



PRESENT PROGRAM — Supervisor Kenneth Hahn joins with students and officials of El Camino College in looking over the script of the annual Bill of Rights program presented this week before the Board of Supervisors. The program, which was put on by El Camino College, was entitled, "We Have Responsibilities." Following the presentation, Supervisor Hahn declared that it was the best program

in the history of the annual event. The photo above was taken in front of a replica of the Bill of Rights on display in the Hall of Administration. Shown from left are Jay Tully, Redondo Beach, baritone soloist; Ed Palmer, Torrance, also a baritone soloist; Supervisor Hahn; Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino College, and Foster A. Day, member of the board of trustees of the college.

Young Ad Salesman Rated 'Tops' in Local Schools

Salesmanship students from the three high schools of Torrance are reported to have broken the record in selling annual and newspaper ads. Over \$5,000 worth of advertising space was sold to local merchants during the months of October and November by students enrolled in the Distributive Education classes.

Bill Starns, Torrance High School senior, is rated as the top salesman of all three high schools through his efforts in selling over \$1,600 worth of advertising space. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Nolan, 2300 Ives Lane, Redondo Beach and is enrolled in the Work Experience Program. His training station is located at Zody's Department Store, where he is learning the retail merchandising trade.

Ads solicited will appear in the newspapers of the three high schools periodically and will be printed in each of the high school annuals. The collections for sales will go to help defray the cost of printing the newspapers and annuals, thus lowering the cost of individual annual purchases for each student.

Top salesman at South High School was senior Steve Jefferson, and Donna Decker, a senior at North High School, sold the largest number of ads there.

Teachers of the Salesmanship and Merchandising classes, who directed the operation, are Del Smith, THS; Jerry Davidson, NHS; and Mrs. Madeline O'Conner, SHS.



BILL STARNS
... top salesman

'Toys for Tots' Drive Failing in Torrance Area

The Marine Corps Reserve's annual "Toys for Tots" drive reached the halfway point this week with collections lagging behind expectations.

Major R. H. Harter, instructor of the 5th Communication Company, said today that, "The number of toys collected from this area will have to more than double during the next week... if Christmas morning smiles are to be provided for the hundreds of underprivileged children in the area."

Only new or useable toys are being requested.

Give Gift Ideas for Gardeners

Finding the right gift for the right person is always a problem—unless you're shopping for a gardener. In that case you can never go wrong in buying something for his garden.

A plant, garden book, a container (preferably a plant in it), a gadget—these are all things that will gladden the gardener's heart on Christmas morning.

Even your non-gardening friends will appreciate a nicely potted house plant under their tree. It doesn't take a green thumb to enjoy a blooming azalea, cyclamen, chrysanthemum or African violet. All these and others can be bought in bloom from local nurseries.

For the serious gardener, something big and showy is in order—a bloom-heavy camellia, perhaps, or a rhododendron.

The latter won't bloom until spring, but it's a gift to make any gardener jump for joy. On the other hand, a check with your friend's spouse might indicate that certain other shrubs are closer to the perfect gift.

Possibly some accent shrubs such as dwarf citrus or bamboo for planting in a container on the deck or at the front door.

The owner of a newly built house will appreciate the gift of a choice young tree. Flowering trees, especially, are likely to please—a flowering crabapple or dogwood, or maybe a saucer magnolia.

In the line of garden gadgetry, there are so many things that many gardeners always need but never get around to buying for themselves. Some we know are forever borrowing a neighbor's electric hedge clippers, or his spray tank or his garden cart to haul something in.

As for books, a pruning guide can be mighty handy and timely, too, since the season when pruning should begin is already with us. And while you're at it, you might make yourself the same gift.

Pruning is one of gardening's most important skills.

Big Brothers Honor McKesson

District Attorney William B. McKesson will be honored Jan. 11 by the Jewish Big Brothers Association of Los Angeles County.

Ceremonies in the Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel will include presentation of the association's Big Brother Statuette Award for his dedication as a public servant to the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency.

McKesson is an active member of both the President's and Governor's advisory committees on Children and Youth and is a recognized authority on the establishment, role and functions of juvenile courts.

Taxpayers Save \$5 Million, Retirement Study Shows

As a result of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's review of the county's budget, Los Angeles County taxpayers will be saved \$5,000,000 annually in the cost of operating the county employees retirement system, it was revealed this week following an actuarial study of the retirement system.

Last May, during discussion and study of the budget, Hahn questioned the appropriation of \$27,893,000 included as a contribution toward the retirement fund and urged that this amount be reduced.

A study of his proposal by County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy indicated that the formula under which the county contributes matching funds for retirement payments could not be changed without an actuarial study being made.

At Hahn's suggestion the

study was ordered and it was filed this week with the Board of Supervisors. The study showed that the county's contribution could be reduced \$2,500,000 for the remaining six months of the present fiscal year.

"This is equal to an annual savings of \$5,000,000—which is the same as five cents on the tax rate," Supervisor Hahn stated.

It was pointed out that the county's larger than necessary payment to the Board of Retirement might have continued for several years if Supervisor Hahn had not spotted the overpayment and insisted that it be corrected.

"For the past several years the county has been contributing large sums of money to the Retirement Board and then turning around and borrowing this money back to finance certain projects.

"This was a good deal for the Retirement Board since it received interest on the money. However, it was not such a good deal for the county, since it was paying interest on its own money—money which should have not been paid into the retirement fund," Supervisor Hahn declared.

Additional Work Approved for Basin Barrier

County supervisors have approved a supplemental contract for additional design work on the first unit of the West Coast basin barrier project, Supervisor Burton W. Chase disclosed this week.

The pact is between the County Flood Control District and M. A. Nishkian and Co., Long Beach.

It calls for the firm to make certain revisions and additions to the preliminary plans for the project which the Nishkian Co. has been working on under a contract approved by the board Sept. 27, 1960, Chase said.

Cost of these changes is not to exceed \$17,500.

Chase noted that revisions were brought about by the necessity for relocating a pressure regulating vault destined for location in private property in El Segundo because the city has indicated the property will be developed for industrial use.

In addition, the city of Redondo Beach has agreed to the combination of equipment storage facilities and the proposed chlorination plant on the same site in a move which will save money for the district.

Tentative estimates for the first unit of the barrier program have been set at \$1,450,000.

It is part of a program destined to create a barrier against further salt water intrusion into fresh wells in an area running from Ballona Creek to the Palos Verdes Hills, Chase said.

M. E. Salisbury, chief engineer of the Flood Control District, is supervising development of the program.

Students Will Be Given Extra Week For Yule Work

Forty-eight North High School students have been released from school one week prior to Christmas vacation to gain work experience and earn extra money according to Mr. J. C. Davidson, work experience counselor.

The students, who must be sixteen years old or over, are employed by local stores for the holiday season.

To gain a better understanding of what a sales person is expected to do, the students attended a special class held after school every day for the week before being excused. Each student had to attend in order to be excused for the week of December 11 through December 15.

Students participating must have been approved by each of their teachers. Only those maintaining a C grade average in every class were eligible. They will be expected to make up all work missed during the week they are absent from school.

We will be open on Christmas Day... for your dining convenience.

Local Youngster Will Appear in Motion Picture

Celia Elaine Hawley, 13 year old Torrance girl, will attend the invitational World Premiere of "The Children's Hour," at the Fox Wilshire Theater in Beverly Hills, on December 19.

Celia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Hawley, appears in the picture as a student pianist in the opening scenes, as well as in the light school girl role of "Patricia," one of several children playing in scenes with film stars Audrey Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine, James Garner, Fay Bainter, and Miriam Hopkins.

The young artist has made previous professional appearances on such national television shows as "Buckskin," "Leave it to Beaver," "The June Allison Show," "Ford Spectacular," "The Juggler," "Love and Marriage," "D.A.'s Man," and "Family Films."

"The Children's Hour," produced and directed by William Wyler, his first major production since "Ben Hur," is a feature film presentation of the Mirisch Company for a United Artists Release. The screen play is an adaptation by John Michael Hayes, from Lillian Hellman's classic play. Entire produc-



CELIA HAWLEY
... young actress

tion, under the direction of Wyler, was photographed on location, and at the Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood.

Telephone Men Donate \$463,000 To Aid Plan

Pacific Telephone men and women in the Los Angeles and Ventura areas responded again this year to the Associated In-group Donors (AID) plan of charitable giving to the tune of \$463,000.

The amount subscribed—mostly by payroll deduction during 1962—is an increase of about \$12,500 over last year, Eva Terpsten, Pacific's assistant vice president, announced this week.

The money collected will go next year to participating health and welfare agencies of AID and numerous other agencies individually selected by employees.

The dollars will buy research, equipment, health and physical education, direct aid—as it is needed.

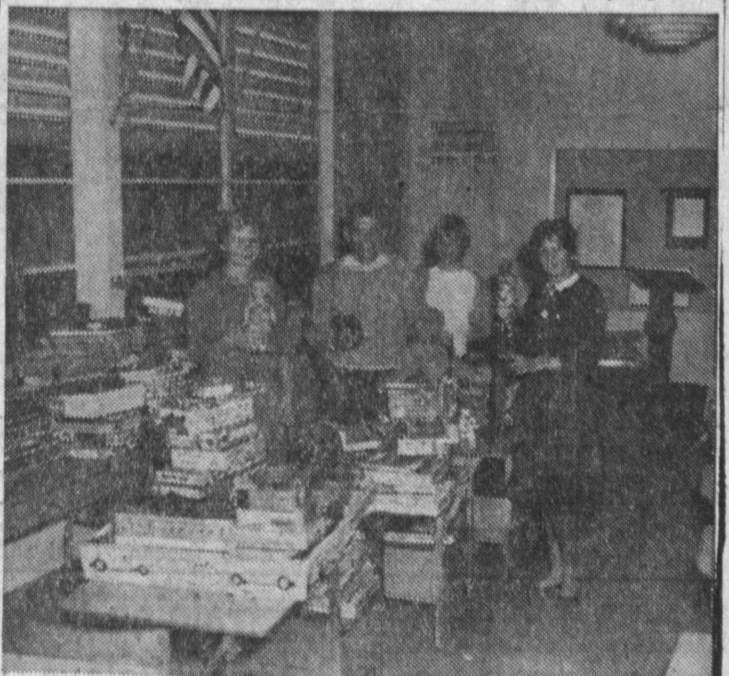
Miss Terpsten said that 88.8 per cent of the 20,950 to AID during the annual campaign in October.

Torrance High Toy Drive Will Gladden Kids' Hearts

Once resplendent bicycles, perky teddybears, worked-over jigsaw puzzles and games galore will gladden the hearts of many children this Christmas as a result of a toy drive recently conducted by Torrance High School students.

Twelve bicycles, a tricycle, many games, dolls and doll furniture, baby buggies, toy automobiles and sport equipment, once the delight of the Tartars will regain their glamour for smaller, less fortunate children on Christmas morning. The toys collected by Walter Douthwright's freshman class and Mary Ann Haney's junior class were given to a social agency for distribution.

"I have never seen anything like it," said Dr. Carl R. Ahee, Torrance High School principal, "The idea of giving toys to someone less fortunate than ourselves spread like wildfire among our students and the response was overwhelming. The number and variety of toys given by students this drive is very gratifying."



TOY SORTERS — Torrance High School juniors Margaret Aarup, Danny George, Doni Baber and Ruth Scott assisted in sorting toys collected by high school students in toy drive.

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NHS Co-ed Will Compete in DAR Contest

Sandra Rayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Rayes, 4302 W. 177 St., Torrance, California, has been selected to represent North High School in the district competition for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship award.

North High senior girls voted for one senior girl on the basis of outstanding dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

She will receive a pin and certificate award, and will compete in the district contest which will be held in the future. The winner of the district competition will be determined by an American history test which will comprise sixty-eight percent of the judging and on an activity report that will make up the remaining forty percent.

A twenty-five dollar bond will be presented to each winner of the nine districts. The district winners will then be eligible to enter state competition. The winner of the state competition will be determined by an essay contest, and she will receive a \$100 bond. She will then enter competition for national honors.

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