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# SIX STUDENTS IN SPEECH FINALS

## City Champ to District Next

Six high school speakers will compete here Thursday night in the city finals of the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce "Voice of Democracy" contest.

Outstanding awards have been arranged for the student winners as the contest celebrates its 11th anniversary.

Selection of the six finalists was completed here Thursday evening among student speakers from each of the city's three high schools. Representing South High will be Jim Hawkins and Bob Brooks. For North High will be Roberta Terheggen and Elaine Washleski, while Torrance High will be represented by Jack Rettig and Judith Lundbom.

Finals will be held in the actual Guard Armory at Lincoln Ave. and Cabrillo, Thursday, according to Drs. Aaron Rausch and Al Kline, co-chairmen of the local event. Winners of each high school contest will receive a Voice of Democracy Key and a certificate. Winner of the local elimination will be entered in the district contest to be held later this month.

Four winners in the national contest will receive a \$500 scholarship and a gold recording of his award winning script.

State and national awards are provided by the national co-sponsors, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Assn. of Radio and Television Broadcasters.

## Two Damsels in Distress Saved By Firefighters

The Torrance Fire Dept. was called on this week to rescue two young damsels in distress.

When five-year-old Sally Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clark Jr., 3832 W. 170th St., decided to eat a penny Friday, her distraught mother brought her to the fire station for aid. The little girl was having difficulty breathing. The firemen aided the little girl who apparently had swallowed the coin and recommended that she be taken to the doctor.

The firefighters also came to the aid of Diane Hughes, 8, 432 Via Linda Vista, who decided to go down a slide at El Retiro Park a new way, with her legs underneath her. She got her left leg tangled up in the slide and couldn't get free. Firemen managed to get her loose and turned her over to her Brownie troop leader.

## Son Has Dad Arrested for Firing at Him

Sheriff's deputies Friday arrested a 58-year-old Lomita man on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon on the complaint of his son, who said his father shot at him.

Ronald Carl Lindemann, 29, 25116 Walnut St., said his father, Carl Paul Lindemann, 58, of the same address, threatened him with a gun and shot at him as he was attempting to move some furniture out of the house. He said he took the furniture back after he was threatened.

Deputies found a bullet hole in the house and said the elder Lindemann had been drinking.

## Lomita Chamber Names Dr. Low Its President

Dr. Warren Low, optometrist, was elected president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting held Thursday night at the Wayfarers' restaurant. He succeeds Werner H. Benson.

Other new officers include Ray Ferrin, first vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Hinckley, second vice president; John Stanton, treasurer, and Hanley Rogers, secretary. Members of the board of directors named were James Becker, Linden Chandler, James Giannosco, Henry Matthews, Gerald Mobley, Kaye Peterson, and George Larson.

The election was conducted by William Cowan, immediate past president. Installation ceremonies will be held later.

## Woman Hurt in Accident

A woman driver was injured early yesterday morning in a two-car collision at Hawthorne Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Ethel DeMoss, 39, of 846 W. 147th St.

The injured woman was traveling west on Torrance when her car was hit by one driven by Robert Edward Halliwell II, 17, of 3723 W. 226th St. The youth was going south on Hawthorne.



(Herald Photo)

NHS HOMECOMING QUEEN . . . Barbara Cage was crowned as homecoming queen at North High School Friday night during half-time ceremonies at the NHS-Morningside football game. Here, she receives her crown from last year's queen, Sharyn Rich McIntyre. The Saxons lost, 19-7.



SPEAKING FINALISTS . . . These six students will compete here Thursday night to select the city's entrant for the annual "Voice of Democracy" contest. Left to right

are Jack Rettig, Jim Hawkins, Bob Brooks, Roberta Terheggen, Judith Lundbom, and Elaine Washleski. They represent each of the three Torrance high schools.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

The HERALD's inquiring photographer this week interviewed some possible future spacemen:

"Would you like to be a space ship pilot? Why? How do you think it would be in space? Do you think it will be long before men go to the Moon and Mars?"

James Diamond, 12, 20512 S. Western Ave., Nativity School student:

"I don't think it will be long before they go to the moon, but I wouldn't want to go. I might get stuck there. I'd rather stay on the ground, but I wouldn't mind being an airplane pilot."

Jim Ross, 14, 1638 W. 204th St., White Junior High student:

"I'd like to be a space pilot. When I am old enough, I want to go into the Air Force and work with jets and rockets. I have read a lot about them. I don't think it'll be long at all before they get to the moon and Mars."

Lawrence Gipson, 15, 1533 W. 205th St., Gardena High student:

"I'd like to pilot a space ship. I'd like to go just to see what it would be like, because nobody has ever been there before. It would be funny in space. I guess, because of no gravity and having to wear magnetic shoes. I do not think it'll be long at all."

Ronnie Faires, 10, 328 E. Carson St., Carson School student:

"I'd like to be a pilot. It would be interesting to see what's on the moon — if they could find some way to get me back. It'd probably be dark and scary up there, but I wouldn't be afraid."

Melvin Sauve, 12, 1754 Arlington Ave., Nativity School student:

"I think they'll get space ships pretty soon. I would like to go if I had the chance. I would like to see the atmosphere. It would be exciting. I like to read about Sputnik and things like that."

Ernie Morales, 14, 1328 W. 220th St., Fleming Junior High student:

"I'd like to join the Air Force and like to fly plane. Every time I see a movie with airplanes. I think that's me up here. I'd like to travel in space to see the moon and how it looks."

## Offices Close To Celebrate Veteran's Day

In honor of Veteran's Day, all federal, state, county and city offices will be closed tomorrow.

In addition, school students will find they, too, have an extra long week end as studies will be discontinued for the day.

Some markets will close, and all banks and other financial offices will not be open for business.

In addition, city officials reminded all householders that trash pick ups will be made one day later this week because of the holiday.

## Homeowners Group Hears Herma Tillim

Six members of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. volunteered to help Mrs. Herma Tillim collect signatures for a petition to put the recreation question on the ballot again after hearing her talk at the last meeting.

Mrs. Tillim, former head of the Torrance Recreation Commission, told the homeowners about the recreation needs of the city and discussed plans to set up a new bond issue request.

Another speaker, Sgt. Joe Miles, of the Torrance traffic department, said that lack of consideration is the main cause for many accidents and deaths.

A nominating committee to select candidates for the association officers also was appointed. The group's next meeting will be Dec. 3.

A meeting of the teenagers sponsored by the homeowners will be held Wednesday evening at Steele School. The teenagers are planning a bake sale Nov. 22 at Baker's Market starting at 4:30 p.m. They also will hold a dance at Steele School this Friday.

## 15-Year-Old Arrested for Crash, Liquor

A 15-year-old Torrance boy was arrested by sheriff's deputies at 253rd and Walnut Sts. Friday for speeding, hit-and-run, drunkenness, running a stop sign, and operating a car without a driver's license.

Deputies on patrol noticed the car speeding down the street with its bumper loose and dragging. Deputies gave chase and finally stopped the car at 253rd and Walnut. The youth was drunk, deputies said, and had no license.

Checking with Harbor Division police, deputies discovered that the youth also was wanted for sideswiping three cars in Harbor City and leaving the scene.

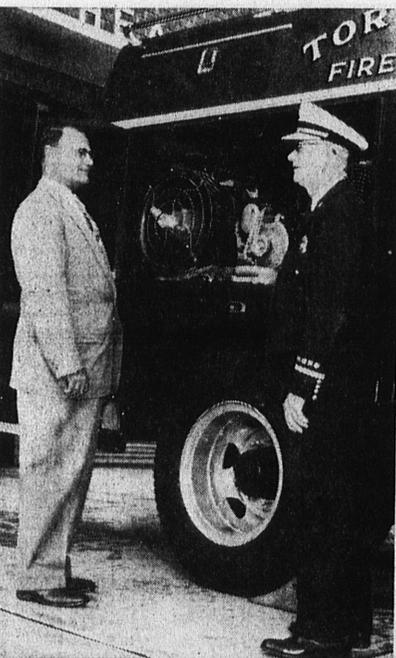
## Rivets Reports

The weather today should continue clear and warm with little change in temperature. Rivets, HERALD weatherdog, reported, noting that there is also a 20 per cent possibility of rain. "I'm not quite sure what that means though," he noted.

High and low temperatures this week included Thursday (70-43); Friday (70-45); and Saturday (71-43).



LITTLE CHANGE



NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT . . . Fire Chief J. J. Benner shows City Manager George Stevens the new rescue and salvage unit, largest of its kind, which was put into operation Friday by local firefighters. The big new truck contains complete equipment needed for either rescue or salvage, ranging from sawdust to stretchers, blowers, and spotlights. It was designed by Chief Benner in cooperation with the Mack Truck Co.

## NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR CITY DELIVERED HERE

The Torrance fire department will increase the efficiency and protection of the department considerably, Chief Benner said.

## 3 INJURED IN CRASH

Three persons were injured in a two-car collision Wednesday at Cabrillo Ave. and Plaza del Amo.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital was Clare McDonald Matthews, 55, of 2019 259th Pl. Matthews' car was traveling north on Cabrillo when the crash occurred. Driver of the eastbound car on Plaza del Amo was Raymond Curtis Hanton, 25, of 2029 1/2 Arlington.

Hanton was checked by his own doctor while a passenger in the Matthews' car. Louis K. Ablard, of 2703 Cabrillo, was examined at work.

## Till Top Nets \$40

William R. Keller, proprietor of a cafe at 1225 El Prado, reported to local police that he had been the victim of a till tap Wednesday.

Missing was approximately \$40.

## Planners Study Street Opening

The possibility of extending Faysmith Ave. between 171st and 174th Sts. was discussed at the Torrance Planning Commission meeting Wednesday night during the discussion of a variance for new apartment units.

The Planners were considering the variance request of I. Lachman and M. Jones for an apartment at 3313 W. 174th St. in an agricultural zone.

Protests were received from W. C. Nichols, 3385 W. 174th St., and C. Aulick, 3317 W. 171st St., who offered land for the extension of Faysmith. Nichols cited drainage problems and traffic hazards in the area for protesting the change.

The matter will receive further study.

## Swap Meet Okayed

A request to conduct a "swap meet" on Saturdays or Sundays at the Radium Drive-In Theater, 2500 Redondo Beach Blvd., received a recommendation for approval from the commission.

Presented by L. D. Gasteiger, the meets would feature trading between residents who bring in items they want to get rid of and people who might want to buy or trade them. The police chief indicated he had no objections to the plan and Commissioner Dave Figueroa said he had visited a similar operation in Paramount and found it worked well. Hours would be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In other action the request of George Steinkamp for a zone change for single-family residences on Dorman Ave. between 182nd and 186th Sts. was recommended for approval, as was the request of the Aspan Land Co. for a similar zone change on property northwest of 182nd and Doty Ave.

## Station Asked

Irving Willens' request for a variance to build a service station on the northeast corner of Sepulveda and Arlington was held over until the next meeting.

A committee was named to study requested duplex zoning for land on the east side of Date Ave., between Sonoma and a point 150 feet north of Carson St. First hearing will be Nov. 20.

Three cases had a first hearing, with no protests registered. A second hearing will be held on Nov. 20 on a zone change to single-family residence on property on 180th St. between Crenshaw and Casimir, 180th St. west of Arlington, and Purche Ave. south of 182nd St.

## License Approved

Business licenses, on a year-to-year basis were approved for Birt's Drapery Studio, 3840 W. 172nd St.; Thomas W. Donahue accounting, 4602 Ave. C; and Bert Friedman, insurance, 1645 Fern Ave. All were given a green light, provided there are no signs and no disturbing visitors.

Turned down was the request of Mrs. Earl T. Eisinger,



FELIZ STRUMWASSER . . . Gets Top Degree

## Strumwasser Awarded Ph.D. At University

The son of a Torrance business man received his doctor of philosophy degree in neurophysiology yesterday at UCLA.

The youth, who is only 23 years of age, is the son of Oscar Strumwasser of Strum's Dept. Store.

Dr. Feliz Strumwasser who entered the university at the age of 15, received his bachelor's degree at 19.

One of the youngest persons to receive a Ph. D. from UCLA, Strumwasser will leave soon for the National Institute of Mental Health in Maryland where he will be employed by the U. S. government.

He was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, and received his pre-college education at St. Mary's College there.

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