

Phony Repairs Ire Resident

Warning that "fly-by-night" body repairmen are taking advantage of car owners was given this week by a Lomita man who said he was the victim of these operators.

He said that the men observe a car with dents and offer to repair them on the spot at a cheap price. Most of the repairs, the man said, consist of smearing painter's putty over the holes.

When it dries, it comes right off, he charged. By this time the repairmen have left with the victim's money.

Serra to Host Music Festival

The Los Angeles Archdiocesan Instrumental Festival will be held this year at Serra High School, Gardena.

Festival activity on April 30 will begin at 2 p. m. A massed band rehearsal will be held until 5:30 p. m. Following the rehearsal, all participants will have dinner in the Serra Cafeteria.

The evening program will begin at 7:30 and feature individual performances by all participating groups. Critics will prepare a check sheet of strong and weak points and suggestions for development of the participants.

Local Actors Appear in 'Bus Stop' Show

Several local actors and actresses will take part in the San Pedro Theater production of "Bus Stop," opening tomorrow evening at the playhouse, 501 South Cabrillo Ave., San Pedro, at 8:15 p. m.

Teddie Lee Halley, 2311 1/2 W. 241st St., Lomita, will appear in the lead role of "Cherie," made famous by Marilyn Monroe in the movie version of the play.

Her first SPTA play, Miss Halley is employed at the district attorney's office. She played the queen in the Children's Theater production of "King of the Cream Puff," and took second place in 1956 in a Miss Hanford beauty pageant. An accomplished violinist, she also plays the clarinet and organ and has been a dancing instructor.

Local actor Dick Piper, 2104 Cabrillo Ave., will appear in the role of Virgil, the ranch hand godfather to Bo. An SPTA favorite, Piper began his acting career in high school and continued it in the Air Force, where he won the best actor award in the first annual Theater Festival held in Japan. He has appeared in "The Rainmaker" with SPTA and in "Stalag

17" and "Detective Story." He currently is employed in the wardrobe section of MGM Studios and plans to make this his career.

Hal and Marion Lepper, of 23726 Vine Ave., are secondary romantic interests in their interpretations of Carl, the bus driver, and Grace, owner of the roadside cafe. They are husband and wife in real life.

Marion started little theater work backstage with the Palo Alto Community Players many years ago. With her husband, she has worked in a number of South Bay area theater productions, including those of the Manhattan Players, Chapel Playhouse, and San Pedro Theater Arts. For her performance in Chapels "Bad Seed," she received the best supporting actress award. Hal usually does duty as SPTA's production manager. He is vice-president of the non-profit theater group. Both appeared in the SPTA production, "Guest in the House."

Tickets for the production may be obtained by contacting Col. Walter A. Buck, 6532 Via Sienna Dr., San Pedro.



PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Architect Roy Donley's plans show the proposed new Towers Elementary School, Towers and Ronald Ave., Torrance. The new school, which is expected to open next year, will have 12 classrooms, two kindergartens, a music room and multi-purpose room. It will help crowded conditions at Flavian and Steele Elementary Schools. Estimated cost is about \$500,000.

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Chamber Group Toured Pearl Harbor Facilities

President Fred W. Mill of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and his wife, Marie, arrived home late this week as the last of the Friendship Tour of Hawaii which left here April 10.

Mill reported that one of the highlights of the tour was an inspection of Pearl Harbor as the guests of the U. S. Navy.

Commander J. Alden Slover, SC, USN, who is on duty with Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, is a Torrance man who helped arrange the Pearl Harbor tour. The tour included a boat trip of Pearl Harbor, a visit to the Arizona Memorial.

Nearly Half of High School Students Take Science Now

Nearly half of all Torrance high school students are currently taking science courses, with each required to take at least one year during his high school career.

This was announced by administrators during a luncheon held in conjunction with the North High Science Fair which featured 180 lectures, exhibits and films furnished by industries.

North High has seven high school science courses at the present time. Biology I is most popular, claiming about 27 per cent of the science enrollment. Twenty-one per cent of the students are taking chemistry. Other enrollments include general science, 19 per cent; modern sci-

ence, 19 per cent; physics, 9 per cent; biology II, 7 per cent; and science research, 2 per cent.

A comparison of North High School with the 23 schools surveyed in the Conant Report indicates that in the number of top students taking advanced academic courses, North High would have ranked third on the list if it had been included in the study, they say.

The number of brighter North High boys taking advanced courses was somewhat above the Conant average; the number of NHS girls taking science was slightly below average. Both boys and girls rank above average in the number of math courses taken.

One of the newer developments for North High students is a science research course, where they can delve deeper into various fields of science. Brighter students are picked to do advanced research in many fields, and two students—Clarence Fuzak and James Wilson—were picked to attend advanced courses at El Camino College.

In this research course, each student is required to do two research projects per semester. Most of these involve research for term papers, similar to those required in college.

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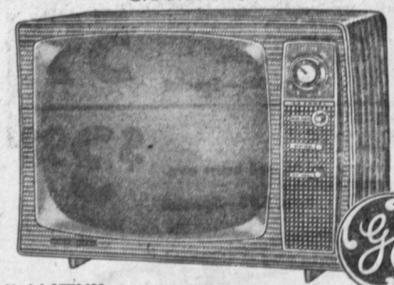
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