

# Two South High Seniors in First Place Wins in Achievement Tests



Torrance seniors walked off with two firsts, a second and a third in zone finals of the Bank of America Achievement Tests, according to word received by Torrance Unified School District officials.

With 48 students from 18 area high schools competing in four categories, Warren Cross won first place in the "liberal arts" category, while Marilyn Flynn took first in "vocational arts." Both are South High students and will compete in the county finals at the Statler Hotel on May 24, where winners will get \$1000 scholarships.

JOAN SMILLE, S.H.S., won second in the "fine arts" section, while Linea Hileman, North High, took third in "fine arts," to win \$50 and \$25 scholarships, respectively.

In the same competition last

year, Torrance seniors won three of four firsts and swept all awards in the "math and science" category, with 16 high schools competing. Rochelle Baumgarten, North High student, went on to win a first and \$1000 scholarship in the county finals.

### BACKGROUNDS of the winners are:

Cross, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cross, 5020 Macafee Rd. He hopes to study science at USC. He transferred this year to South High from Kersey, Colo. At South, he has been student body president; member of Apollos, student service group; and a letterman in football. At Kersey, he served three years in student government; treasurer of the Future Farmers of America; and was a State Speaking Contest entrant three years.

MISS FLYNN, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry W. Flynn, 24464 Park St., and plans to study business education at UCLA. Her activities at South High included, GAA Song Queen, Scholarship Society, Grid Queen princess, Athenas, Y-Teens, Girls League Flag Twirler, and Future Business Leaders.

Miss Smillie, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smillie, 925 Calle Miramar. She hopes to study art at the University of Arizona. At South High, she has been a member of Home Room Representatives Athenas, Mariners, Rally Club, Scholarship Society, Y-Teens, and has been president of the Art Club.

MISS HILEMAN, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hileman, 17026 Yukon Ave.

She hopes to be a teacher and will enter El Camino this fall. She has been an American Field Service exchange student in Switzerland. Activities include the North High Band, Scholarship Society, German Club, Chemistry Club, and El Camino Honor Band.

Other Torrance Schools' contestants in the zone contest were Phil Shaw, South; Kimiye Takeuchi, Judith Meadows, and Sandra Lee Perucca, Torrance; and Betty Jo Reading, Wendell McCorvey, and Donna Verne, North.

JUDGING took place at the Redondo Elks Club, with a panel of judges headed by Dr. Rudolph F. Sando, Los Angeles State College. Other committee members were the Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, Mrs. Roy Appsey, Logan Cotton, Lynn Hansen, H. O. Carriere, Chester

## Pastor Selected At Church

The Rev. George B. Leathers Jr. has been named pastor of the Keystone Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Leathers came to the local church from Illinois where he had a pastorate for six years and was an associational missionary for three years.

He studied at the Georgetown Baptist College and the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. The Rev. and Mrs. Leathers have three children.

A. Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Green, Mrs. Mary Rohrer, Walter G. Lynch, and William Belding.

Most of the state's private and parochial schools take part in the Bank of America Scholarship competition.

## Three Area Students on Honor List

Three Torrance-Lomita area students were included on the President's List for scholarship at Long Beach State College, it was announced yesterday.

Local students receiving the honor included Madelaine McNeal, 25900 Walnut St.; Virginia Henderson, 17816 Glorwood Ave.; and Robert D. Brannon, 20701 S. Berendo Ave.

Just over 1% of the student body was on the list.

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THE FAIREST... Patricia Ann Travis (right) is pictured being congratulated after she won the title Miss Greater San Jose of 1961 last week by last year's queen, Suzanne Marie Reams. The San Jose coed, and former Torrance High School student will compete for Miss California in June.

## Earth Science Students Working On Bones of Ancient Mammoth

El Camino College earth science students believe that their school may have the distinction of being the only college in the United States which will display bones of a prehistoric mammoth excavated from their "own backyard."

Following the recent discovery of the nearly complete fossil of a prehistoric "elephant" reported to be 20,000 years old, students Don Johnson, Diane Neilson, Ray Bivens, Carl Martin, and Edwin Edwards, sought and received permission from curators of the paleontology divisions of the Los Angeles County Museum to collect parts of the backbone, rib cage and pelvis of the mammoth, which was discovered in the Dominguez Hills area.

their "new friend." From information given them by Bessom, they place the mammoth's grave in what may have been a tidal flat that was then the California shoreline. The present coast is nine miles from diggings.

THEY ALSO report that during the Pleistocene period, great numbers of mammoths and mastodons roamed the Southland area, and for this reason they place the bones in the 20,000-30,000 year age bracket.

Ultimately, they say that they hope to mount and display the bones for public as well as educational exhibit in the new building planned for the earth science division.

"The current international situation does have its good side. Like, for example, if you don't know how to pronounce this new trouble spot, Laos, just think of a Communist and the correct way to pronounce it comes easily. Louse."—Richard Mayer, Jr., North Vernon (Ind.) Sun.

WORKING FROM instructions given them by Leonard Bessom, the museum's senior preparatory paleontologist, the students set up an overnight camp and began the process of casting the bones for removal.

Because the bones are so friable, the students had first to clear the bone surface of dirt and coat the exposed areas with resin. Several layers of plaster of paris, wet newspaper and soaked gunny sack were laid over the segments and allowed to dry. The entire cast was dug around and under and then pulled from the ground.

WITH THE bones now at the college, the students are in the process of taking the fossils from their dirt cast. This effort may take four to five months. Miss Evelyn Baldwin, earth science instructor, who has been guiding the students through much of their work, explained that the process of coating and digging the earth from around bones said to be 20,000 years old must obviously be very slow work.

In keeping with their plans for displaying the fossils, the young scholars have also done considerable research into the background of what they call



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