



JUST PLAIN LUCK . . . Blindfolded Charlie Coulson spins the pointer that brought luck, plenty of it, to Duane Mittan, second from left. Watching the spinning wheel of fortune is Abe Robinson, extreme left, manager of Lawson's Jewelers, which gave away two watches to a boy and girl senior in the 1951 class at Torrance High School. Other witness is Joe Clevenger, a member of the senior class. For the outcome of the wheel spinning event see story below. (Herald photo).

Lucky Senior Has Time On His Hands--Aplenty

Dame Fortune smiled on Duane Mittan, a graduating Torrance High School senior, last Saturday to favor him with luck usually reserved only for the Irish.

As a graduation gift his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mittan, 719 Cota avenue, bought him a watch.

Next day Eddie Raphael, manager of Gary's Jewelers, informed Duane that he had won one of two watches given away each year to local high school graduates.

Saturday Duane stopped in at Lawson's Jewelers to witness the spinning of the wheel which would designate the winners of two Buova watches they, too were giving to two high school students.

The pointer stopped on Duane's name, making him the owner of three new watches.

Not quite so lucky, but lucky enough were Shirley Gish who won the girl's wrist watch from Gary's Jewelers and Verda Mae Eads who won the lady's watch given by Lawson's Jewelers.

Torrance Welcomes . . .

Mr and Mrs. Dennis Woodruff, of 3424 West 188th street, who moved here recently from Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Woodruff, who has been employed by the Harvey Machine Company, said "We like this part of California best, so we decided to settle here."

The Woodruff family runs to girls—six of them. Judy 13, Nancy 11, Phyllis 10, Donna 7, and Gloria 6, are attending North Torrance elementary school. Barbara, now four, will be starting soon.

TEAC To Hear Details Of New Report Card

An explanation of the new report card to be used in Torrance Elementary Schools next year will be given by Jack O. Baldwin, managing editor of the Torrance Herald and one of the group of parents, teachers, and administrators who developed the new progress report form.

Couple Open Cafe Next to Mary's

Hollywood comes to Torrance! That is, according to Mr. and Mrs. William Weichberger who have purchased the Mountain View Cafe at 1407 Sartori avenue and have changed its name to the Hollywood Mountain View Cafe.

Specializing in the very best of American and European dishes at popular prices, they look forward to a cordial reception here.

The Hollywood Cafe will open Saturday morning. It is easy to find . . . right next door to the store Mary runs.

GERMS FOUND

Diphtheria germs were discovered in 1883.

15 Directors For Chamber Being Considered

Currently under consideration by members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is a proposal which, if adopted, will increase the number of directors on the Chamber board from nine to 15 members.

The measure is a recommendation of Henry W. Creeger, president of the Chamber who declared June 18 as Election Day for the purpose of tabulating ballots now in the hands of chamber members.

"Torrance has grown in population from 9,950 in 1940 to approximately 30,000 as of this date. We have enjoyed a healthy industrial and home development and it is the view of your board of directors that the Chamber can better serve this community by expanding our board from nine to 15 members," wrote Creeger in a recent letter to all members.

To increase the board's members the Chamber's by-laws must be amended by consent of the majority of the membership.

The present Board at its meeting May 21 unanimously agreed to the desirability of increasing the number serving on Board of Directors to 15 members.



CARRYING HIS SHARE . . . George F. Chaney, a trustee of the National Supply Employees' Club, makes welder Ross E. Painter his 27th customer for U. S. Savings Bonds through a payroll deduction plan. Painter lost a son, William Dale, in World War II and a second son, Charles, was killed in Korea last September. Painter, who lives at 1039 Maple street, is one of the 31 per cent of National Supply Employees buying savings bonds through payroll deductions.

Hope Night-Long Party Will Lure THS Graduates

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will present the Class of 1951 which will be accepted by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Judge John A. Shidler, president of the Torrance Board of Education, will present the diplomas to the graduates.

The "Alma Mater" will be directed by Jerry Downing.

The benediction will be given by Rev. Paul C. Wenske, pastor of the First Lutheran Church. Sharing laurels as the two top honor students of the class are Elaine Rehwoildt and Barbara Jackson with grade averages of 2.95 and 2.91—a 3.0 being a perfect "A" average. Both girls had only two "B's" to break an otherwise straight "A" average.

Elaine's average was slightly higher because she had enrolled in one more class than Barbara during their four years in high school.

Other awards to be made include life membership in the California Scholarship Federation to Sandra Scott; Elaine Rehwoildt; Barbara Jackson, Donna Friedman, Hal Laudeman and Erma Carstens.

Thomas Pryor will receive the Bausch-Lomb Science award.

The DAR Citizenship Award will go to Barbara Jackson. Winners of the Torrance Lions Club scholarships, Barbara Jackson and Irwin Kasten, will be presented.

Three students, Jerry Downing, Elaine Rehwoildt and Barbara Jackson will receive Bank of America trophies.

The night-long after-graduation party is the first time in local history that such a party for high school graduates has been undertaken. Local service clubs have subscribed more than \$500 for the staging of the event.

Ping pong, motion pictures and cowboys will provide non-dancers with entertainment during the night. The college snack bar will be open during the party.

Mrs. Grover C. VanDeventer, president of the High School PTA, Mrs. Herbert Irwin, PTA,

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company at a time, to gain "on-the-job" experience.

Company A, which was stationed at Torrance ball park during its National Guard days, has been working near Funaoka, a small town about 20 miles south of Sendai.

Headquarters and Service Company and the battalion's headquarters is still at Camp Matsushima. The headquarters was at Torrance Municipal Airport before its induction last fall.

"This may seem like getting the car before the horse—we've been so busy rebuilding roads and repairing bridges that we've had little time for training in how to rebuild roads and repair bridges. But this actually is the best training we could be getting," was the way Lt. Col. Hugh L. Down, battalion commander, put it.

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more hours than administrators in districts not troubled with building programs and other problems of expansion.

However, in granting this intention that it be for ETOA increase it is not the board's intention that it be for compensation for the extra hours but it is intended more as a token raise.

In April of this year the Trustees increased teacher salaries \$250 across the board.

The increases bring the salaries of the two administrators to \$11,200 for the superintendent and \$8,900 for the business manager.

board member, and members of the high school faculty will supervise the evening activities.

The party has been arranged for the students with the understanding that they must be in the door by 10:30 and once in, must remain until they are ready to leave for home. There will be no pass-out checks issued.

Cost of the party, \$1 per person, has purposely been kept low to permit all students to attend.



CALENDAR GIRLS . . . National Headquarters of the Camp Fire Girls this week requested clearance from the Torrance Herald to use this picture of Virginia Barnard and Gayle Hoy, members of the Sunshine Bluebirds, for an illustration on the 1953 Camp Fire Girls calendar. The picture first appeared in the Herald on November 23 last year.

Soldier Graduated From Berlin Special School

Master Sergeant Bob Simpkins, son of Mrs. L. H. Albert, 2440 Andrico avenue, has recently graduated from the non-commissioned officers academy of the Berlin Military Post.

During the six weeks of intensive training, M. Sgt. Simpkins received specialized courses in leadership, tactics, weapons, administration and standardized instructional techniques.

M. Sgt. Simpkins went to Berlin, Germany in June 1947, and is now a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, with duties as motor vehicle inspector.

For his current tour of duty, he is authorized to wear the Humane Action Medal and the Occupational Ribbon with the Berlin Airlift Device.

TREE CONTENT. More than 40,000 board feet of lumber can be sawed out of one big Douglas fir tree growing in California.

Herald Stories Help Spread Fame of City

We're getting famous! Through the columns of the Torrance Herald the fame of Torrance and its citizens is mushrooming to parts far beyond the boundaries of the city. For instance:

Last Sunday radio station KFI picked up a story printed in the Herald about the all-night graduation party for Torrance High School seniors to be held tonight at El Camino College.

Scheduled for June 10 on KTLA's video program, the "Magazine of the Week" is an interview with Glen Stewart, a Torrance citizen, and his son, who are adepy at legal safe-

cracking. A story about the Stewarts appears elsewhere in this issue.

A recently published picture of Leonard Nielsen riding his bicycle, equipped with a home-made crystal set radio receiver, attracted the attention of the editor of the Retail Bicycle Journal, and is slated to appear in

a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

And finally, national headquarters of the Camp Fire Girls requested a release from the Torrance Herald of a picture which ran November 23, 1950 showing Virginia Barnard, 7 and Gayle Hoy, 7, washing their pet puppy. The picture of the two Halldale Avenue Elementary School students will be used on the 1953 Camp Fire Girl Calendar now in production.

SELF-STARTERS
The electric self-starter for automobiles dates back to 1911. It was invented in Detroit by C. F. Kettering, a prominent automotive engineer.

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