



**THAT'S ARLINGTON . . .** Pointing to their school on a map of the city of Torrance are Diana Darrah and Mike Nichols, Arlington Elementary School eighth graders. They and their classmates drew this map showing major businesses and municipal facilities as part of a social studies unit on Torrance. The youngsters wrote and visited city officials and businessmen to learn what makes Torrance go.

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## METHODISTS TO NOTE CHURCH'S 175th YEAR

The 175th anniversary of the organization of The Methodist Church in America will be recognized by Methodist churches throughout Southern California and Arizona, Dec. 27 to Jan. 10.

Three special days will emphasize the observance . . . Student Recognition Day, Sunday, Dec. 27; New Year's Eve; and YCovenant Sunday, Jan. 3. Bishop Gerald Kennedy, of Los Angeles, will preach on Methodism's 175th year over the CBS Church of the Air, Jan. 3. The program will feature music by the choir of First Methodist Church, Hollywood, under the direction of Dr. Norman Sorenson Wright. The choir will sing The Eighth Psalm, a composition by Dr. Wright.

**METHODISM'S** heritage as told in song will highlight three simultaneous hymn festivals Jan. 10 at First Methodist Church, Pasadena; First Methodist Church, San Diego; and First Methodist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. A specially written narration will link congregational singing and choral music. The programs, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be sponsored by the Commission on Worship of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference. On Student Recognition Day, churches will stress Methodism's ministry to its college students. The denomination now supports work on 25 out of 54 campuses in Southern

California and Arizona.

**ON NEW YEAR'S** Eve, many Methodists will see the old year out and the new one in while following an order of worship written by John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Others will be using a new service prepared for the 175th anniversary under auspices of the General Board of Evangelism.

And on Jan. 3, many Methodists will "renew their covenant with God" using a certain amount of misunderstanding as to the committee's reasons for referring to interim study a 1959 bill that would have fixed mandatory penalties for narcotics offenses.

**A MODERN** re-enactment of the historic meeting will be staged this Christmas when 400 young Methodist ministers and their wives from across the nation go to Baltimore for the 1959 "Christmas Conference" Dec. 28-31.

Mrs. Mary Lou Kendall, wife of Dr. Charles Kendall, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hollywood, will be among those at Baltimore. She will lead sessions for ministers' wives. Mrs. Kendall graduated from DePauw University, and took graduate work at Columbia and Boston universities. She will have been a pastor's wife 30 years on Jan. 1. She has three married children.

## Testimony Before State Probers Opposes Stiff Dope Sentences

By RICHARD RICHARDS  
State Senator

The two-day hearings on narcotics penalties, held in Los Angeles last week by the State Senate Judiciary Committee, will be most helpful in drafting legislation bearing on this phase of the narcotics problem.

The testimony of those who are best qualified in this field should also clear up a certain amount of misunderstanding as to the committee's reasons for referring to interim study a 1959 bill that would have fixed mandatory penalties for narcotics offenses.

All of the public officials who are charged with the prosecution of narcotics violators testified that they favor indeterminate sentences rather than mandatory penalties set by law.

**THIS OPINION** was clearly expressed by United States Attorney Laughlin Waters, by the District Attorneys of San Francisco and Ventura Counties, and by our own Los Angeles County District Attorney, William B. McKesson.

The same view was taken by Attorney General Stanley Mosk, and by Judge Lewis Drucker, presiding judge of the Superior Court criminal division, who testified that long and mandatory sentences will not solve the drug problem.

**WE WERE** reminded, too, that further study of the bill in question had been recommended by the District Attorneys' Assn. and by the Peace Officers' Assn. of California when the bill was first brought before the Committee two days before the adjournment of the 1959 session.

I believe our Committee is also well qualified in this field. All of its members are attorneys. Two are former district attorneys, one a former assistant district attorney, and one a former judge of the Superior Court, each of whom has had long experience in the prosecution of narcotics offenses.

**IN THIS PRESENT** study we are seeking to determine what changes, if any, in the penalties now provided by law for narcotics violations will help to curb the drug traffic and punish the guilty in a manner that will serve as a deterrent to future violators.

We are all agreed that the guilty must be severely punished, but the general experience of law enforcement officers is that the certainty of arrest and punishment act as a greater deterrent to crime than the severity of the penalty.

This, of course, is only one phase of the narcotics problem, and our subsequent hearings will inquire into related problems in the narcotics field.

## Tickets Gone For Queen Show Seats

No tickets remain for Tuesday's "Queen for a Day" T.V. show according to Special Events Chairman Bill Hanson of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Hanson said 10 bus loads of Torrance Women will make the trip to see the Moulin Rouge to see the program "Christmas Salute to Torrance." A total of 1150 women will attend the nationwide program — almost 500 of them on buses. Hanson said not only all spare Torrance buses will be used—but Gardena's buses as well.

Tuesday's show will be "taped" for rebroadcast on Wednesday, so Torrance women will have an opportunity to view themselves at 1 p.m. on Channel 4.

Torrance will be the first city honored by "Queen for a Day" in its 15 years of operation. Many surprises for local people are promised by Chamber Officials.

These include present law bearing on arrest and conviction and the need for more enforcement personnel.

At this first hearing considerable interest was expressed in the state's new pilot program for the closer surveillance of paroled narcotics users through naline tests, through which they may be promptly returned to custody for further treatment when it is found that parole has been violated.

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