

# Torrance Boy Becomes an 'Eagle'

## Six Years of Scouting, And David Ramsey, 15

Twenty little Torrance boys, faced the bright colors of red, white and blue and with hands over their hearts, earnestly repeated in the treble voices of childhood the Pledge to Our Flag.

Then they faced to the front, raised their right hands with thumbs firmly pressed against little fingers in a half century of Boy Scout tradition, and together repeated the Scout's oath.

That same scene is enacted every night that Troop 730 meets in the room near Artesia and Casimir in Torrance, but this night was a very special one, indeed, to boys of Troop 730.

This night, David Ramsey, a scout for six of his 15 years of life, became the very first boy from Troop 730 to become an Eagle, the highest achievement in Scouting.

Watching is big Ralph Manahan, 2510 West 171st St., Torrance, the boys' scoutmaster for three years, a warm glow lighting the rugged honesty of his face.

Also watching are Harold and June Ramsey, of

16926 Kristin, proud parents of David.

And so is Curtis P. Lailer, 2811 West 170th St., an assistant scoutmaster of the troop for the past year and a half, who takes over as scoutmaster when Ralph Manahan becomes advisor to newly formed Troop 730V—Explorer Scouts—with Eagle Scout David Ramsey as president.

From Cub Scout at nine to an Eagle Scout at 15 is a long path for a boy. Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life Scouts are way stations along that path.

Twenty-one merit badges are the milestones of David's way. Faithful attendance, responsibility and leadership to younger boys are the hallmarks.

What do those six years mean to David Ramsey?

"Quite a lot," the North High junior says, quietly.

But the eyes of Scoutmaster Manahan, of Harold and June Ramsey, of Assistant Scoutmaster Curtis B. Lailer eloquently say what David Ramsey's six years as a scout mean better than mere words could ever say!

You get some idea what those six years mean when you watch the earnest faces of 20 little Torrance boys turn to the bright colors of red, white and blue to repeat the Pledge to Our Flag.



**EAGLE SCOUT** David Ramsey (left) shows Scout Russell Omo the ins-and-outs of typing a sheep bend knot. David says the sheep bend is the art of joining one rope to another of a different diameter, David becomes president of the new Explorer group, 730X, being formed for boys from 14 to 18 years of age. —PRESS photo



**DAVID AND RALPH**, Eagle Scout and Scoutmaster, have been together three years in Troop 730 and will continue their close relationship in 730X of the Explorer Scouts. Ralph Manahan is being succeeded as Scoutmaster Curtis B. Lailer. David Ramsey has completed six years in the Boy Scouts, going from Tenderfoot to Eagle. —PRESS photo

## Carson High Offers School For Adults

The new Carson High School, 22328 So. Main St., Torrance, is the newest location for an Adult Education Branch of the Phineas Banning Adult School.

The first classes to open Banning's newest branch location are Clothing Construction, Machine Shop, and Welding.

Registrations may be made at the main Adult School office, 1500 Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, beginning tomorrow and in the classroom at the new Carson High School on the first meeting of the class.

All four of the classes meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m., except the Clothing class which begins one half hour earlier at 6:30 p.m.

Information may be obtained by calling TE 4-2343 any school day from 1 to 9:30 p.m.

### 1,200,000 CURED

The American Cancer Society reports that there are now 1,200,000 Americans alive who were cured of cancer.

### 'BALD EAGLE ACT'

The golden eagle has come under Federal protection with a amendment of the "Bald Eagle Act."



**TAKING OVER PTA** for a night are S. R. Saunders (right) and Frederick L. Cohenour. They are pinch-hitting for their wives at Turnabout Night at Sepulveda School PTA tomorrow in the school cafeteria. Saunders will preside, Cohenour will take minutes. Featured speaker is S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools, to discuss school financing. —PRESS photo

## It Was the 8th Hole, But It Was THE One

It was the eighth hole on the Knollwood Golf Course, and the cup was 160 Yards away. Duff Douglas Means, who gets his mail through the Torrance Post Office at his home, 354 E. 219th St., teed off.

A nice clean stroke it was, and his brother, Don, and Charles Mann, both coaches at Valley College, chorused: "It looks like you've got one."

And Duff did have one — a coveted hole in one, that every golfer dreams about, but few get.

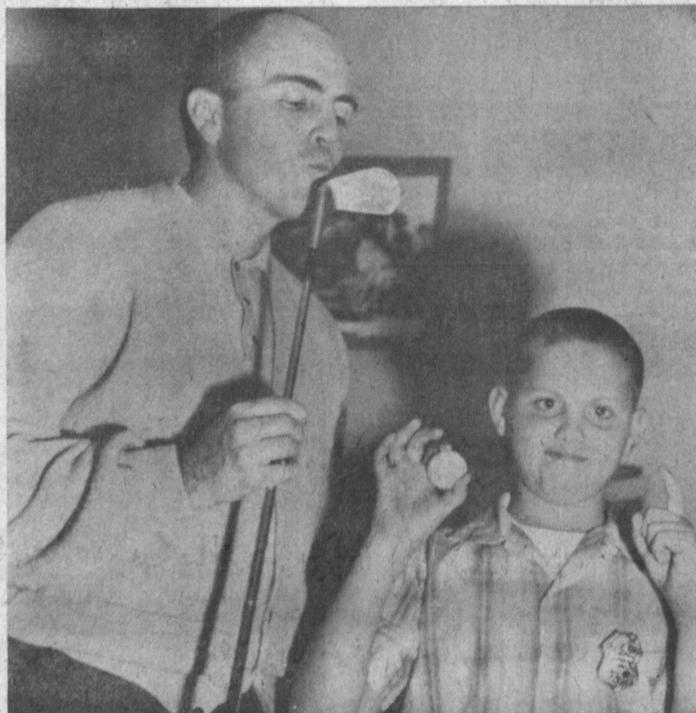
Now, Duff is entered in the Annual Old Smugglers Hole-in-One Sweep, and it may pay him \$1,000 plus a trip to Scotland for two.

"It's funny how a stroke of luck like that can mean more in money than something you work hard to attain," said Duff.

"I'm really not too good a golfer," he added. "I needed that hole-in-one to break 90."

"I first thought, when I couldn't see the ball, that it was on the green, behind the stick," Duff said. "But, when I got there — it was in the cup."

Duff — "and I play like a duffer" — Means is director of student activities at Hawthorne High School. Formerly, he was the coach of basketball and baseball.



**DUFF MEANS** kisses "hole-in-one" club while Duff II holds ball and an upraised finger to symbolize the big "one." —PRESS photo

his wife, Nancy, have three children, Duff II, Debra, and Candace, who is better known as "Candy." They all may be \$1,000 richer, if . . .

### Civil Defense Meeting

The Torrance Civil Defense Commission will meet Monday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the City Hall. Area chairmen are urged to attend. Progress report manuals have been prepared for each chairman, and will be distributed at the meeting.

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## Planes 'Plant' Fish by Air; 4 Millions

A total of 4,939,510 fingerling trout and salmon were planted by air in 1962 by the Department of Fish and Game. In 1961, 3,729,877 fish were planted by air.

The 1962 air plantings were in 789 lakes in the state's more remote regions, compared to 804 lakes air planted in 1961.

A breakdown of the various kinds of fish planted in 1962 shows air plantings of 1,708,495 rainbow trout, 1,278,290 Eastern Brook trout, 1,259,995 kokanee salmon, 371,70 cutthroat trout, 165,440 kamloops, trout, and

155,500 golden trout. Fish planting by air saves time and money an dis more

economical than stocking these remote areas by pack train or vehicle.

## County Improves Roads in Area

A series of road improvements throughout the Dominguez, Lomita and Carson areas near Torrance have been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said more than \$5,000 was authorized for the following projects under the County Road Department

program: Broadway south of Victoria St. in the Carson area; portions of 253rd and 255th Sts. near Pennsylvania Ave. in the Lomita area; Dominguez St. west of Brant Ave. in the Dominguez district.

Chace said all of the projects will provide improved drainage and increased operating efficiency.

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