

# Beautiful Cars Surprise Visiting Swedish Student

(The following story was written by Max Will, a Torrance High School senior who is here from Germany on an AFSIS scholarship. Max arrived here about one month ahead of Miss Malmstrom.)

By MAX WILL

"I was very surprised about the very beautiful cars in America." These were the first words I heard in a conversation with Lena Malmstrom, 17-year-old native of Malmo, Sweden. She will be a senior at Torrance High School for one year under the American Field Service International Scholarship program.

This organization was started during the First World War. It was a group of volunteer ambulance drivers. This group did not remain active following World War I, but it was reorganized during World War II. Members decided to continue working together and to do something to promote peace.

One of the aims of the AFSIS is to get a better understanding between the peoples of the world. Therefore they arrange for teenager students and teachers from many countries in Europe to come to America, so they may see how the American really lives and so they may become acquainted with the government, customs, and the people.

Indeed, it is necessary, because so many people in Europe have the wrong idea about American life. Americans also have a misunderstanding about Europe. I think the AFSIS program is one way to promote peace in the world.

Lena left Sweden on Aug. 14. She also visited the United Nations Building, Rockefeller Center, Chinatown, Jones Beach, and Staten Island.

And then the long trip began. Lena traveled by Greyhound from New York to Los Angeles by way of Chicago and Salt Lake city, spending one night in each of these cities. She arrived in Torrance Sept. 3 and is making her home with the Henry Graefes at 115 Via Los Miradores, Hollywood Riviera.

When Lena enrolled last week at Torrance High School, she found her studies would be different from those in her school in Sweden. There the high school program lasts six years, and the curriculum is rigid, including Latin, German, English, Swedish, mathematics, and government, and then study all courses in the particular field.

Takes Bride's Course Besides the regular senior subjects offered here, Lena enrolled in "The Bride's Course." Such classes are not offered in our school at home, remarked Lena. The Swedish girl also has studied piano for seven years and hopes to continue her practice here, although she doesn't plan on a musical career. "I'll probably get married," she laughed.

Lena never saw a football game. In Swedish schools, the boys concentrate on soccer, while the girls play handball and gymnastics. Among extracurricular activities in the Swedish school she enjoyed a political club through which boys and girls discussed their government and the up-to-date problems of world politics.

The Swedish girl thinks the American teenage boy is "very nice" and the American girl "very friendly and easy to know." She will be leaving for her home in Sweden shortly after the end of this school year.

"I am very happy that I came to California because it is such a beautiful state," she said.

# Support Needed To Build Pool

By HARRY VON BELLEHEM

Recreation Director In the past, many Torrance organizations and groups have supported past swimming pool projects. It is hoped that these groups will again actively support the present swimming pool bond issue.

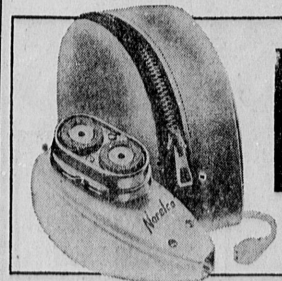
In fact, every organization in Torrance should include a discussion of the bond issue on their agenda. And, they should, if possible, go on record as favoring the pool. If the organization should then desire to do more, it would seem appropriate that they appoint one of their members as a delegate to meet with the Torrance Recreation Commission and help in promoting the pool.

The project cannot succeed without help from every interested group in town. It is a case of every interested Torrance citizen helping himself to get a swimming pool in Torrance.

We, who are interested in the swimming pool project, must remember not to overestimate the amount of public opinion in favor of the pool. We may find, as we have in the past, that the issue has been voted down due to lack of stressing its importance, or fully informing the voters. For example, all those in favor of the pool should be able to answer the question, "Why should I vote to raise my taxes?" The answer is simple and forceful. Because the benefits derived from a swimming pool are far greater than the cost. These benefits are courage, assurance, social adjustment, guidance, a physical development that cannot be figured on a dollar and cents basis. Continue to sell benefits in answer to objections. Remember, if you want the pool bad enough, you should be willing to work to get it. Don't leave it up to "George."

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This is not news: Three thousand three hundred and ninety-three persons were killed by automobiles in California last year.

This is news: A "Do-It-Yourself" program, designed to solve the staggering toll, is being initiated.

It will be highlighted at the Governor's Traffic Safety Conference in Sacramento, Oct. 7 and 8 and blueprinted for California on every level—state, county, city and village.

Experts will explain the blueprint—the manner in which state-wide citizen support can be built to curb the highway death toll. Details on methods will be outlined only by those who have already worked out the "Do-It-Yourself" program.

Panel discussions will develop the idea that it is safety organization only by tailoring it specifically to meet a locale's needs—whether they be those of a large, metropolitan city or of a small village.

It will be shown just how current "Do-It-Yourself" planning is applicable to California's war on traffic accidents and how the individual citizen can help by "doing it himself."

Out of the two-day conference will come specific recommendations to lower the state's traffic death toll. The organization and program developed will try to translate the recommendations of President Eisenhower's recent White House Conference into action.

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