

Four Selected In Achievement Award Finals

Four Zone 7 high school seniors were selected by a panel of judges to compete in the Bank of America's annual state-wide Achievement Awards program in Los Angeles on May 19.

Two Compton high school students, a Downey student, and a Redondo Union High School student were selected by the judges after four groups of nine students appeared before the panel.

Four Torrance students appearing in the competition were eliminated.

The four winners were Barbara Hecht, Compton, vocational arts; Linda Ralls, Compton, fine arts; Martha Cook, Downey, liberal arts; and Brent Banta, Redondo, science and mathematics. Banta lives at 6 Portuguese Bend Rd., Rolling Hills.

Picked by Panel

The winners were picked by the judging panel of civic leaders who met at Long Beach City College Thursday to hear the outstanding students in group discussions of topics related to their studies. Scoring was based on three phases of achievement: 50 per cent on classroom grades, 25 per cent on in-school and outside activities during the last three years in high school and 25 per cent on the group discussions before the judges.

MOST DEADLY

The diamondback rattler is the most deadly snake in the U.S.

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Fewer, Bigger Farms Marketing Most Produce, Statistics Show

Have you been feeling sorry for the poor farmer, as his friends in Congress describe his sad condition and his falling income? Take heart; an infallible barometer says he's doing all right.

The Department of Agriculture has just reported that beginning in February farm land prices in the Midwest, South and Pacific Coast regions resumed their upward trend—interrupted for six or seven months last year.

This has taken place in the face of persistent weakness in prices of future contracts for crops that will be marketed this summer. Wheat for September delivery is 34 cents a bushel cheaper than wheat today; soybeans 19 cents; while cotton promises to cost a little more after next harvest.

The answer to the puzzle is that fewer persons are collecting the lower farm income; so many fewer, that income per farm enterprise is rising. One of the most vocal friends of the farmer in the House of Representatives recently deplored the fact that 2.3 per cent of the nation's farms marketed 30 per cent of the wheat and 14 per cent of the cotton sold last year.

Most farm state legislators have done nothing but deplore this concentration. One, Senator James O. Eastland, of Mississippi, got up courage the other day to point to price-support laws as the cause of fewer and bigger farms, and urge that supports be ended.

INVENTION TO ORDER—Modern industry's teams of skilled scientists, delving for invention which traditionally have come from flames of individual genius, are now about \$4 billion last year. Some leaders of industrial research see that bill rising to \$13 billion.

Research, of course, includes not only inventions made to order, as they may be called, but an infinite number of ramifications and improvements already in existence. These actually, take up most of the scientist's time, and do most to bridge the gap between discovery and commercial exploitation of new ideas.

One of the foremost companies in research—one out of ten companies is engaged in research and development division—is Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company, the big controls maker. Honeywell just opened a new research center in Hopkins, Minn., by unveiling an electric brain which can impersonate a house anywhere in the world. This complicated "analog computer" duplicates the effect on the thermostatic equipment of every imaginable climatic change, telescoping into weeks experience which just by building a house and watching what happens to it as the seasons and years beat upon it.

THINGS TO COME—Just in time for the license-plate changing season, a chemical company has a rusty-bolt loosener which isn't greasy. Receiver cords to conceal the wires of hearing aids can now be had looking like necklaces. . . . A slide rule with raised markings for use by blind person is on the market. . . . A new watch for your steering wheel winds itself as the car goes around corners. . . . You can broil fish or steaks on an aluminum throwaway tray and save scouring the grill.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD JUDGES . . . Civic leaders who served as zone judges in the Bank of America Achievement Awards program last Thursday chose high school seniors from this area who will win cash awards ranging from \$100 to \$1000 each. Left to right are Armand Francis, president Downey Chamber of Commerce; Reid Bundy, editor Torrance HERALD; Mrs. Laura Killingsworth, manager Long Beach Municipal Arts committee, Dr. George E. Dotson, assistant superintendent, Long Beach City Schools; Mrs. Marion Gordon, past president Hughes Junior High School PTA; and Rev. Milton G. Gabrielson, minister Bayshore Congregational Church, Long Beach.

Bad Effect Of German Measles On Unborn Infant Explained

By Roy O. Gilbert, M. D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

Seasonal in occurrence, the number of cases of German measles is generally greatest from late winter to the end of spring, and the 1955 season shows no indication of being an

exception. Prior to 1941, the disease received little attention either from doctors or patients, but the discovery was then made that German measles adversely affected the unborn infant when the expectant mother contracted the disorder during the first three months of pregnancy. So dangerous is the disease in these circumstances that some physicians advise exposure to it at an early age in order that possible tragedy may be avoided later in life.

German measles is in no way related to true measles, although the similar of nomenclature sometimes confuses the lay person. For one thing, the illness runs its course so quickly that it is familiarly, if mistakenly called, "three-day measles." Generally, it is not as serious as measles nor is it as contagious, and an attack of one disease gives no immunity against the other.

Childhood ailment. Essentially a disease of childhood, the illness caused by German measles is most always mild. This is also true in the case of adults. One study revealed that out of 66 adults who had the disease, only two felt sick enough to go to bed. After the age of 40, occurrence of the disease is rare.

Symptoms usually to the o. Symptoms usually appear in from 10 to 20 days after the exposure of susceptible persons to the infection. A slight sore throat, mild headache, and loss of appetite is followed within 12 to 36 hours by a blotchy rash which undoubtedly is the most prominent symptom. This makes a sudden appearance on the face, spreads to the rest of the body, and usually fades within three days. The rash, which sometimes appears without any warning whatsoever, looks something like the one that occurs in measles but in color more closely resembles that of scarlet fever.

Means of Transportation. The disease is transmitted by the nose and throat discharges of infected persons and may also be spread by means of articles recently soiled. The period of contagion extends from three to four days before the skin eruption appears and lasts until it fades.

According to reliable sources, more than 50 per cent of the children born of mothers who had German measles early in pregnancy had either congenital cataracts, deafness, heart lesions, or some other defect. After the first three months of pregnancy, such damage to the infant is rare.

German measles is something of a problem to public health officials since it is difficult to control. It is not easily recognized, is generally of short duration and so mild, unless at the end of an epidemic, when it tends to become violent, that it is frequently treated at home without medical assistance.

When an expectant mother, however, has a history of German measles is exposed to the disease the services of the attending physician should be sought.

New Offices For Schools Get Approval

The Torrance School Board Tuesday gave the green light to plans to construct a temporary building immediately behind present administration offices at 2335 Plaza del Amo.

The new building would serve as offices for administrators hired to take care of the city's rapidly expanding school population. The building could later be removed and taken to some other site for a classroom they said.

In other action they gave approval to the purchase of 6.20 acres at the proposed site for Parkway School, in southwest Torrance. The land was obtained after negotiation with the Don-Ja-Ran Corp., for \$7500 an acre.

It originally embraced nearly seven acres, but the School Board declined to accept part of the land which includes steep banks separating in the school from nearby homes.

Hospital Log

PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 2, 1955. Fred Stratt, 21818 Neptune Ave., Los Angeles. PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 10, 1955. Lena (ex-Bail) ETAO ETAO Lena Bailey, 1104 Teri Ave. BABIES BORN APRIL 10, 1955. Boy, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Varnal, 1715 W. 242nd St., 11 1/2 oz. PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 12, 1955. Devotte Horton, 122 261st St., Eugene Brunstetter, 26524 President Harbor City. PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 13, 1955. Paul Henley, 122 E. 215th St., Harbor City. BABIES BORN APRIL 12, 1955. Girl, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hahn, 819 Arcadia St., 6 lbs., 15 oz. PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 14, 1955. Betty L. Bryson, 1103 Patronella Ave. PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 15, 1955. Frank M. Coate, Jr., 3120 Winklock Rd. June M. Ernst, 25349 Eshelman Ave., Lomita. Victoria A. Pratt, 24290 Eshelman Ave., Lomita. BABIES BORN APRIL 14, 1955. Boy, Mr. and Mrs. Allen F. Ernst, 23949 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, 7 lbs., 4 oz. PATIENTS ADMITTED APRIL 15, 1955. Patricia Drake, 1069 W. 247th St., Edward Wells, 2405 W. 256th Place.

FLAT MOUNTAIN One of the largest flat top mountains in the world is Mesa Verde in southwest Colorado. At 10,000 feet in altitude it is so level that cars can cross its 53-acre expanse.

at once. Prompt treatment with minute globulin may prevent its occurrence and so avert all possibility of the trouble that often happens when this disease occurs early in pregnancy.

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