

'Miss Air Show' Competition Opens

First contestant to enter the "Miss Air Show" contest is 18-year-old Sharon Lee Taylor, a blue-eyed blond beauty who currently holds the title of Miss City of Carson.

The contest is one of the many events scheduled in conjunction with the Cal-State College at Dominguez Hills Commemorative Air Show, May 9-11. The three-day air meet will commemorate the first international air meet ever held in the United States. That original meet was held on what is now the college campus.

Miss Taylor, who stands 5 feet, 7 inches, weighs 123 pounds and is 35-24-36, is a history major at Harbor College. She plans to transfer to UCLA to finish her education next year. She has a great enthusiasm for sports but "prefers to snow and water ski or swim." At home she reads, paints, and mows the lawn since she has "no brother to do it."

Aside from her activities in the community as Miss Carson, Miss Taylor teaches Sunday School at the Mormon Church she attends. Her future plans are still in the formative stages.

Dealership Names New Directors

Russ Thor, Inc., authorized Volkswagen dealership in Torrance, has appointed three of its staff as officers and directors, according to agency owner and president Russ Thor. The dealership is located at 20410 Hawthorne Blvd.

The VW auto agency's staff promotions, effective immediately, include: Joseph Dunn, general manager, appointed a vice president and member of the board; Richard M. Thor, operations and public relations manager, named a vice president, and director; and Melba L. Hanson, formerly office manager, promoted to business manager, assistant secretary, and a director.

Civilian Safety Is Lunch Topic

"The Military Role in Civilian Safety" will be the topic of a talk by John K. Haddick Monday at the Torrance Safety Council luncheon meeting. The meeting will be held at the Palms Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson St., at noon.

Haddick is safety director at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro.



ANOTHER WINNER . . . Mayor Albert Isen (left) receives a diamond tie pin from George Ebert (center), president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, for producing the largest dollar volume in the Chamber's day-long new member drive. Michael T. Quaranta, executive vice president of Cabrillo Savings and Loan Association, was the runner-up in the contest, conducted during Chamber of Commerce Day here. A total of 48 new members were signed up and paid membership dues of nearly \$5,000, Ebert said. (Press-Herald Photo)

Rotarians Conference

Rotarians of District 528, are expected to attend. which includes Torrance, the Beach Cities, Palos Verdes Peninsula, and the Harbor area, are preparing for their annual conference in Palm Springs.

The conference is scheduled for Friday, March 28, Some 500 members of area Rotary Clubs

North High Shop Is Burglarized

Tools worth \$622 were stolen Wednesday night from the machine shop at North High School. Police said burglars broke a window with an iron pipe, then reached in to open the window.

Taken were precision tools, gas welding torches, and hoses.

Driver Arrested In Crash

A Redondo Beach man was arrested for felony drunk driving and felony hit-run driving late Tuesday after his car collided with another vehicle at the corner of Artesia Boulevard and Western Avenue.

Jailed was Taurino de Anda Ortiz, 27, of 2605 W. 190th St. He was arrested by Gardena police, who said they observed him driving away from the scene westbound on Artesia in east-bound lanes.

Driver of the other car was Sophia Ann Smith, 28, of 1966 W. 240th St., Lomita, whose car sustained total front end damage. Mrs. Smith and her passengers suffered minor injuries.

Pill Novel Blamed For Overdose

A 15-year-old Torrance high school student was treated at a local hospital Wednesday for an overdose of drugs.

The father of the victim told police he found his daughter in her bedroom, in a drowsy, nauseous condition. She claimed she had taken two aspirin and two cold capsules. A check of a prescription bottle of seconal capsules, however, revealed that the bottle was empty.

The girl's father told police she may have experimented with the capsules because she is reading "Valley of the Dolls."

Assignment TV

By TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY

Whenever young people face a question with, "When you were a teenager . . ." I fix them with an icy eye and reply: "Young lady, when I was your age there was no such THING as a teenager. You were a Kid until you went to high school, where you became a Student until you graduated from college. When you got a job, you became an Adult. That was IT."

No one paid any attention to you when you were a school kid, so you listened and dreamed and tried to hang around with the Students. When you became a Student, you hated Kids and ached to be an Adult. And when you finally became an Adult, you never really cared to look back — except maybe in the "Our Gang" comedies.

Without television to continually point out the differences, relations among the three groups were generally diplomatic, and the process of ripening was an orderly one.

TODAY we have robbed the young of their days as Kids. Starting at age 5, everyone wants to be a Teenager until he's 40. But no matter what they're called, the young have always had their own private world of slang, fads and hero-worship which is strictly off-limits to adults. It's just larger to day, that's all. For years, TV has sought a program to bridge the two worlds without hostility, and it looks as if ABC has found it in "The Generation Gap," a Friday night game show which should be appealing to both.

In this game, three adults try to identify the sounds, fads and foibles of today's young people while three teenagers try, in turn, to penetrate the not-too-distant world of their parents. On the first shows, both sides revealed a lack of knowledge that was amusing and startling.

TEENAGERS couldn't identify Carmen Miranda or Eddie

Cantor or the name of the new ocean liner which flunked its trial run. ("Was it the Pueblo," asked a 16-year-old girl panelist . . . Now that I think about it, she was partly correct; the Pueblo certainly DID flunk!) Teens readily identified a rumble seat and the Ink Spots singing "If I Didn't Care," but didn't know what it was that little Johnny called for so long ago on the radio commercials ("Was it Moore Park Sausages?"). A teenage girl guessed that "going on the wagon" might mean "to take a trolley car ride," but the teens readily understood it when the 30-year-old quizmaster, Dennis Wholey, suggested that Dean Martin would say "Going off the sauce."

Today it's poodles, once it was scotties, but when a lady displayed her chow-chow — complete with black tongue and that dreadful, black-bent tail ("Please face your dog this way, Madam!") — no one could identify it. Not even the young man from Rye, N.Y., whose hair-do made him and the chow look-alikes.

ADULTS failed to identify the draft status for college deferments, didn't know that "axe" meant a musical instrument, and didn't recognize a new rock group called The Ohio Express — but they did guess that "love" was the missing word in the song "Yummy, Yummy, Yummy, I've Got — in My Tummy." They knew that "elephant bells" were pants, that Mary Quant was a British designer and that the villains in "Yellow Submarine" are "The Blue Meanies."

When you compare "If I Didn't Care" with "Yummy, Yummy, Yummy I've Got Love in My Tummy," I guess we weren't nearly as unsophisticated yesterday as the kids think we were!

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RTD Launches Studies for Exact Fare Plan on Buses

Further steps have been taken to inaugurate an exact fare program on Southern California Rapid Transit District buses.

The RTD board—at its semi-monthly meeting in Los Angeles — authorizes the purchasing agent to call for bids for locked fare boxes for all RTD buses.

At the same time the district began testing two types of locked boxes to determine their adaptability for use on RTD buses serving commuters in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

RTD DIRECTORS also authorized the filing of an application seeking federal participation in funding the purchase of exact fare equipment, as well as 200 new, air-conditioned buses equipped with two-way radios.

Samuel B. Nelson, RTD general manager, said the application for assistance in financing the locked fare boxes and associated equipment, along with the

new buses, will be filed with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the federal Department of Transportation (DOT).

THIS IS the first time the District has applied for federal funds for capital expenditures, Nelson noted, expressing hope that government funds for two-thirds of the project cost — estimated at nearly \$10 million — will be made available. The exact fare program equipment alone is estimated to cost \$900,000.

"We are confident the exact fare program will contribute markedly to operating efficiently while reducing bus robberies," Nelson said.

Marine Pvt. Douglas C. Saffley, son of Mrs. Max D. Warren of 3115 Merrill Drive, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

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