



**GETS WINGS . . .** Navy Ens. Gary E. Hakanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrville W. Hakanson, 2720 Gramerey Ave., here receives Naval Aviator's wings after graduating from advanced jet training at Chase Field near Beeville, Tex. Ensign Hakanson entered the service in June, 1959, after graduating from Torrance High School and El Camino College. He took basic and pre-flight training at Pensacola, Fla. He has been assigned to a fighter squadron at Miramar near San Diego. (U. S. Navy Photo)

**TARTAR TEEN TALK**

By Carol Echols

Torrance High students enjoyed a National Assemblies program Tuesday entitled "A Bazaar in India." William S. Willet displayed a wealth of information about India, seasoned with wit and humor. He described the thrills of big game hunting and created junior, Nancy Paget, into an Indian princess. Willet also stressed India's grave and strategic position in the world affairs of today.

TUESDAY night's PTA meeting, "Focus on Transportation," featured Hal Hodge, child welfare and attendance consultant. He spoke on the topic of school-age drivers and presented slides that were most interesting. Robert Von Drak, faculty chairman for the program, presented a panel of students and parents discussing school age driving problems.

STUDENT Council members Joanne Carr, Cherrie Lacy, Tom Holdsworth, Robert Weister, and Maxine Ihara represented Torrance High at Lenox on Wednesday for the Pioneer League Forum. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss high school problems around the school and at games. Sportsmanship and student conduct were some of the topics introduced.

THE ANNUAL Roman Banquet took place Wednesday night presented by and for the Latin students under the sponsorship of their teacher, Mr. Consol. Ray Bynum was Julius Caesar for the evening and Joyce Keeler was Calpurnia. Students in Latin I acted as

slaves for the Latin II and III students. The banquet was a three-course meal with a variety of entertainment between courses.

FRIDAY WAS A holiday for students. For teachers it was BIE day, meaning Business-Industry-Education day. They visited business industries and listened to speakers Dr. Hull, Mayor Isen, and Dr. Marsee at South High School.

THE TENTH Annual Original One-Act Play Festival was presented in the High School on Friday. Linda Kraegel was the author of two comedies, "A Package for Lyle," the story of a young man's entanglement with counterfeiters, and "The Worm Turned," a play evolving around a young boy's activities. The mystery "311 Snowridge Drive" was written by Jan Planz.

This annual event has been sponsored by Miss Rosemary De Camp for 10 years. She was honored with a plaque in appreciation of her interest in encouraging creative writing.

TOMORROW marks the beginning of the biggest entertainment special of the year at Torrance High — Prom Week. The Penguins will be on our stage as well as Sonny Knight and Torrance High's own talent. The week will be climaxed by a western style dance on Friday night.

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**Three Torrance Cadets Undergo Altitude Tests**

Without leaving the ground, three Torrance cadets of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Southern California have "flown" to a simulated altitude of more than eight miles above the earth. They did it recently along with 20 other cadets in an altitude chamber at George Air Force Base near Victorville.

Local cadets receiving the altitude chamber experience included James R. Brown, 5303 Maricopa; David L. Merwin, 21725 Redbeam Ave.; and David J. Vogl, 4909 Via El Sereno.

HAD THE CADETS been in a plane at that altitude—about 43,000 feet—they would have passed through approximately 86 per cent of the earth's atmosphere.

Crews of Air Force jets which frequently go above this altitude require specially fitted flying suits resembling space suits of the future, according to Capt. Simpson J. Roper, officer in charge of the George AFB physiological training section.

THE USC CADETS used oxygen masks, and in a special test, one cadet lost consciousness after one minute and 10 seconds without oxygen at 35,000 feet in the chamber.

Twelve hours of classroom lectures preceded the chamber tests. All AFROTC students and others flying above the 18,000 foot level are required to have the altitude chamber experience. Captain Roper reported.

DURING THE classroom lec-

tures, Brown, Merwin, Vogl, and their fellow cadets hear about the physiological effects of high altitude, use of oxygen equipment, cabin pressurization, principle of pressure breathing, physical and physiological effects of gravity forces during acceleration, procedures of escape from jet aircraft, and emergency procedures.

**Stamp Club Plans Auction**

Auction night has been scheduled again for Monday, March 27, by members of the Torrance Stamp Club, club officials announced yesterday. The meeting will be held at the Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Catskill Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m.



TOURS WEST POINT . . . Midshipman Richard W. Hastings (right), son of Cmdr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hastings, 23415 Fejooa Ave., Lomita, visits U. S. Military Academy at West Point during annual exchange visit. Here Cadet Robert P. Andrews escorts Hastings and Midshipman William Carter of Baltimore to Thayer Hall during the visit. (U. S. Army Photo)

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