

# TV CANDIDS

by Terrence O'Flaherty

A good percentage of today's television stars are pretty boys with forgettable names and forgettable faces. Today's viewing public has a hard time telling which is which—if they care to know at all.

One of the exceptions is Rod Taylor, the star of "Hong Kong," and one of the few television stars to have any humor in his face. Actually it may be more mischief than humor.

Taylor has been in San Francisco shooting the pilot film for a new series called "Dateline: San Francisco," which will be a kind of Stateside version of "Hong Kong" featuring the adventures of a newspaper reporter in a glamorous locale.

I tracked down Taylor at the Fairmont Hotel recently. This is not an unlikely place to find an actor. But it is the most unlikely place for a newspaper reporter to live. (This is Taylor's fictional home in the new series "Dateline: San Francisco.")

Taylor is a rugged guy who looks much shorter than the five feet eleven that his publicity man claims. I suspect that he is quite a ladies' man, but he has a fine healthy, open face that makes him interesting to the males in his audience as well. He was born in Sydney, Australia, and studied to be a painter.

"I put in several seasons as an artist, complete with easel and several lady patrons," he explained. "And then one day I saw Sir Laurence Olivier, who toured Australia with the Old Vic Company, and decided to become an actor."

In 1954 he went to Hollywood and landed a small part in "The Virgin Queen." Several roles followed and he got a part in "Giant," playing Elizabeth Taylor's fiancee, a job that many people would like to get—and have.

From there he jumped to television and finally "Hong Kong," a series into which he put some of his own money and which attracted the eye of sponsor Henry Kaiser, a man who builds aluminum window jams and island empires with equal success. He and Taylor hit it off right away. They call each other "Dad" and "Son." No other actor I know enjoys this kind of friendship with a former sponsor. Kaiser formerly sponsored "Hong Kong," which is now in its third time around and still popular. Twentieth-Century Fox stopped making the series last year because of a legal hassle over title ownership. At that time Kaiser turned to "Follow the Sun."

"The new television series, 'Dateline: San Francisco,' is based on a newspaper man just like you," said press agent Frank Neill, who doesn't fool me for a minute. I bet he tells that to all the boys. Besides, I think we'd better wait until the show gets on the air to find if it's a compliment or not.

## Talk on Law Enforcement Wins Toastmaster Award

The local Toastmaster Clubs completed their domination of the contest when Torrance Toastmaster Ross Potter carried away the trophy for being the most accomplished liar.

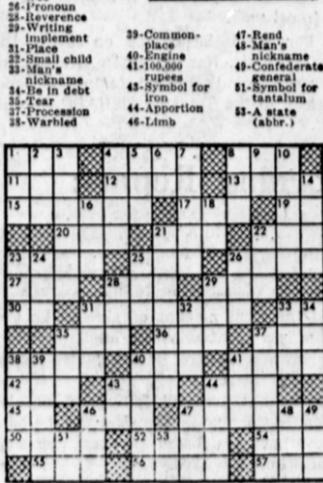
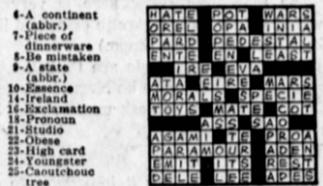
The contest was conducted by Toastmaster Dr. Sumner Saul; the Liars Contest by Lawrence Erven; area governor Robert White was in charge of the arrangements; the certificates were awarded by District Vice President Lynn Frazier; the trophies were presented by District Governor George Kaufman.

"We are handcuffing the police with our apathy, indifference, and unconcern. Respect for law enforcement is at an all time low," declared Neil Campbell, member of the Torrance Toastmaster's Club, as he won the trophy at the recent Area Speakoff Contest with a speech entitled, "A Symphony of National Disgrace."

Don Mario, member of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors-Toastmaster's Club, was runner up as he discussed "Cause and Effect."

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- In what manner?
  - Grate
  - Period of time
  - Girl's name
  - Egg-shaped
  - Ceremony
  - Lawmaking body
  - Ventilate
  - Note of scale
  - Definite article
  - Unit of measure
  - Distant
  - Appellation of Athens
  - Southwestern Indian
  - Hairstyle
  - Uncouth person
  - Deverage
  - Pondle
  - Man's nickname
  - Perapire
  - Note of scale
  - Female ruff
  - Electrified particle
  - Animal's foot
  - Encountered
  - Path
  - Snake
  - Preposition
  - Debase
  - Greek letter
  - Allow
  - Remember
  - Opening in fence
  - Leave out
  - River in Wales
  - Full behind
  - Heavy cord
  - Female



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## High School Students Attend Business Session

A number of business and distributive education students in the three high schools of Torrance attended the fifth annual Students and Business Conference Tuesday at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel, Pasadena.

The purpose of the event, sponsored by the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, is to acquaint graduating business education students with the latest trends in business methods and equipment.

Selected from participating students, representing high schools and junior colleges in Los Angeles County, were

two students believed to best represent the business world of tomorrow. They reigned over the convention as "Mr. and Miss Business." Miss Carol J. Robinson from Torrance High has successfully met the initial competition in this contest and was among the 10 finalists competing for the title, "Miss Business."

Those who were in attendance from the Torrance schools are: students Mona Wilson, Neva Languis, Caroline Schmelzer, Russell Hargrove, Barbara Sharer, Bill Sterns, and teacher Del Smith; students Pat

Packard, Sue Fordyce, Pat Cur-nutt, Ray White, Stuart McKin-ley, Nancy Hill, and teachers Mrs. Ruth Barr and Mrs. Made-line O'Connor; students Melis-

## Club Meeting Set Tuesday

Torrance Republican Club members will meet at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy., Waleria.

At a recent meeting the following committee chairmen were reported: Chris Svendsen, special assistant to the president; Jim Brooks, candidate re-search; Jeannette Altermatt, education; Merle Coffee, publi-

city; Dick Glasier, legal; Dede Sparks, librarian; Carol Gordon - Anita Sharpe, program; Gene Sparks, sergeant-at-arms; Florence Sommers, membership; Helen Brooks, communications; Ruth Easley, assistant secretary.

Further plans will be presented for Republican activities in the Torrance area.

## 'Man' Topic For Service

The spiritual relationship of God and man will be brought out in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Man" in all Christian Science churches today.

Highlighting the Lesson-Sermon is the text from Psalms, "Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture."

In the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mary Baker Eddy admonishes, "Mor-

tals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite — in order that sin and mortality may be put off."

Paul counsels in his second epistle to Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

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