

First Students Graduate at Palos Verdes

Fourteen students received Associate of Arts degrees Sunday afternoon at the first graduation ceremonies in the two-year history of Palos Verdes College. Highlights of the program included a faculty procession; invocation by the Rev. Robert Kemper, pastor of the Palos Verdes community church; greetings from Dr. Robert P. Saunders, college president; and an address by Ralph Minor, retired University of California professor.

POSTAL RECEIPTS JUMP

Acting Postmaster Louis H. Deininger reported this week that the postal receipts for the month of May of this year were \$13,355.57 as compared to \$9,747.47 for May of 1948.

Stock Brokers To Tour Plant

Henry W. Creeger, plant manager of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., today will conduct some 35 San Francisco and bay area business leaders on a tour of the Crenshaw boulevard plant.

The group, which is here on a two-day "good will" tour of local industrial locations, is comprised of members of the San Francisco Stock Exchange, several financial writers for bay area newspapers, and the heads of trust departments of various San Francisco banks.

The members of the Stock Exchange comprise that body's public relations and listing committees and were accompanied by R. E. Kaylor, exchange president. They are scheduled to hold a joint dinner meeting with members of the Los Angeles Exchange.

The group also will tour other industrial plants including the Byron Jackson Company, Good-year Rubber Co., the Menasco Co., Gladin McBean, Lockheed, and General Motors Corp.

Swimming Pool Bids To Be Awarded Soon

Bids for construction of the Alondra Park swimming area planned for the southwest portion of Alondra Lake were opened Tuesday at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Five bids were presented, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby. They varied from a low bid of \$20,446, submitted by Meco Corporation, of 14409 South Paramount boulevard, Los Angeles, to a high bid of \$22,085 from the California Granite Co., Inc., of 2835 Newell street, Los Angeles.

All bids were under the County Engineer's estimate of \$22,734, Darby said.

The work will start upon the signing of the contract which probably will be awarded next week. The contract will call for completion of the work within 90 days after start of construction. The swimming pool will be the largest of any in the county, and will comprise two acres. It will have separate sections for adults and children, and will be constantly attended by lifeguards.

Darby pointed out that the lake will not be drained for the construction. A dam will be built across the lake by depositing earth after which water will be pumped out of the portion to be paved.

Theater Night Series Is Scheduled By 'Y'

"Brigadoon," popular musical being staged at the Philharmonic Auditorium, is attracting a group of young adults from the Torrance YWCA on June 15. Like other events in its Theater Night series, attendance with the Torrance group is open to interested adults in the community. Wednesday night is Theater Night.

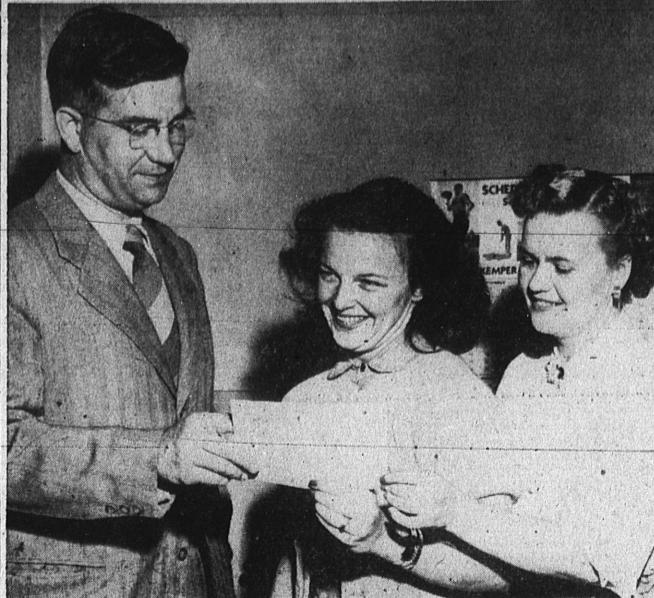
Mrs. Myrtle Musselman, chairman of the Theater Night group, announced this week the tentative summer schedule. July features include "Showboat" and "Annie Get Your Gun" at the Greek Theatre, "Kiss Me Kate" at the Philharmonic and possibly the "Pilgrimage Play." In August the group will see "New Moon" and "Girl Crazy" at the

Greek Theatre and "High Button Shoes" at the Philharmonic. Persons interested in joining the group to attend "Brigadoon" or any of the other attractions, are asked to call Mrs. Musselman at Lomita 946-J or the YWCA office, Torrance 1856.

"Harvey," the play named after an imaginary rabbit, delighted the group this week. This production, starring Frank Fay, was given at the Biltmore Theatre.

GREAT WALL

Earth and stone with brick facing form the barricade known as the Great Wall of China extending 1400 miles between northern China and Mongolia.



ART WINNER . . . Mary Ridge, Torrance High School junior (center) is happy over the news handed her by John Steinbaugh, principal, that her sketch won the award of "Most Outstanding in the Show" during a recent art exhibit. Miss Elaine Crowe, art instructor was on hand to congratulate the youthful artist.—Herald Photo by Bob Wilson.

High School Junior Wins Top Award in Carmel Art Festival

Described as "Most Outstanding in the Show," the pencil sketch of a Torrance landscape won for its creator, Mary Ridge, a junior at Torrance High School, the top prize in the recent Carmel Festival of Arts Exhibit.

In addition to the medal she won, the youthful artist who

STORKatorials AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Clifton, 15710-C S. Halldale, Gardena, a daughter, born May 31, at 10:07 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Do-nish, 629 Greenwood avenue, a son, born June 3, at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eaglen, 2206 Plant avenue, Redondo Beach, a daughter, born June 3 at 3:10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gatlin, 704 Amapola avenue, a daughter, born June 1, at 11:57 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jansen, 1753 251st street, a son, born June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin N. Johnson Jr., 5426 Sharynne Lane, Seaside Ranchos, a son, born June 2, at 4:08 a.m.

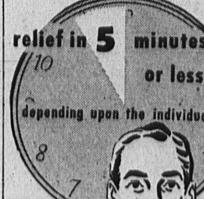
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Napoli, 550 E. 136th street, a son, born June 6, at 1:00 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Olsen, 2476 255th street, a daughter, born June 4, at 2:25 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Rego, 13324 S. Kansas avenue, Gardena, twin son and daughter, born June 4, at 11:20 a.m. and 11:32 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Smith, Lomita Flight Strip, a son, born June 5, at 5:36 a.m.

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County Tax Rate Analyzed by Association

Each cent of Los Angeles county's property tax rate for 1948-49 resulted in a property tax levy of \$484,323, compared with the \$258,184 levy for each cent of county tax rate for 1941-42, California Taxpayers' association reported last week.

Tax rate for general county purposes in the county was \$1.7578 for 1948-49, with a total general county levy of \$84,981,811, compared with the rate of \$1.4627 for 1941-42 and levy of \$38,354,446. Cities, schools, and special districts in the county also levy taxes on property, total levy for 1948-49 being \$269,306,549 (including county).

Total taxable valuation in the county for 1948-49 was \$4,843,228,535, compared with \$2,581,841,614 for 1941-42.

Per capita taxable value of property in the county averaged \$1,226 for 1948-49, compared with \$868 for 1941-42.

One cent of property tax rate, if levied statewide, for 1948-49 would have meant a levy of \$1,219,301, compared with \$735,093 for 1941-42, the association said.

Property tax levy for general county purposes alone throughout California for 1948-49 was \$254,906,422, compared with \$126,383,914 for 1941-42. Total property tax levy by the counties, cities, schools, and special districts in the state for 1948-49 was \$771,362,234.

Assessed value of taxable property in California for 1948-49 is \$12,193,012,251, compared with \$7,350,926,865 for 1941-42.

Taxable value of property throughout the state averages \$1,188 per capita for 1948-49, compared with \$990 for 1941-42, the Taxpayers' association found.

"Tax rate and taxable value are only two pieces of the puzzle that eventually results in the property tax bill presented to the people of California," the Taxpayers' organization pointed out.

"Controlling piece of the puzzle—key to the problem—is the spending which the local governing boards plan in their local government budgets."

"County, city, school, and special district budgets are being built up throughout California at the present time.

"The property tax bill for 1949-50 depends on the amount budgeted for local government expenditure for 1949-50."

LEGION ELECTIONS SLATED

Next meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, Tuesday, June 21, will be spotlighted by the nominations of officers for the ensuing year.

Election of officers will be held on July 5, a regular meeting night with the installation of officers slated for July 19, according to Tom Babbitt, incumbent commander.

LOMITA TO GET COLLEGE DEGREE AT EL CAMINO

Among the 201 students graduating from El Camino College this year is Mary Gossett, 1709 West 251st street.

Exercises for the college's second graduating class will take place on the college campus, Crenshaw, and Redondo Beach boulevards on June 17 at 4 p. m. according to Forrest G. Murdock president of the college.

Hospital Cases

William Hollomon, 1560 W. Carson street.

Mrs. Annie Lovelady, 1724-A Manuel avenue.

Mrs. Ruth McKerie, 416 W. 220th street.

Mrs. Marcella M. Smith, 22003 S. Moneta.

Motorists Urged To Report Any Address Change

Motorists who delay informing the state department of motor vehicles of their correct address may find a delay in receiving their 1950 registration card, A. H. Henderson, director of the department, announced.

When a motorist changes his address, Henderson said, he is required by the vehicle code to notify the department within 10 days.

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