

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1952

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THAT'S THE SPOT . . . Geraldine Terheggen points to a town in the Netherlands from which she received the information that enabled her to make a relief map of Holland and to compile a report showing how the Netherlands

is significant with regard to United States World Relations. North Torrance Elementary School teacher Donald Mullaney holds Geraldine's map. Others who made relief models are Jalene Eldridge, left; Barbara Kaplan and Annie Perez.

'Old Recipe'

Models Help Pupils Learn World Trade

By DICK FRIED

It's an old time-tested recipe. Take a cup of salt, add flour, water and food coloring and mold into shape. Allow to dry. Add additional color where needed.

Result—a better understanding of the United States and its world relations—through first-hand study.

A bit confusing?—not at all. It's a device used by eighth grade students at the North Torrance School in their studies of history, geography and the world in general.

Under the direction of teacher Donald Mullaney, thirty-four boys and girls currently looking into the world picture with emphasis on the United States and the United Nations, carefully made relief maps of any nation which they selected for study.

Modeled on 18-inch square plywood pieces or larger, the relief pictures portray the true geographic structure of the nation which the student has chosen. Following an old recipe of mixing flour and salt with water to form a moist putty-like substance, each of the thirty-four young persons molded a scale replica of a nation.

Then each of the young historians set out to learn as much as he could about the nation's trade, its people, customs and place in the world scene today.

Many of the students wrote to the U. S. Foreign Office located in the country in which they were most interested. Replies were received from France, Saudi Arabia, Holland, Spain and many others. One boy received several foreign coins and some paper money.

Typical example of the work was that done by Geraldine Terheggen, who wrote and got a lengthy letter from the Netherlands. She selected Holland because her grandmother and grandfather were both Dutch.

Annie Perez chose Spain; she's of Spanish extraction. And Jalene Eldridge, who has visions of a vacation in Paris someday, received a ream of information, pictures and maps from the French Foreign Travel Agency.

Mullaney, who is mighty proud of his classroom of eighth graders, said that the pupils were able to use not only the geography and history which they had learned in compiling the reports and making the models, but put to use mathematics in getting their models to correct scale and other valuable "unrelated" subjects.

So pleased was the administration of the Torrance School District with the models that they made a display of many of the maps and some of the



DAYLE DENHAM . . . \$300 richer

THS Senior Girl Wins Elks Club \$300 Scholarship

Dayle Denham, graduating Torrance High senior, was recipient of a \$300 scholarship presented to her by the South Bay area Order of Elks Tuesday night in Redondo Beach. She will use the grant to help pay for tuition at Stanford University, where she plans to attend next September.

Vice president of the Senior Class, Miss Denham was named for the award because of outstanding contribution to the school through class and club activity, according to school and Elks' Club representatives.

A similar award was presented to Pat Storned, student body president at Redondo high school. Students from Torrance, Redondo, Mira Costa and Leuzinger high schools were eligible to receive one of the two scholarships.

Miss Denham, a languages major, will major in education at Stanford, she said. She lives with her parents at 341 Paseo de la Gracia, Hollywood Riviera.



FIRST TO SIGN . . . First to get his name on the dotted line for the YMCA's summer camping program was 11-year-old Paul Slay Jr. of 2551 Lesserman St. Paul, a fifth grader at Greenwood, went to camp last year and will attend the eight-day outing at Camp Round Meadow July 22-29.



THAT'S RIGHT . . . Joseph A. Harvel, commissaryman seaman (left), shows his brother, Robert, seaman, the workings of the commissary department aboard the destroyer-minesweeper USS Endicott. Robert is married to the former Mary L. Martin, of 20614 New Hampshire Ave. (U. S. Navy photo).

Roll Turners Hit Ceiling In One Jump

The list of jobs offered by the California State Employment Service appearing in last Thursday's Torrance Herald had crews at Columbia Steel in stitches.

Hidden among the dishwashers and other jobs under "unskilled" offerings was one for "roll turner."

The seriousness of the error was pointed out to the Herald by several Columbia Steel employees — all of whom agreed to the man that a roll turner is one of the most highly skilled trades in the steel industry.

Our apologies, gentlemen.



DAN MAYERS . . . To Boys' State

Dan Mayers Gets Boys' State Bid From Legion

Dan Mayers has been named to represent Torrance High School at Boys' State, annual convention of California high school juniors held in Sacramento during a week in June, Charles Wallace, vice-principal, announced this week.

Sponsored by the American Legion Posts of California, Mayers will be treated to a round-trip journey plus a week's stay in the Capital City, courtesy of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion.

Wallace said Mayers was selected for leadership and citizenship qualities and by virtue of his scholastic standing. Presently serving as commissioner of athletics on the student body council, Mayers will be a candidate for student body president in the coming elections, he said.

Mayers lives at 2920 W. 174th Street.

At Boys' State, actual political parties are formed, complete with rallies, speeches and final elections. Students are given an opportunity to see and take part in government in action. Representatives from all California high schools are sent by community Legion posts.



INSPECT SCHOOL . . . Members of the TEAC are shown here checking classrooms of the new Madrona School.

Hull Tells TEAC Advantages of Precast Schools

Some of the advantages of concrete pre-cast construction as against conventional wood and stucco construction was pointed out to members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee during a tour of inspection of the recently completed Madrona Ave. School Tuesday.

Before leaving by bus for a tour of the new school, the members attended a luncheon at Ding How Cafe. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, pointed out differences between the two types of construction. In favor of pre-cast construction were these desirable features:

- (1) Reduced window space with no louvers. (2) Indirect ceiling light by four 750-watt lights. (3) Long life. (4) Fifty per cent saving on fire insurance. (5) Reduced maintenance cost. (6) Use of standard window sash instead of specially designed expensive sash. (7) Little "ginger bread" such as fences around flag poles and other non-essential features. (8) Faster construction period—150 days compared to 320 days for other types. (9) Cabinets constructed by district personnel has resulted in a saving from \$1 to 18 cents per foot. (10) Critical materials were available without extensive delays in spite of the Korean conflict.

Judge John A. Shidler pointed out that the Board of Education was able to secure lower architect fees by using substantially the same plans repeatedly.

"The normal fee for a school architect is 8 per cent. If we erect a school without changes in the plans, the architectural fee for pre-cast schools will be 5 per cent and with minor changes the fee will only be 6 1/2 per cent.

When schools cost \$350,000, a per cent here and there reflects a considerable saving, said the Board president.

New Los Conquistadores Officers to Be Seated

Installation of Chuck Ragsdale as president of the Los Conquistadores has been scheduled for the Portuguese Bend Club Saturday evening. It was announced yesterday.

To be installed with Ragsdale are Mary Trezise, vice-president; Al Posner, treasurer, and Jean Easley, secretary.

Gar Johnson will take over as chairman of the membership committee.

Supervisors Approve Sale Of School Bonds

Approval of the issuance and sale of \$2,400,000 worth of Torrance Unified School District bonds voted by an overwhelming majority last February was granted Tuesday by the County Board of Supervisors.

Time for public sale of the bonds was set by the Supervisors at 9 a.m. June 10 in the Supervisors' Hearing Room of the Hall of Records.

State to Call for Bids On 182nd St. Signals

Agreement with the State for installation of signals on all four corners at the intersection of 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave. was entered into Tuesday by the County Board of Supervisors.

The County, State, and cities of Torrance and Redondo will participate in the project. Torrance's share will be approximately \$2500, according to City Manager George Stevens.

The State will have charge of the bidding and work necessary for the erection of the signals.

Consultant to Tell Coordination Needs

Julius Klein, community consultant of the Federation of Coordinating Councils, will address members of the Keystone-Dominguez Coordinating Council at a meeting Monday noon at the Catskill Ave. School.

Another speaker will be Mrs. Margaret Smith, principal of the Catskill school, who will tell

of the importance of the coming school bond election. Representatives from all service clubs and other area organizations have been invited to attend the meeting, which will start with a luncheon at 12 o'clock. Regular business meeting will commence promptly at 12:45, it was stated.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby met with members of the Council Planning Committee Monday at the home of Mrs. Desire G. Rastron, vice president of the council. Present were Earl Beebe, council president, and Mrs. Karl Klein, executive secretary to the Medical Civil Defense setup, and member of the planning committee.

Darby discussed the problems of the area with the planners and urged that they take steps

Next Monday's luncheon will cost 50 cents, Mrs. Klein said.