her position by members of the student body. The clerk, Beverly Rodgers, and bailiffs, Dayle Denham and Patti Lewis, were chosen from girls who

signed up on a volunteer list posted at the school. Presidents of the five major girls' organizations on the campus make up the rest of the court. They include Ann Stephens, GAA; Jo Ann Benard, Girls League; Shirley York, Tartar Ladies; June Rambo, Future Homemakers of America; and Tamiko Okazaki, Future Business Leaders of America.

Girls Counselor Mrs. Joanna Garver generally sits in on jury trials. She instructs the jury and helps settle matters of procedure.

Girls Court trials are closely patterned after those of civil courts. Witnesses are examined and cross-examined by the attorneys, the defendant makes her plea and summations are given by both prosecution and defense.

At the conclusion of a trial the jury retires and considers the plea and cons presented. Secret ballots are taken and the foreman presents the result to the court.

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## CARSON PTA PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

A second term as president of the Carson St. PTA is in the offing for Mrs. Jack Spence, who was reelected to the top position at the March 20 parley.

Mrs. Alfred Barkan will take over the duties of first vice president after the May installation, and Mrs. M. Q. Wallace, principal of the school, will be the second vice president.

Others on the 1952-53 slate are Mmes. Robert Minchow, third vice president; Russell Gilbert, secretary; Charles Linn, treasurer; Roy Carter, parliamentarian; Clarence Wittenburg, auditor and W. H. Holman, historian.

## Carnival Chairmen Meet With Mrs. R. L. McDonald

Chairmen of the committees working on the North Torrance Elementary School carnival which will take place April 18, were en-

tertained at a luncheon last week by Mrs. R. L. McDonald in her home, 17419 Falda Ave.

Following luncheon details of the forthcoming event were discussed by Mmes. Ted Kelly, Harry Van Bellechem, Ralph Mc-

Bee, Ott Fagnano, Barton Davidson, M. J. Walker, S. K. Odell, G. Babb, D. Stoeckle, M. West and Mr. Donald Robison.

## Marines Want You - - Even if There's A Husband Around

It's official now, gals—if you want to be a Lady Leatherneck you can be—even if there's a husband in your life!

Married women, those without children, that is, can now join the Women Marines if they meet the other qualifications. These are: high school graduation or a test showing equivalent knowledge, good health and an age between 18 and 30.

The Marine office for the Torrance area is in the Long Beach post office building, but anyone interested may call Long Beach 6-2090 and a recruiter will be sent to their home to explain further details.



**SILVER ANNIVERSARY** ... Although their real wedding anniversary won't take place until Sunday, Revs. Henry and Ida Sande, pastors of the Assembly of God Church at 1317 Cravens Ave., were feted by a host of friends Monday at a fellowship meeting and party at the church. Above, they look over signatures of the many guests who honored them at the afternoon and evening festivities. The couple were married a quarter century ago in Minneapolis, Minn., and have made their home in Torrance for five years. (Herald Photo.)

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# NEWS



## American-Standard Employees are good citizens!

Four American-Standard plants receive recognition for outstanding Savings Bond payroll deductions. Here Philip B. White, (center), Manager of the Bond Plant in Buffalo and John V. Thomas, (right), President of United Steel Workers of America, CIO Local #1199, receive a special citation from L. G. Brenner, Director of the Buffalo Office of the Savings Bond Division. The Louisville Plant—where deductions amount to almost \$500,000 a year—New Orleans Plant and Stamping Plant in Buffalo are the other plants so honored.



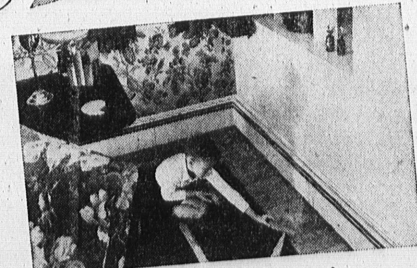
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## Master Plumbers tour Louisville Plant

A highlight of the 1952 Convention of the Kentucky State Association of Master Plumbers was a tour through the American-Standard Louisville Plant. Here, Mary Raible, Technician, explains the intricacies of sand core molding to Philip Schneider, Sr., of the Schneider Plumbing Co., Louisville, Edward Jungbert, President of the Association, Mrs. Jungbert, and Howard L. Spindler, Vice President, Public Relations for the Company. American-Standard sponsored plant tours up-to-date on new products and manufacturing methods.



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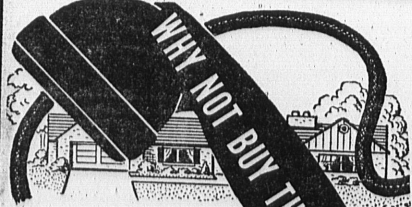
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