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GRADS... from the Youngest



GRADUATES (l. g.)—Even the little ones are getting diplomas in pint-sized caps and gowns. Theodore A. Saniga, Karen Peachy and Gordon Mishino, from left, all valedictorians of the Harbor Christian School kindergarten class, proudly clutch their diplomas, which entitle them to go up to the first grade. —Press Photo

Commuters Protest Cut in Bus Service

... to the Oldest



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS—Helping the male graduates with their robes in anticipation of Tuesday graduation ceremonies are the three female undergraduate members of the Bigler family. Three generations of Biglers have attended North High. Shown are Grand-

Lack of Bus Depot Also Under Attack

Protests against cutbacks in bus service and lack of a depot will be presented to the City Council Tuesday. Two petitions and two letters were received from commuters this week, objecting to any changes in the Los Angeles line of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

The Council transportation committee has recommended ending the Los Angeles line, which now goes into the downtown area, at 102nd St. and Vermont Ave., where it connects with an MTA bus and streetcar line.

Also suggested is stopping the Long Beach line at Avalon Village and leaving the field to the Grayhound Bus service.

Annual Subsidy
The recommendations to cut back on the two lines and at the same time boost service within the city limits is expected to go to the City Council shortly. The recommendations are based on cost of the present \$40,000 subsidy to the bus line from the general fund.

One opposing petition was signed by 20 Hawthorne and Lawndale commuters who protested discontinuation of service along Crenshaw Blvd., and another was signed by nine Hawthorne residents.

A letter from Mrs. Margaret G. Dege, of Los Angeles, suggested that if any cutbacks are made on the line, they should be only during the slack part of the day.

Render Service
"The bus line is rendering a definite service to the working people of Torrance and Southwest Los Angeles," she wrote. "Surely the demand for this transportation is legitimate."

Another letter, from Mrs. Stella Freleigh, 1741 Martina St., chided the city for lack of a bus depot since the bus terminal was moved to a triangular park on Torrance Blvd.

"What are you going to do about a bus depot? A town of 97,000, and one must stand out in cold, wind, hot sun, and when winter comes, rain," she said.

"What do you think this will do for Torrance? You better start hanging crepe," she concluded.

Top City Brass is Low Paid

Top city brass is getting short-changed in pay, while some employes in lower echelons are better off than their counterparts in other cities and private industries.

That was the statement of Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, when he asked the City Council to make adjustment in pay scales.

Bone said that the higher officials here do rather poorly in their earnings compared to their colleagues elsewhere.

He said the Council should consider making upward adjustments for them before granting a five per cent pay boost to all employes.

"There is a distortion at the top. We should adjust this before any overall salary increases are granted," Bone maintained. He said the adjustment would cost approximately \$48,000.

He explained that as an example a police patrolman here is paid a reasonable amount compared to other cities. But a sergeant slips two per cent behind, a lieutenant, four per cent, and a captain, nine per cent.

He said about five to ten per cent of city employes are "overpaid" compared to other cities. But in some categories a 10 to 15 per cent boost is needed to put top officials on comparable terms with their out-of-city colleagues.

POOL SETS OPENING
Alondra Park swimming pool will open Saturday for the summer program.

Three Generations Receive Sheepskins

Education is contagious, members of the Bigler family of North Torrance declare. Eight of them, representing three generations, have attended classes in Torrance schools this year. Six of the Biglers have taken classes at North High.

The 143 Torrance Adult School graduates Tuesday night will include Grandpa Dale Bigler Sr. and his two sons, Dale Jr. and Ronald. Cheering them from the audience will be the wives of Dale Sr. and Dale Jr., fellow students in adult school; Sharon Bigler, granddaughter, and North High sophomore; and Dale and Judith Bigler, grandchildren and Crenshaw Elementary School students.

All three are proud as punch of their diplomas. Ronald, a Servomechanisms employe, plans to take more classes at El Camino. Dale Jr. just felt "I needed the diploma. He is a Ryan Aircraft employe. Dale Sr. is a painter.

All three could urge youngsters to complete their high school work while they are young.

Like all children their age, the three Bigler grandchildren have been attending classes for several years. The educational bug infected Mother Dale Bigler Sr. last fall, and she enrolled in night classes to try to get her high school diploma.

Her progress inspired her husband, Dale Jr. and his brother, Ronald, and they made plans to take night classes starting in the spring semester.

In December, Grandpa and Grandma Bigler arrived for the yearly visit from New Philadelphia, Ohio. They usually stay for two or three months to visit the family. When they heard that the rest of the family was trying for a high school diploma, Grandma and Grandpa decided to enroll also. In fact, they delayed their departure from California so that they could complete the semester. Originally, they planned to go home in March.

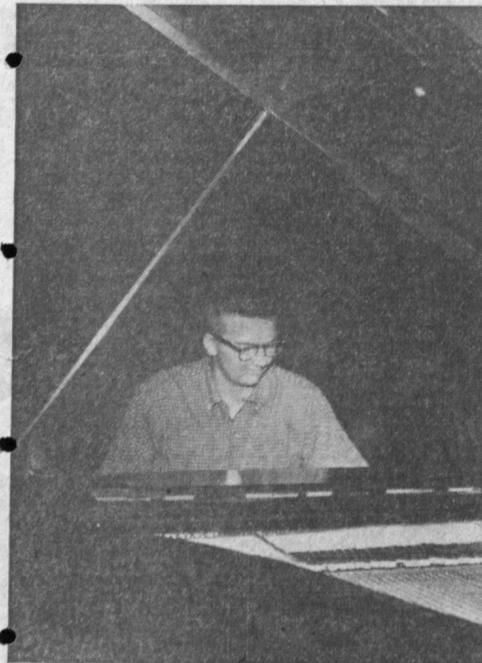
The three men took the General Educational Development Test, with Grandpa Bigler passing with the highest score of anyone in the history of the Torrance Adult School. Passing the test enabled the men to graduate

Bishop Demands Stevens' Resignation

Ronald W. Bishop today demanded the resignation of Torrance City Manager George W. Stevens.

Bishop, retiring city engineer of Torrance, stated, "Stevens, by his actions, has shown himself to be a pawn of a certain political element and has lost the objectivity that is necessary to properly administer such an office."

Bishop reiterated the charges he made earlier in the week and added, "Since that time I have received numerous calls from citizens of Torrance who expressed an interest in this matter."



REHEARSAL—Tickling the keyboard in practice for Sunday's Torrance High School baccalaureate service at 3 p. m. is Mike Mullen, who will play at the program. —Press Photo



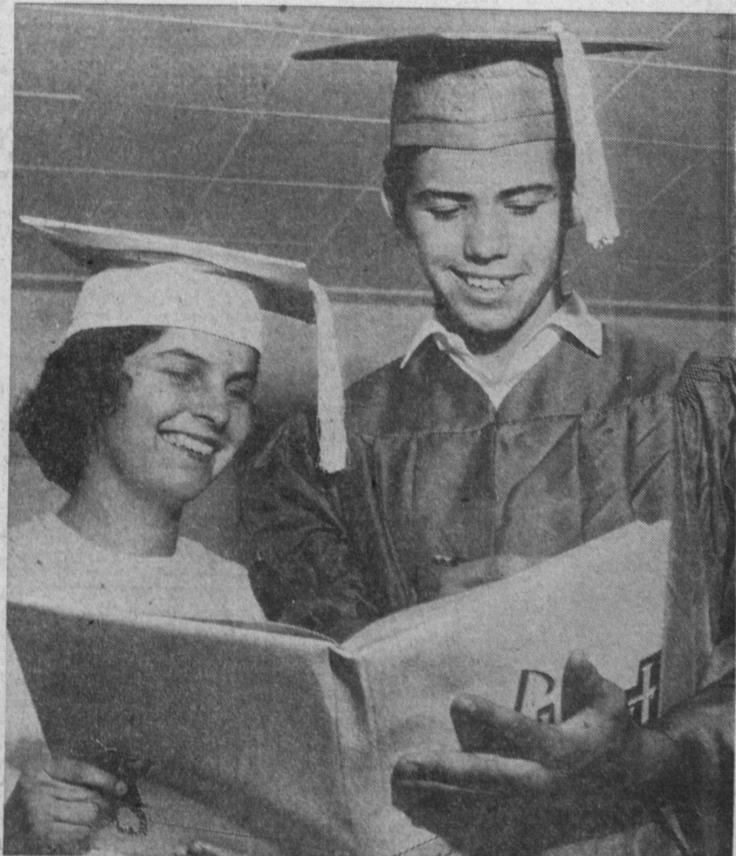
GOWN SQUAD—Carol Jordan, center, hands graduation cap and gown to Jerry Sinner, right, as Janice Vern checks fit of hers as part of last week's activities at North High School. —Press Photo



SEASON UNIFORM—Sharon Clark, member of the Torrance High School student council, adjusts tassel of her graduation caps as she prepares herself for Thursday's commencement exercises. —Press Photo



KNOTTY PROBLEM—Mardell Clayton, commissioner of records at Torrance High School, does her good deed for day as she adjusts tie of Manford Mainer, Boys' League president, as both try on their caps and gowns. —Press Photo



ANNUAL AUTOGRAPH—Eddie Wood, senior class president at North High School, performs the traditional task of signing autographs. Here he puts his name in annual for Carolyn Weir, senior class vice-president. —Press Photo