

Youngsters Seek JFK Aid for 'Y'

Two young members of the Torrance YMCA's Trojans Junior Hi-Y Club decided adults were taking too much time to raise money to build a new YMCA building so they took matters in their own hands.

William C. Higgins, 13, son of Mrs. Avis Higgins of 1236 Regina Ave., and James H. Buck, 12, son of Mrs. Barbara Murray of 18520 Roslin Ave., wrote President Kennedy a letter asking for funds to build the proposed facilities.

The letter answering the determined boys indicated the president places his charitable funds in projects to aid retarded children but he offered his best wishes toward the success of the local goal.

THE LETTER was signed by Evelyn Lincoln, personal secretary to the president. In part it said, "All of his available funds go to certain selected charities, including the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Foundation which was established in memory of his older brother who was killed in action in World War II and which has for its purpose the building and maintaining of schools and

hospitals for retarded children."

HIGGINS SAYS the writing of a letter to the president was his own idea he got after reading in a newspaper that the president donates to certain organizations. The youth is in the seventh grade at Perry School.

In the letter Higgins and his friend, Buck, sent to the president they said "We are wondering if you could help our YMCA out. The building we now have is hardly big enough for 87 parents and their children. We have the plans to build and all we need now is the money to buy the land. We would appreciate it very much if you could give us a helping hand."

ON THE first of the year the two eager boys will be joined by more than 600 adults in an all-out effort to raise a necessary \$350,000 to provide the long-awaited addition to the community.

This evening the YMCA Program Committee will meet to make final space budget requirements for a new building. Once these plans have been made, the final selection of a

Lions Club Initiate 'Coin Box'

The initial success of "Operation Coin Box," a program sponsored by the South Torrance Lions Club, resulted in the presentation of a sizeable check by the club to the local branch of the American Cancer Society.

James Mechura, South Torrance Lion, who originated the idea and heads the "Coin Box" committee, urges residents to participate by asking the telephone operator to send refunds from pay telephone stations to the South Torrance Lions Club, Box 20031, Torrance. When overpayment is made or coins not returned after an incomplete call, refunds are available by mail only.

Mechura and committeemen are hopeful this program will be adopted as the Lions Club project throughout the United States.

two acre building site will be completed.

At present, the YMCA board is considering an 18,600 square foot program headquarters, complete with club rooms, swimming pool, exercise room, a large auditorium and offices.

Menorah Conducts Services

The giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai was recreated last week at Temple Menorah when 22 Confirmants inducted the Shavuot Services.

The young people confirmed are as follows: Diane Bloom and Nancy Stotland of Manhattan Beach; Steven Cole, Marlene Mayer and Judith Wasserman of Palos Verdes Estates; Bruce Cole of Gardena; Robert Cole, Henry Haskell, Gary Johnson, Terry Liblick, Sally Morrison and Deborah Weil of Redondo Beach.

Peter Coleman, Bob Platt and Jane Toben of Rolling Hills; Karen Brown, David Cutler, Patricia Deikel, Rosemary Galanda, Allen Luger, Amy Rodney and Leonard Rothstein of Torrance.

THE TWO-PART service began on Tuesday evening with the recitation of the cantata "What is Torah?" written by Ira and Judith Eisenstein. The cantata was directed by Fay Newman, organist and choir director of Temple Menorah.

ECC Pep Leaders Selected

Twenty-four young men and women will lead students at El Camino College through the fall 1963 sports season in cheers and songs.

Chosen to the pep squad this week, the newly-selected students will serve as yell leaders, song queens, flag twirlers and majorettes.

Leading team yells will be Susan Brazelton and John Burges, Inglewood; Steve De Vincenzi, Manhattan Beach; Karen McKim, Hermosa Beach and Joyce Pense, Gardena.

STANDING IN as alternates will be Fran Pierce, El Segundo; Carolee Stallmaker, Inglewood and Bonnie Sutton, Hawthorne.

New song queens are Arleen Andrews, Carole Lowe, and Judi Stadden, Torrance; Pauline Liebig and Sande Sher, Gardena, and Carolyn Jones of Redondo Beach.

Chosen as alternate song reading of the Ten Commandments from the Torah, the traditional scroll form in which the Bible was written.

Sermonettes were delivered by Sally Morrison, David Cutler, Gary Johnson, the top students of the class.

queens were Carol Crothers, Hermosa Beach and Cheryl Rucker, Hawthorne.

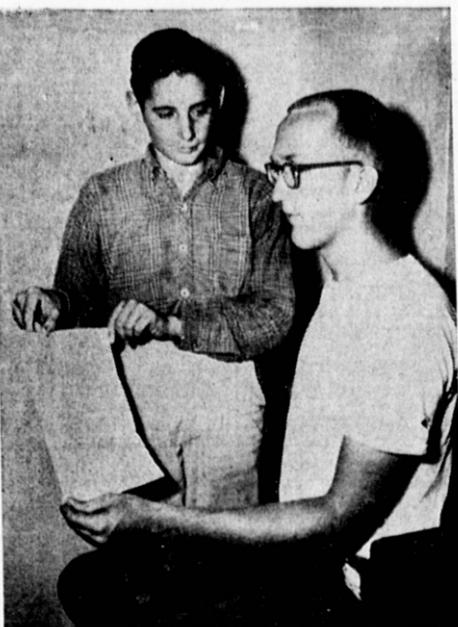
SANDY CRONIN of El Segundo was chosen majorette. Her alternate is Sharon Crisp of Hawthorne.

Judges for the pep squad were James Gualtieri, coordinator of student personnel; Skip Cuevas, commissioner of rallies; Jim Riede, commissioner activities; Ron Johnston, band major and Joan Knudsen, song queen captain.

Other judges were Ralph Mills, band director; Mrs. Betty Hershey, El Camette adviser, and Bobbie Meten, flag twirler.

Genius does what it must, and talent what it can. — Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

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LETTER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE . . . William C. Higgins, 13, left, shows a letter he got from President Kennedy's personal secretary to John Shilling, YMCA summer staff worker who will become a forestry major at Humboldt State College in September. Higgins sent President Kennedy a letter asking for a donation to the local YMCA building fund. The reply explained why the President could not donate. (Herald Photo)

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