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High School Commencement Program Set Citizens Face Pick-Up Charge

153 SENIORS GRADUATING HERE TONITE

"The End of a Perfect Day" will be the keynote tonight when 153 Torrance High School seniors will receive their diplomas, marking the end of a momentous episode in their lives. The commencement exercises will begin at 8:15 tonight at the Torrance High School athletic field.

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Four seniors have been chosen to speak on the graduation theme, instead of a guest speaker, according to senior advisors Mrs. Joanna Garver and Ivan Malm. They are Ted White, Glyn Boyce, Don Mitchell, and Gary Carter.

Mrs. Garver and Malm also announced that Elaine Rehwoild and Barbara Jackson, having the highest grade point averages, have been chosen as the class Honor Students. Miss Jackson is also winner of the D.A.R. Citizenship Award, the Lions Club Scholarship, and cup winner of the Bank of America contest, as well as being a life member of the California Scholarship Federation. Miss Rehwoild is also a cup winner of the Bank of America contest and a life member of the California Scholarship Federation.

The program for tonight's commencement is as follows: Processional "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar, by the Torrance High School Orchestra, Mr. Harold Dunn, directing.

Salute to the Flag, Jerry Downing, leading; "The Star Spangled Banner," Key, sung by audience; Invocation by The Reverend Arthur E. Bello of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; "Ave Maria," sung by Grace Lafferty; Commencement Presentation: Theme, "The End of A Perfect Day," Past, Ted White; Present, Glyn Boyce; Future, Don Mitchell; Summary, Gary Carter; "Estrellita" (Little Star) sung by Elaine Rehwoild; Class Song, "The End of A Perfect Day," Lyrics by Nancy Allen, Sue Russell, directing; Presentation of Class of 1951 by John K. Steinbaugh, principal; Acceptance of Candidates, Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent; Presentation of Diplomas, Judge John Shidder, School Board President; "Alma Mater," Jerry Downing, directing; Benediction by The Reverend Paul C. Wenske, First Lutheran Church, and the "Recessional," DeKoven.

Acknowledgements for the program are as follows: Dan Desmond, lighting; Harold Dunn and George Zavitsan, music; Mrs. Anna Branum and Mrs. Mary Demonet, class records.

Youth Band Concert Marks Fifth Year

The Torrance Area Youth Band will celebrate its Fifth Anniversary this Saturday night, June 9th, when they will present a free concert in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

This concert will also mark the end of the band's annual fund raising campaign to raise money for the youth organization. Funds from this year's drive will be used towards the purchase of 40 new uniforms. The band now has 45 uniforms but needs another 40 to outfit the 85 members which are now enrolled.

This concert ends a series of events which the band has sponsored during their current drive. Other events staged were the band's huge parade and baton swirling contest on May 19th, and a concert by the Torrance Municipal Band on May 24th.

This Saturday night's program will feature a baton twirling exhibition by Rod White, former Eastern States Champion, and Shariene Bielek, four times California State Junior Champion. The title of their number will be "Me and My Shadow."

Immediately following the concert, several major prizes will be awarded to persons who contributed towards the youth band's fund raising drive.

Vetterli Perjury Trial Is July 10

Federal Judge Peirson H. Hall Tuesday, June 5, set July 10 for the trial of Clarence H. Vetterli, El Camino college journalism teacher, on charges of perjury. The 41-year-old Torrance instructor is accused of having lied in testimony he gave to a federal grand jury in 1949 during an investigation into espionage activities.



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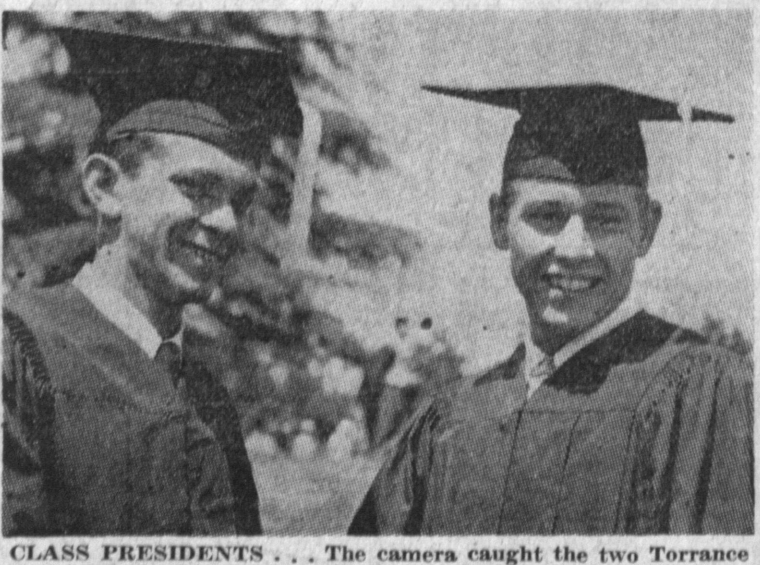


GRADUATING SENIORS... shown above were photographed before the Baccalaureate Services last Sunday on the Torrance High School campus. Commencement exercises for the 1951 Torrance High School graduating class will be held at 8:15 p.m. this evening, June 7, on the Torrance High School athletic field. —Torrance Press photo

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WINS RECOGNITION... Jim Crain, (3rd from right), winner of the "Outstanding Thespian of the Year Oscar" at the Torrance High School Drama Awards banquet last Thursday night is being congratulated by his drama instructor, Dan Desmond. Barbara Jackson (2nd from right) and Irwin Kasten (extreme right) were not only winners of "Oscars" at the banquet, but were also awarded a \$50 scholarship award each by Lions club Tuesday, June 5. Miss Jackson was awarded an "Oscar" for being the "Best Supporting Actress" and Kasten for being "Best Actor." Gary Carter (extreme left) won the "Best Supporting Actor Oscar" and Grace Lafferty (2nd from left) won the "Best Actress Oscar." The event, first of its kind here, was held at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium. —Torrance Press Photo.



CLASS PRESIDENTS... The camera caught the two Torrance High School senior class presidents, who will be graduated tonight, before the class Baccalaureate services held last Sunday. Jerry Downing, left, is class president for the spring, 1951 semester, and Glyn Boyce, right, was the fall, 1950 class president. Commencement will begin at 8:15 p.m. on the high school athletic field. —Torrance Press photo

Jim Crain Wins 'Oscar' As Leading Thespian

Jim Crain, Torrance High School junior, was winner of the much coveted "Outstanding Thespian of the Year Oscar" last Thursday night at the First Annual Awards Banquet held at the Torrance Municipal Auditorium.

The first event of its kind, the banquet was sponsored by Torrance high school drama students of the Tartar Theatre Guild and of the local troupe 1133 of the National Thespian Society, under the sponsorship of Dan Desmond, drama instructor.

Special guests of the evening were Jimmie Dodd, song writer and composer and his wife, Ruth. Other "Oscar" winners are: Best actress, Grace Lafferty; Best Actor, Irwin Kasten; Best Supporting Actress, Barbara Jackson; Best Supporting Actor, Gary Carter; Best Character Portrayal, Elaine Rehwoild; Best Director, Joann Benard; Best Producer, Dwight Hanna. Special award "Oscars" presented are as follows: Acting and Make-up, Sally Radicky; Individual improvement in drama and speech, Glyn Boyce, and Speech Arts, Donna Friedman. After the dinner Elaine Rehwoild, mistress of ceremonies, in- (Continued on Page Three)

Jackson and Kasten Win Lion Awards

Barbara Jackson and Irwin Kasten, Torrance High School seniors, were presented a \$50 scholarship award each by the Torrance Lions club at their meeting Tuesday in the Womens clubhouse.

An annual event, this year's presentation marks the fifth year the Lions club has awarded this scholarship to two Torrance High School seniors, one boy and one girl.

Miss Jackson and Kasten were chosen by faculty members of the Torrance High School as most qualified to win the awards, according to Mrs. Joanna Garver, (Continued on Page Three)

Baby Furniture Finds Good Home

There are many people with used baby furniture and equipment for sale in this area, according to Mrs. Orchard Benington, 1663 W. 203rd street. Mrs. Benington received a number of calls on the 60c ad printed below, and was well satisfied with her classified results.

Wish to buy used baby carriage, bed and high chair in good condition. Torrance 0900.

Three Killed; Local Youth Hurt in Crash

Three persons were killed Sunday when the car in which they were riding was literally torn in half when struck by another car containing two harbor youths. The accident took place at South Figueroa street and Redondo Beach boulevard. Dead were Robert R. Miller, 28, his wife, Carolyn, 22, and a friend, Milton R. Williams, 50, all of Los Angeles. Critically injured were Don (Continued on Page Three)

School Year Classified Payroll Is \$210,000

An annual payroll of nearly \$210,000 is earned by some 75 employees of Torrance Unified School District, known as "classified personnel," according to records of the district. Included are more than 25 custodians, 25 clerks, stenographers and secretaries, 15 maintenance and groundsmen, and the balance are made up of bus drivers, utility men and other miscellaneous classifications.

Highest paid on the classified list is Robert W. Cosby, assistant purchasing agent in the office of Business Manager Emmet Ingram, who gets a salary of \$408 per month. He is followed by Jack E. Long, maintenance superintendent, who is paid \$378 per month. The salary paid classified personnel is based upon length of service, and in the new year starting July 1, 1951, custodians will receive from \$221 to \$268 per month; clerk-stenographers from \$213 to \$239 per month, for 10 months in most instances; maintenance, groundsmen and bus drivers receive salaries in a range from \$213 to \$268 per month.

Following is a list of those employed as "classified personnel" for the year starting July 1. Aggola, John C., custodian; Bales, Howard B., custodian; Bates, Walter, E., custodian; Beck, H. Clyde, bus driver-utility; Brannum, Anna M., clerk-steno; Capik, Emil, groundsman; Clark, Evelyn A., clerk-steno; (Continued on Page Three)

FOR \$10 THEN--AND NOW!

Aryness Joy Wickens, deputy commissioner U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, lists the foods which \$10 bought in 1939 and now. Here 'tis:

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| \$10-1939 | \$10-1951 |
| 10 lbs. flour | 10 lbs. flour |
| 5 lbs. sugar | 5 lbs. sugar |
| 15 lbs. potatoes | 15 lbs. potatoes |
| 2 loaves bread | 2 loaves bread |
| 7 qts. milk | 7 qts. milk |
| 6 lb. rib roast | 6 lb. rib roast |
| 2 lbs. bacon | 1 lb. bacon |
| 2 lbs. butter | |
| 1 pkg. rolled oats | |
| 2 doz. oranges | |
| 1 lb. coffee | |
| 5 lbs. cabbage | |
| 3 lbs. green beans | |
| 2 lbs. veal cutlet | |
| and pork chops | |
| 1 can salmon | |
| 3 lbs. onions | |
| 1 lb. cheese | |
| 2 doz. eggs | |
| 3 lbs. apples | |
| 2 cans tomatoes | |
| 2 bunches carrots | |
| 1 can peaches | |
| 2 cans peas | |
| 1 head lettuce | |
| 1 box dried prunes | |

Nationwide Publicity Due Here as Jaycees Go 'Over Top' on Bond Drive

The Jaycees went "over the top" in their drive to sign up 80% of all Torrance business, professional, and industrial employers in the United States Defense Bond payroll plan, it was announced this week by George Post, chairman. This makes Torrance the third "80% Flag City" in the nation, which, by the end of this month will net this city one of the biggest celebrations ever seen here as well as nationwide publicity. CELEBRITIES HERE Post said that it is hoped that Governor Earl Warren, as well as motion picture celebrities, national and Los Angeles treasury officials, and other top executives will be here to participate in the celebration of Torrance as a "Flag-City." He added that full news reel, television, radio and newspaper coverage will be given Torrance during this celebration. Although their goal has been reached, the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce is continuing in its effort to sign up employers on the payroll bond plan. They hope to attain 100% participation of Torrance employers. Post also said that he wished to thank all those who have cooperated so willingly in this drive and signed up on the plan to make it a success. "This drive is especially important now because employees do want to sign up on this payroll plan to buy their United States Bonds," said Post. As an illustration of this point, he pointed out that since May 1, 35% of National Supply workers have signed up on this plan. Columbia Steel, which recently finished its campaign, has signed up 79% of its employees. Post also said that all Torrance civic, service, and industrial groups will be asked to cooperate in the celebration.

\$500,000 Is Year's Realty Tax Estimate

Real estate property taxes in Torrance will approximate \$500,000 in the year 1951-52 it is estimated in figures submitted to the City Council by City Manager George Stevens.

Although the assessed valuation of Torrance not yet is known, figures anticipated a total of \$496,395 will be collected in taxes and penalties. The amount estimated for this year was \$463,112, and the amount actually collected in the year 1949-50 was \$425,710.80. Total revenue estimated for the year 1951-52 is \$840,799. The estimated revenue for this year was \$749,487, of which the city had received \$603,966.22 in the first nine months of the fiscal year, ending March 31, 1951. The total revenue for the year 1949-50 was \$741,414.53. A budget of \$988,307 already submitted to the Council for study will have to be trimmed considerably to come within the anticipated revenue, but neither the final budget figures nor the tax rate can be set until the official figures on the assessed valuation are received. The proposed \$988,307 budget has already had \$150,000 whittled off it according to Stevens. Here is where the money is coming from, according to the figures of City Manager Stevens: Taxes—Current... \$488,395.00 Taxes—Delinquent... 6,000.00 Taxes—Int. & Pen... 58,000.00 Business Licenses... 58,000.00 Bicycle Licenses... 300.00 Liquor Licenses... 8,500.00 Permits—Building... 21,000.00 Permit—Plumbing... 8,500.00 Permit—Electrical... 5,500.00 Permit—Sewer... 2,500.00 Permit—Moving... 200.00 Permit Variance, etc... 500.00 Court Fines—General... 20,000.00 Court Fines—Veh. Act... 32,000.00 Motor Veh. Lic. Fees... 82,104.00 Miscellaneous Refund... 6,000.00 Auditorium... 300.00 Franchise Earnings... 36,000.00 Miscellaneous Income... 2,000.00 Sales Tax... 60,000.00 Park Receipts... 1,000.00 City Dump... 1,000.00 Total... \$840,799.00

Summer Recess At Schools Here Starts Today

Summer vacation will begin this afternoon for all students attending one of the six elementary schools or the high school within the Torrance Unified School District, it was announced. The fall semester will convene September 17. All eighth graders will graduate from their respective elementary schools during graduation exercises at various times today at the different elementary schools, and Torrance High School seniors will receive their diplomas this evening at the Commencement exercises on the high school athletic field. Schools which will let out today for summer vacation include the Torrance Elementary, North Torrance Elementary, Fern Avenue School, Walteria Elementary, Perry Elementary, Seaside Elementary, and Torrance High School.

Prudential Opens Office Here Today

The continuous growth of Torrance as a central headquarters site for business operating in the entire South Bay area is further indicated by today's announcement that The Prudential Insurance Company of America's District Office serving the entire southwest section is being formally opened at 1603 Cravens Avenue in Torrance. According to Harry C. Harper, District Manager for Prudential, the move to Torrance was made in order to provide a more central location for the company's (Continued on Page Three)

Adult Summer School Classes Announced

The free adult classes held in Torrance will start on Monday, June 11 and will continue through July 26, it was announced by Donald Manashaw, Director of Torrance School of Adult Education. During the summer session, children of all ages may attend regularly established adult classes, if they can profit from the instruction. There is no age limit. High school students may receive regular high school credit upon application to their high school counselor. Classes will include typing, shorthand, dressmaking, physical fitness, social dancing, square dancing and a wide variety of crafts, including cake decorating, ceramics, lampshades, leathercraft, and textile painting. The blueprint and industrial training course held each Tuesday night trains men for both wartime and civilian industrial jobs. The machine shop class trains both men and women, beginning and advanced, in a dozen phases of shop operation that equip people for high-paying, substantial jobs with security. (Continued on Page Three)

Official Opening Tomorrow of Service Center

The Torrance Service Center, 1754 Torrance boulevard, will get its official "house warming" tomorrow, June 8 from 2 to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m., announced Mrs. Don Hyde, Torrance Red Cross chairman, and George Powell, assistant director of civilian defense. The center, L-shaped building, houses the offices of both the Torrance Red Cross and Civil Defense headquarters. All civic groups, clubs, service (Continued on Page Three)