



TO BE PROMOTED . . . Girl Scouts of Troop 1364 who will be elevated to First Class rank at McMaster Park tonight during Court of Awards are here receiving final instructions from Mrs. John Ruckle (left), neighborhood chairman. Girls (from left) are Pam Warner, Karen Jackson, Barbara Heyns, and Jean Wells. The troop is sponsored by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club.



ROTARIANS HONORED . . . High Community Chest awards for outstanding community service are bestowed on Arthur O. Otsea (center) and Dr. Raymond A. Larson (left) by George Bradbeer, immediate past chairman of the Harbor Welfare Federation. Otsea, a member of the Torrance Rotary Club, served as Harbor Area chairman in last year's Red Feather campaign. Dr. Larson, president of the club, accepts a special club award for Torrance Rotarians. (Herb Phillips photo.)

TV Writing Rarely Fun, Julian Tells Writers' Club

Writing for TV rarely is fun — especially for television — Arthur Julian told the Southwest Manuscripters Friday, as he discussed "Comedy in TV." "TV writing is a craft which requires skill and great discipline," he declared. Julian recently sold an original teleplay to Playhouse 90 to be produced next season. He also wrote, in collaboration, the screen play for "The Happy Road," which stars Gene Kelly and will be released soon.

Comedy Described Julian elaborated on the various types of comedy, such as satire, loud comedy, trick comedy, and situation comedy. Knowing what will make people laugh is no easy matter. But it's rewarding—especially financially. As Julian put it "you get more money for being funny than for being sad." His advice to the beginning writers on TV was to try their hand at the half-hour light comedy show, like those seen on Ford Theater, Schlitz Playhouse, Four Star and Heinz.

Julian stressed the importance of at least four hours of writing every day, adding that the difference between those who want to write and those who want to be writers, is just hard work. Regarding the half-hour or hour teleplay, Julian informed the group to stick to formula writing and also to catch the interest of the audience as quickly as possible. "Get the man falling off the bridge before the first commercial," he advised, "and your viewer won't switch channels."

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