

SEEK GAS HIKE

Faced with a \$15,000,000 increase in wholesale rates for out-of-state gas, Southern California gas companies today asked the Federal Power Commission to suspend the price rise for the full period of five months provided by the Natural Gas Act.

Two North High Seniors Get Plaudits for Scholarship

Two seniors at North High School have been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding performances on a nationwide test of educational development, according to Principal Dale M. Harter.

The seniors honored are Gerald Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Hickman, 5502 Via Del Valle, and Alan Certik, now a student at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill. studying under an advanced placement program.

The North High School students were the California runners-up in the 1958-59 Merit Scholarship competition. Each has been sent a letter of commendation by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. John M. Stalnaker, president of NMSC, believes that the 10,000 students who received

the commendation rank in the top two or three per cent in ability of the senior students in their respective states and should be given every encouragement to continue with their education.

"While the students receiving this commendation did not quite reach the finals of the 1958-59 Merit Scholarship competition, each of them has demonstrated highly superior ability and outstanding promise to benefit from college training," declared Stalnaker.

"I hope that they will make a special effort to obtain a college education. With further education, these young people can play a vital role in our nation."

The annual National Merit Scholarship competition offers the largest system of privately financed scholarships in the United States. The program is open to all high school seniors in the United States and its possessions.

Over 478,000 students in 14,600 high schools entered the 1958-59 competition, which began with the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on April 29, 1958.

Plan Gas Line

Southern California Gas Company announces that plans are now being completed for construction of a giant 30-inch natural gas transmission line to reinforce supplies to the expanding population in the beach communities and the Southern California Edison Company's Redondo Beach steam generating plant.

Contract for construction of the line probably will be awarded in February, according to Gas Company Southwest Division Manager Carl Shupp.

New Student Officers

Glenn Myers is the new student body president of Stephen White Junior High School, succeeding Harold Steele.

Other new officers are Rosemary Mahaffey, girls vice president; Ray Palmer, boys' vice president; Glenda Hicks, secretary, and Judy Eguchi, lower division vice president.

Scouts to Observe Birthday

More than 5000 boys in the Harbor District of the Boy Scouts of America, will join with 2000 adult leaders in observing the 49th anniversary of the Scout movement in observances starting Saturday.

With the theme, "Onward for God and My Country," boys from the 135 local units will observe Boy Scout Sunday by attending church services in uniform. Jewish observances will be Friday evening and Saturday.

The units in this area are sponsored by more than 90 churches, PTA's, and other civic and patriotic groups.

Cmdr. A. F. Benscheidt (USN, Ret.), is Harbor District chairman. Fred W. Mill, Torrance businessman, is one of the vice chairmen.

Committee chairmen from Torrance include Cliff Samson, activities; Paul Shinoda, organization and extension; and Herbert C. Shattuck, training.

Dr. Howard A. Wood and William Sells represent Torrance on the area council, while Linden H. Chandler and Leslie Steigh represent Lomita.

District members at large from Torrance are Thomas C. Wilkes, Nicholas O. Drale, Paul Shinoda, Charles Dresser, George Bradford, John Ebbinghouse, William E. Walton, J. H. Hull, and Dr. Allen E. Offerber. Lomitan Arthur F. Basile and Harbor City resident John Conshafter also are district members at large.

Hood Named Agent

John F. Hood, 1037 Greenwood Ave., has been named agent for the South Bay district agency of Prudential Insurance Co., it was announced yesterday by Harvey L. Harms, manager.

Hood was born in Los Angeles and attended Torrance public schools. During the Korean Conflict he served with the U.S. Navy. Mr. and Mrs. Hood, who have resided in Torrance for 10 years, have a son, Timothy Alan, 3, and a daughter, Betsy Louise, 10 months.



CLEAN CAMPUS—Virginia Hubbrt, left, lends her back as a writing table to Frances Adams as she signs pledge to keep Torrance High School campus clean in an anti-litter campaign. Both girls are members of the committee. —Press Photo

Torrance High in Anti-Litter Campus Drive

Torrance High School students launched a special drive for a campus cleanup Monday in a student inspired anti-litter campaign.

Following an assembly, students were asked to sign pledges in which they promised to keep the trash off the lawns and into trash barrels.

Posters were tacked up at various parts of the campus to call attention to the project which is sponsored by the student council and the newspaper staff.

New Shoe Outlet Store Holds Grand Opening Today

Grand opening of Penny's Shoe Mart, at 21809 S. Avalon Blvd., will be observed today.

Melton Mendelson, who started in the shoe factory outlet business in Los Angeles in 1936, has expanded his business throughout the years, with the new Carson store, the third in the chain.

All brands of shoes at extremely low prices will be featured in one of the largest shoe stores in the South Bay area.

Complete lines of men's, women's and children's shoes will be featured in the new store.

SMALL BOAT CLASS Free public instruction classes in small boat handling, seamanship, navigation, rules of the road, will be conducted by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Fern School Cafeterium located at 314 Fern Ave. Classes will start Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and will continue every Monday evening for 12 weeks.

Want to save money on furniture, repairs, autos, etc? Read Torrance Press Classified Ads.

School Officials Shuffled

Three vice principals in Torrance elementary schools took over duties at other schools this week, in line with the local district's policy of giving them experience in several different schools.

Walter Buettgenbach moved to Seaside School from Perry School. He also formerly served at Wood School.

Stanley G. Roberts took up new duties at Casimir School after spending last semester at Seaside School.

Bobby Jean Vassar, former Edison vice principal, moved to Steele School.

The Steele and Casimir vacancies were caused by the appointment of Richard Brown Jr. and Dale Wickstrom as principals of new schools which opened Monday.

Since the district has vice principals only in its larger schools, no new assistants will be named at present for Perry and Edison Schools. Both schools lost a number of students when the three new elementary schools opened.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES MEET

All classified school employees of the Torrance Unified School District are invited to the regular monthly meeting of the California School Employees Association, Chapter No. 19 today in the home-economic room of the Greenwood School.

TEAC MEETING

An evaluation of the Torrance Unified School District will be made at the meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday noon at the YWCA.

Veterans Hall Hit By Yeggs

More than \$600 was stolen from the Torrance American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., in one of several business and residential burglaries reported over the weekend.

Detectives said they are still investigating how the thieves entered the Legion Hall since no evidence of forced entry was apparent. The money was taken from a safe in the store room.

Three schools, the Perry, Meadow Park and Columbia Elementary schools were entered by burglars. Missing are a football, basketball and \$1 in cash.

Thieves made off with \$40 from the office of the McMasters Park building.

Paul D. Dutton, of 4308 Newton St., reported loss of a collection of 1200 quarters and six silver dollars, as well as a hunting knife.

A neighbor, James W. Parkinson, of 4526 Newton St., said that \$10 in change had been taken from his house, police reported.

UNION CARBIDE SALES

Union Carbide Corporation sales during the last half of 1958 reached an all-time high of \$707,626,945, and income in the last half of the year exceeded the same period of 1957, Morse G. Dial, chairman, reported today in a preliminary statement. Net income in 1958 amounted to \$124,936,845, or \$4.15 a share, and sales for the year amounted to \$1,206,532,373. This compares with net income of \$133,740,818, or \$4.45 a share, and record sales of \$1,395,032,817 in 1957. Both sales and income for 1958 represented a 7 per cent decline from the previous year.

PARTICIPATES IN FORUM

James C. White, 5214 Ruby St., will take part in a forum discussion at the 11th Western Metal Congress March 16-20 in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

Tryouts Offered For Orchestra Positions Here

As a prelude to the forthcoming civic celebration commemorating the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the California Junior Philharmonic Orchestra, Founder-Conductor Ernest H. Katz has just announced that the annual county-wide auditions for membership in this nationally-known young people's group will be held beginning today and will continue for two weeks through Feb. 18.

Boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 19, residing in the greater Torrance area and playing flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, alto saxes, trumpets, trombones, French horns, drums, tympani, piano, harp, violins, violas, cellos and basses are invited to call Webster 8-0048 and an audition will be arranged.

LOMITA BUILDING

Building permits with a total valuation of \$1,119,958 were issued by the Lomita office of the County Building Department during January. Of this amount, \$848,700 was for residential construction.

STADIUM Tuesday Through Saturday Cary Grant in 'House Boat' —Also— Spencer Tracy in 'The Last Hurrah' Xtra Cartoons Sat. Matinee Sunday, Monday, Tuesday John Wayne in 'Jet Pilot' —Also— Victor Mature in 'Tank Force' Matinee 1 p.m., February 12 Lincoln's Birthday GRAND Phone FAirfax 8-0500 Friday, Saturday, Sunday Richard Widmark in 'The Halls of Montezuma' —Also— 'The Desert Fox' Xtra Cartoons Sat. Matinee

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