

Tartar Teen Talk

By Pat Adams

Golden Fantasy is the theme for the biggest mid-year activity yet planned at Torrance High. Friday, Dec. 20, is the date for the annual Winter Formal.

The Torrance Elks Lodge is the place and everyone will dance from 9 to 12 to the music of the Esquires. The dress is semi-formal.

A new and different approach to the event will be presented through a program which will put representation from each class on the court. The freshman princess is Dee Dee Dyer, sophomore princess is Judy Rhyhart, Janet Kimbrell is the junior class princess, and Pat Adams will represent the seniors. The four princesses are now conducting a canned food and toy drive to help needy families.

When the drive ends, the totals will be announced and the winning class will be declared the most generous class at THS.

A MOCK Geneva Conference was held Dec. 9 with the members of the International Relations Club taking the roles of the delegates from the various countries. Awards were presented to the distinguished speakers.

Second place winners were

Judy Allen, Jeff Carpenter, Valerie Gustavson, Phyllis Tatum, and Kathy Turner. First place awards were claimed by Richard Tiernan, Roger Webb, and Susan Welsh.

Happiness is a new building with lots of elbow room! The girls have finally moved into their new gym, the boys onto their rejuvenated gym. As our growing school expands, the students feel a new pride in THS.

HELP IS BEING solicited for the Christmas Aud Call. Entertainment will be provided by the Tartar Choir, Girls Glee Club and some of our talented Tartars. A true Christmas spirit, down to old Saint Nick (or Santa Claus) will be the order of the day of Dec. 20.

The Tartar wrestling team was victorious last Wednesday, in their first match of the season. Final score: Redondo 22, Tartars 28! Tomorrow, we meet Leuzinger for a home match. Time is 3:30 p.m.

Both the Varsity and the Bees showed a tremendous amount of potential for the 1963 Tartar basketball season in the recent tournaments. The Bees won fourth place, and the Varsity remained close in the crucial games.

See you next week . . .

New Soundproofing System Used In New Horizons-South Bay Here

Remember the old saw about the "walls were so thin you could hear your neighbor drop a sigh"?

Well, all that is history: Thanks to some simple metal strips which, when incorporated in the construction of a home, makes walls as soundproof as if you lived all alone in a castle surrounded by a moat.

The soundproof wall system, developed by U.S. Gypsum, is being used in all common walls and ceilings at the New Horizons - South Bay, adult recrea-

tion and garden home community in Torrance, according to developer Ray Watt and Jack Anderberg, U.S. Gypsum regional manager.

"THE SYSTEM is quite simple, but highly effective," said Anderberg. "Ordinary walls are constructed by attaching wall surfacing directly to wood studs. As a result, sound is conducted by the studs through the wall surface and into neighboring units."

"At New Horizons, however, long strips of angled metal,

which are called 'clips,' are first fastened to the studs. Then the wall surface is attached to the clips at the angle which does not touch the studs. Sound conducted by the studs are transferred to the clips which 'hold' the sound and does not transmit it to the wall surface."

A similar metal clip system is installed in ceilings at New Horizons - South Bay so that sound from second-level residences is not transmitted downward, Anderberg explained. In addition, the walls

and ceilings are separated by a double row of staggered studs and a double thickness of fiberglass batt.

"EVEN MEDICINE cabinets," Watt explained, "are wall hung and electrical outlets are staggered (not back to back) to assure complete soundproofing."

New Horizons, \$18 million Gold Medallion condominium project, will contain 600 garden homes. Already in operation are a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse and recreation build-

ing, nine-hole 3-par golf course, putting green surrounded by a lake, swimming pool, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, ping pong, horseshoe and croquet facilities.

Each resident become an equal owner with his neighbor of all the community facilities, a "bonus" included in the price of the home.

Residency, according to Watt, is limited to families in which one spouse must be 35 years old or more or to single persons 35 years old or more. No children less than 18 years of

age may be permanent residents.

New Horizons - South Bay is on Sepulveda Boulevard between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Boulevards.

Airman J.C. Volney C. Allen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney C. Allen Sr., of 1663 W. 215th St., has been selected outstanding airman of the month at McClellan AFB, Calif.

Airman Allen is a graduate of Narbonne High School and attended Harbor College.

Rabbits Given Blame For Spread of Fever

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M. D. County Health Officer

Tularemia, often called rabbit fever or tick fever, is primarily an infectious disease of wild rodents and man. Reservoirs of the infection include many wild and domestic animals and certain birds, while vectors or carriers of the disease organisms include infected flies and ticks. The infection in man causes an acute illness and is fatal in about 5 per cent of untreated cases. With treatment, fatality is negligible.

Some 490 cases of tularemia were reported in California between 1927 and 1959, with 13 deaths. Nine cases of the disease were reported in Los Angeles County in the 10-year period 1953-62, resulting in two deaths.

The disease was named for Tulare County, California, after health officials identified the disease organisms (Pasteurella tularensis) while examining ground squirrels in that area during 1911. The infection was later found to exist throughout North America and in many other parts of the world as well.

RATS AND MICE, muskrats, tree squirrels, gophers, beavers and a variety of other wild and domestic animals — including the cat and dog — may be infected with the disease, but the chief source of infection in this area is the wild rabbit. In fact, according to a California survey covering a 25-year period, the rabbit was found to be the source of infection in more than 80 per cent of cases recorded during this time. In many of the remaining cases tick bites were involved.

The infection generally follows inoculation of the skin with the tularemia bacillus. Since the organism is capable of penetrating healthy unbroken skin, no scratch or wound is needed to provide a portal of entry into the body. Even the rubbing of the eye after handling an infected animal may cause the oculoglandular (eye) form of the infection.

A SYSTEMIC form of the infection may follow the eating of undone meat or the drinking of water contaminated with the disease organisms.

The inoculation period of tularemia (the time interval between the actual infection

and signs of illness) ranges from 24 hours to 10 days but is usually about three days. In cases where more than 10 days elapse after suspected exposure to infection, there is little chance that the disease will develop.

Chills and fever, severe headache, nausea, and generalized aching and prostration, are among the first signs of the infection followed in one or two days by the formation of an ulcer at the original point, or points, of infection. The lymph glands draining the involved area may become enlarged and tender and may abscess. There is no glandular involvement in the gastric form of the disease, although the other symptoms are usually present.

DIAGNOSIS of the disease may be confirmed by laboratory tests, while treatment with certain of the antibiotics is generally highly effective. If left untreated, tularemia usually runs its course in three to four weeks. One attack of the disease affords permanent immunity. Preventive vaccines are presently under study.

Prevention of tularemia depends upon the precautions each person takes for his own safety. It is advisable to handle sick or dead wild animals, or to skin or dress wild game without wearing rubber gloves. All animals whose internal organs are studded with white spots should be buried or burned and the person's hands washed and disinfected. The absence of spots, it is cautioned, does not always indicate that the animal is free of the disease.

ADDITIONAL control measures include the thorough cooking of all wild game meat, the avoidance of raw drinking water obtained from streams in areas that may be inhabited by infected animals, and the taking of suitable precautions against insect and tick bites in areas where tularemia is present in the small wildlife population.

A pamphlet on tularemia will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

South Senior Wins Coveted Science Medal

Robert Greene, a senior at South High School, will receive the coveted Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award medal when commencement ceremonies are held in June.

Green is now eligible to compete for the annual Bausch & Lomb science scholarships at the University of Rochester. About 10 such scholarships are awarded each year.

Dr. John A. Lucas, principal of the school, said Greene was cited as one of the top science students at South High. The medal is presented by Bausch & Lomb to a graduating senior for outstanding achievements in science.

Lomita Cheers Carson Failure To Incorporate

The advisory council of the Lomita Civic League's committee opposing incorporation has sent a letter of congratulations to the Carson Homeowners Assn. for their work in defeating the proposed incorporation of Carson.

In the letter, members of the Lomita committee cited the similarity between the two areas — size, population, and general lack of industry.

The Lomita committee also said the defeat of the Carson bid for incorporation had given them new enthusiasm.

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