

# Saxons Win Top Awards In Speech

Speech students at North High School captured six superior ratings at a debate and speech tournament held at Glendora High School, according to Lehr Mushrush, speech instructor.

Superior ratings in novice debate were won by Ray Seaver and Marvin Ketting, John Lemke, Ralph Lippman, Dennis DeLeon, and Timothy Beck won medals in "A" debate.

Lavonia Page and Joan Keller both received excellent ratings in Girls Improv speaking, while Pamela Oliver and Miss Keller were awarded superior ratings in girls extemporaneous speaking.

Superior ratings for humorous interpretations were won by Michael Waterman and Dennis DeLeon, while Karen Brown received an excellent rating.

Sharon Martelare and Astrid Gablosky won excellent ratings in dramatic interpretation and Emel Oyman, North High's exchange student from Turkey, participated in the girls original oratory contest.

# REAPPORTIONMENT

## Senate Urges Amendment To Overturn Court Fiat

By VINCENT THOMAS

Assemblyman, 68th District To decide what to do about the Senate reapportionment problem which has been forced on California recently by the federal courts, our State Senate held an unprecedented two-day session outside of Sacramento. Called as a meeting of the Senate General Research Committee, which is composed of all 40 Senators, the group met behind closed hotel doors in South San Francisco.

Earlier, the Senate had instituted a two-prong attack on the problem. After the U.S. Supreme Court last June handed down its "one vote, one vote" ruling on the apportionment of the States of half a dozen other states, it was apparent that California, too, could be involved. The Senate Judiciary Committee was alerted to study the legal angles involved, and to watch developments carefully.

Outside counsel was retained to collaborate with the Attorney General and our own Legislative Counsel in any California or federal court actions relating to the matter.

SUBSEQUENTLY, a special eleven member subcommittee of the General Research Committee was set up to deal with the practical and political, as well as all the other aspects of the matter. It was around the findings and recommendations of this subcommittee that the extraordinary session of the Senate was built.

Two weeks ago, a special panel of three federal judges in Los Angeles ruled in a case by a southern California resident that our Senate must be reapportioned not later than July 1. This action immediately made reapportionment the number one item for our 1965 session, and one which could sidetrack all other business until a final decision is reached.

Before this special Senate meeting, several possible types of action on the matter were suggested. The most drastic was that our state be divided into two, being split somewhere along the line of the Tehachapis. Another was that all 40 Senators should be elected at large—a method which would have built-in political problems for voters as well as candidates. A third was to increase the size of the Senate—say to 50 members.

Following the closed-door

### Tickets for Music Center Concert on Sale

Tickets for the Symphonies for Youth concerts to be given at the Los Angeles Music Center April 3 and 10 will be available for Torrance students at 25 and 50 cents.

Henry Lewis will conduct the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra for both concerts. Tickets may be ordered from Mrs. C. Davey, PTA music chairman, 2436 W. 233rd St., Torrance.

# Union Host To 300 For Yule Party

Members of Local 1117 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees hosted more than 3000 Torrance area children at a Christmas party Dec. 23. Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen were special guests of the union for the party. Isen played Santa for the children, distributing gifts collected by the union.

Sam Huneg, director of Council 20 of the union, and Mayor Isen received special gifts from the members during the party.

Committee members who prepared the union hall for the party included Edward Enrietta, Earl Hendrickson, Josephine Hauge, Vera Jones, William Stewart, and Raymond Schmidt.

Local 1117 hopes to make the Christmas party an annual tradition.

# Odd Fellow Lodge Sets Ceremony

New officers of the Torrance Odd Fellow Lodge 495 will be installed during ceremonies at the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo Ave., next Wednesday evening.

Martin S. Meza, district deputy, and the staff of the San Pedro Odd Fellow Lodge will serve as installing officers. Jerry Furlough will be installed as noble grand, and William Dixon will take the oath of the vice grand. Other officers are George Bartleson, recording secretary; Howard Magrugin, financial secretary, and Wilfred Edwards, treasurer.

A short business meeting will be held before the installation ceremonies. The installation is scheduled for 8 p.m.

# Details Set on Rose Parade Bus Schedule

Special Transit District (formerly MTA) buses will travel direct to Pasadena New Year's morning for the Rose Parade from throughout the Southwest and Centinela Valley areas.

The direct service to Maringo and Green Streets in Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses will operate via Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Westchester, Torrance, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lennox and Inglewood.

Buses will leave from Catalina Avenue and Avenue 1 in Redondo Beach at 5:45 a.m.; from Hermosa and Pier Avenues, Hermosa Beach, 5:55 a.m.; from Manhattan Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, 6:01 a.m.; from Richmond Street and Grand Avenue, El Segundo, 6:12 a.m.; from Manchester Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, Westches-

ter, 6:22 a.m.; and from Manchester Avenue and Market Street in Inglewood at 6:30 a.m.

OTHER BUSES will depart from Catalina Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, Redondo Beach, 5:45 a.m.; from Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevards, Torrance, 5:54 a.m.; from Hawthorne and Artesia boulevards, Torrance, 6:07 a.m.; from Hawthorne and Roscrans boulevards, Lawndale, 6:12 a.m.; from Hawthorne Boulevard and Broadway, Hawthorne, 6:17 a.m.; from Hawthorne and Century boulevards, Lennox, 6:22 a.m.

There will be no stops enroute to Pasadena following the pickup of passengers in Inglewood.

Transit information may be obtained by telephoning the Transit District at 675-4461 or 747-4455.



confer, a spokesman for the subcommittee said a number of agreements on various points had been reached. First, was that the Senate must comply with final court orders on reapportionment "without playing any games."

Second, was to make all possible efforts to save the two-house legislative system in California as it now exists. The Senate does not want the people of the state to feel that it has abandoned too easily a system for which

the voters have several times expressed their preference. Third, the attorneys for the Senate were instructed to file an appeal from the decision of the federal panel, if it can be legally done.

Fourth, it was agreed that California should continue to work for a convention of the states, and for a constitutional amendment to nullify the effect of the Supreme Court decision. But the spokesman bluntly declared that neither action could come in time to prevent redistricting of our California Senate. However, a new Senate, chosen along population lines, could not take office before 1967.

# Student Panel Explains School Speech Program

The high school speech program in Torrance was described by six students at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee. The monthly session was held at the Jocelyn Recreation Center.

Moderator for the program was John Lemke, North High School student. Participants included Ralph Lippman, also of North, who gave an extemporaneous speech on the war in Viet Nam; Ronald Gordon of West High, who delivered an impromptu speech on "The Challenge of Conformity"; Roger Webb of Torrance High, Lee Pearce of South High, and Barbara Bingham of South High.

Webb described the speech program as a one-to-four year program. He said speech students were offered an opportunity to participate in tournaments in seven categories ranging from dramatic interpretations to debate.

At the present time, Webb stated, 500 students in the city's four high schools are taking regular speech classes. In addition, he pointed out, 300 others are involved in extra-curricular speech competition.

What does the speech program do for the individual? According to Pearce, it gives the student poise and self-confidence, helps him develop an interest in current affairs, aids in study habits, and widens his scope of knowledge. Pearce contended that speech experience develops personality and leadership ability.

Following an interpretive presentation of Charles Darwin's "Case of Henry Sweet" by Barbara Bingham, Lemke introduced speech coaches from the four high schools: Mrs. Marsha Bradley of South, Miss Jane House of Torrance, Roland Glover of West, and Lehr Mushrush of North.

# County to Expand Toy Loan Plan

The county's Toy Loan Program, originated by the Southwest area PTAs in the 1930s, will be expanded, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Today the program services more than 50,000 children annually and has more than 40 centers throughout Los Angeles County. At the centers, toys are repaired by welfare recipients and volunteers and loaned to children, similar to checking a book out of a library.

Transfer of the Toy Loan from the Probation Department to the Bureau of Public Assistance will begin Jan. 1. The action will not only increase the program but give Probation Department employees more time for their basic duties of working with juveniles.

The transfer will make the loan service eligible for as much as 75 per cent federal financing also, thus saving the county approximately \$42,988 annually.

"Toy Loan was one of the most effective programs developed during the depression," Hahn said. "Today it still keeps people working and provides toys for children."

# Hospitals Have Need For Aides

Volunteers for work in area hospitals are now needed at the Volunteer Bureau, according to Mrs. Phillip Buckler.

Duties include arts and crafts instruction, feeding patients, accompanying patients on short walks, and aiding nurses with such tasks as making beds. Receptionists and bookkeepers also are needed.

Mrs. Buckler said all age groups are needed for the hospital duties. The bureau will assist with placement. Information about the programs may be obtained from Mrs. Buckler by calling TE 3-5227, or visiting the bureau office at 1427 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro.

# County and State Make Signal Pact

Approval of a participating agreement with the state of California for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Carson Street with Harbor Freeway south-bound ramp connections was announced this week by the Board of Supervisors.

The county will provide plans and specifications for the project and the state will bear the expense of construction, inspection and engineering.

Operation and maintenance of the signals and highway safety lighting will be supported by the county. The state will contribute one-third of that cost.

# Calvary Church Sets Watchnight Service Here

Watchnight services will be held tomorrow at the Calvary Community Church, 1117 Milton St.

The Rev. Fredrick McQuade, pastor of the church, will present the spiritual film "Centerville Awakening." Communion will follow the film.

# 'God' Topic Of Lesson For Sunday

How the First Commandment gives purpose and direction to human endeavors will be a central theme at all Christian Science churches this Sunday.

The subject of the Bible lesson is "God," and the Golden Text is from Deuteronomy (6:4): "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord."

Correlative readings from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy include: "Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ."