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**TO OPEN CONCERT** . . . The Tartar band under the baton of J. W. Davidson will open the joint band and choral concert at Torrance High School Friday evening, May 4. The band, which has more than 50 members, won an "excellent" rating

at the regional music festival in Fullerton last Saturday. They will be joined by the choir, orchestra, and glee club in the concert.

## Tartar Band to Open May 4 Spring Concert at School

A joint concert of the Torrance High School band, choir, orchestra, an girls' glee club has been scheduled for Friday evening, May 4, at the high school auditorium, it was announced yesterday. An admission price of 50 cents has been set for the spring affair to offset expenses of the musical organizations.

The Tartar Band will open the concert under the baton of J. W. Davidson, instrumental music teacher for the school. The band participated in the regional music festival at Fullerton last Saturday and received an excellent rating as a concert band. The marching band also received an excellent rating in marching competition last Saturday and received a trophy for their rating. Tommy Walker, former director of the famed Trojan marching band at SDSU, conducted the massed band concert at Disneyland Saturday afternoon.

For their part in the May 4 program, the band will play "The Brighton Beach March" by Latham which will be conducted by Band Captain Jack Johnston. Other numbers will include Boyer's Ariane Overture, the South Pacific Overture by Rodgers and Hammerstein, "An American-Week End," by Morrissey, and "The Nutcracker March" by Osterling.

Glenn F. Hawley, vocal music teacher, will lead the choral groups in their portion of the program.

## Borquez Faces Court April 30

Raymond M. Borquez, 31, who was returned here recently from Arizona to face a petty theft count, faces Superior Court hearing in Long Beach April 30 on the charge.

Borquez was picked up in Arizona on Easter Sunday, then returned here on charges he stole a cash box from Jack Lavier's service station at Torrance Blvd. and Cravens Ave. on Jan. 17. He got away with the cash box, but was overtaken by a station attendant, who got the money back.

He also faces a hearing tomorrow in Pasadena on another petty theft charge.

## REYNOLDS KNIGHT Labor Statistics Show Record Employment Gains During Year

There's some fine print in the latest report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The report is good, but there are some clouds rising in the sky.

From March to March, the Bureau said last week, employment rose 2.5 million. That's a lot of jobs. But from January of this year through March the rise was only 200,000. Normally the first quarter accounts for nearly half of any year's total job finding, and since about 700,000 persons come into the available labor supply each year, jobs may be less than plentiful for recruits coming in during the remaining three quarters.

The work week, which normally rises a little this time of year, fell from 40.4 hours in February to 40.3 in March. Of course, no one actually works 12 minutes longer one week than he does another. The over-40 fraction of this figure reflects the amount of overtime workers are putting in. Fewer of them are making overtime now.

Average weekly wages rose more than enough to offset the dip in hours. Here again, there is less to the figures than meets the eye. The increase came with the rise in the minimum wage to \$1 an hour. This will squeeze some industries.

**JET-PROPELLED ECONOMY** — Short cuts and savings, the twin necessities of production as jet aircraft become more complex and costlier to build, are being found every day by Republic Aviation Corp. through its planned research and development program.

Typical of the new methods found to cut costs on the F-84F Thunderstreak is the use of a plastic film layer — no more than .005 inches thick — that keeps plastic resins from sticking to the patterns during casting or laminating of plastic tools.

The company also uses plastic-coated die faces in its drop-hammer operations. This enables Republic to produce thin aluminum and steel sheet parts with minimum wrinkling. Moreover, the plastic die faces have a much longer life than the previously used metallic compound ones.

Such ingenuity has resulted in more than 400 other new plastic parts and many light, economical tools now being used in making the atom-bomb-carrying jet fighter-bombers that are the backbone of the air defense of 16 nations.

**THINGS TO COME** — A red-and-black combination golf shoe will sell this summer for \$32 a pair. . . . A new circular slide rule calculates profits and discounts. Answers appear in little windows. . . . Rubber-faced vise jaws can be had for do-it-yourselfing in soft metals and wood range conference. . . . A new foldaway drawing board is part of a desk drawer, designed to replace the standard center drawer.

**VERSATILE RANGES** — Why are auxiliary portable and plug-in cooking appliances winding up on bargain counters? One reason may be that gas ranges nowadays have features built into them that handle all special demands.

New ranges shown to the nation's leading home equipment editors at the 7th annual gas range conference in New York include top-burner heat controls

## National Supply Essay Contest Date Announced

The National Supply Management Club will again sponsor its annual scholarship awards essay contest for graduating seniors of both the Torrance High School.

Instead of a single scholarship award to the winning student as in previous years, the Management Club has voted duplicate \$150 scholarships to the boy and to the girl who are judged the winners, according to Todd Gardner, club president, and Walter Levy, scholarship chairman.

At a recent meeting, Principal W. B. Magner of the Torrance High School, Principal Dale Harter of the North High School, and members of the National Supply Management Club set as the date for the essay contest, April 20. The contests will be held at the students' respective schools.

The winning students become eligible to enter the Zone "A" National Management Association Scholarship Award contest to be held May 18th. The winning boy and the winning girl of the Zone A award will each receive \$500.

Through this scholarship competition, the National Supply Management Club, as well as the National Management Assn., with which it is affiliated, affords further educational opportunities to young students in order to better prepare them for a future in industry.

## Bids Due Next Week on 'Strip' Paving Projects

Bids for another major street improvement project in the Los Angeles "strip" area will be received by the city's Board of Public Works next Wednesday. It was announced yesterday by Councilman John S. Gibson, local representative, who also is president of the council.

Gibson said the new improvement would include 234th St. from Western Ave. to Halldale and Halldale Ave. from 222nd St. to 225th St. and a block on Harvard Blvd. from 224th St. to Plaza Del Amo. Sidewalks are also scheduled for construction.

With work progressing steadily on 227th St. from Western Ave. to the dead end east of Denker St., Councilman Gibson predicted an end to the summer time dust menace that has harassed strip residents for many years.

Councilman Gibson will report on the latest status of these improvements at the regular meeting of his advisory committee at Normandie Playground on May 1, and at the same time will introduce Richard Dickey, deputy director of civil defense functions and will hold a question and answer period following his talk.

Thomas Murphy, chairman of the advisory board, will preside. Mrs. Ralph Robertson, hostess for the meeting, said refreshments would be served. Mrs. Harold C. Dunder is press chairman for the group.



**SOUND THE BUGLES** . . . North High's drum majorettes lead the band in celebration march to inaugurate the new black-top area that will be marked off into tennis courts, volleyball courts, and a student parking lot. Still under construction are the gymnasium, music building, and the cafeteria.



**SCOUT FASHION SHOW** . . . Members of Girl Scout Troop 1984 will present a fashion show at Higgins Brick Yard in north Torrance between 7 and 9 p.m. tomorrow. Shown here preparing for the show are (left to right) Jean Wells, Marsha Frost, Sandra Ernst, and Barbara Keyes. The girls will model Robert Hall fashions.

### Realtor in Listing

Realtor Gerald L. Alter, president of Alter Realty & Insurance, Torrance Building Maintenance Co., and Torrance Mortgage Co., and vice president of Leads, Inc., has been named in Marquis "Biographical Dictionary of Noteworthy Men and Women of the Pacific Coastal and Western States."

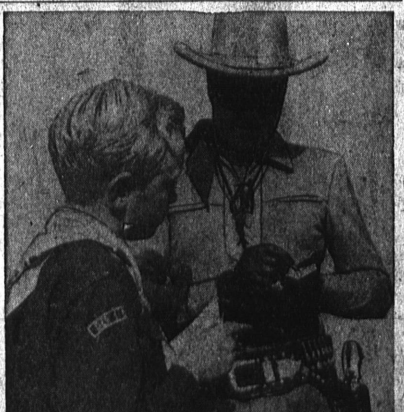
### Thomas Wins Model Car Competition

Lee Thomas, 11, of 1541 W. 222nd St., took second place in the best appearing cars judging for model autos at Normandie Playground recently.

The contest was staged in conjunction with the annual Pinewood Derby sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.



**AWAITS DUTY** . . . A recent graduate of Marine recruit training at San Diego, Bernard F. Flocken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Flocken, of 4714 Cadison St., has been sent to Camp Pendleton to await further orders. Flocken received instruction in all basic military subjects as a recruit.



**MAKES A DEAL** . . . Cub Scout Jerry Foster, of Pack 608-F, sells a Scout-A-Scope ticket to the Los Ranges and gets an autograph for his collection. He has signed Jerry is one of the 45,000 boys registered in the Los Angeles Area Council who will be selling tickets to the annual big show in the Coliseum on June 2.



**SUPERSONIC ESCAPES** . . . Artist's conception of an escape capsule which appears capable of permitting pilot escape at supersonic speed at high altitude. In certain types of space craft it appears likely that the final stage of the craft devoid of its fuel and other fire hazards might well be designed to serve the combined function of normal flight and escape vehicle.



**WISTARIA BLOSSOMS** . . . Hanging in grape-like clusters from Sierra Madre's famous wisteria vine, these blossoms are now in bloom and open to the public. Getting an Easter preview are the three Little Miss Wisteria Blossoms, Paulotte, Annette and Suzette Yeats, 7-year-old Sierra Madre triplets. The huge vine attracts thousands of flower lovers annually during April.