

Terry Mertz Named President of Narbonne High's Student Body

Terry Mertz was elected student body president at Narbonne High School last week in school-wide elections. Other top school body officers include Joyce Loedige, vice president; Betty Comonoski; Marquita Davies, treasurer; Sandra Adamson, historian, and Peter Neumann, chief justice.

Other officers include: Associate justices—Charles Flanary, Kei Kimura, Sally Watt.
12th grade representatives—Jim Allen, Alice Navarro.
11th grade representatives—Allen Anderson, Neil Fenska.
10th grade representatives—Mike Walker, Linda Miller.
Song leaders—Marlys Egelund, Margie Gray, Renee Rogers.

Jane Adams—Geanette Cooper, Sharon Cheek, Jeri Daniels, Shirley Powell, Betty Domanoski, Carol Doran.
Cheerleaders—Dave Freeman, Ron Hansen, Ron Rogers.
Ladies—Sandra Adamson, Janice Cook, Marlys Egelund, Kayomi Hanaka, Cathy

Schweitzer, Patty Sparks, Lou-ray Stalmack, Priscilla Molek, Jeri Duket.
Girls League—Carol Doran, president; Marlys Egelund, vice president; Lynn Welch, secretary; Pat Pinder, treasurer; Diane Adams, historian.
Boys League—Pat Manning, president; Dave Gotzales, vice president; Bob Malcom, secre-

tary; Steve Nothern, historian; Curt Manning, councilman-at-large; Teddy Kobayashi, sergeant-at-arms.

Boys League representatives—Ken Friess, Bill Halverson, Ron Rogers, Charles Flanary, John Plant, Jack Patton, Jim Allen, Jim Jones.

UNCLE SAM

The first cartoon of Uncle Sam was believed one drawn in 1852 by Frank Bellew, a U. S. army inspector.

Typing Champ Selected at Narbonne HS

Roberta Clark, a senior, was crowned as "Miss Champion Typist" at Narbonne High School, Tuesday, typing 77 words per minute with only two errors in five minutes of typing.

The contest was sponsored by the school's business education department. Runner-up was Joyce Loedige, also a senior who had 61 words per minute and only three errors. Forty-six typists competed.

Championship is determined by the number of words and amount of errors made. The person with the highest rate of typing, with a limit of three errors, is crowned as champion.

NHS COED IN FINALS

Carolyn Lunden, a sophomore at North High School, went into the finals in the University of Southern California Invitational tournament on Saturday.

Miss Lunden competed in impromptu speaking against 60 students and took fifth place. She was the only sophomore to pass the preliminary rounds. Other North High students participating included juniors Bruce Harle and Kathy Schade; sophomores Linda Harris, Rickie Baumgarten, Rose Marie Simmons, Nancy Chanda, and Muriene Scott.

The group was accompanied by Mrs. Lavona Dunworth and L. R. Mushrush.

Non-Veterans May Obtain HS Diplomas

Non-Veterans who wish to get high school diplomas now may take the GED test as a partial requirement, Adult School Principal Victor U. Kilburn reminded local residents this week.

Persons who wish to enroll in the program at Torrance Evening High School, where classes start Feb. 3, may enroll and take the test. Registrations should be made before the start of the semester.

Non-veterans may earn a maximum of 100 credits toward their high school diplomas by successfully passing a series of tests. In addition to the GED (General Educational Development) tests, non-vets must complete, or have completed, at least one year of English and mathematics and courses in U. S. History and government.

The tests are open to non-veterans over 21 years old. It formerly applied only to veterans who receive diplomas after completing U. S. History and government courses.

The tests date back to the post-World War II period, when educators sought to provide for servicemen who high school education was interrupted. They cover English grammar, science, social studies, literature, and mathematics.

Teenage Golf Meeting Set

Sea-Aire Teenage Golf Club announces an important meeting at the course Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Any teenagers interested in participating in the golf program at the course are invited to attend this meeting.

Members of the clubs are eligible to enroll in the golf instruction given every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. by Bill Wood, North High coach.

Members also may purchase passes entitling them to 10 rounds of golf at the course weekdays after school. Golf clubs are available for the members at the course.

Mounting Auto Count Pressing Freeway System

By RICHARD RICHARDS
State Senator

Although we are always hard pressed by constantly increasing automobile registrations in Los Angeles County, our freeway system over the past several years has developed at a notable pace.

Since Jan. 1, 1954, approximately 90 miles of freeway within the county have been completed or will be completed by Dec. 31, 1958, at a total cost of around \$171,000,000 for construction.

In the period between July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1959, right-of-way expenditures completed or budgeted on freeways in Los Angeles County are expected to total approximately \$221,000,000.

Along with this progress, we must of course continue to develop additional means of relieving mounting traffic congestion and promoting greater safety on all our streets and highways.

Barriers Needed

As to safety, one of the first steps to be taken in my opinion is the addition of dividing barriers on old stretches of freeway to eliminate head-on collisions by cars moving in opposite lanes of traffic.

Favorable results in this direction have already been obtained in New York, Michigan, and other states with freeway systems and freeway problems similar to our own, and I believe we can profit from their experience.

Meanwhile, of course, new means must constantly be sought to relieve freeway congestion, and some relief can certainly be found in the greater cooperation between state, county and cities in developing auxiliary arteries in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Other Gains

In east-west traffic it would appear that greater gains are to be made through the extension of the one-way principle and further elimination of left-hand turns.

Going beyond our main non-freeway arteries, pressure on such boulevards as Beverly, Santa Monica, Olympic and Pico could be reduced by the development of secondary and parallel streets through a judicious rearrangement of stop signs and the synchronization of signal lights for a free flow of traffic.

In our over-all program, we know of course that the problem is not to be solved entirely by these means or by the unlimited addition of freeway mileage. A continuing effort must be made at developing an efficient and attractive mass rapid transit system within our metropolitan area.

Mass Transportation

The Senate Transportation Committee has set up a subcommittee on mass rapid transit, of which I am chairman, and during the coming year this subcommittee will pursue the objective for which it was created.

Our over-all purpose will be to ascertain where we stand today as a result of legislation enacted at the 1957 session setting up a Metropolitan Transit Authority, and how we can proceed most effectively within this framework along with, and following, the pending purchase of the major bus lines.

Garage Tools Taken

Tool boxes and tools valued at \$300 were reported stolen Monday from a garage belonging to Richard Maertz, 5525 Arvada Ave., according to Torrance police.

Assemblyman Tells Changes Made In History with a Single Vote

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL,
Assemblyman 46th District

The right to vote is our guarantee of freedom. It is important to know that one vote, repeat one vote:

- 1—Made the United States a free nation.
- 2—Elected three Presidents of the United States.
- 3—Caused the beheading of King Charles I of England.
- 4—Saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.
- 5—Defeated a popular California congressman because his own secretary was "too busy" to vote on election day.
- 6—Brought five of our states into the federal union.
- 7—Resulted in the coronation of the present Queen Elizabeth II of England.
- 8—Made France a republic instead of a monarchy.

Three Presidents Elected

One vote, in each case, elected three of the Presidents of the United States. Thomas Jefferson, in his first bid for the presidency, and his opponent, Aaron Burr, each received 73 votes in the U. S. Electoral College and the contest was therefore referred to Congress, where Jefferson won by a single vote.

John Quincy Adams was second in line with a total of 84 electoral votes in his campaign for the presidency and Andrew Jackson received 99 votes, the highest number, but there were four candidates and since none received a majority, the contest was referred to Congress where Adams was elected President by a margin of just one vote.

Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President by a majority of one vote in a bitterly contested Electoral College ballot. Several years ago I explained in this column that the vote of one member of Congress swung the victory for Hayes, but the same congressman was, himself, elected to Congress by a margin of only one vote and that one vote was cast by a crippled client of the congressional candidate (a lawyer) who pushed his client to the voting place in a wheel chair in order to make certain that he voted!

Cask of Wine Legend

Centuries ago, back in the Middle Ages, thousands of men and women were jammed into the city square, all looking at a huge cask of wine. For several weeks everyone had been urged to bring jugs of wine and empty them into the huge barrel in a sort of medieval community chest project to raise money for building a cathedral, or at least laying the foundation. Finally, the last hour of the rally arrived and the leading merchant, who could be a president of a chamber of commerce today under the American system, stepped up, lowered a dipper, and took a ceremonial dip of the wine that was to be auctioned to raise money.

The great merchant frowned.

He threw the contents of the dipper on the ground and lowered the dipper into the barrel again. He took another sip and again emptied the dipper on the ground.

"This is not wine," the merchant roared. "This is water!" Others came forward and sampled the contents of the big barrel. There had been some wine poured into the cask but most of the townspeople had brought a jug of water, or at least a jug of highly diluted wine, as his contribution to the community enterprise, thinking that his small offering would never be noticed in that huge cask of wine. As a result, what was intended to be a tremendous tub of wine was little more than water with a small proportion of wine. Obviously, nobody would buy it.

The same kind of thing can happen in a school election, a city council election, an election of county supervisors or the assessor, or on the state or national level. Each citizen may think that his own vote does not count, that it is worthless in a big turn-out of voters, and yet the casting of that one vote, or the failure to cast it, may be the deciding factor in an issue vital to our people.

Just to be sure that you do not forget, please let me remind you again that if you have any doubt about whether you are registered or not at your present address, write to Ben Hite, Registrar of Voters, 808 N. Spring St., Los Angeles. If you have questions about state laws on voting, write to me at Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5, Calif.

Locally Managed Harbors

The Playa del Rey harbor, now officially called the Marina del Rey, is managed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The California state legislature and the national Congress voted appropriations to help build the harbor, but all control is in the hands of the board of supervisors, not your assemblyman, state senator, congressman, or U. S. senator. Incidentally, the state money is a long-term loan at interest and not an outright grant. It is good to know that Marina del Rey will pay for itself in less than 20 years and make enough profit to plough back money into the Los Angeles County treasury over and above anything spent by the county. Therefore, it is not one of the causes of your high county taxes.

Catalina Island

Contrary to what you may have read in a large metropolitan newspaper, the State of California has no present plan for condemning under the right of eminent domain any portion of Santa Catalina Island. The state cannot do this unless authorized by the legislature with a special appropriation to pay the owners. This story keeps popping up but it has no foundation in fact.

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