

Toastmasters' Speak-Off Won By J. Collette

J. B. Collette won the semi-annual Speak Off title of the Torrance Toastmasters Club Tuesday night and will represent Torrance in the Harbor area Speak Off contest to be held in the near future.

"Nothing But A Boy" was the subject of Collette's winning speech. Winner of the area Speak Off will compete in the Southern California District contest, and from there the winner will progress to the regional and then the national speak offs.

Sgt. Bill Evans of the Torrance Police Department was Toastmaster of the evening for the affair, which was held at the Fish Shanty in Waverly.

A group of 45 members and their wives heard the contestants vie in the speaking contest. Other contestants were Angus McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance Water Department, W. R. Jensen, and W. Copenhagen.

Judging the event were George Hattfield and Bill Patterson, of the Palos Verdes Toastmasters Club, and Joe Gagnier, of the South Bay club.

Youth Band and Mendez to Play In Redondo Beach

The Torrance Area Youth Band, with Trumpeter Rafael Mendez as guest soloist, will enter the second leg of its concert tour of Southland cities Saturday night at Redondo Union High School at 8:15 p.m.

The band, under the direction of James Van Dyck, began the concert tour in the Torrance Civic Auditorium last week. From Redondo, the group will travel to Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Compton and Inglewood.

The tour is being sponsored by the Redondo Optimists Club, with proceeds to go toward buying new instruments for the band. Mendez, called "The World's Greatest Trumpeter," will play tunes that he has made famous on records and television.

Merchants Told Of More Stolen Checks in Area

Torrance merchants were being warned this week to be alert for checks from two South Bay area firms which were looted during the past week with more than 300 checks and two check protectors stolen.

Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Department said yesterday that the P. & M. Cabinet Co., of 130 W. Beach Ave., Inglewood, was looted and checks Nos. 1801 to 1800 inclusive stolen.

The R. G. Arnold Co., of 1419 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., was ransacked and checks Nos. 5525 through 5000 were taken along with a company check protector. The Arnold checks are on the Gardena Bank of America.

Percy has been warning merchants that checks taken in either burglary may be circulated in the Torrance area.

City Wins Cup For Topping '53 Chest Quotas

Torrance topped its Community Chest quota and became the first possessor of the Sam Levy Trophy which will be given to the Harbor area city making the highest percentage of its quota each year.

At a final report meeting held Tuesday, City Chairman A. E. Thompson, manager of the General Petroleum refinery here, revealed that Torrance had collected \$15,938.91, or 106.97 per cent of its quota of \$14,899, to win the coveted "Quota Buster" award.

Thompson, himself an award-winner for outstanding work for the Chest, spoke highly of the co-operation of the Herald, to which he credited much of the success of the fund-raising campaign. The Herald and two other volunteer workers, Pat Rudnick and Jean Sleeth, all received awards for outstanding achievement in the drive.

Chest collections throughout the Harbor area totaled at the final count, \$72,833, or 90 per cent of its quota of \$82,057.



FIRST TROPHY . . . Police Sgt. D. C. Cook inspects a huge ribbon and trophy awarded the Torrance Mounted Police Sunday by the Golden West Riding Club in competition with other units of the Southland. The trophy is the first won by the recently organized mounted police. Twenty members of the unit rode in the ceremonies at Golden West last Sunday. (Herald photo)

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MISS TAP TOE . . . Toni Forella, 15-year-old sophomore, will tap dance to the tune "I Know That You Know" at the Torrance High School Variety Show, "Blackouts on Review," to be presented tomorrow night at 8:15 in the school auditorium.

Acid Thrown on Worker's Car, Strikers Suspected

Striking workers of North American Aircraft Co. were blamed for throwing acid on the right side of a 1949 sedan owned by Mrs. Frances Temple, 1824 Cabrillo, Tuesday morning. Mrs. Temple, an assembler at the aircraft plant, went back to work two weeks after the strike began. She has two children.

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