

Torrance Schools Belong to The People, Speaker Claims

NORTH HIGH LIGHTS

By ROSALIE MURRAY

Saxons whirled in a "Winter Wonderland" of decorations at our annual Winter Formal... Smooth band rhythm and dreamy atmosphere blended to make it one of the finest events this campus has ever seen.

The assembly will be an additional treat as it will mark the first time the choir has appeared in its newly purchased robes. Mr. Schweitzer, band director, will assist Mr. Tavris in presenting the Christmas program.

Only 15 more shopping days till Christmas... hope to see you around next week.

NORTH HIGH School students and faculty gathered in the gym to honor our hard-fighting and victorious football team. Each member of the Pioneer League Champion Varsity was individually lauded by their proud coach, Bob Shoup.

Commissioner of Pop Music, Pep Franer also presented North High students with the coveted League Sportsmanship Trophy. A real prize a moment!

ON FRIDAY, Dec. 12, Saxons will again assemble in the gym to celebrate the Christmas season with a holiday program presented by the North High Choir and Band. Under the direction of vocal instructor Mr. Tavris, voices will rise interpreting such standard favorites as "Silent Night," "Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Ock the Hills."

Channel Bridge Half Completed

The Western half of the new bridge being built across a branch of Dominguez channel on Crenshaw Blvd. near 131st St. has been completed and traffic is being detoured over the new roadway while the eastern half of the bridge is under construction.

Completion of the entire bridge will eliminate a serious traffic hazard and will cut down congestion on this portion of Crenshaw, particularly during the rush hours, Hahn stated.

The new bridge will have a width of 78 feet between curbs, enough for six lanes of traffic. Sidewalks will be included on the bridge for maximum safety for pedestrians.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the abutments of the old bridge extended out into the roadway, causing a serious traffic hazard as well as congestion.

Three lanes of traffic have been kept open all during the period of construction, but it has been necessary for detours to be built to carry the daily traffic load of 27,000 vehicles he explained. This project should be completed, and the roadway opened to full traffic in another 60 days, Supervisor Hahn said.

The Torrance Educational Advisory Committee and the Torrance Unified School District were founded on the theory that the schools should belong to the people of the community.

That was what Mrs. Grace Wright, member of the school board since Torrance became a separate district in 1947 told members of the TEAC at its Monday noon meeting at the Torrance YWCA. The group heard about its own history and organization during the 11 years of its existence.

One of the leaders in setting up a separate district in Torrance, Mrs. Wright said one of the main reasons she and others sought the change was because of a feeling that the Torrance schools did not belong to the local people.

ONE OF THE FIRST aims of the first Torrance Board of Education was to pick a superintendent who could make the schools an important part of the community, she said. For this reason, the board endorsed Superintendent J. H. Hall's plan for setting up the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, she declared.

SINCE COMMUNICATION is really the purpose of education, the TEAC is designed to

Girl Scout Troop 130 Linda Miller, Karen Porter, Cathy Lamask, Eileen and Holly Rannatt, Dale Bradford, Patty Klinger, Sandra Koin, Janet Schuff, Parry Holmster, Linda Conklin, Jo Ann Passa, Linda Gonzales, Cindy Bland, Janey Hayes, Sandra Weibler, Kathy Pryon and Lezie Ram.

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