



## Saxon To Head Council

A 17-year-old senior at North High School has been elected president of Junior Achievement's Metropolitan Council of Achievers Associations (MCAA), according to Clarence Parker, executive vice president of Junior Achievement.

Scott Hanlon, who is in his third year as a Junior Achiever, will head the council which serves as a teenage chamber of commerce. Hanlon is president of the Flip-N-Dip company, counselled by Continental Airlines.

Hanlon, who lives at 2137 W. 183rd St., was a delegate to a recent National Achievers Conference and was runner-up last year for the title of Southland JA "President of the Year."

Other new officers include Daniel J. Bruno, 17, a Servite High student and resident of Anaheim, the new vice president; Thomas DeMary, 17, of Hawthorne, secretary, and Susan Hoge, 17, of Norwalk, secretary.



## North High Instructor Gets Grant

Norman W. Guest, a science teacher at North High School, has received a scholarship from the National Science Foundation to attend a summer institute at the University of Oklahoma.

Guest received approval from the Board of Education Monday to participate in the six-week program. Action by the board was required because he will be absent from his classes during the final week of school.

The institute begins June 8 at the Norman, Okla., campus of the University. Arrangements have been made to permit Guest to enroll June 13, at the start of the second week of the course.



## Students Join Honor Society

Five area residents are among the five undergraduate and 22 graduate students at the University of Southern California to be elected to Phi Kappa Phi, all-university honor society. The new members have a grade point average of 3.85 or better — almost perfect straight "A" averages.

New members are Vincent J. Kovacevich of 2158 230th St., Marion R. Nadler of 4227 W. 173rd St., Richard F. Sholts Jr., of 948 W. 232nd St., John L. Silvius of 21721 Evelyn Ave., and Roy J. Adams of 1207 S. Irena Ave., Redondo Beach.



## COUNT MARCO

# Disband the PTA, He Chants

I do so enjoy writing about the Poor Teachers' Association (PTA). In so doing, I have helped so many of you see the light and disband your local chapters.

Thus you have not only gained more time for keeping your homes together but have also helped the teachers to assume their proper roles as substitute parents without interference from you.

A reader who disagrees with my philosophy (that, next to the Girl Scouts, there isn't a more useless organization than the PTA) tries foolishly to sell me her interpretation of the merits of the PTA. She says:

"Our aim is not to try to tell the school personnel how to run their school but to let them know we are interested in the school and willing to help them when we're needed."

I find nothing wrong with that. But why must you organize into groups to do so? Your true interest is reflected by your child's interest and behavior within the classrooms.

You don't need club presidents, vice presidents, and a host of other outsiders' on a

national scale to get your child through school.

All you need is to tell your children: "Right or wrong, they are your teachers. You do as they say."

"During the day, not only are they substitute parents looking after your personal welfare, but also they give you something for which I am neither equipped nor have the time. They give you the greatest gift known to man, the opportunity to get an education."

"If you do not show respect for them, then you do not respect me." And whom? You let them have it.

"Being a member of the PTA and visiting in the school lets your child know of your interest in the school and his work," said another person.

MON DIEU! I have a mother, even though some of you may not think so, and her interest in my school and my progress was the amount of homework I performed and the grades on a report card. By constantly checking one against the other she knew my progress at all times.

She would no more have interfered with my teachers'

methods of instruction than she would have tolerated any interference from them in running her home.

Juvenile delinquency and dropouts are mostly a product of never learning respect for their elders and respect for the property and rights of others," insists a PTA sympathizer. "Parents of such do not care enough or find time enough to be members of the PTA."

Respect for elders and the rights of others begin at home. It is the individual duty of every parent to instill these qualities in his child without having to join a group to do so.

I have observed many youngsters with parents who can't speak English or who had no social climbing group such as PTA, but they have raised their children without the help of PTA to become substantial and prominent citizens.

Spend more time with your own child and concern yourself less with the responsibility of other parents. It each home practices this, there will be fewer homes with problem children.

Away with the PTA, I say!



HEADS TEEN GROUP . . . Scott Hanlon, 17-year-old North High senior, receives congratulations from Donald K. Morrison, manager of center operations for Junior Achievement. Hanlon has been elected president of the Metropolitan Council of Achievers Associations (MCAA), a teenage chamber of commerce operated in conjunction with the Junior Achievement program.

Your Second Front Page

# Press-Herald

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A GO GO TREE . . . Keeping up a tradition of unusual Christmas trees this year is Mrs. Ben Smith, 2504 Cabrillo Ave., who has used deer antlers, baby buggies, and other unlikely raw materials for trees in years past. Her 1965 tree, which she displays here, started out as a few lengths of 1-inch pipe, some plastic, aluminum foil, and pink and orange feathers. Its construction took about two weeks, she said. (Press-Herald Photo)



GRACE LOBBY . . . Two life-sized angels, named Topsy and Or Two, grace the lobby of the Educational Materials Building of the Torrance Unified School District. The two angels, made by the EMB staff members during their spare time, emerged from a project first initiated by school teachers from Redondo Beach and Lawndale. More than 400 miniature angels have been made by Torrance teachers and staff members in after-school workshops.

## Christmas Angels Reign In School Building Lobby

Once upon a summer's day there were two angels — mortal types. They weren't angels, exactly; they were teachers at a Lawndale and a Redondo Beach school. But to the Torrance Unified School District they were angels.

Because angels share what they know. And what they knew was how to make little angels — Christmas types.

They brought their know-how, along with wheat paste, copper wire, old sheets, tag-board cones, skeins of yarn and styrofoam egg-heads to the Educational Materials Building one day last August and taught staff members the rudiments of making an angel — Christmas type.

And that is where the story should have ended. But it didn't.

The egg-head angel, like Topsy, "just grew." Before they knew it staff members at the EMB began receiving requests to hold "angel workshops" all over the city, and

they've been holding them ever since. "Each one teach one" became the motto of the workshops. To date 450 tabletop angels have emerged.

Somebody decided tabletop Topsies were fine; but a life-size Topsy or two would be even finer. And so the EMB angel grew. She — or rather they, because "or two" seemed like a good idea — grew in the upstairs lobby at the EMB beneath a sign reading "Angel Workshop."

Everybody on the building staff, from clerks to curriculum assistants, became involved in the project. They worked during their lunch hours, evenings, and came back weekends. They brought old sheets, scrap lumber, wire, twine, and a couple of spare egg-heads someone had rounded up; and worked for a month.

Their spare-time efforts resulted in a pair of full-robed gilded angels, Topsy and Or Two, who grace the front

lobby of the EMB for the holidays and claim to be the biggest angels in town.

Smaller-type Topsies are on display in the windows of Hamilton Elementary School and the cafeteria at Yukon Elementary School.

What will happen to Topsy after the holidays? According to Lynn Shidler, curriculum assistant, Topsy will emerge as an art form. "The idea of an egg-head with long skirts and flexible wire arms can be adapted into other characters in a historical setting," she stated. "Topsy could be a Mexican child, a colonial lady, a padre, a monk, or a friar. Maybe next Christmas Topsy, the choir boy, might join Topsy, the angel, in the EMB lobby," she added.

And what sort of Christmas cards are the angels of the EMB sending their friends this year? — You guessed it: they've made three dimensional angel cards.

## Ann Landers Says

# Don't Inflict the Squirrel on Hubby



Dear Ann Landers: My dearest friend (I'll call her Lottie), married an oddball who thinks he is a creative genius. The slob won't take a steady job because he needs to be free in case a brilliant thought hits him. It's not my business that he doesn't take a job, but he doesn't take a bath either and this I find repulsive.

I love Lottie's company. She is a dear person and we grew up together, but Heathcliff is too much. I've decided to put up with him, but my husband froths at the mouth when I tell him Lottie and Heathcliff are coming over.

Tonight when I told him they were dropping by after dinner he said, "I hope you enjoy that squirrel's company because I am leaving." He put on his coat and left. I spent two hours with them, myself.

I felt like crying, Ann. In my book my husband let me down. I do many things for him that I don't want to do, but I believe it's a wife's duty to please her husband. Am I wrong when I say he failed me? How should this problem be handled in the future? — TEARS IN THE PILLOW.

Dear Pillow: From your description of Heathcliff, I think maybe I would have left with your husband. If you enjoy Lottie, see her in the afternoon. But don't inflict the squirrel on your husband when you know he cannot stand him.

Dear Ann Landers: My wife and I are in our 60's. Last week we decided to rewrite our wills. Since both my wife and I have been helped greatly by medical science we decided to leave our remains to a medical school.

A few weeks ago we were having dinner with our children and we mentioned this. Well, we never saw so much commotion. It created such a storm that both my wife and I are unstrung. Our children described it as gruesome, creepy, and macabre to list a few adjectives.

We explained nothing in the Bible says this practice is sinful. We further explained that it was not a spur of the moment decision — that we had thought about it for a long time and we want to do it.

Our children are putting so much pressure on us to change our minds that we are really upset. Please give us your views. Are we "way out" as they say? — L.G.C.

Dear L.G.C.: Your children have no right to deprive you of the privilege of making this kind of contribution if you want to do it.

Since you have made it clear that this is your wish, consider it settled.

Dear Ann Landers: I've been going with a very nice gentleman for six years. We cannot be married for a

while but I won't go into the reasons here. (They are all good ones.)

We are both over 30 and have a mutual agreement to ignore birthdays. We never speak of them. We do make a big thing out of Christmas, however, and this is what I am writing about.

For the last four years I've asked him what he would like for a Christmas gift and he has said, "Just give me the money and I'll buy what I want." Each year I have given him \$40 and he seemed pleased.

So far as I know he has never bought anything. I think he just saves the money. This makes me unhappy because I want the pleasure of seeing him enjoy something I bought for him. Would it be rude of me to tell him how I feel or should I just continue to give him the annual check? — THE G.F.

Dear G.F.: If you have been going with this man for six years you should have a fairly good idea of his tastes and needs. Go out and buy him a gift this year and I'll bet he registers more enthusiasm than he did over the checks.

Are you at war with your parents? Do they have too much to say in your life? Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Bugged By Parents? How To Get More Freedom." Send \$10 in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (c) 1965, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate.

## LENDING AN EAR . . .

Among the scores of business and professional men helping Santa get down Christmas lists from kiddies last week at Wright Anserone were these men from the Torrance Unified School District. From the top are Dr. Dale Coogan, principal of Hickory School; Dr. Dale Wickstrom, principal at Newton; Edwin Brown, Riviera principal; Dr. John Lucas, South High principal; Cecil Paschall, Hickory vice principal; Andrew Kovach, Howard Wood vice principal; and D. Boons Kinks, Meadow Park principal. Santa's helpers also included doctors, lawyers, and merchants.

## Torrance Girl To Lead Songs

Miss Laura McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Galbraith of 2522 Brian Ave., has been elected a song leader at Chapman College in Orange, Calif.

Miss McDonald, a freshman, is majoring in English. She is one of six girls elected song leaders for the Chapman basketball season.