

## Youth Named To Symphony

### Reflections

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#### OUR COMMUNITY CHEST NEEDS YOU

A car, with a mother and her baby inside, skidded on a mountain road, hung above a chasm. A crowd gathered. The mother tried to open the door; that movement caused the car to inch closer to certain death for both occupants. Twenty men literally lifted that car back upon the road. The point I wish to make is this: cooperation does the impossible.

We have many agencies hanging over a cliff; all of us working together, can easily, quickly set them on the Highroad to efficiency.

Torrance is a city of mighty fine people. We have worked together, played together and will give together to meet the needs of our vital social problems. The volunteer who comes to your door is your neighbor coming as an ambassador that you may share in lifting the load to a successful conclusion.

Our Community Chest Needs you. P.S. When you need help, we'll give you friendship, too.

Norman Schweikert, 18-year-old nephew of Scott Albright, of 2512 Sierra St., who made several appearances here with the Torrance Area Youth Band, left last week to join the Rochester, N. Y., Symphony.

A French horn player, Schweikert has made appearances at the Hollywood Bowl, the Aspen, Colo., Music Festival, and other music events.

He also plays the piano and violin, but specializes on the French horn.

#### Figueroa Speed Cut

The speed limit on a three-mile section of Figueroa St., from Lomita Blvd. to a point north of 208th St., has been cut from 55 to 50 mph, the State Department of Public Works announced last week. No change in the 55 mph speed limit through the Meadow Park School zone on Hawthorne Ave. was announced.

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## Citizenship Aim Of Immigrants

The United States—the advantages and freedom of which so many of its citizens take for granted—is viewed differently through the eyes of many of its newer residents, who formerly had to struggle for their existence in the old world.

Torrance has a number of new citizens who are working for their citizenship, hoping to shed the last vestiges of their former homes and take up a new way of life here.

Since many of them have difficulty speaking English, Mrs. Betty Lowe's English-for-foreign-born classes at Torrance Evening High School are quite popular. Her classes include both those who are simply trying to improve their speaking and those who hope to pass American citizenship exams soon.

Try for Citizenship After studying English, American government and institutions, and other related subjects, many of the students take their exams for citizenship. When someone passes the

test, it is a matter for class-wide rejoicing, and a party of students celebrate the happy occasions.

Included in her classes at the present time are former citizens of Canada, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Romania, Sweden, the

Ukraine, Portugal, and Belgium. They are united in a single desire—to learn better English and to learn more about their adopted home.

Their reasons for coming to America are many, but their reaction is generally the same.

**Fled From Communists**  
"Escaping from Communism and therefore leaving my home and country, I was wondering through Europe, wanted nowhere, and pushed from one place to another, a stranger," Margaret Jerkovic, of 1439 1/2 W. Carson St., a displaced person from Yugoslavia, declared.

"Getting acquainted with the tragedy of war and having no home and place to stay, life was not worth living. The U.S. was the only country which opened its arms and gave us a new home and job. I settled down feeling secure again and I will appreciate everything I owe to this country as long as I live," she said.

Nicholas A. Fedoruk, of 1324 Cordary Ave., a former Canadian, put it this way: "We moved here because we



PROSPECTIVE CITIZENS . . . Watching intently as Mrs. Betty Lowe, teacher, holds up a copy of the Declaration of Independence are members of the "English for foreign born" class in Torrance Adult School. Class members, all immigrants

like the American way of life. Having adopted two boys just prior to our move here, we wanted to give them all the opportunities possible to be good citizens. This country offers the best of opportunities to all that are interested."

**Swedish Immigrant**  
Mrs. Gunvor Feeny, of 2725 Grand Summit Rd., was raised in Vuollerim, Sweden, a small town, which was founded by her forefathers 200 years ago

from foreign countries, learn to speak English better, study American government and customs, and prepare for their exams for citizenship. Most class members are of European origin.

quota, and have visited nearly every state in the Union and in Canada.

However, Mrs. Emmi Stochila, of 1645 W. 186th St., a Yugoslav refugee, seemed to sum up the feeling of the potential new citizens when she declared:

"We found freedom, happiness, and began a new life in

a great country. Thanks to everyone who makes it possible for so many homeless people to come to the United States of America."

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SET BUILDERS . . . Getting the set plans ready for the annual Torrance High School Variety Show to be held Dec. 2 and 3, are Susan Wilkes, assistant art director; Bruce Pierce, art director; Eddie Shaw, director, and Von Hershey, faculty advisor. A musical comedy, the show, "Dream 26," will feature 113 students in its cast and is written by Shaw.

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## Beach Pollution Cited by State Following Tests

Pollution of ocean water near the White's Point sewer outfall at San Pedro exceeds State Department Health standards for safe bathing, says a state official.

Edward A. Reinke, chief of the State Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, reports that a 30-day study of waters near the point has disclosed:

1. For a distance of one and a half miles from the outfall the count of pollutants exceeds the safe standards.
2. Between the outfall and Cabrillo Beach the standard was exceeded in 15 to 20 per cent of the samples.
3. From Inspiration Point to Long Point, west of the outfall, samples exceeded the standard.

The samples were taken in waters from abriillo Beach to Point Vicente, a distance of about eight miles.

Reinke said the problem has been reviewed with Los Angeles city and county health officers who have indicated they will join the department in issuing public warnings and warning signs when the results warrant.

A meeting of the Board of Health in Santa Ana on Dec. 9 is expected to be devoted in a large measure to this problem, Reinke indicated.