



ENTERS CONTEST—Latest entrant in the Miss Torrance contest is Judy Raymond, 16, a Torrance High School student who is sponsored by the police department. Looking over some of the car club insignia with her is Mary Jo Vaughn sponsor of a girls' car club. Judy's statistics are 27-24-36. Press Photo

New Mothers of Brownie Troop Greeted

New Brownie Mothers of troop 1378 were introduced at the November meeting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Wilson. Those greeted were Mmes. Geraldine Russak, Doris Brand and Dollie Betts.

A unanimous vote was taken on the adoption of a needy family by the group and it was decided to have a Christmas dinner party for the members and their families. Attending the meeting were: Mmes. Millie Johnson, Lorry Hevestreit, Helen Curtis, Lols Robinson, Billie Martin, Jo Coleman, Margaret Polier, Geraldine Russak, Doris Brand, Pat Morelli and Dollie Betts.

Team Managers Named
At a recent meeting of the executive board of the Torrance National Little League, the following major league managers were selected for the 1959 season: Braves, Gordon Smith; Cardinals, T. R. Farren; Cubs, Mel Miller; Phillies, Jack Bynum; Stars, Al Whelan; Yankees, Sam Snyder.

ENLISTED AIDE
Army Pvt. Walter E. Palmer, 18, son of Mrs. Esther M. Wordley, 19418 Anza Ave., recently was named Enlisted Aide for a Day to the commander of the 87th Engineer Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Va. Palmer attended North High School.

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Brow-Beaten King, Battle-ax Chess Queen Made by Artist

Allan Ferguson's award-winning chess set is unusual. The chess pieces aren't traditional; they're made by an unconventional process and the material used in the board is different, to say the least. The board measures thirty inches square and is carved from "natural junk wood" purchased in a salvage lumber yard. Alternately its sixty-four spaces are lemon yellow and brown and are rubbed to a soft sheen with linseed oil.



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Weak King

Finished, the characters are unique. Only the castles look like those of regular sets. To explain the difference the artist says, "In most sets the king is the largest piece. This is wrong because he is weak and vulnerable. I made my king slightly bent and brow-beaten, and he looks dumb. I wanted him to look as though he's too weak to move more than one square at a time and too stupid to move in more than one direction."

About the size of the queen, Ferguson says, "She is a prominent old battle-ax with a 'pouter pigeon breast.' I made her larger because she dominates the other pieces by her ability to attack any of the chess men!"

Hypocrite
Ferguson believes that the bishop should be depicted as a hypocrite.

"He's a killer and I gave him a 'holier than thou' expression," the artist says. Horse-figures usually symbolize the knights in a chess set. Ferguson's knights are man-like with horses pictured on their shields.

The pawns, too, are different. "Like any common soldiers in the modern army the pawn is expendable. It's the infantryman who does all the dirty work, but he doesn't like it. My pawns show dislike and disgust for positions," Ferguson says.

The designer and creator of this unusual chess set is a 32-year-old art major at El Camino College. Years ago he started for Paris to study art. He was sidetracked in Norway by a Norwegian girl whom he married. Marital responsibilities and later the births of four children postponed his art lessons 16 years.

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