# Parent Group Conferences Set Tuesday at North High

The story of what the school is actually doing to prepare the Class of '58 for the future will be emphasized in a skit, a general panel discussion by junior teachers, and in small group discussions involving the parents.

**Success Is Goal**

"Appropriate panel topics have been selected to assure the parents that the future success of their child is our mail goal," Victor DiBiasi, junior class representative, stated.

Haig Marashlian, class sponsor, will discuss "Our Main Objectives in the Torrance Schools." John Crowlie will speak on "What Does Industry Expect of High School Graduates?" and DiBiasi will discuss and explain "College Entrance Requirements."

Robert Lambertson will discuss "How Basic Needs Are Met Through the Study of American Heritage" and Guy R. Old will explain "How Language Arts Prepares the Student for the Future."

Following the short general meeting, parents will go to the various classrooms where the teacher of their son or daughter will conduct group discussions with the general theme of "Getting the Most From the Remaining Year and a Half of High School."

"The classroom meetings will be very informal and will give parents an opportunity to voice their opinions and ask questions in a friendly and easy atmosphere," DiBiasi said.

Refreshments will be served in the individual rooms.

"We want to let the parents know the importance of what we are doing and to get across the idea that the time to prepare for the future is now," Dale M. Harter, principal, explained.

## Mickey Van Deventer Named to Honor Roll

Mickey Van Deventer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, 2203 W. Carson St., has been named to the honor roll at the University of Redlands for the fall semester.

The honor is accorded to the top 100 students in grade average. Four points represents straight A grades.

Miss Van Deventer, a senior, is majoring in music education. She earned a 3.85 grade average for the semester.

(Herald Photo)

NO. 2,000,000 . . . Torrance High School student Bill Strohm learned he was the 2,000,000th student to see the General Motors Preview of Progress stage show, as the science show was presented at a THS assembly. Here, GM official William Blake presents Strohm with a scroll in honor of the occasion.

# Family Counselling Proposed for Reluctant Residents Who Need It

Should people have family counseling whether they want it or not?

One Los Angeles voluntary agency would like to borrow a page from the foot-in-the-door salesman's manual for a few reluctant clients.

The social workers propose to show how "assertive casework" can help families who do not ask for counseling, but whose unhappiness never-theless is costing them and their community untold amounts of money, and much ill health, delinquency, and family disorganization.

A group of community leaders in South Wilmington brought their problem to Family Service of Los Angeles Area, a Community Chest-sponsored agency. The group included school officials, clergymen, social planners, public housing and labor union officials.

**Survey Made**

Working with the Harbor Area Welfare Council, they had done some preliminary survey. In one neighborhood, they found:

Broods of children are left in the care of baby sitters who themselves are only children. Families are unprepared to take back members returning from prison, state mental hospitals, and detention camps.

Also found were tragic results of emotional illness, family feuds, unhygienic conditions, immorality, and poor household management.

At the present time from one-half to two-thirds of the families are receiving Aid to Needy Children and other forms of public assistance.

Average number per family is 5.7 — much higher than the average for the general population. Nearly one-third of the families are fatherless.

**Help Considered**

"The community can well consider the future of situations like this," it is pointed out by Richard Stock, executive director of Family Service.

"These people, of their own volition, do not come to a family casework service. Many of them have lost faith in themselves and faith in the interest of others in helping them. They are unaware that services exist. They do not reach out for help.

"The community must take the initiative."

Family service professionals have the casework know-how to help, Stock said. But there is only one councelor for the much larger Harbor area in which the problem neighborhood exists. And this worker is office-bound by a close-packed schedule of appointments with clients who have asked for counseling.

**Confidence Needed**

"We are not planning an authoritive, door-bell ringing sweep," Stock said. "But the only way to reach these families is to go to them, in their homes, talk to neighborhood cliques, win their confidence and cooperation.

"For that we have a plan. We need the manpower and financing."

In response to the Wilmington group's plea, Family Service of Los Angeles Area has drawn the blue-print and budget for a two-year demonstration project. It calls for three professional family social workers, psychiatric consultation, travel and office expense.

**Plan Submitted**

Together with the Wilmington community leaders, the agency submitted the plan to a Community Chest management headed by Ernest Loebbecke.

The committee approved the project in principle and noted the "exceptional need" for work of this kind.

In addition to the directors of Family Service, proponents of the plan include the Rev. Arthur Kent, chairman of the Public Housing & Community Relations Committee, Harbor Area; Miss Kathryn Adams, director of the Harbor Area Planning Council; and Ross Hancock, principal of the Hawaiian Ave. School, Wilmington.

JACKS OF ALL TRADES . . . El Camino College carpentry students are now constructing a two-bedroom home as a class project. Roofing and electrical wiring are now being completed. Siding and window frame work will be next on the class agenda, according to Instructor Joseph Dzida.

# Carpentry Classes at El Camino Building Complete 5-Room House

Vocational carpentry classes at El Camino College are currently completing the wiring and roofing of their current project—the construction of a five-room house.

Under the supervision of Instructor Joseph S. Dzida, this building, the third which El Camino students have built, will be sold to the highest bidder at auction.

Some 16 students are working on the project, with each student given an opportunity to learn the different phases of building as work progresses from stage to stage. All of the labor, except plumbing, is done by students, including the intricate task of making door and window frames and the laying of hardwood floors.

**House Moved**

Built in accordance with both city and county building codes so that it can be moved to any location, the house is a conventional two bedroom dwelling containing about 850 square feet of floor space with a central floor plan.

Of dry wall construction with rustic siding the home features extensive use of tile in the kitchen, bath and even the laundry corner in the service porch. Dzida asserts that only first quality materials have been used throughout the construction.

The house is adequately wired with convenient outlets in all rooms, including a built-in television aerial in the living room. Both bedrooms feature large wardrobe closets with sliding doors. There is also a linen closet and a hat and coat guest closet in the hall.

**Students Build**

The roomy kitchen has an eating area and spacious cupboards which are made by the students in the carpentry shop. A double wall furnace is centrally located to provide uniform heat for the living area and bedrooms. An added feature is a 30 gallon hot water heater.

Ultimately, Dzida hopes that the building program will cooperate with the architectural classes and the interior decorating department, to provide students with the actual experience of working with prospective architects and home decorators.

# Douglas Puts New Project In Torrance

Acceleration of the DC-7 and DC-8 programs at Douglas Aircraft's Santa Monica Division made it desirable to transfer work on the A4D aft-section assemblies from the Culver City location to the company's Torrance facility. Accomplished in progressive steps, with work under way at each location so as not to hinder production of the Skyhawk, the move was completed last week.

Approximately 500 employes will be needed by the new department created at Torrance. Assistant Superintendent C. R. Wilkinson, department administrator, says there are now 300 in the department which has been producing assemblies since the first jigs arrived Dec. 9, 1956.

At first, Torrance employes were sent to Culver City for familiarization, and they systematically released Santa Monica employes for other work as they gained experience.

The Torrance facility will fabricate all parts for the aft-section, work formerly done at El Segundo. Although it has not been initiated as yet, plans call for the assemblies to be delivered to El Segundo as complete sections containing electrical, mechanical, and hydraulic installations. Following operational checks, each assembly will be a complete unit ready to be bolted to the forward section at El Segundo.

The tooling department fashioned metal stands around the main assembly jigs, carrying out the Torrance concept of simultaneous work above and below the platform.

# Dr. Kaplan To Talk Here Next Thursday

Dr. Leo Kaplan, head of the pathology department at Mount Sinai Hospital and Clinic, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Anna Grancell South Bay Chapter, Thursday, March 14, at 8 p.m., in the Neptunian Club, 920 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach.

Physicians in the beach areas of Redondo, Manhattan, Hermosa, Palos Verdes and Torrance are invited. Residents are also welcome, announces president Mrs. Lee Leeds who added that the talk should prove of interest to laymen as well as professionals. There will be no charge.

Social hours will follow the short business meeting. Hostesses include Mmes. Mack Baldwin, Harry Chester, Bernard Becker and Simon Davidson.

# 17 NORTH STUDENTS SEEK HONOR

Seventeen North High seniors have been chosen as potential candidates for the Bank of America Achievement Award, presented annually to top graduates of California high schools, it was announced last week.

Ten of the 17 will be named as candidates by a special committee. Students were chosen on the basis of scholarship, citizenship, and service.

Candidates are Allan Andrews, Harold Becker, Patricia Bonstrom, John Bridges, Barbara Cairns, Judy Cummings, Samm Fillon, Phylicia Loveland, Dave Scott, Barbara Sieburn, Lee Tussing, Bob Wyatt, and Bill Wright.

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