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TUNING UP . . . Dirk Davidson and Janet Wilson, members of the Torrance Youth Band Symphony Orchestra, are pictured during a practice session for today's Christmas concert by the orchestra. The annual Yule music festival will begin at 4 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center. There is no charge for admission. (Press-Herald Photo)

Salute to Christmas Set Today

The annual Christmas Concert of the Torrance Youth Band Symphony Orchestra will be presented this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Torrance Recreation Center.

There is no charge for admission to the concert, and a cordial invitation has been extended to residents of the area by James Van Dyke, conductor of the orchestra.

Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival" will be the featured work in the program. Selections from the "Sound of Music" and "The March of the Siamese Children" from "The King and I," both by Richard Rodgers, also will be featured.

Two local violinists, Emily Karr and Renee Shore, will be featured as soloists in a performance of Bach's "Double Violin Concerto." James Van Dyke, director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, will conduct.

A sale of Christmas candy is now in progress by members of the youth bands. The annual candy sale has become a traditional fund-raising activity of the youth bands.

Torrance Lions Gift

Drag Strip Profits Go To Local Heart Group

Members of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club presented a \$500 check to the Southwestern branch of the Los Angeles County Heart Association during the 10th anniversary banquet of the Harbor Area Drag Strip, Inc., Thursday.

The check represents dividends from the operation of drag strip which the Downtown Lions Club earned.

Dr. Robert F. Nielson, chairman of the local branch and a member of the board of the Los Angeles County Heart Association, accepted the gift from Newell Larsen, first vice president of the Lions Club and a drag strip director.

Dr. Nielson said the gift would enable the Southwestern Heart branch to intensify efforts to control the epidemic of heart and blood vessel disorders within the

In New Gym

Warriors Schedule Concert

West High's concert band, choir, and combined glee clubs will present the annual Warrior Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Ronald Large will direct the instrumental groups, and the choral ensembles will be under the direction of Donnelly Fenn. The concert will be held in West High's new gymnasium.

Vocal selections will consist of lesser-known carols of countries throughout the world.

The concert program will open with the "Christmas Festival Overture" by famed composer Leroy Anderson. The composition includes most of the familiar Christmas melodies.

Other program selections include "Joy to the World," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," and the Christmas hymn "Adeste Fidelis."

Students and teachers from the drama, electronics, art, industrial arts, and business department have worked the music department to organize the program.

Ban on Travel Agenda

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, will ask the Board of Education to reconsider a ban on travel to Atlantic City when the trustees convene tomorrow evening.

Board members refused to authorize the trip to Atlantic City for administrators and trustees earlier this year for reasons of economy.

The annual trip—at least until this year—has been for the American Association of School Administrators and the American Association of School Boards conventions.

Dr. Hull will ask that, any board member who wishes, and one other staff member be allowed to attend the conventions. When the trustees balked last time, the superintendent had requested authorization for 10 persons—he and his assistants as well as all five board members—to attend.

Cost of the trip is estimated at \$500 per person.

In a second request to the board, Dr. Hull will propose that the district hire an administrative assistant to handle district applications for federal funds and do the reading and legal research to determine if Torrance qualifies for funds under the acts relating to education.

"Such a person," Dr. Hull said, "could well earn his salary many times over in the form of additional funds brought into the district."

An administrative assistant, Dr. Hull added, "would probably be a financial asset rather than a liability."

Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the board offices, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.



CHRISTMAS ART . . . Botticelli's "Adoration of the Magi," a reproduction just completed by four North High art students as part of an annual Christmas art project, is fitted to a frame by Pierre Rademaker and Larry Kappen, while Anita Weaver makes a final check of the painting. The fourth student, Jeff O'Connell, was absent from school when the photographer visited the class. The reproduction will be displayed tomorrow during a meeting of the Board of Education. (Press-Herald Photo)

Students Complete NHS Christmas Art Project

North High art students have completed work on an enlarged reproduction of Botticelli's "Adoration of the Magi." The painting is the second masterpiece to be reproduced for an annual Christmas art project at North High.

The finished painting will be displayed at the central offices of the Torrance Unified School District tomorrow evening when the Board of Education convenes. It is scheduled to be exhibited in several other locations in the city during the Christmas season.

Under the direction of Gary Parton, North High art instructor, art students began

work last year on the Christmas project. Each year, Parton explained, advanced students will add another masterpiece to the collection.

Larry Kappen, Jeffrey O'Connell, Pierre Rademaker, and Anita Weaver, all seniors on the Saxton campus, began work on the painting in summer school. They have worked on the large canvas since early June.

"The purpose of the project," Parton said, "is to acquaint students with some of the techniques and styles of the great artists." The reproductions are enlarged, but are always kept in exact scale, Parton said.

Each year, North High will add another masterpiece to the collection. Parton said he had not titled the collection, but hopes it will become a lasting art tradition at North High.

The students have worked on the reproduction during two periods each school day since September. During the summer, they worked every day.

Services Held for Schankes

Funeral services for the wife and three children of Walter A. Schanke, 18823 Fonthill Ave., were held yesterday at 11 a.m. in the Pierce Brothers Mortuary Chapel in Inglewood.

All four were killed Nov. 23 when a TWA jetliner crashed on takeoff from a Rome airport.

Mrs. Ellen Shanke was 40 years of age. The children were Elaine, a 17-year-old senior at North High, and Phillip, 10, and Paul, 9. Both boys were students at Edison Elementary School.

Cremation followed the services, with inurnment in a crypt at the Pierce Brothers Mortuary.

Low Permit Pace Dashes New Record

Construction activity in Torrance plunged to its lowest point in nearly three years during November, dashing hopes that the city might establish a new record for the year.

The total value of all building permits issued in November was \$1,062,514—some \$390,000 less than the value of permits issued in October. Not since December, 1961, when the monthly totals fell to \$820,000, has construction activity been so low.

Only one permit for multiple dwelling unit construction was issued. Valued at \$52,500, the permit is for the construction of a four-unit apartment building at 23209 Arlington Ave.

Permits for 11 single-fam-

ily homes and five duplex units were issued, bringing to 25 the number of new dwelling units begun in November.

Construction activity got off to a booming start during the first six months of the year. By June, total value of all new construction in the city had leaped up to \$38 million—well ahead of the record set in 1963. New ordinances which require one and a half parking spaces for each unit in an apartment building becomes effective Aug. 1, putting the brakes on what looked like a run-away boom in building.

Since the year began, 3,175 new apartment units have been started in the city, while 654 single-family homes have been added. Construction in the last three months, however, has accounted for only 125 new apartment units and 18 new homes.

Deadline for Entries Told

Entries for the sixth annual Christmas Lighting Display Contest are now being

accepted, according to Warren Stamps, contest chairman.

Concert to Feature Work of Britten

"Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten will be featured at the annual holiday concert to be presented by the Marymount College glee club Dec. 13. Roger Wagner will direct.

The program will include also a collection of carols from many lands, with soloists Juanita Watson, Betty Lou Kautoo, Kathleen Moore and a special guest appearance by harpist George Schlessinger, a student at Hollywood High School. Gina Dentesano, accordionist, and Lenee Biliski, pianist, will participate.

There will be a small admission charge for the program which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Student-Faculty Center.

The annual contest is sponsored by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and is open to all residents of the city. Two divisions—religious and novelty displays—will be open.

First and second place awards will be given in each division, Stamps said. First place winners will receive engraved trophies, while the second place winners will get plaques.

All winners will be guests of the Junior Chamber at the group's dinner meeting in January. Trophies are being donated by Kaag Trophies, Inc., of Torrance.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Dec. 14. Judging will be conducted Dec. 19 and 20, Stamps said. Entry blanks may be found in today's editions of the Press-Herald.

Stamps said he hopes all residents of the city would participate in the contest to celebrate the holiday season.

Further information about the contest may be obtained by calling Stamps at 329-5079.

Auditorium Report Due

A report on the first phase of the civic auditorium study and recommendations to proceed with the second phase of the study are expected to be given to the City Council Tuesday evening.

The first phase report has been studied by the council's building committee since it was first handed to the council three weeks ago.

Economics Research Associates completed the first phase of the study and recommended the construction of an arena and theater complex. The second phase of the study will concern location and financing of the proposed facility if it gets the green light Tuesday.

Councilmen also are expected to name a 21-man citizens committee to serve in an advisory capacity to the Redevelopment Agency established last week. The committee is required under the urban renewal program which the city has initiated.

A redevelopment agency fund to cover administrative costs during the planning stages also is to be established.

ENTRY BLANK

Torrance

Junior Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Outdoor Christmas Display Contest

Name

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Division: Religious Novelty

Mail Entry Blanks to:
Torrance Jaycees
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ALL HEART . . . Newell Larsen (right), a member of the board of the Harbor Area Drag Strip, Inc., and first vice president of the Downtown Torrance Lions Club, presented a check for \$500 to Dr. Robert Nielson Thursday evening at the 10th anniversary banquet of the drag strip. Dr. Nielson is chairman of the Southwestern branch and a member of the board of the Los Angeles County Heart Association. (Press-Herald Photo)