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### NTCIA Will Protest Phone Rate Increase

Jack White of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. will lead a group of north Torrance telephone users to protest a phone rate hike before the Public Utilities Commission on Feb. 20 in Los Angeles.

If enough people attend, the NTCIA will charter a city bus to attend the hearing in a body, according to President John G. L. Crain. The city council will be asked to furnish support to the movement, since it has already voted a protest to the price increases.

The NTCIA will launch a membership drive at a general membership meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at McMaster Hall, 174th and Yukon Ave. Prizes will be given to members joining the club and those who sign them up. A special meeting was held last Wednesday at the home of Harmon Belcher, 2903 W. 178th St., to consider prizes and plan for the telephone hearing.

Prizes include trips to Las Vegas and dinners at some top restaurants.

### Good Rating Received by THS Annual

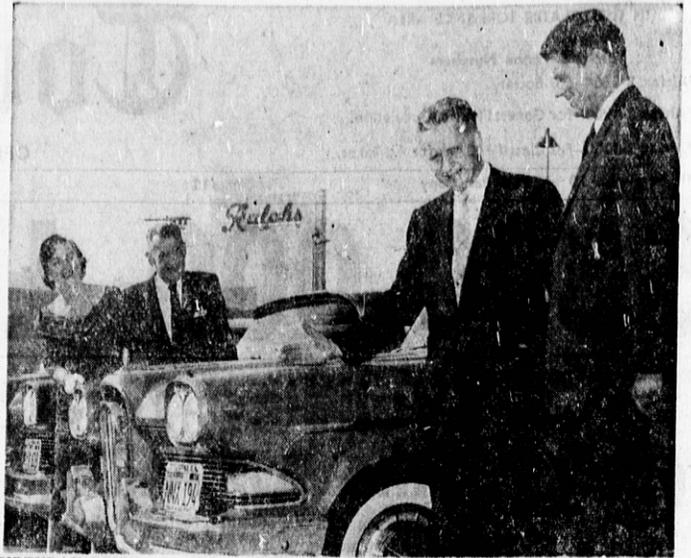
The 1957 Torch, Torrance High School yearbook, received a "B plus" rating, ranking it in the top 25 per cent of yearbooks in the country.

The award was presented by the National School Yearbook Assn., of Columbia, Mo.

Staff members of the book included Carol Burque, Don Bridges, Bill Robison, Jim Kasterko, Mary Ellen Gage, Ron Lovelady, Richard Brace, Jack Dykstra, Connie Kupl, Marilyn Linscott, Gary McKenzie, Judy Nance, Sally Jo Reed, Sherry Rouen, Helen Sands, Georgia Sandford, Mary Ann Slack, Sharon Starns, Marilyn Travelstead, and Rudy Whitcomb. Faculty advisor was Larry Macarary.

### WEIGHT FACTOR

Adults who suffer from overweight are found to be twice as susceptible to high blood pressure afflictions as persons of normal weight.



**BIRTHDAY PRIZE . . .** Andy and Virginia, stars of Ralphs' "Turn Back the Clock" show on KFI, look on admiringly (at left) as Albert Ralph Jr. (right) and Paul W. Pursley, district manager for Edsel, put their official approval on prizes during Ralphs' birthday celebration. Four Edsels are among the \$60,000 worth of prizes to be awarded during the market's 85th anniversary observance.

### Bloodmobile To Stop Here On Feb. 13

Special stress will be placed on group donors at the Feb. 13 appearance of the Bloodmobile here, according to Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, blood recruitment chairman.

The Torrance-Lomita branch of the Red Cross is asking that persons who have been donating blood fill the group quota of 10 pints of blood at each blood bank, she said.

Persons who donate under this program are eligible to get blood if they or some member of their families need it, thus depleting the supply available for other purposes. Stock of blood for emergencies is always low at the first of the year, she said.

The bloodmobile will be at the Civic Auditorium, El Prado and Cravens, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. The local office is next door to the auditorium, 1347 El Prado, and is staffed with volunteers from Monday to Friday.

### Fabulous Prizes Offered During Ralphs' Celebration

Not one, but four of the sensational new Edsel cars—Ranger, Pacer, Corsair and Citation—are among the \$60,000 worth of prizes to be given away in the 85th birthday celebration of Ralphs Grocery Co.

The celebration extends through February, with four prize drawings scheduled, one each week, on Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28. It is not necessary to buy anything to be eligible. Contestants merely write name, address and telephone number, indicating a preference of prizes.

**Prizes Listed**  
And what a choice! The array of prizes includes not only the four new Edsel cars, but also a Sunset swimming pool, four mink stoles by Maurice Ball, a round-trip for two to Paris via SAS, three Thomas electronic organs, four O'Keefe & Merritt deluxe gas ranges, 75 of the new Regency televerters, four round-trips to Hawaii via Pan American World Airways, two Waste King dishwashers and two

Waste King "Imperial Hush" disposers, four Necchi Super-nova sewing machines, four sets of Firestone "Nylon 500" tires, and a Packard-Bell 24-inch television with remote control.

**Pair Enthusiastic**  
Andy and Virginia's morning show, "Turn Back the Clock," over KFI is sponsored by Ralphs, and they are most enthusiastic about the fabulous prizes offered in Ralphs' birthday celebration sale. "Turn back the clock 85 years, and Ralphs would be about the only thing you'd recognize in Los Angeles," said Andy. "Not many establishments in the entire country can match such a record, so it's only fitting to have a real celebration . . . but such prizes! Never saw anything like it."

### SHORT TRIPS

Almost 80 per cent of all trips by motor trucks in the U.S. are said to be less than 20 miles distance.



**BANQUET PLANS . . .** Since the Southern California Gas Co. purchased the first table for the forthcoming Torrance Chamber of Commerce banquet on Feb. 25, Lynne Edgar, Chamber secretary, helps Jim Becker, local manager, and Walter Haskell, commercial manager for the firm, with their chairs. The Torrance "citizen of the year" presentation will be made and J. Roger Deas of New York will be the speaker. (Herald Photo)

### Age Limits Changed by Marine Units

Men up to 26 years old without previous military experience can enlist in the Marine Reserve aviation units and serve only six months on active duty to meet their service obligations.

That was the word from Marine Reserve Major Henry Fink Jr., 3916 Newton St., a member of the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station unit.

The previous age limit was

21, the local Reserve Leatherneck said. Under new directives from Marine Corps headquarters, they may enlist at the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment at the Los Alamitos installation.

Active duty includes recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; advanced combat training at Camp Pendleton, and, finally, seven weeks of aviation technical training at Jacksonville, Fla.

Upon completion of training, the man is re-assigned to Los Alamitos and one of the two jet fighter squadrons, VMF 123 or 241, or to Marine Air Con-

trol Squadron 18, a radar-electronics unit specializing in "early warning" work.

By attending monthly weekend drills for which four days' pay is earned, and two weeks each summer at a major Marine air installation, the enlistee will be exempt from the normal two years of duty required under the Selective Service System.

Further information, the local man said, is available by calling the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, Los Alamitos.

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**Park View Lutherans Have Inquirers' Class**

An Adult Inquirers' Class is meeting at 8 p.m. every Monday evening at Park View Lutheran Church, 14517 Crenshaw Blvd., according to the Rev. Karl Oelschlager, pastor.

At the class the teaching of Christ, the Bible, and the Lutheran church are discussed, he said. The class now has 16 members.

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