



FOOTLIGHT FAME . . . "Oscar" winners disclosed at a Hollywood style awards dinner Thursday night were these Torrance High School actors and actresses shown holding their coveted statuettes. Left to right are Dwight Hanna, Sally Radicky, Glynn Boyce, Barbara Jackson, Jim Crain, Drama Instructor Denny Desmond, Elaine Rehboldt, Gary Carter, Grace Lafferty, Jo Ann Benard and Irwin Kasten. (Photo Courtesy of the Photo Arts Studio).

Jim Crain Wins 'Oscar' As Best THS Thespian

Jim Crain, who had roles in three Torrance High School stage productions this year, was awarded an "Oscar" and named "Outstanding Thespian" of the year at the First Annual Awards Banquet in the Civic Auditorium last Thursday night.

Named as the best actor and actress were Irwin Kasten and Grace Lafferty.

The banquet, attended by drama students and their parents, was sponsored by the Tartar Theatre Guild and the National Thespian Society, High School Drama Honorary Troupe No. 1133.

Danny Desmond, drama instructor at the local high school, saluted other "Oscar" winners and presented statuettes to the following:

Glynn Boyce, special individual improvement; Jo Ann Benard, best student director; Gary Carter, best supporting player (boy); Donna Friedman, special awards in the speech arts; Dwight Hanna, best student producer; Barbara Jackson, best supporting player (girl); Sally Radicky, special acting and make-up award; and Elaine Rehboldt, best character portrayal.

Initiation of drama students into the "Thespian Troupe," a new organization on the local campus was conducted by members of the San Pedro High School Troupe No. 435, supervised by Robert Rivera, instructor of drama at San Pedro High School.

Dr. Gordon Orme, chairman of the drama department at El Camino College, was the guest speaker.

Guest stars of the evening included Jimmie and Ruth Dodd, who sang Jimmie's prize-winning song which has been accepted as the official anthem of Washington, D. C. They enored with two other original songs by Dodd.

Announced at the "Oscar" banquet were the new officers of the Thespian Society including Jim Crain, president; Dwight Hanna, vice president; Marian McDonald, secretary and Jo Ann Benard, treasurer.

The new officers of the Tartar Theatre Guild were also announced. They are: Jo Ann Benard, president; Edgar Forcier, vice president; Marian McDonald, secretary; Toni Perkins, treasurer; Julie Rhone, historian and Susie Benard, sergeant-at-arms.

The outstanding Thespian trophy was donated by the Torrance High School PTA and will remain a permanent trophy to be displayed in the high school trophy case.

Crain was seen on stage this year in "That Brewster Boy," "Campus Capers" and in the one-act play "The Happy Journey." He was stage manager of the operetta "Belle of Bagdad" and served on the stage crew for other student productions.



BEST TROUPER . . . Danny Desmond, drama instructor at Torrance High School, congratulates Jim Crain and hands him trophy after he was named "Outstanding Thespian of the Year" at an awards banquet last Thursday evening. (Herald photo).

Drama Workshop To Help Develop Personality

Open to both children and adults is a new, free drama workshop sponsored by the Adult Education program to be held each Tuesday evening from 7 to 10, in the Torrance High School Auditorium starting Tuesday evening, June 12.

This workshop will emphasize speech, personality, and drama. It is designed to help people gain poise, personality and charm.

It is also intended to help people speak correctly and to develop their leadership and social effectiveness.

On the technical side, children and adults will work together in groups to produce one and three-act plays.

According to Dan Desmond, instructor of the course, the purpose is threefold. It will make better speakers, better personalities, and better actors.

"The drama workshop is designed for people with little or no experience. Its overall course is designed for everybody and is intended to help each person get what he himself wants most. We plan, said Desmond, to find out just what our students want most. If it is poise and personality and public speaking, then we will go into that—and thoroughly. If they want to know about characterization and acting and stage presence and writing and putting on plays, we will go into that. Each person then will design the course that will be given."

All children and adults should go directly to the Auditorium on Tuesday night June 12 at 7 o'clock to register. At that time they will have an opportunity to speak to Desmond and to learn how the course can help them in their individual needs. Enrollees need not be residents of Torrance to take advantage of the course.

Haggott Renamed Head of West Basin, Seeks State Assistance

Ben Haggott, developer of the Seaside Ranchos residential area, was unanimously reelected president of the West Basin Water Association board of directors last week, a position he has held since 1948.

The West Basin president has been credited with much of the progress made in solving the complex and serious problems afflicting the ground water supply of the Basin.

Recently, Haggott has been active in support of a plan to combine Assembly Bill 784 and Assembly Bill 2712. The first is to be an appropriation to halt sea water intrusion in the West Basin. The second, known as the Dickey Bill, would provide \$1 million from general funds

to the State Water Pollution Control Board for allocation in the form of loans and grants to aid in preventing salt water intrusion and for sealing abandoned wells.

The proposed amendment would also call for funds to be appropriated to the State Water Resources Board rather than to the State Water Pollution Control Board. Appropriation would be made from interest accumulated in Chapter 20 funds.

PLUGS AMENDMENT
The association president has had several conferences with the subcommittee of the Ways and Means committee on a proposed amendment which would

up the original \$1 million appropriation to \$1,150,000 and draw on the Postwar Unemployment and Construction Fund instead of the General Fund. Of this, \$750,000 would be allocable to West Basin without matching funds.

MARBLE CITADEL
The new supreme court building in Washington is said to contain more marble than is to be found in any other government building here.

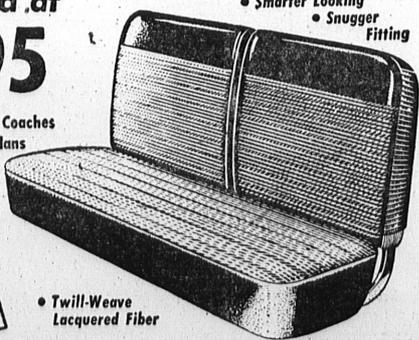
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TOP TALENT . . . Grace Lafferty and Irwin Kasten exchange congratulations with one another after receiving "Oscar" as the best actress and best actor at Torrance High School this year. (Herald photo).

Evening Writing Class Offered at El Camino

An early evening class in Creative Writing, English 25, has been added to the summer school program. H. J. Sheffield, director of student personnel of El Camino College, announced recently. The class is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:25 p.m.

The class in creative writing is designed to stimulate the student to express himself through the medium of the short story, personal essay, special article and verse according to Stanley F. Wilson, English instructor, who will handle the class.

Signal Corps Soldier Awaits Duty Assignment

Awaiting orders for transfer to duty in his new military occupation specialty is Pfc. Wilson B. Paxton, son of Mrs. Eva Paxton, 1504 Madrid avenue. Pfc. Paxton recently completed his assigned course in the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He received his diploma May 31 in formal graduation exercises signifying the completion of the course in Signal Corps communications.

ROAD MARKINGS

An estimated one-third of the surfaced highways in the United States now have painted dividing stripes running down the middle of the roadbed.

POWER REGION

Western American rivers could produce as much electric power in a year as could be generated by 600 million barrels of petroleum, according to U. S. bureau of reclamation estimates.

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London and Paris bound are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bachler of New Sharyne Lane in Seaside Ranchos. After winging eastward, they will embark on the S. S. Homestead from New York for an extended trip in England and France.

Both Elizabeth and Arthur have many friends abroad, and plan to take with them certain foods and commodities which are not obtainable there. Bon voyage!

The first in a series of home nursing classes under the auspices of the Civil Defense program in Torrance was completed last week. Our very able instructor, Mrs. Finch, has done a most commendable job in teaching us the care of the sick.

Those interested in future classes may give their names to Mrs. W. C. Jerrens, FR. 2-5597, who will contact them at the proper time.

The sincere sympathies of Seaside are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Farnham of Reese road, whose little daughter Rene passed on recently.

Small world . . . Sacramento-bound City Attorney Jim Hall discovered to his delight that

his United Airlines pilot was none other than neighbor Jack Pomeroy.

The Halls, together with the Ross Dorsets, attended a birthday dinner party in honor of Auten Bush, City Prosecutor of Hermosa Beach.

Back to the hills! Helen and Duke Wanke, formerly of Linda drive, have moved to a delightful new home in the Palos Verdes Hills. Their house commands a beautiful view of the California coastline, and that epitome—TWO bathrooms!

Warren Boggs is recuperating from an operation on his back and will spend several weeks in a cast.

During the summer months the Richard Lawrences will be in Salt Lake City, where Dick has been temporarily transferred.

Miss Louise Duck is visiting George and Irene Behrendt at 321 Via Pasqual. Another visitor from the East is Mrs. Lillian Fritz, who has been spending the past month visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Humphrey Owens at 120 Via Sevilla.

Navy Physical Standards Eased

Physical requirements for enlistment in the Navy have been eased and men who were not physically acceptable previously may now enlist, according to Chief Kronberger of the Garona recruiting station. The main requirements affected by the new ruling are in eyesight, hearing, and dental standards.

Reflections

By J. Hugh Sherkey, Jr.

Will Graduate

For 12 years you prepared for this day. You successfully passed the preparatory phase, now you are entering a new phase in which you will apply all you have learned. The correct application of those principles will redound to your individual power, rank, and wealth.

In our Country there are no barriers to fortune, fame, honor or independence. There are no secret formulas, Merit, imagination, thrift, industry, and wholehearted application are the factors to success and each of you has access to all of them. Each and all of you will go as high on the economic ladder as you are willing to climb.

You will face new situations that are exciting, you will accept responsibilities that will bring remuneration equal to your ability. Your names can be written on the walls of fame, or inscribed on the halls of great wealth—if you apply yourself with the same diligence you did throughout the past 12 years.

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