



PLENTY OF POWER . . . Three year old Johnny Powers takes a ride bronco style on the new peddle-rod he won for selling the most tickets to the recent Three Arts Studio Dance Review. Little Johnny won a battle against Polio last year and made his "comeback" in the review June 20 doing a Dutch Boy routine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Powers, 4315 West 178th street—Courtesy Photo Arts Studio.



CACTUS ORCHID . . . Mrs. Ray Dunbar, 1221 Acacia avenue, fashions a temporary corsage of two of the ten olooms on her epiphyllum, the orchid of the cactus family. Blooming last year for the first time with but a few blossoms, the plant has this season blossomed forth with 35 blooms. The non-splinterous plant is claimed to be native of South America. (Herald photo).



IVORY WHIZ . . . Pretty 14-year-old Barbara Northcutt, of 2600 Cabrillo, will be one of the entertainers in Monday night's talent show planned for the Municipal park. She gave an impromptu concert this week that kept music lovers sitting in the chill night air following the Band Concert—(Herald Photo).

School Board Names Three New Principals

With the opening of school in September three elementary schools in the district will be under supervision of new principals, according to a recent announcement from the Torrance Board of Education.

Lester I. Foster, 2552 Sonoma avenue, presently a teacher at Perry Elementary School, has been promoted to the principalship of Perry Elementary School.

Robert Morton, 2203 Arlington avenue, the present principal at Perry, will move to Torrance Elementary.

Donald Robinson, for three years a principal at Puente, will be the first principal of the new North Torrance School. Robinson has also had extensive experience at Baldwin Park and Alhambra.

Robert Dexter, an eighth-grade teacher at the High School will become the new vice-principal at Torrance Elementary School replacing Jerry Davidson who will be serving as Child Welfare and Attendance Officer at Torrance High School.

Warren Hamilton, the present Child Welfare and Attendance officer for the High School, will assume the same duties for the entire school district.



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... New Principal



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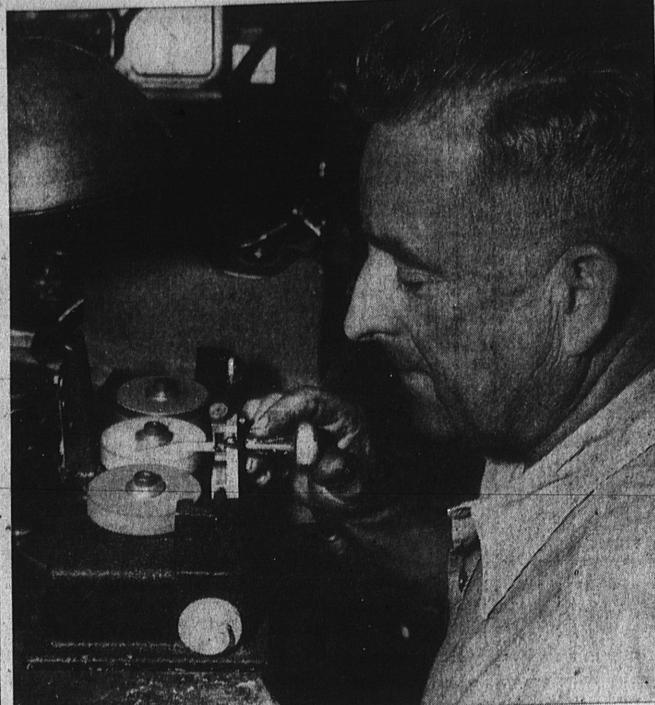
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JEWELER'S FRIEND . . . Sharpening an engraver's chisel on his newly patented sharpening machine is Sidney Springman who worked four years to perfect it. He has also perfected a machine for sharpening dental tools for which he has made application for a patent—Herald Photo

Talent Show Set for Park

Local talent will be featured in the second of a series of community night programs 7:00 next Monday evening at Torrance Park.

According to Lyman Nolan and Jane Bobo, Torrance Park Playground Directors, the program will consist of a show by the Three-Arts Studio under the direction of Bettie Thomas, talent from all five summer playgrounds, and a motion picture.

Any playground participants who wish to take part in the evening's festivities should be present at an audition at the Torrance Civic Auditorium at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Last week a band concert and piano solos by Barbara Northcutt were enjoyed by a host of picnickers.

The lighthouse at Navesink, N. J., is the brightest in the U. S. It has a beam of 9,000,000 candlepower.

Jeweler's Jeweler Patents Sharpener

Average citizens may have little use for a machine that sharpens jeweler's engraving tools, but those who do need something along that line can thank a local resident for helping them.

Sidney Springman, who has been a jeweler for more than 35 years, has recently received a patent on a machine called the Springman tool sharpener.

The result of about four years' work, the new sharpener is one of the first satisfactory tools designed for keeping the delicate chisels and other tools used by jewelers in tip-top condition.

Coming out of the same hopper is a similar machine for keeping dental tools sharp.

"These machines were designed specifically for this work," Springman said earlier this week, but he added that they were by no means limited to such work.

The inventor of these engraver's boons is a slight, mild-mannered gentleman who has been doing specialized manufacturing and repairing of watches and jewelry for many years.

He learned his profession at Brock and Company in Los Angeles, and he has been called on to make special order jewelry for movie stars and others for many years. He once made a platinum orchid as a very special wedding gift, and has made similar pieces of jewelry for a number of distinguished Americans, he said.

Besides the manufacture of special order jewelry, Springman does diamond setting and watch repairing for many South-hand jewelers, including some local stores.

Springman, who lives and has his shop at 2316 Eshelman avenue, is also teaching GI's the jewelry profession two nights a week in Los Angeles.

The Springman tool sharpener, designed principally for jeweler's engraving chisels and awls, has three hard stones, set on a table. Electrically driven, the three stones are composed of varying substances of different roughness and can be used for grinding and polishing stones, sharpening tools, and polishing pieces of jewelry.

Springman uses a diamond-embedded grinding wheel manufactured here by the Felker Manufacturing Company. The wheels are hard enough to polish anything, Springman says.

The jeweler's jeweler is happy about receiving a patent on the sharpening machine and has started manufacture, he says.

He also plans to start manufacture of the dental tool sharpener in the near future, he said. It is similar to the other machine except it has only one grinding surface.

BRITAIN'S COLONIES
Britain's pre-war colonial possessions comprised a combined total of 12,230,457 square miles. The Dominion of Canada accounted for one-fourth of that total.

IRRIGATED STATE
Idaho has more than 3,000 irrigation projects.

Letters To The Editor

Catalina Bound Passenger Praises Behavior of Group of Seventh Graders

Editor's Note:—With story after story coming off the police blotter about teen-age rat packs and juvenile delinquency, it is a bit refreshing, we find, when a story comes along indicating that our youth is NOT hopelessly lost to the services of society. Such was the following letter which was read at a recent meeting of the Torrance Board of Education. The letter concerns the seventh grade classes of Mrs. Lois Christianson, Mrs. Esther Crandall and Mrs. Anna Lasley—all teachers at Torrance Elementary School.

838 So. Lake Street
Los Angeles 22, Calif.
May 28, 1950

Dear Sir:
Last Thursday, four other ladies and I were passengers on the Catalina steamer. We want to thank you for our wonderful day.

As we came in the terminal, we saw a school bus, and almost immediately our hearts stopped. We had been aboard before, when schools have gone to Catalina.

As we went up the gangway, there we saw no less than 100 boys and girls standing in a nice group, listening to their teachers. Then they filed on the ship. Not once during the 2 1/2 hours did I see a child do anything wrong. They were polite and quiet. No papers were thrown overboard, nor on deck. Downstairs in the dance hall they were putting on a show. Young boys were asking us dainty ladies to dance. When the dance was over, they returned the ladies to their seats. Even their teachers joined in the fun, doing polkas, squares and some Mexican dance. We loved every minute. A few minutes before the boat docked, the teachers went upstairs and blew two blasts on their whistles and in less than a minute all boys and girls were lined up and waiting for instructions. They went quietly off the boat, and from there I can't say. I do know I saw some on our submarine gardens boat, also some at the Bird Park. We did go down to see them go home, and at 3:30 the same order existed and they went aboard.

My faith in these modern schools is now restored. If they can teach children to obey, be courteous and as nice as they were, our schools haven't failed us. Everyone would agree it was the nicest group we've ever had on the island. I know, as I've made my home there four days of every week for 18 years.

Please congratulate the children and their teachers for me. That trip was a wonderful treat for us all.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Ann M. Bothem