

Two Torrance Men Receive Degrees as Cal-Poly Grads

Two Torrance men were among 767 candidates for degrees during the recent annual commencement exercises at California State Polytechnic College.

Earl Raymond Towson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Towson, 18801 (63) Hawthorne Blvd., received a bachelor of science degree in aeronautics.

Jerrold Jesse Waters, 1504 W. 219th St., received his bachelor of science degree in truck corps.

President Julian A. McPhee, in his 28th consecutive year as president of Cal Poly, conferred the degrees.

KELLOGG CAMPUS
McPhee also conferred degrees on graduating seniors at Cal Poly's Kellogg campus near Pomona recently when 300 candidates assembled to hear the commencement address by James C. Cantlen, vice president and general manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and a regent of Loyola University.

DEGREES

The 1067 total Cal Poly graduating class at both campuses is the largest in the 60-year history of the school.

San Luis Obispo campus candidates for graduation included 331 bachelor of science degrees in engineering; 201 in arts and sciences, 142 in agriculture and eight in elementary education. Master of arts degrees in education were awarded to 64. A special bachelor of vocational education degree was awarded to one candidate and 20 technical certificates were granted to students completing the two year technical agriculture program.

Health Report

Vacationers Warned Of Tularemia Threats

Tularemia 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 that may last for several weeks or months and is fatal in about five per cent of untreated cases. Although of relatively infrequent and decreasing occurrence, the disease still constitutes a health hazard.

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, which is also called rabbit fever, deer fly fever, and tick fever, was later found to exist throughout North America and in many other parts of the world as well.

CASES REPORTED

Some 490 cases of tularemia were reported in California between 1927 and 1959, with 13 deaths. In Los Angeles County during the last 10-year period, 11 cases of the disease have been reported, resulting in two deaths. No cases have occurred locally since 1959.

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.

INFECTION

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 underdone meat or the drinking of water contaminated with the disease organisms.

The incubation period of tularemia (the time interval between the actual infection and signs of illness) ranges from 25 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, FEVER

Chills and fever, sometimes accompanied by complete prostration, are among the first signs of the infection quickly followed 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. One attack of the disease affords permanent immunity.

PREVENTION

Prevention of tularemia depends upon the precautions each person takes for his own

Art Students Awarded Prizes

Gardena's Rotary Club and the Hickson's Gallery of Manhattan Beach have awarded six art students with awards for their demonstration of skill, creativity and efforts in El Camino College's Eleventh Annual Art Show.

Psychology Instructor Dr. Lyle Tussing and a member of the Rotary group, presented the awards from the local organization at the Annual Awards Banquet during the past week.

Awards of 50 went to Olbert Houston in the ceramics division, Don Edward Moore in fine arts and to Maxine Norman in design.

Hickson's Gallery, in the Torrance area awarded purchase certificates of \$25 to Stephen Osako, \$15 to Joseph Lema and \$5 to Marilyn Okutagawa, based on requirements of scholastic record, creativity, effort and progress in art training.

Russell Hickson, owner of the house of exhibits, gives the certificates yearly "... for the encouragement of students in the various fields of art."

Chairman of the committee for the selection was Donald C. Green, El Camino counselor. Assisting Green were Mildred K. Walker, Robert Niece, Charles Bluska, Willie Suzuki, Richard Oliver and Lyle Clark.

Last year's Rotary award winners were Byron Rodamel in fine arts, Felicity Drukey in advertising art and Donald Cooke in crafts.

Shark Bait

According to Dr. Leonard Schultz, curator of fishes at Smithsonian Institute, marked contrast between skin color and swimsuit color attracts a shark. Light skinned people wearing black or dark swimsuits have been attacked most frequently. Most shark attacks occur between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. in water warmer than 65 degrees, within 150 feet of shore and in the upper five feet of surface waters.

STOLEN SPONGE

A weird and fearsome adventure begins when a fake blind man steals a sponge cake from a stranger in the Los Angeles premiere telecast of "Ministry of Fear" on "The Late Show," Friday, July 7, (11:15 p.m. to 1 a.m.) on KNXT, Channel 2.



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