

# Gibson Wins Battle Of 'Denker Slough'

Councilman John S. Gibson and his Shoestring Strip Advisory Committee, headed by Mrs. W. C. Sidwell, yesterday announced the winning of the "battle of the Denker St. slough."

Gibson, upon advice of his advisory group, has for more than two years sought some method by which children, using the direct Denker St. route to and from Halladay School, could be kept out of the mud and water from the overflowing slough drain, and more recently, from the same conditions, created by overflowing sewer lines.

After considering many proposals, some of which placed the cost in excess of \$25,000, the city frowned on spending such sums, knowing that it would be only a matter of a few years until a permanent solution would be supplied by the proposed county storm drain program.

During the past rains, the street has been flooded and in most cases impassable, which led Gibson to seek temporary relief immediately. Therefore, he asked the engineering department to prepare plans for sidewalk repairs at the end of pavement on the north side of the slough, at approximately 21st St., a foot bridge across the lowest portion of the right-of-way, and then sidewalks to the pavement at 21st St.

This has been done this week. Councilman Gibson won approval of an appropriation of \$3200 for the project. To further expedite the job, the Councilman immediately appeared before the Board of Public Works and asked that board to authorize immediate plans and specifications. The councilman said yesterday he hopes the work can be started within the next few weeks.



**IN KOREA . . .** Assigned to Co. C, 101st Signal Corps in Korea is Pvt. William H. Cozart, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cozart of 894 Sartori Ave. In the service 1 1/2 years, the former Torrance High School student, took basic training at Fort Ord and then underwent additional training at Fort Benning, Fort Lewis, and in Arkansas before going overseas.

# Tartar Teen Talk

By PEGGY WOOD FA 5-2293

Clean campus has started at Torrance! The Student Council members went around last Thursday and Friday to the homeroom classes to explain the student body rules and regulations. They were received with respect and most feel that it was worth it. With the co-operation of the Tartars we are sure Torrance High will soon have the cleanest and most respected campus in Southern California. Let's work for that goal.

- Today, March 11th, five members of the Student Council are traveling to Leuzinger for a Bay League Forum. Some of the items to be discussed are:
1. Smoking on Campus.
  2. Sportsmanship between Schools.
  3. Way to Get Better Acquainted with schools.
  4. Alumni Problems.
  5. How to Interest Students in Their Government.
- With these items on the agenda, the representatives are sure to come back with some ideas for THS.

Congratulations are due to three members of our basketball team: Bobby Moon, star guard for the Tartars, was chosen unanimously for a position as first string guard on the Bay League team. Coach Welch has also received a letter indicating that Bob will be named to an A.B.C.P. position. The award will be made at the Helms Athletic Foundation banquet at the end of this month. Also receiving honors on the Bay League team were Jerry Farrar and Bob Corra, who were both given honorable mention. Torrance is really proud of these Tartar hoopers.

Many of the Tartars have been seen on the college campuses in Southern California. The colleges had their annual "Campus Day," where the seniors who are interested in going to college are invited to attend. Colleges recently visited were Santa Barbara College and Whittier along with others. Those to be visited soon by the Tartars are SC, on this Saturday, and Occidental. Ten juniors will also go to Occidental. Juniors planning to go to SC will have an opportunity to visit the campus. Mr. Armer, a junior counselor, goes to every Monday to take students with him each week. Those juniors interested may sign up with their junior counselor. We are happy to see that both juniors and seniors are getting an opportunity to see what a college campus is like.

March 13 the University of Redlands is sponsoring a High School Modern Dance Symposium at Redlands. Mrs. Schaefer, who is the modern dance instructor, is taking 50 of her modern dance pupils. It is open to all the schools in the southern section. The feature for the day will be modern dance demonstration by Harriette Gray, who will be the guest artist. Other Tartars will be classes for those attending (one for advanced pupils, and one for beginners), and also films will be shown. The girls will leave early on Saturday morning, eating lunch at the college and returning in the afternoon.

Taking the gavel as president of the Varsity Club last Wednesday night, was John Sousa. Others installed were Don Kaas, vice president; Tom Cavanaugh, secretary; Jim Donnette, treasurer; and Burt Smith, master of ceremonies. Retiring proxy is Harold Philp.

The installation was combined with initiation of new members. Initiates had to provide the food, serve it, and do the dishes. This was the climax to a week of helping others.

Recently the Theopians of THS voted in new members. Voted in to the Drama organization were Joe Lafferty, Florence Luongo,

and Jerry Hawkins, house manager.

The news around Torrance this week seems to be good in the minds of the Tartars. Santa Monica has decided to stay in the Bay League. The Tartars want to prove that they can beat Samohi in football and with the spirit already started we might do just that.

Last Thursday night, March 4th, the Scholarship Society held its banquet for announcing and installing the new officers. Reposing president, J. H. Hurley turned her gavel over to George Hurley, who will be president for the following semester. (It seems to run in the family). Other officers will be Jo O'Hanlon, vice president; Betty Hope, secretary; Pat Merritt, treasurer; and Connie Wilton, historian, reporter.

Everyone attending the banquet agreed the food was delicious and the decorations were darling. The theme was "School Daze."

Twenty-two members received their life membership pins.

The Torrance Lions Club held its annual Lions Club Scholarship Speech Contest here recently. The topic of the speech was "What the Constitution of the United States Means to Me." Tartar entrants were Lorraine Miller, Ann Lowen, and Dale Williams. The winner, Lorraine Miller, will compete in zone finals which will be held in San Pedro. All entrants were presented with a gold cup. The winner of the National Contest, which is sponsored by all the Lions Clubs of California and Nevada, will receive a scholarship for \$1500 to any college desired. We wish you luck, Lorraine.

This brings you up to date on the happenings of THS.

## Reach Half of 'Y' Fund Goal

The 1954 fund campaign of the YMCA has reached 55 per cent of its goal, according to Chairman Charles F. Mullen.

Thus far, Mullen announced, four divisions have reached a total of \$4,950 of their goal, or 55.8 per cent. He said that many of the workers in the campaign have cards that have not yet been reported and urged all workers to turn these cards in to the 'Y' as soon as possible.

A final report will be available soon, Mullen said. A group is scheduled to begin the "Clean-Up" collections in the near future.

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# Dr. Floyd Corbin to Speak To Torrance Optimist Club

Dr. Floyd Corbin, well-known, sightless consulting psychologist, will speak to Torrance Optimists and their ladies Monday evening on the topic, "From Where He Stands," a masculine viewpoint on the basic differences between men and women.

# Calls for Survey Of East-West Roads in County

Call for a complete study of the needs for expansion and improvement of the east-west traffic arteries in his District was issued today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

In a communication to County Road Commissioner Sam R. Kennedy, Chace called for a survey to be conducted by the Road Department which would stress the severe lack of motor vehicle routes linking the central and western communities with the eastern portion of the County.

"With the development of the growing manufacturing center in the Del Amo Zone District, Wilmington, and Torrance in the next several years and its need to draw on the labor market in the western portions of the Fourth District, we will realize even more how inadequate the east-west roads are, Chace said.

Annual production of furs in Canada amounts to about \$15 million.

A fifth bridge has been completed between Miami and Miami Beach.



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The program was arranged for the club by Program Chairman Al Turner.

# General to Talk At GOP Luncheon

General Harold H. Townsend will be guest speaker at a luncheon of the South Bay Club of Republican Women tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in the Neptunian clubhouse, 620 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach.

General Townsend was born on the Tomahawk Reservation, served as Juvenile Indian Officer in Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and was active in law-enforcement as a United States marshal. He has been made an honorary chief of the Iroquois Tribe. Now he serves as National Field Director of the American Indian Liberation Crusade.

His topic will be "National and International Issues." The general was Chief Engineer under the State Department in India in 1930-31, and as chief engineer of the United States Economic Cooperation Administration in Indo-China. General Townsend made an economic survey of the "Asian Hot Spot."

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# Tartar Students Prepare For Original One-Act Play Fete

Students of Torrance High School were busy this week preparing for their annual Original One-Act Play Tournament, which will be presented in student performances March 25 and 26, and in an evening performance for the public on March 27 in the school auditorium.

Three plays, written, directed and acted by students, will be staged in competition for awards sponsored by Rosemary DeCamp, motion picture and radio actress, and wife of Judge John Shidler, president of the Torrance Board of Education.

Production manager for the tournament is Joan Leach; business manager is Sally Hildeman; others on the staff are Flo Luongo, publicity manager; Babs Whitley and Miss Leach, programs; and Jerry Hawkins, tickets and house manager.

The plays, their authors, directors and casts, follow: "Safecracker's Suite," a comedy by Jerry Westmoreland and Rodney Williams will be directed by Westmoreland. In the cast are David Heffner as Nat; Bob Shandlin as Von; John Pennington, Bookie; Miss Leach, Brenda; Chet Graves, Mr. Ketchum; Dick Landgraf, Gilbert; Dick Rude, Mr. Upkeep; Dale Williams, Sgt. Bulsey; and Mike Monahan, Second Cop.

"Dawn," a character study by Leon Serin, will be directed by faculty member Von Hershey and has in its cast Judy Judson as Suzanne; Joe Lafferty as Phillip; Don McLeod, Andre; Bob Kelley, Robert; and Don Forth, Henri.

The third play, a tragedy set

in a German concentration camp during the second World War, is entitled "Road to Freedom" and was authored by Carol Davis and Carl Larsen, a THS graduate. Faculty director is Louis Berceldin and student director will be Miss Davis. In the cast are Bob Hopkins as Deck; James Martin, Tex; Larry Radicky, Fred; Richard Knappenberger, Louie; and Ronnie Jadin and David Smith, guards.

California taxpayers are urged by Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman of the Franchise Tax Board, to file their income tax returns as early as possible this year.

He stated that because of the greater number of returns to be filed this year it will not be possible to give taxpayers the individual attention desirable unless they come in early.

The Los Angeles office of the Franchise Tax Board is regularly open from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It will also be open Saturday, March 13, the same hours and on Saturday, April 10, the hours will be 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday, April 15, which is the last day for filing without penalty the office will be open until 9 p.m.

All single persons with net incomes of \$2000 or more and all married couples with combined net incomes of \$3500 or more are required to file returns.

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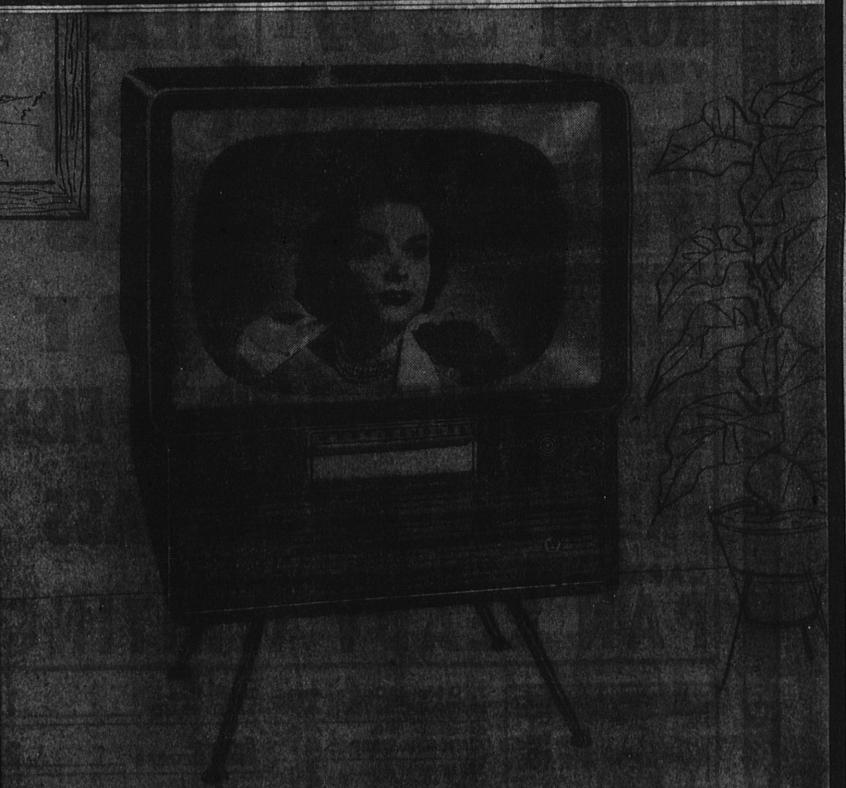
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