

District Chambers Seat New Officers

KEYSTONE — In brief ceremonies last week, Wallace D. Reynolds of Dominguez was seated as president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce at the annual installation dinner of the group.

Host organization for the installation meeting was the Keystone-Avalon Chamber of Commerce. More than 100 civic leaders and guests from throughout the Southland attended the event.

Reynolds, a member of the Dominguez Area Rotary Club, the Keystone-Avalon Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations, succeeded W. W. Jones of Compton, who served two terms as president.

Installing officer was Charles Bayer, assistant to the president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He spoke on the growth and history of the harbor area in a preinstallation address, citing the importance of the area to the development of Los Angeles County.

Other officers installed were V. D. McCuffin, P. V. McGowan, Carl J. Hoffman, Paul Colalucia and Thomas A. Shaheen, vice presidents; Charles A. Bland, secretary, and Jones, treasurer.

Henry J. Blythe, president of the host chamber, delivered the welcome address, with Judge Irving P. Austin offering the response on behalf of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.

Airport

(Continued from Page One) Services, Inc., took the airport over on a lease-arrangement from the city.

When Dietrich took over the airport, there were a few government buildings, a runway and taxi strip. Total value was estimated at one and a half-million dollars.

Today, Dietrich approximated the value at close to \$2,000,000.

Since the airport has been operated under the lease, the following improvements have been made. A center turn-off taxi strip has been added, an entrance road, a parking area, a fueling facility, black top parking area adjacent to the taxi strip, and five tenants have erected aircraft hangars.

Other additions include aircraft storage hangar, a main office for Dietrich, seven individual tee hangars, a Cafe Barn Motel, and other minor buildings.

O' Cain

(Continued from Page One) peted in the contest at the Ding How.

In all, there were five judges. Hitchcock was the only local judge.

Selection of the winner was based on leadership ability, service, scholarship, and personal qualities.

O' Cain is captain of the Varsity Basketball team. He was on the second All-Bay team in football.

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El Camino Enters Final Exam Week

Students at El Camino college enter the final examination grind this week to bring to a close the fall semester instruction of the school.

Registrations for the spring semester will be January 28, 29, and 30 with the old and the new students signing up for classes which will start Jan. 31.

Both day and evening classes are offered to residents of the college district. There is no tuition.

Monthly Dance Held At McMaster's Hall

The regular monthly dance of the North Torrance Civic and Improvement Association will be held this Saturday at 8 p.m., Mrs. Enid Runstead, publicity chairman for the organization, announced today.

The affair under the joint chairmanship of Bob and Audrey Richter will be held at McMaster's Hall at 174th and Yukon.

The El Camino College Band will play for the dance. Refreshments will be served.

Boys Plan Big Bear Snow Trip on Sat.

Explorer Post 315X will spend the weekend at Big Bear in the snow. Among activities planned, according to Post Advisor John Andrade are sledding, tobogganing, ice skating and playing in the snow.

Boys who plan to make the trip include Donald Myers, senior leader; Dennis Coil, secretary and treasurer; Tom Marshall, assistant crew leader; Bob Rose, quartermaster; Gary Ebersole, Bob Pope, and Larry Edwards.

Lutheran Junior Band Meets Sat.

The Junior Mission Band of First Lutheran Church will hold their first meeting for the new year on Saturday morning, January 19, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Marvin McCabe is the new leader and the following are the officers for the year: Phyllis Bowers, president; Beverly Johnson, vice-president; Mary Jane Bowers, secretary; Julius Meier, treasurer.

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Students at Narbonne School Elect B-12 as New President

LOMITA — Don Bruton, B-12, was elected president of the Associated Student Body at Narbonne High School in closely contested and spiritedly balloting. Manuel Murrieta, also a B-12, was chosen as vice president. Brunton succeeds Marilyn Spaan, the first girl to hold the office of president.

Chosen as secretary-treasurer was Dottie Schweitzer. Richard Ray won the post of chief justice of the student court. Associate justices are Joe Stits, Jim Rhinehart and Shirley Carlson.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Elected to the student council were Sally Halling, 12th grade; Susan Mathews, 11th grade; and Vic Martinov, 10th grade. They resulted in the race for additional posts on the student council, with Bill Whetstone and Irving Miller tied for 12th grade representative, and Don Pope and George Bell tied for the 11th grade post.

A run-off election is scheduled for today with the three top offices of the Girls League also ending in a tie. The run-off will decide the winner for each of the five offices.

Elected to the Jane Addams girls service group, were Betty Donnel, Barbara Duffy, and Janice Woodman. Selected as Vigilantes, boys service club, were George Bell, Raulin Walker, Malcolm Weyant, and Bill Young.

JUNIOR OFFICES

Harry Biggens was elected as president of the junior high school student body. Diane Schildmeyer was the only nominee for Las Juanitas, junior girls service club. Elected to the Squires, boys junior service club, were Jim Balcome, Allen Bell, Craig Chudy, Robert Isom, Bryan Jones, Jim Rice, Joe Young and Dick Zuray.

In the Girls League run-off Karen Dean and Muriel Gately are vying for the office of president; Carolyn Powers and Patti Swenson, vice president; and LoAnn DuRant and Donann Long, secretary.

Mayre Doby won the post of treasurer, and Charlotte Emery was elected historian. Rosa Duarte is a A-9 representative.

The belief that youth is the happiest time of life is founded on a fallacy. The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts, and we grow happier as we grow older.—William Lyon Phelps.

Bennett Leaves Korean Waters

Seaman First Class Melvin Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett, 234651 Hawthorne Blvd. arrived in San Diego on a floating drydock repair ship, last Friday after spending a year in Korean waters.

Melvin graduated from Torrance High School in June, 1943. The 23-year-old soldier is expected home on a twenty day survey at the end of January.

His father, Percy Bennett, has been with the Torrance police department for 18 years.

Students Name New Palos Verdes Prexy

Elections were held at Palos Verdes College during the Orientation session this week, and James Hormel was named president of the Association Student Body for the spring term. Anne Ferrante was re-named to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Other officers for the new semester are James Riddell, Activities Chairman, and Una Mae Brunskill, Student Representative.

The ASB is operating this year under a new stream-lined constitution.

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Narcotic Speaker Discloses Problems

At a recent meeting of the Torrance High School P-TA, was the head of the Narcotic Division of the District Attorney's office, B. Yoakum.

He talked on types and uses of narcotics and the seriousness of the problem.

He answered questions brought up by the audience. He pointed out that most people started using drugs out of "ignorant curiosity."

Chief of Police John Stroth asked the parents to cooperate with the police department in preventing the use of narcotics.

Refreshments were served by the Sophomore mothers at the close of the meeting.

Time, whose tooth gnaws away everything else, is powerless against truth.—Thomas Huxley.

General Petroleum Plans to Construct Processing Unit

General Petroleum Corporation today disclosed plans, subject to government approval, for the construction of a new type of processing unit which will make possible increased production of very high octane gasoline.

The plans call for the erection of a "thermoform catalytic reformer" at the company's Torrance refinery.

NEW PROCESS

The new process is a continuous method of upgrading low quality gasoline stock to a gasoline which, with the addition of tetraethyl lead, will have an octane number of 100 or more, according to Gale L. Adams, General Petroleum's vice president and director of manufacturing.

Upon its completion, the new Torrance refinery unit will produce about 15,000 barrels (of 42 gallons each) daily.

It is one of three to be constructed in the United States by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc. and affiliated companies, of which General Petroleum is one. Total cost of the three units is \$27,000,000. Socony-Vacuum developed the new "TCR" process through an extensive research program covering several years effort.

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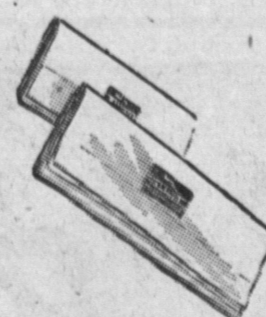
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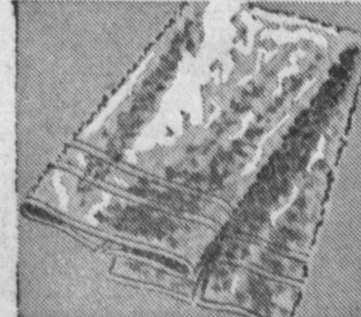
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