

Model Youth Legislature Opens Today

The Sixteenth Session of the YMCA Model Youth Legislature for teenage boys and girls will be convening today through Sunday.

Torrance Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y delegates will be Representative Jim Griffin, Senator Leslie Gary, Representative Jan Johnson, Legislative Advocate Paul Schmidt, Reporter Lane Taylor and Legislative Aide Gayle Shaffer. These teenagers are members of Leaders Club, Diors, Sebastians, and Debonnaires clubs.

In preparation for the four-day session in Sacramento with youth from all over the state of California, the delegates prepare their own bills and gather material so they may present them at the Youth Legislature. The Torrance delegation will propose a "fair share" state aid for education bill.

THE BILL would see that minimum support from the state general fund be set at 50 per cent level, thus relieving the tax burden of the property owner somewhat and placing more support from taxpayers in general throughout the State of California.

Several of the interesting youth bills to be discussed at the Youth Legislature range from abolishment of capital punishment, voting age level, constitutional convention call, youth conservation corp, vehicle registration, to legal abortions. More than 70 bills will be presented. Of these 70, possibly 10 to 15 will get through both houses and onto the Youth Governor's desk for signature. Adult advisors for the Torrance group are Cleone Rector and Art Sears.

Leadbetter Named New ECC Trustee

John Emerson Leadbetter of Hawthorne will serve on the Board of Trustees of El Camino College. Leadbetter was appointed last week during a meeting of the board.

The new trustee, an engineering company executive, will complete the unexpired term of the late Dr. Wallace H. Fraser, who represented Centinela Valley on the five-man board for nearly 10 years. Dr. Fraser died in December.

Vacancies on the board are filled by appointment under provisions of the State Education Code.

Leadbetter, 51, is a native of Garden City, Mo., and has served as president of Associated Aero Science Laboratories, Inc., since 1954.

He has been active in community affairs for many years. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the Centinela Valley YMCA, a member of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce, and the Elks.

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Law Requires Smog Devices On Vehicles by End of 1965

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If you own a 1961 or later car made in the United States and purchased originally in California, don't worry. It will have a crankcase emission control device installed by the manufacturer.

VEHICLES WHICH don't fall under the terms of the law include diesel-powered vehicles, used foreign cars,

autos older than 1939, motorcycles, agricultural and farm equipment, large road building equipment and the so-called "rare vehicles."

Otherwise, the terms of the law provide that all cars sold or transferred which were made between 1950 and 1960 must have a device installed before they can be registered to the new owner.

By January, 1965, all 1950 through 1960 vehicles with license numbers ending in the numeral 1 must have the smog control device installed.

IN FEBRUARY, 1965, the device must be installed on all 1950 through 1960 vehicles

with the license plate ending in the number 2, and so on for each month of the year. By the end of October, 1965, vehicles with license plates ending in 0 must have the devices.

The process is the same for all 1950 through 1960 commercial vehicles, except that the installation must be completed by October, 1964. All commercial vehicles must have the device when they are registered in 1965.

Finally, the law is applicable only in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara.

YMCA Membership Grows Five Times in 10 Years

Membership of the Torrance YMCA is five times as large today, as it was 10 years ago, while the numbers of local youngsters taking part in YMCA camps has increased more than 13 times since 1953.

That was the report today from the Torrance Family YMCA, surveying its activities for 1963. During the same period, the population of Torrance grew about three times.

Current membership of the Y is 5,100, compared to 945 only 10 years ago. Last year, some 1,365 youngsters attended various camps sponsored locally. In fact, the Torrance Family YMCA runs the third largest camping program in the nation, and the largest of the 25 branches in the Metropolitan YMCA region.

THE FORMER Navy mess hall which now serves as Torrance YMCA headquarters during December, 1963 served as a nerve center for the 174 different youth clubs and councils, which held 562 meetings and drew an attendance of nearly 7,000 people.

Despite the fact that "Men"

is in the title of the "Y" the organization also serves many women and girls in the community. While boys and men are participating in Y-Indian Guides, Gra-Y groups, and Hi-Y organizations, girls and women enjoy participating in Y-Indian Maidens, Tri-Gra-Y and Tri-Hi-Y.

"PEOPLE sometimes don't realize all the activities that go on at the Y," Secretary Joe Wilcox noted. "It isn't strictly a boy's and men's athletic club as many people tend to believe. We pride ourselves on being a family organization, serving all of the people."

Aside from its widespread vacation and summer camping programs, the Y sponsors a variety of other activities, with particular emphasis on family participation. These range from kite flying contests and all sorts of sporting activities to crafts programs and classes in remedial reading.

We try to have program in every wholesome area where our members express an interest or where the community feels there is a need," Wilcox said. "We believe this is the best in developing sound young people and families."

BECAUSE MANY of the clubs are heavily involved in Indian lore, the Y maintains an active interest in Indians. Every year, the local group collects food, clothes, and toys for the Navajo Indians in Arizona and last year made a special caravan trip with more than 14 tons of goods for the tribes.

Each year the Y's Men's Club sells Christmas trees to raise funds to put into the local youth program. More than \$15,000 worth of trees were sold in 1963.

Union Carbide Arranges Loan Of \$2 Million

Union Carbide Corp. has announced that it will borrow \$200 million from Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and the Prudential Insurance Co. of America to be used in connection with the corporation's capital expansion program.

Each insurance company is advancing Union Carbide \$100 million on 30-year notes bearing interest at the rate of 4½ per cent per year.

Realty Board Installs 29 New Members

The Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors installed 29 persons during January, according to Delmar Wright, board president. The new membership marked an increase of 10 per cent as compared to January of 1963.

Installed with class A realtor memberships were: Armand Amado, Lovelle McCown, Wolfgang Peterson and Daryl Stark. Class B realtor memberships were granted to: Clarence Reichwein, Don Mario and Manget Griffith.

New salesmen memberships include: Robert Connors, Fred Helliwell, Robert Hood, John Koett, Lyle Christensen, Edward Ketzman, Paul Denton, Richard Beggerly, Norzette Church, Lester Dagget, and Catherine Ellis, Irmtraud Foster, Harold Freudenberg, Richard Griffin, Robert Honeyman, Regan Idom, George Marshall, John McDonald, Beverly Mermiges, Robert Scofield, John Del Thomas, Gail Washburn, and Billy Joe Waters.

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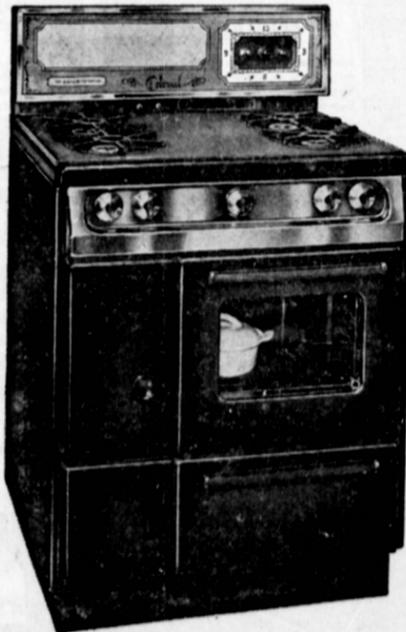
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