

High School Students Win Prizes for Many Activities

Torrance high school students marched off with a number of awards during the 1952-53 school year in scholarship, art, music, speaking and other fields.

Some 192 students at North, South, and Torrance High Schools were members of the schools' scholarship societies, with 47 scholarship and awards winners at NHS and THS. South High has no seniors this year.

North High's girls' glee club and choir both won excellent ratings in the Southern California Vocal Festival. Torrance High's combined choral groups were rated superior in district competition. South High's choir members Earl Wycoff and Judith Johnson were chosen for the National Music Educators' Choir and Toxie French and John Widney won places in the same group's band.

South High's band won an excellent rating in the Southern California Music Festival. The THS musicians participated in USGS band day and were invited to UCLA's band day. They rated second in the Kiwanis district competition and played at the East-West bowl game.

At Torrance High, Margaret Hathaway won a vocal award in the Arion Music program, while William Colby won in the instrumental class. Mike Mullen won third in a high school and college piano competition.

On the athletic field, North High's golf and tennis teams ended up first in their leagues, while Torrance High's cross-country men won the Southern Section title in the CIF. South High's Cees won Crescent League championships in track and dual meets, while taking a sportsmanship blanket.

Torrance High's annual won a top rating in competition with other school yearbooks. South High journalist Bill Edwards won a prize for the story he wrote describing his experiences during "a day in the Navy." He received a replica of the USS Los Angeles in a recent presentation.

North High coed Carolyn Lund placed fifth in the USC Invitational Speech tourney, while Bob Brooks and Jim Hawkins of South High and Judy Lundborn of Torrance High were winners in the Jaycee-sponsored Voice of Democracy contest. Eliza Salma, SHS, rated first in the dramatic interpretation category of the Southern California Debate League Tourney. Carolyn Waddingham, SHS, reached the final of the Lions Club

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Rev. Ray Anger Gets Doctorate

Dr. Ernest Halmes, founder of the Religious Science Movement, presented Rev. Ray Anger, minister of the Torrance Religious Science Group, with an honorary degree of Doctor of Religious Science, at the Founder's Church annual graduation ceremonies in L. A. last Sunday afternoon. The doctorate was in recognition of the minister's long service to the movement, his work on several national boards, and his authorship of an outstanding metaphysical book.

New recognition came to the Torrance group June 22, when Dr. Mark Carpenter, administrator of the department of affiliated churches of the Church of Religious Science, L. A., conferred upon the local congregation special status as a fully accredited study group. This was done at a potluck dinner celebration.

Local Students Receive Degrees at SC Exercises

Felicitations are being received by Torrance residents who were among 3200 seniors of the University of Southern California honored at formal commencement exercises held Saturday in Alumni Memorial Park of the campus.

It marked the 75th annual event in SC history. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, came from Washington, D. C., to give the commencement address following a cap and gown procession of graduates and faculty across the campus.

SC graduates from this community and their respective degrees include: Segundino Castillo, BS; George Crowell, BSEE; Richard Herr, AE; Louise Hasegawa, BFA; John Babbitt, BS; Alexander Pawluk, BS; Norman Tremblay, BSE; Wallace Van Loan, MBA; Wilfrid Belleau Jr., MS Ed.; Marilyn Buck MS Ed.; David Carter, MS Ed.; Robert Cosby, MS Ed.; John Fosterling, MS Ed.; Lynn Frazier, MS Ed.; Charles Lager, MS Ed.; Carol Mowrer, MS Ed.; Stanley Schlick Jr., MS Ed.; John Seales, MS Ed.; Howard Stark, MS Ed.; Albert Briqat, MSEE; Roland Olson, MSEE; Lyman Robbins, MSEE; John Wren, LLB; Patricia Elliott, MSW; Howard Jenkins, Ph.D.; Ethel Sherbendy, BS in D. H.; Donald Schultz, DDS; James Crockett, MS Ed.

Honor Mrs. Ellis at PTA Party

Mrs. James Ellis, president of 136th Street School PTA, was the honored guest June 9 at a party held at Higgins Brick Yard after the last executive board meeting. Mrs. Walter Stewart, first vice president and president-elect, arranged the affair and chose the theme "So Dear to Our Hearts."

Tables were decorated with garden flowers and white paper upon which the theme quote was written many times in pink. At the head table was a beautiful gift of flowers sent to Mrs. Ellis by Mrs. Jay Takahashi, former board member who was unable to attend. Mrs. Mac Tanashari, another board member unable to attend, sent candy.

The business meeting followed the pot luck dinner and unfinished business of the year was completed. It was voted to furnish the dessert for the A-6 party, and Mrs. Herman Hisenbeis, room representative chairman, announced room representatives would serve the luncheon.

After the meeting board members played games and a mock "Queen for a Day" skit was held. Mrs. Ellis was chosen queen and received several small gifts and an electric coffee maker from her board. Secret pals were revealed and gifts distributed. Mrs. Ellis presented each of her board members with a vase. The executive board wished Mrs. Ellis farewell as she and her family are moving to Palmdale.

Those attending were Meses. James Ellis, Walter Stewart, Herman Eisenbeis, J. T. Evans Jr., R. Dan Bryan, Phillippe Major, Hugh Allen, Donald Dittman, Bill Lewis, Edward Patton, Maurice Warner, David Cox, Harry Bright, Tom Nakaoki, Floyd Phillips, Frank Garst, Clifford Risher, Ralph Nichols, James McMullen, John Selby, Robert Rasmussen, Robert White, Leamon Gibson, Frank Daddi, and Robert White. Also Meses Ruth Engdahl, Frances Saxton and Nancy Stang, Mrs. Ellis' sister.

Alter Named to Head Leads, Inc.

At a meeting of the stockholders of Leads, Inc., a local investment corporation, held at the offices of Alter Realty and Insurance in Torrance Saturday, Gerald L. Alter was elected president.

This corporation, which is exclusively managed by Alter Realty and Insurance, also announced a 30 per cent stock dividend, which makes a total of 140 per cent in dividends since they took over the management in 1952.

Other officers elected were H. L. Rushfield, vice president; Jack D. Taylor, secretary, and Fred D. Hudkins, assistant secretary.

Alter, who was first elected secretary and director of Leads Inc. in 1952, and vice president in 1954, was also named president of Torrance Building Maintenance Co., now a subsidiary of Leads, Inc.

Alter is also president of Alter Realty and Insurance, Alter Building Co., Torrance Mortgage Co., and vice president of Alter Insurance and Property Management Inc., and a director of Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Inc.

Dena Lou Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Couser of 568 Palos Verdes Blvd., has received her bachelor's degree from Pomona College. She intends to enroll at SC Medical School in September.

Union Carbide, Firemen Stage Disaster Drill

A combined practice session was held at the plant of Union Carbide Chemicals Co. at 3651 Del Amo Blvd., to culminate a series of cooperative training sessions held by approximately 40 members of the Torrance Fire Department and plant fire protection personnel.

The Torrance Fire Department under the direction of Fire Chief J. J. Benner and the company fire squads, under the direction of Shift Superintendent J. T. McClure, participated in a simulated practice problem. This problem gave both groups an opportunity to witness the company's built-in fire protection equipment in action, which makes it possible to cover any area of the plant with a blanket of water in a matter of seconds. It also indicated how well the up-to-date equipment of the Torrance Fire Department could supplement this.

Carbide officials were quoted as saying they were very pleased with the fine cooperation and interest shown by Chief Benner and his men. This exercise was a continuation of training of plant personnel in fire fighting techniques and procedures for handling plant emergencies.

While the possibilities of fire and other disasters are remote, Chief Benner and Carbide officials agree that proper preparation is very important in minimizing injury to personnel and damage to property.

Receives Degree

John Gandsey of Rolling Hills was among those receiving master's degrees in engineering at UCLA commencement exercises. A graduate of Torrance High School, class of '39, he is also a graduate of Compton Junior College and University of California at Berkeley.

He is the son of Mrs. John Gandsey of 1810 W. 21st st., a pioneer resident of this area.

Boys at Boys State

Two Torrance youth will represent Bert C. Crossland Post 170 American Legion at Boys' State in Sacramento this week.

They are John Bentwood of 1313 Greenwood ave., from Torrance High, and Kenneth Weeks of 4722 Tower st., from North High School.

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