

'Land of the Free .. Home of the Brave'

Editors note: Valerie Gustaveson is the first place winner in the Torrance Junior Women's Club Americanism contest which took place last week. She is an eighth grade student at Hickory School. The essay, reproduced here in its entirety, is a healthy example of one young American's thoughts and attitudes toward our country.

"America to me is a beautiful land. It's geographical features stretch from the Atlantic Ocean on the east side, to the peaceful Pacific Ocean on the West. If you included Alaska, America's borders



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... Winning Essay

would reach to the Arctic Ocean on the North. In the interior of this country lies five large navigable lakes, Heron, Ontario, Erie, Superior, and Michigan. The great Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, flow through lush green valleys and past thriving towns and cities. The Rocky Mountains of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico pierce the very skys with their snow laden peaks. Yet, in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada are burning, torrid deserts and wastelands to add variety to the

scenery. In the Hawaiian Islands tropical breezes blow and fierce volcanoes erupt. American, in itself is a breath-taking place. Such contrast in one country is difficult to find, yet we find it in this land of freedom.

The writings and poems of this land are many. Famous poets and authors such as Mark Twain, Edgar Allan Poe, Francis Scott Key, Waldo Emerson, Carl Sandberg, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow have contributed to American literature and have made America recognized as a nation of fine arts and talents.

When this country was young, like a small boy, it ran away from its mother, England. It had desired independence. At first, it was unsure of itself but with the statesmanship of great men such as Jefferson, Monroe, Hamilton, and Washington—documents were drawn up and signed—providing the executive, the judicial, and the legislative branches of our government and emphasized the individual rather than the state, thus, an individual's rights were guaranteed under this policy. Our country grew strong.

During this time our country was also expanding. Farsighted industrialists used our natural resources in building our country's economy. Railroads were built which opened vast territories and frontiers to the west—gold was found—new states founded—these gave the people opportunities untold.

This beautiful country, a land of freedom and divine ideals—where one is free from oppression of dictators who try to rule your will, heart, and soul. In America you are free! Your heart is filled with joy when you live in this land of brotherhood.

What more can you say for this country, America, than the following inscription which appears on the Statue of Liberty. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. The raged refuse of your teeming shores. Send these the homeless tempest tossed to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Yes, men have died for this country, the place where all men are spiritually equal. They paid for it with their lives to give it to us, so that this country would thrive and grow. So that it would set an example for the world, especially the countries yearning for freedom.

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St. Catherine Labouré Group Present 'Mad Hatter' Event

Members of St. Catherine and Mrs. Curtis Lee.

CARD GAMES

Bridge, pinochle and canasta will be played from 1 a.m. until 3 p.m. Prices are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Babysitters will be available to watch the little ones.

A \$25 hat and \$8 hat will be given away during the afternoon.

Mrs. Vincent Tremblay, ways and means chairman, extends a cordial invitation to the public to come and enjoy the luncheon and to pick out a new spring hat for the Easter Parade.

MENU

The Lenten menu will consist of macaroni salad, tuna salad, jello salad, rolls and cake. Coffee, tea and milk will be served.

There will be a showing of spring hats from the Mad Hatter Hat Shop, 2565 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance, during the latter part of the luncheon. The hats will be shown by the following members of the council: Mrs. George Pleick, Mrs. James Weber, Mrs. Edward Hodapp, Mrs. Vincent Tyrrell, Mrs. Thomas Jay Saterlee, Mrs. J. F. Negvesky.

Gateway Council Meets Tomorrow, Has Safety Film

The March meeting of Gateway Council PTA will be held tomorrow at Stephen M. White Junior High School at 10 a.m. According to Mrs. George Weeks, program chairman, the program will feature a safety film entitled "That They May Live."

This film demonstrates methods of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The inspirational message will be given by the mixed Glee Club of members of Stephen White Junior High School under the direction of Mr. Richard Schraier.

ELECTION

Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting and the election will be conducted by Mrs. Horace H. Bresee, film chairman of Los Angeles tenth district.

Committees featured will be Mrs. C. L. Wilson, safety, and Mrs. Joe Stafford, Civil Defense. There will be a display of safety posters made by members and students of the local associations in Gateway Council.

Mrs. John Blackmon, president will have charge of the meeting which will be followed by a luncheon at the school.

I'M NEW HERE

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Fiske, 5225 Wilma St., Torrance, Feb. 20.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Teel, 21430 Marigold Ave., Torrance, Feb. 20.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Stoner, 915 Rayland Dr., Torrance, Feb. 23.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Ryno, 22511 Hallade Ave., Torrance, Feb. 24.

Timothy Tice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Klein, 3237 W. 152nd St., Gardena, Feb. 15.

Phillip Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Douglas Jaruis, 2512 Frampton Ave., Harbor City, Feb. 18.

Shari Lynell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Partain, 330 W. 214th St., Torrance, Feb. 21.

James Dana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen L. Garrett, 2112 Santa Fe, Feb. 18.

Hickory School PTA Welcomes Vice-Principal

Hickory Elementary PTA announces their pleasure in welcoming the new vice-principal, Mr. D. R. Coogan. Formerly vice-principal at Seaside Elementary School, Coogan also was an instructor at Riviera Elementary.

The new principal was born in Los Angeles. After ten years of professional baseball, he completed his studies at Long Beach State College, where he received his Master's Degree. For the past two years he has been doing graduate work at USC. Coogan is married and is the father of three girls, ages eight, six and four.

NEW CONCEPTION

Hickory Elementary is a new school with a completely modern conception in schoolroom design. There are two main buildings, each consisting of five rooms arranged around an inner resource room. Every room has its own outside entrance, thus eliminating corridors. Wall panels, held in place by air pressure, are easily adjustable to change the size and shape of the room as desired. There are excellent playground facilities and equipment and a fine cafeteria, according to the school's PTA.

DINNER

There will be a Salisbury steak dinner in the school cafeteria on Thursday, March 8. It will be held from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 24, "Eversole, the Magician," will put on a 2 p.m. show for youngsters of all ages.

With great pleasure and pride, Hickory School announces the success of Valerie Gustaveson, eighth grade student who won first place in the Junior Woman's Club Americanism Essay Contest. Valerie competed against almost two thousand Torrance eighth graders.

PLAYGROUND

According to the PTA, Hickory School playground is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Children are urged to take advantage of the services being offered to them by the Torrance Recreational Department. Recreational leader is Mr. Charles Faneuff.

Candidates Are Presented at Regular Meeting

Presentation of a slate of candidates for office will be first order of business when Holly Park B'nai B'rith Women holds its next regular meeting tomorrow night at the home of Mrs. Arthur D. Vanetek of Torrance.

Starting at 8:30 p.m. the meeting will also hear reports from Mrs. Beryl Averbook, chairman of the chapter's installation dinner-dance April 14, and Mrs. Herbert Schwartz, in charge of the group's forthcoming book.

Recently, in conjunction with Harbor Council B'nai B'rith Women, Holly Park chapter sponsored a brotherhood and race relations program for grade school children, providing an opportunity for children of different racial, national and ethnic backgrounds to find common meeting grounds.

Mrs. Stanley Mittelman of Torrance reports that the program, combining films and discussion groups, was warmly received and proved highly successful.

Women

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TAKING BREAK — Miss Linda Peters, 1954 W. 187th Pl., Torrance, is shown here on her saddlebred show horse, Amber Dandy, as she pauses during a practice session. Linda is preparing for the American Saddlers tenth open horse show and drill com-

petition to be held in Rolling Hills on June 3. Offering their advice and bestowing compliments are Mrs. James C. Freese, president of the organization (left), and Miss Carol Blouin of Long Beach, show grounds chairman.

Torrance Stamp Club Installs New Officers at Potluck Supper

The Torrance Stamp Club will feature a special sale of stamps to members only. This meeting will take place in the Scott Park Community Center. The officers elected to serve for the coming year are: Monty McCaslin, president; Tom Schrimsher, vice president; Mrs. George Ackerman, secretary and Mrs. William Doyle, treasurer.

All harbor area stamp collectors are invited to attend and join in the swapping session that follows the short business meeting.

Equestriennes Set Date for Open Horse Show

The American Saddlers equestrienne organization has voted on June 3 as date for its 10th Open Horse Show and Drill Competition, president Mrs. James C. Freese announced.

Mrs. Ralph Klees of Garden Grove, is chairman of the event to be held at the Empty Saddle Club in Rolling Hills.

Working with Mrs. Klees on arrangements for the show which will be open to riders from throughout the Southland are Mmes. F. G. Harvey formerly of Torrance and Gary W. Thorley, Los Angeles; Mrs. M. W. Roden of Venice; Mrs. Robert L. Shelton of Hawthorne and Misses Carol Blouin and Kimberly Smith of Long Beach.

VEGAS LICENSES

Marriage licenses issued here include:

Lacy-Dunham — Feb. 24, John H. Lacy, 21, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Pamela D. Dunham, 17, of Wilmington.

Woodard - Anderson — Feb. 24, Hervey D. Woodard, 22, of Long Beach, and Sharon M. Anderson, 19, of Wilmington.

Volmerding - Culverhouse — Feb. 24, William H. Volmerding, 48, and Dorothy M. Culverhouse, 38, both of Torrance.

Moulton-Paulsell — Feb. 24, Mark D. Moulton, 21, of Torrance, and Janis Paulsell, 19, of Seal Beach.

Siers-Rosendahl — Feb. 24, Henry Joseph Siers, 66, of Lake Worth, Fla., and Ester M. Rosendahl, 64, of Torrance.

Geiler-Caswell — Feb. 25, Kenneth Lee Geiler, 22, of Torrance, and Cheryl Ann Caswell, 17, of Lomita.

Loria-Brown — Feb. 25, Joe Loria, 21, and Sharon Elayne Brown, 16, both of Torrance.

Reidy-Hancock — Feb. 25, George C. Reidy, 40, and Elizabeth A. Hancock, 59, both of Torrance.

Humor-Koehf — Feb. 26, Samuel C. Humor, 70, and Mabel H. Koehf, 64, both of Torrance.

Walker-Palmer — Feb. 26, Marvin A. Walker, 24, of Wilmington, and Mabel L. Palmer, 26, of Pasadena.



TICKETS, ANYONE? — Mrs. L. M. Savage and Mrs. D. L. Fisher, co-chairmen for the Women's Guild of Seaside Community Church birthday luncheon, hold tickets for the annual event. Admission will be by reservation only, and the deadline has been set at March 4. A special travel skit and the musical trio "Sea Notes" will be featured. Theme of the luncheon will be "Travel."

A "Travel" theme will prevail to put guests in a holiday mood when the Women's Guild of Seaside Community Church holds its annual birthday luncheon Tuesday, March 6, at twelve noon, at the church, 230th and Ocean Avenue. This event commemorates the birthday of the Guild, and is planned, and admission is by reservation only, deadline for which is Sunday, March 4.

Co-chairmen for the event are Mmes. Dean Fisher and Levi Savage, who may be contacted for reservations.

A salad luncheon is planned, and admission is by reservation only, deadline for which is Sunday, March 4.

The program will feature a special travel skit and selections by the "Sea Notes."

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"HAT HAPPY"—Posing in their new Spring hats in preparation for the 'Mad Hatter' luncheon and card party being held by St. Catherine Labouré Women's Council are (left to right) Mmes. Edward Hodapp, Mrs. James

Weber and Mrs. George Pleick. Event will take place in the parish hall, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance. Luncheon will be served from noon until 1 o'clock.