



WITH WINNERS . . . The Strollin' Minstrels, a barbershop quartet composed of South High Seniors, has won the top award in the senior division of the Exchange Club's Search for Talent Area 20 finals. Shown here with the trophy are (from left) Chuck Eischen, Area 20 Exchange Club governor; Samuela Dostal, Miss Inglewood; The Strollin' Minstrels (Bob

Baxter, Dan Wilson, Dan Neese and Ron Marzilli); and Susan Hawk, Miss Torrance. Elaine Watler, a 7-year-old singer-dancer from Hawthorne, won top honors in the junior division. Finals for Division 4 of the Exchange Club will be held May 3 at Mira Costa High School, with the Exchange Club of the South Bay hosting the event.

Financing Arranged For Museum of the Sea Plan

The Bank of America will provide up to \$4 million in interim financing for the Museum of the Sea, a recreational and educational attraction to open aboard the former luxury liner Queen Mary next spring.

R. L. Matheny, vice president and manager of the Long Beach main office of the bank, said that in addition to the financing program the bank will sponsor a major exhibit in the museum.

The museum is being developed through the financial sponsorship of exhibits by private industry under the direction of the California Museum Foundation, a nonprofit corporation. The bank's financing will provide for effective planning as the industry spon-

sorships are processed, Matheny said.

THE MUSEUM will be devoted to a dramatic presentation of the past, present and future of the world's oceans. It will be built in a multi-level area directly below the 411-room hotel and convention center being developed aboard the ship in Long Beach harbor.

Les H. Cohen, museum director, said that the interim financing "not only provides the opportunity to open the majority of exhibits in the museum complex to the public by spring of 1970 but also allows for immediate planning for completion of the undeveloped portion."

The director said that some 21 major exhibits will be ready for the opening. These attractions include:

- The Queen Mary Story, the romantic history of the ship, the aft engine room, the steering station and one of its 35-ton propellers in a specially constructed chamber outside the ship.

- Highways of the Sea which will be devoted to exhibits on communication, navigation and the evolution of the California coastal region.

- Horizons of the Sea, a scientifically oriented 20,000-square-foot exhibit hall which will illustrate the present and the future of the sea and include more than a dozen separate major exhibits.

IN ADDITION, Cohen said, the museum will have several other of its attractions ready for the opening, including its restaurant, library, 300-seat auditorium, and temporary exhibit section.

The major areas to be completed after the opening are Phenomena of the Sea, a multi-million dollar audio-visual theater; and Heritage of the Sea, the 20,000-square-foot hall devoted to the past of the sea.

Cohen said that while the Bank of America has agreed to sponsor an exhibit in Horizons Hall, the exact nature of the exhibit is still under discussion. It will, however, be completed in time for the museum opening, he said.

Regarding the financial arrangement and the bank's exhibit sponsorship, Cohen said: "We are particularly gratified to have one of the world's great financial institutions and one which will play a key role in the development of ocean resources associated with the museum in a common endeavor to communicate the vast potentialities of the sea to the international public."

San Pedro Elks Place In Contest

Officers of San Pedro Elks lodge 966 have placed first in the Initiation Ritual contest with nine other teams of the South Central District of California — Hawaii Elks Association. As a team the San Pedro Elks scored a record 95.6 average.

Five members who also placed first in individual categories were Henry Smith, leading knight; Robert Shannon, lecturing knight; Bob Sanchez, esquire; Robert Smith, chaplain; and Eugene Powell, inner guard.

According to Henry Smith, Teams and individuals were judged on motivation, expression, deportment, clarity and impressiveness.

Smith said the San Pedro team now qualifies to compete for the state championship at Palm Springs May 6. State champions will go to Dallas in July to compete for western states and national championships.

Stamp Club To Exhibit Collections

Membership auction night is planned Monday at 7:30 p.m. by the Torrance Stamp Club. The club meets in the Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Catskill Ave., Carson.

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Dangers of Cold Water Explained

The hazards of prolonged immersion in cold water were stressed today by the Red Cross, as it warned early spring boat users, fishermen, and swimmers to exercise extra precautions to avoid "falling in" accidents.

In many area of the state, rivers, lakes, and ocean waters will not warm up until June, Roger Plaisted, director, safety programs, Los Angeles Red Cross, said today.

"More fishermen drown in May than in any other month," he declared. "Probably many of the deaths are due to their inability to save themselves because of the cold water. Fatal cooling is more apt to occur in water than air, because wetting rapidly decreases the insulating effect of clothing. Body heat loss in cold water occurs at 2 to 4 times the rate observed in air at the same temperature."

"EVEN expert swimmers can drown if they are immersed in near icy water long enough to lose the capacity to move their arms and legs," he added.

"If you suddenly find yourself in cold water, do not try to remove your clothing. Everything, including clothing, weighs less under water," he added. "The clothing will help you retain body heat by reducing water flow over the body surface, and can also hold and trap air which will add to your natural buoyancy."

It is imperative, he continued, to get out of cold water as fast as you can even if it

means swimming away from your overturned or swamped boat to the nearest point of safety, although this violates the general rule about staying with your craft in case of capsize.

"IN COLD water," Plaisted explained, "staying with your boat can be fatal, if rescue is delayed. When it is necessary to swim with clothes on, all movement of the arms and legs should be under water. Swim with, or at right angles to, the current for the nearest landing."

The U.S. Navy, as a result of studies conducted under arctic conditions, recommends the following first aid procedures for cold water immersion victims:

IF FEASIBLE, a victim taken from cold water should be warmed very quickly in a hot bath, 105 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. Hot water should be added continuously until the body is warmed.

Body temperatures should be

raised very slowly if hot baths are not possible. Add extra clothing and keep the patient in a cool room; do not bring him into a warm room.

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