

Tartar Teen Talk

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The seniors are getting busy by the day. With announcements all paid for the seniors now have to pay class dues. They are \$5 this year. Already committees are being chosen for the senior activities. With an early start like this, the seniors are sure to have a terrific week of activities.

This Thursday night, March 4, the Scholarship Society is having its bi-annual banquet in the high school cafeteria. Parents, teachers, and scholarship members are invited to have a Swiss steak meal for only \$1.25 per person.

For you who don't know what the Scholarship Society is, it is an honor organization composed of students who receive at least three A's and one B on their semester report card. Physical education does not count, but a failure in that subject or another will keep a person out of the organization. The motto of the Scholarship Society is "Scholarship for Service." Some of the services performed are taking care of the ticket sales of the basketball and football games, and also taking care of the elections.

This Thursday, 22 members will receive their life membership pins, which the student body provides to those members who have been in Scholarship for six semesters.

Also special scholarships are offered for life members.

In doing one of the projects for the semester the student council is asking for the readers' help. The project is putting the names of the past presidents on gold plates and placing them in wooden letters (THIS). If any of you know the names of the past student body presidents at THIS in the years 1935-1937, 1938-1942, and 1947-1949, I would appreciate it if you would call FA 8-7293 and give the name, year, and the semester, please.

The annuals this year have been slated to be the best ever. They are selling fast and with only 1000 of them being made and with 1600 students in the school, those who haven't ordered them yet had better hurry before they are all gone. The members of the annual staff have worked hard on this year's annual and they deserve a lot of credit.

Last Thursday the Tartars had a battle between the classes. It was the annual Intra-Mural Track Meet. The seniors won by the narrow margin of 32 points to the juniors' score of 28. The sophomores were third, with the freshmen coming in last. Everyone enjoyed the event with Norma Mead, Ann Steinbaugh, Marilyn Sanders, and Ronee LeMaster handing out the ribbons.

A new club is in the process of being organized at THIS. It is a Spanish club which is being called "Sabelo Todo." The club meets on Fridays and it is having dues of 15 cents a week, which will be used for taking trips to Spanish cultural places.

The temporary president is Gene Walker, who organized the club.

The Tartar Hoopmen played their last game of the season Friday night. Although they came home with a loss, it was an exciting game which had a margin of only two points through most of the game. The team proved that they really had a lot of spunk.

Going on field trips these last two weeks have been the Future Business Leaders of America. The FBLA went to the Bank of America last week, and they went to the Telephone Co. this week. The purpose of these trips is to acquaint the students with the business world.

It's time again for the annual One-Act Plays which are written by the students. Receiving trophies for the best plays submitted were Jerry Westmoreland and Rodney Williamson, who wrote "Safe Cracker's Suite"; Leon Serin for writing "Dawn," and Carol Davis and Carl Larson who wrote "Road to Freedom." These plays will be presented for the public on March 27 at 8:15.

This past Saturday night was the last teen-age dance at the Civic. The dances will be discontinued because of lack of interest. It is hoped later after a permanent teen-age director is appointed that there will be more interest in these dances. They are for you, so if they are ever started again, let's support them and make them like they were a couple of years ago.

Congratulations are in order for Claire Bentwood. She has just been elected a Tartar Lady. We are all happy for her, and we know she will work very hard for the organization.

Last Friday the Girls' and Boys' Leagues each had an aud.

The Boys League was presented with a tennis exhibition by Mike Franks, who is the Junior Amateur National Champion, and John Lish who is Junior Amateur Doubles Champion. It was an exciting game all the way through, with Mike Franks winning. Both champs are from Beverly Hills.

The Girls League was presented with a modern dance and call. After the dances, which varied from a scene in a toy shop to an offering to the sun, Mrs. Schaefer, in charge of the affair, announced the winner of the most improved posture, who was Theresa Bligotti. Winning second place posture was Linda Thistle, and first place was Dolores McCullum. These girls all received prizes given to them by the Girls' League.

It seems that Junior class dues of \$2.50 are coming in just fine. Over one-third of the dues have been paid. The juniors receive a 1955 class pin after they have paid both their sophomore and junior dues. They are having a contest and the homeroom class that wins will receive a party

furnished by the Junior class treasury.

Last week I told you I would tell you a little more about scholarships.

To get a scholarship you have to write a letter to the college you are interested in and ask for an application for a scholarship. (Most schools give scholarships, and if you students would like to see some of the ones offered you may look in the counseling office, where the posters of the schools sent out are posted. After receiving the application the student fills it out, gets recommendations from some of his or her teachers, and the grades of the four years in high school, and then sends it in. The college staff will look over these applications and decide.

Any senior who has a B or better average in all the four years at school, has a good chance of receiving a scholarship.

It isn't very difficult to apply, and with more than 40 students out of the 223 in the graduating class having better than a B average, Torrance seniors could have a lot of honors brought to the school and themselves.

The purpose of scholarships is to help students otherwise financially unable to go to college.

The deadline for these applications in most colleges is March 15.

There are also some local scholarships open to Tartars. One is a \$300 scholarship offered by the Elks Club. Students in the Bay area high schools are eligible and for the past two years students from Torrance High have won the scholarship. Two years ago it was Dwayne Deaton and last year it was Betsy Shaw, who won the Elks Award.

Another one is given by the National Supply Co. to the graduating senior who shows the most promise of future success in industry.

The Bank of America awards to the students at THIS 10 certificates to the 10 outstanding senior students in each of the following course fields:

1. Mathematics
2. Laboratory Science
3. Music
4. Art
5. Business
6. Social Studies
7. English
8. Foreign Language
9. Home Economics
10. Industrial Arts

Four of these ten will be selected by a faculty committee to receive an additional award of a gold cup and will continue in some competition for cash awards.

The candidates will be judged for the following things: schol-

Return of Stock Cars to Garrell Set for March 14

J. C. Agajanian announced yesterday that the second stock car racing program of 1954 at Carrell Speedway in Gardena would be held a week from Sunday, on March 14. Frank Mundy, Marshall Teague, Johnny Mantz, Troy Ruttman, Sam Hanks, Lou Flegare, Bob Scott, George Fleming, and the entire field that thrilled some 14,500 fans a month ago at Carrell are expected to compete.

Johnny Mantz, driving a 1954 Mercury, is out to stop the virtual Hudson monopoly on first place wins. Agajanian said Mantz was leading in the 100-mile until the 196th lap when a rock went through the radiator and he was forced out of contention. "It can't happen twice," says Mantz, "and what Bob Estes and I learned in that last race was plenty. I believe we'll win the next one." Bob Estes is the owner of the Mercury Mantz intends to drive.

All events in the six-event racing program will be from Le Mans starts, a la drag racing—standing starts.

The six events are a qualifying 5-lap trophy dash between the four fastest qualifiers, three heat races and the big 100-lap main event. All races will be from inverted starts with the fastest times in the rear positions.

Gates open at 11 a.m., qualifying starts at 1 p.m. and the trophy dash is away at 2:30 p.m.

Contractor Paves Gym Area for Gardena YMCA

A Torrance contractor has just completed paving a huge outdoor gym area for the Gardena YMCA—and for nothing, it was reported this week.

Paving an area for basketball, shuffleboard, and other games was done by Warren Southwest, Inc., local asphalt manufacturer and paving contractor.

astic achievement, citizenship, service, leadership, plans, ambitions, character and personality, ability to participate effectively in group discussion, and evidence of sound and logical thinking.

The principal will release the names of the winners on March 15.

I hope this will inform you a little more as to the procedure of applying for and winning scholarships to help you get through college.

This brings you up to date on the happenings of THIS.



HAM TAG . . . Dolph Tuggle, of 1121 Hickory Ave., displays one of the new radio "ham" license plates now being issued by the State. Tuggle was one of the first in Torrance to receive his special license.

Torrance 'Ham' Gets New Plate

Separated into a special group of people which can have a special California automobile license plate recently were the State's 15,790 amateur radio operators who can now obtain plates which carry their call letters instead of a regular California license number.

Authorized by the Legislature last year, the new plates began arriving recently, one of the first in Torrance being fastened to the radio-equipped auto of Dolph Tuggle, of 1121 Hickory Ave., a radio and television technician for the Los Angeles City School System. His call letters, WCKDT, were assigned to him about 17 years ago.

Legislative action authorizing the issuance of special plates was taken to facilitate use of the state's sprawling amateur radio network in case of major disasters.

Under terms of the new Motor Vehicle Code, Section 170, amateurs must produce a Federal Communications Commission license to apply for a special plate.

Costs \$3 Extra. Applicants for the special plates must pay an extra \$3 to cover costs involved. Tags issued this year are imprinted with the 1951 date just as the regular plates, and the red '54 tab is needed. New tags will be issued when the state's sprawling amateur radio network in case of major disasters.

The only other autos in California which receive special license plate privileges are those used by Congressmen, Senators, Assemblymen, and a few other highly placed officials.

Coming Events

Tuesday, March 9—School Bond Election, Torrance Unified School District.

Thursday and Friday, March 11-12—Torrance Herald Cooking School, Civic Auditorium and primary election.

Apr. 10—JayCette dance, Club Alondra.

May 21, 22, 23—Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show, Civic Auditorium.

Demo Breakfast Slated

A Democratic Club breakfast will be held in the Alon-Richard Hall here at 1953 W. Carson St. beginning at 10 a.m. March 21, it was announced yesterday. At the same time, it was announced that an installation dinner for the 68th Assembly District Council would be held April 24.

'Learn To Swim' Plans Announced

Plans to accommodate more than 200 boys in the YMCA-Lions Club free "Learn to Swim" campaign in 1954 were reported this week by Stan Roberts, executive secretary of the "Y." The program will take place April 12 to 16.

The YMCA has carried on the "Learn To Swim" campaign during spring vacation for the past six years. Buses furnished by the Torrance Lions Club are used to transport the boys to the San Pedro YMCA for instruction and this year it is hoped that another pool can be rented so that more than 200 boys can participate in the program.

In 1953, 65 boys between nine and 12 years of age were instructed so that they might pass the minimum swimmer's test of the "Y," Roberts reported.

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