

Local Students Winners In B-A Awards Program

Five local high school seniors from this area won cash awards in Bank of America's

five high schools. To get into the competitions the students had already won certificates, gold trophies, and the honor of representing their schools. Scoring was based on grades, leadership, outside activities and the group discussions.

The same judging system will be used in the May 9 finals, when first place winners from all seven city zones take part. Their cash awards will be presented that evening at a banquet attended by 500 honor students, parents, educators, and prominent citizens.

The bank sponsors the \$79,600 statewide program to "bring public recognition, reward and encouragement to young people of unusual promise." Virtually all of the state's public, private and parochial schools participate.

Thursday's judges, prominent in their communities for civic, business and youth work were: Mr. Leonard W. Bellman of San Pedro, Mr. Dick Christensen, San Pedro; Mary G. Creutz of Los Angeles, Clark Mills of Gardena, and Gardena Police Chief Roy E. Tracy. Chairman of the group was Mr. Charles Migliazzo, Supervisor of Science for Los Angeles City Schools.



WAYNE OVERBECK
... double winner

annual statewide Achievement Awards program last week when they received highest honors at the Marine Zone competitions in the Los Angeles City Schools system division.

Three of them won first place in their categories and will go on to the city schools final competitions on May 9 at the Beverly Hilton hotel, where they will receive cash awards of at least \$150 each and perhaps as much as \$1000. They will be competing against other top ranking students from 42 high schools in the citywide system.

Second place winners at last Thursday's event each received awards of \$50. Third place winners received \$25.

Local winners were: first place Sachiko Arlene Sasaki, Phineas Banning High; Donna Hazel, Phineas Banning High; William Thomas, Narbonne High; third place, Wendy Kincaide, Narbonne High, and Virginia Cain, Phineas Banning High.

Winners were picked by a judging panel of civic leaders, who met the 20 competing students at the Hacienda Hotel, San Pedro, and heard them in group discussions of present day problems related to their studies. The Marine Zone contains



AWARD WINNERS — Local students, winners in the annual Bank of America Achievement Awards, here are congratulated by R. J. Dittmar, coordinator of the program, and Charles Migliazzo, chairman of the

judging program. Young winners are Arlene Sasaki, Banning High; Wendy Kincaide, Narbonne High; and Gail Lampshire, San Pedro High.

Extension of 225th St. OK'd By L.A. City

Extension of 225th St. from its present terminus east of Normandie Ave., across abandoned railway lines to Normandie Ave. is provided for in a contract awarded Friday, according to Councilman John S. Gibson.

The street will provide an additional access to the Normandie Playground area, and to residents of the Strip southerly of 20th St.

E. H. Phillips-Smith received the award on a low bid of \$3,892. Funds for the project were provided by a special appropriation of the city council, sponsored by Councilman Gibson.

Work is expected to begin in three weeks.

Student Writer Wins Two Awards at USC Press Day

Wayne Overbeck, El Camino College student commissioner of publications, was winner of two first place awards at the 37th Annual Press Day of the University of Southern California.

The only writer ever to have landed a double victory in Newspaper Day history, Overbeck was awarded first place in the editorial division Saturday on the basis of an editorial appearing in the El Camino College newspaper calling for a mature and responsible patriotism in public schools, in contrast to a superficial, flag waving allegiance based upon ignorance and intolerance.

Also garnering the number one spot in the straight news division, Overbeck reported the withdrawal of a

fraternity chapter from campus and described both sides of the controversy leading up to the move.

A year ago, the English major took a first place at the USC annual press day with an interview story based on a press conference with former California governor Goodwin Knight.

While at Mira Costa High School, Overbeck served as copy editor of the school newspaper and achieved first place honors in editorial writing representing Michi at the El Camino College Press Day in 1960.

At the conclusion of this year's Journalistic Association of Junior Colleges convention in Sacramento, in which representatives of 42 two-year colleges participated, Overbeck took a third

place in an on the spot news writing contest.

He won a similar award at the JAJC conference in San Diego a year ago.

Jess Amado, El Camino College Warhoop photographer, garnered an honorable mention at the Daily Trojan award. Of a possible 25

points for editorial excellence, twenty points for coverage, 25 points for mechanical excellence, ten points for editorials, ten points for photography and ten points for advertising content, the L.A. Valley Star scored 91

points, to El Camino's 90.

The Warhoop won the prized plaque a year ago.

Representing El Camino at USC were Instructor Don Brown, Overbeck, Mrs. Mary Ann Frey, Tom Mead, Dennis Rockstroh, Allan Cole, Gregg Peterson and Miss Kathy Schwent.

Marine Pfc. Roger A. Kahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kahl of 18002 Bailey Dr., Torrance, has reported for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Letters

Torrance Press:

Concerning your top headline report on Billy Romain Smith, of Sunday, April 1 edition, we believe that Bill is entitled to a new trial of which I hope that the Torrance Press and other papers will follow very closely and print the truth about this case and keep the public well informed.

As most of the public have already read the printed news that Bill has confessed upon which is not the truth.

There certainly was something wrong with this trial when the sentence given was stronger than those who have committed murder such as the "Cooley and Finch" cases.

We do believe that a new trial is indicated very strongly in this case.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Myerson

Dear Sir:

This is to congratulate you on your accurate editorial Sun., April 1, concerning Sharon Smith.

It is my belief that this matter should be brought

to the attention of all local and county newspapers, and in my estimation, warrants further investigation.

I feel this man is innocent and should be given all the help possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kenneth Ravenscroft
21919 Harvard

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for printing the truth about the Billy R. Smith case, which may help his family to prove his innocence.

Yours Truly
Mrs. C. A. Riggs
1022 Bayview

Dear Editor:

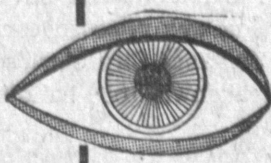
I would like to thank you for coming forward to help a man, Bill R. Smith, who I feel got an unfair trial and was not proved guilty.

Such has been done, could happen to others that are not guilty. Justice must be done.

Mrs. O. Carlton
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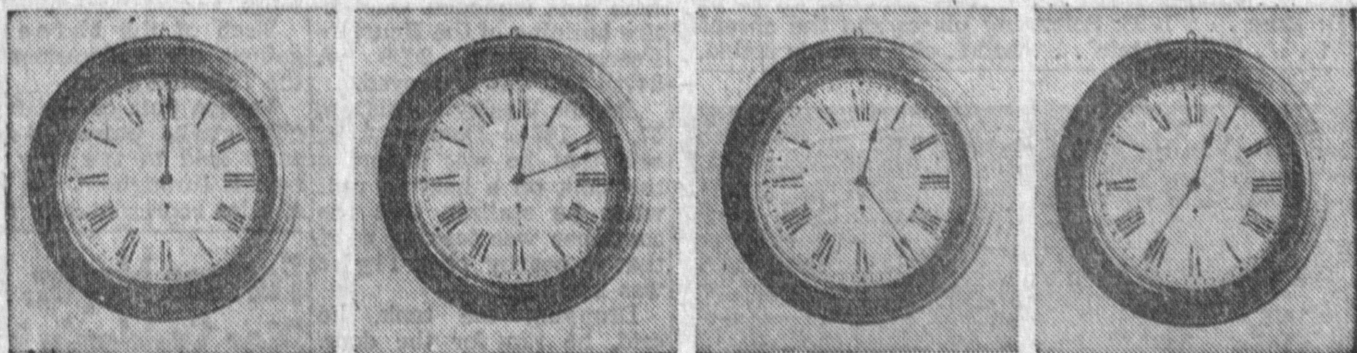


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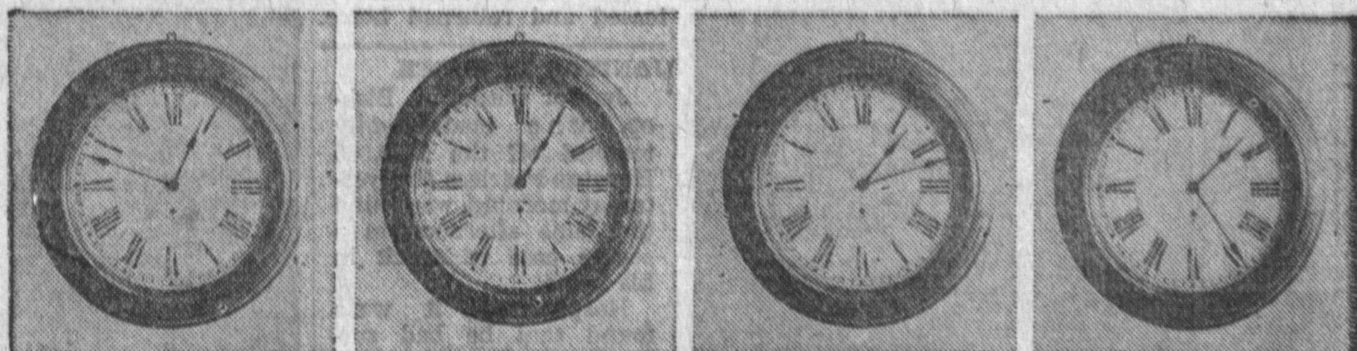
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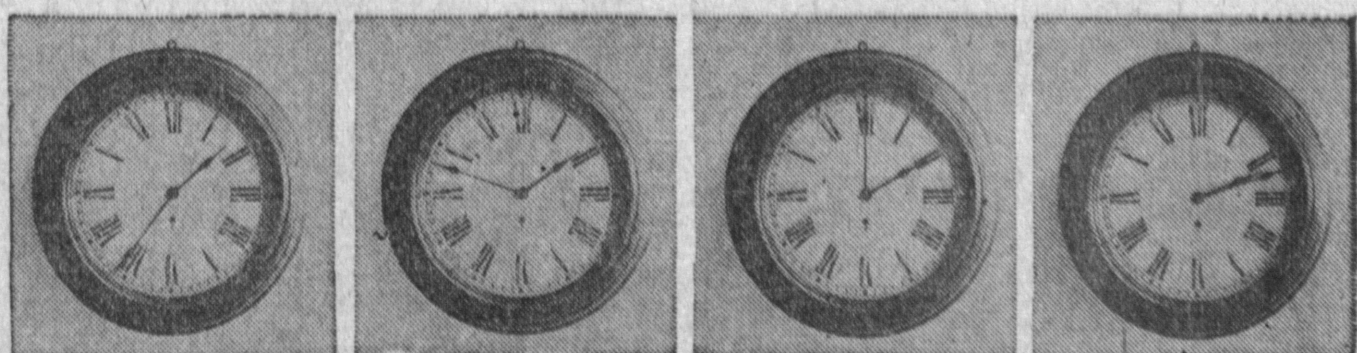
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