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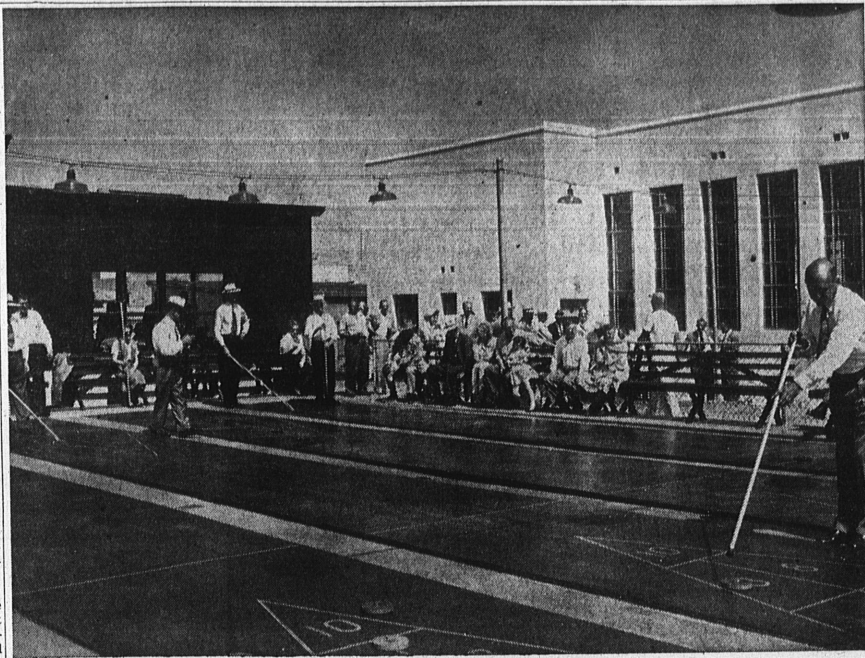
While Jack Baldwin, regular conductor of this column, is matching wits with mosquitos and the fish of Yosemite National Park, members of the Herald staff will fill in for him.

Taking time out from his battle with the fish of Yosemite, Baldwin postcards the information that:

"There's nothing like having a screwdriver under the shadow of old Half Dome." (We understand a screwdriver is a rare tropical thirst-quencher popular among the jungle tribes of lower Cabrillo).

Oh yes, he also says "the stream is full of rocks, ice cubes, and empty beer cans—no fish."

Watched a horseshoe game for a while Sunday afternoon at the Adult Recreation Center dedication. Finally got tired and went home. Two Long Beach experts knocking heads and getting nowhere—nothing but ring-



(Herald Photo)

AT DEDICATION RITES . . . Recreation enthusiasts from Long Beach and other areas gathered at the new Adult Recreation Center behind the library Sunday afternoon to

aid officials in dedicating the facility. Shown here are groups at the shuffleboard courts, the snack bar, and the lounge.



HAMPTON PLAYERS . . . Members of the Hampton Players appearing in "Guest in the House" which opens tomorrow night at the Redondo Union High School auditorium strike a pose for the photographer during a lull at intermission. Back row are, at left, Phil Yetter, Grace Tillitson and Vic Amaya, a member of the Hollywood "Ben Bard" players. Front row, at left, Neva Boyer, Hollywood Riviera, Jane Lafferty, Pamela Larmen and Thelma Ledwidge, of Seaside Heights. The play runs tomorrow and Saturday.

### Hampton Players to Present Three-Acter Friday, Saturday

"Guest in the House" being staged Friday and Saturday nights, Aug. 22 and 23 at the Redondo Union High School auditorium at 8:30 by the Hampton Players, is an engrossing play about a suburban artist and wife played by Vic Amaya and Grace Tillitson, who give house room to a female guest, Jane Lafferty, and live to wring their hands in anguish.

Shrewdly written, it is likely to give you the horrors before the authors and actors dispose of the menace. "If they had shown any sign of letting the little monster escape from the scene of her crimes, the first night audience would have rushed up on the stage and torn her limb from limb. "Guest in the House" crackles with terror and takes high rank as a heebie-jeebie show," one critic wrote.

Recent Addition  
Vic Amaya, a recent addition to the group, comes from the Ben Bard Players in Hollywood. He has been acting four years, and has appeared in such hit plays as "High Tor" and "Night of Jan. 16." Grace Tillitson, his wife in the play, also a new arrival, is a member of TV activities, Inc., of Palo Alto.

Jane Lafferty is well known in Torrance for her excellent portrayals of many roles in the past, including "Bees and the Flowers" and "Little Nell."

Young Veteran  
Bonnie Franklin of Hermosa Beach is a veteran actress of eight years old, who has appeared in many auditions of TV Soap Box Theater and who is a member of the famous Franklin family, a theatrical group in themselves who stage plays before veterans' groups and others; and Pamela Larmen, who has appeared in a recent children's production of "Cinderella" and is a student of Mrs. Nora Quarles, Hollywood Riviera drama coach.

Thelma Ledwidge, whose theatrical activities include both music and drama. She has been active with both the Lynwood and the Huntington Park Players, having appeared in "Life With Father" and "Personal Appearance."

Falls in Love  
The serious younger brother who falls in love with the "guest" is played sincerely by Bruce Strachan, who has played summer stock in Washington; also has appeared in "Huck Finn," "Ah Wilderness" and "Our Town."

Others in the cast include Neva Boyer and Dorothy Tunish; High student; Claude Ferrell, of "Silver Cord" fame last year; Hollywood Riviera; Hal Deckinger, Doug and Jo McClay, local thespians; Phil Yetter, Redondo High, Gardena.

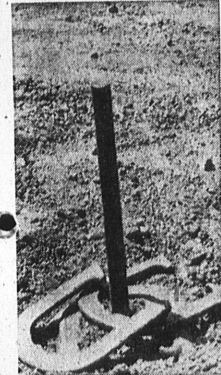


JANE LAFFERTY . . . Sparks Theater Production

### Ann Stephens Wins Whittier College Scholarship Grant

Miss Ann Stephens, graduate of Torrance High School last June, has been awarded a \$225 competitive scholarship to Whittier College for the coming school year, Dr. Charles W. Cooper, chairman of the college's Scholastic Awards Committee, revealed yesterday.

Thirty-two high school and junior college graduates have been awarded competitive scholarships to Whittier for the coming year on the basis of scholastic ability, achievement, character and citizenship, Dr. Cooper said. The awards total more than \$10,000. Miss Stephens edited the school paper, "News Torch." She plans to become a teacher and will concentrate her studies in the fields of education, psychology and home economics at Whittier. This summer she is working with youngsters at the Walteria playground, sponsored by the City Recreation Department.



JAY OSTROM . . . Home from Korea

### Jay Ostrom Home Aboard Philippine Sea

ers, each canceling the other out. Also on hand for the dedication were some of the sharpest shuffleboard players to hit town for some time. Some of the local enthusiasts picked up some tricks that will make them harder to get along with from here on.

Councilman Willys G. Blount received an official looking letter yesterday morning and stamped prominently on the front of the envelope was a request to "PLEASE HAND STAMP." Equally prominent on the back of the envelope was stamped "DAMAGED BY CANCELING MACHINE." The IKE lapel pin enclosed was bent.

Girl we know applied for a driver's license Monday. She made a few wrong turns when being given a test, but did fairly well until instructed to make a U turn in the middle of the block. She turned, killing the engine of the car as the front wheels bumped the opposite curb. A frantic clutch, brake and gearshift maneuver got the car into reverse. It rolled back across the street, over the curb, and onto someone's lawn. More frantic maneuvers and the car was in low. It crossed the street again, jumped the curb and on to another lawn. She flunked.

Returning to the United States last week after serving for seven months aboard the carrier USS Philippine Sea in Korean waters was Jay Ostrom, seaman first class, of 1603 W. 204th St.

A former Torrance High School student, Ostrom has been aboard the carrier during the past 4 months, during which time it took part in the June 23 strike against Communist power plants in North Korea, the Yalu River area.

He will be visiting home on week-ends while the ship is docked at San Diego. He is scheduled to receive an 11-day leave beginning Oct. 2, and will leave for Korea again in November.



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THE BIG MOMENT . . . Radiantly happy as she receives the crown as Miss Torrance is Shirley White, chosen in the recent beauty contest sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Band. On the left is Jackie Laughrie, Miss United States of America, who did the crowning; and on the right is Guy Mitchell, popular singer and recording star. Coronation ceremonies were held Saturday evening at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

### POLICEMAN RETURNS FROM NAVY DUTIES

Miles Hamilton returned from 18 months duty with the Navy and donned his Torrance police uniform again this week, according to Chief of Police John Strohm.

Hamilton served on the force for seven months before being called into the service.

### Vandals Rip Roofing, Break Glass in Homes

Vandals entered two homes being constructed in the Carson district and did damage listed at \$50, according to a report filed by the J. L. Hughes Construction Co. with the Lennox sheriff's office.

Roofing was ripped, boards were broken and window panes were smashed in the houses, at 20712 Oak St. and 20713 New Hampshire Ave.

### Councilman Gibson Speaks At Normandale Park Opening

Councilman John S. Gibson will be principal speaker at formal dedication ceremonies for the Normandale Recreation Center to be held Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Extensive plans are being made by recreation officials for a varied and interesting dedication program which will include youth groups in ceremonial dances and a display of craft work.

The new center is located at Halldale Ave. and 224th St. in the Shoestring area. Final work is being completed this week with the planting of lawn, trees and shrubs highlighting the activity.

### School District Richer as Check From US Arrives

A check for \$103,780 made out to the Torrance Unified School District and signed by Uncle Sam was received by school administrators Monday, part payment for school operations in the Torrance district.

Under Public Law 874, the TUSD is entitled to receive \$153,764, and this check is first payment, explained Emmet Ingram, school business manager.

The Federal Security Agency handles federal funds for education.

### Chance to Own Six-Toed Cats Offered Public

Know anybody who is in the market for a six-toed cat? Mrs. J. O. White, who lives at 2134 W. Sepulveda Blvd., has four small ones she is willing to part with, she told the Herald yesterday. Mother of the two-month-old freaks is a real-world beater. She is a seven-toed cat. Mrs. White described the kittens as a mixture showing some Maltese family traits (along with others). Anyone who has his heart set on owning a genuine six-toed cat can have any of these just for the asking.