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The North Hi Breeze

By LEILA SANTOR

Seniors are sponsoring a noon sock hop in the gym today. This is only one of the many activities the class of '57 is putting on.

"Thors" will present "Dear Ruth," a romantic comedy, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights of next week, in the school cafeteria.

The story involves a girl whose younger sister secretly writes to servicemen using her sister Ruth's name and picture. Complications arise when one of the servicemen pays a visit. Sandy Ford stars as Ruth with Judy Buffenbarger as her sister. Other members of the cast are Larry Cornwell, Dennis Harris, Dave Gazzy, Barbara Cairns, Mike Luongo, Sharyn Rich, Glenda Abbott, and Steve Whelan.

Director is Mrs. Betty Lou Warren, drama instructor, and Christa Volkman is student director. Adult admission at the door is \$1; children 50 cents, and ASB card holders, 50 cents.

Mr. Quaker paid the Saxons a visit last Friday in a very inspiring assembly. This gentleman out of the past, repre-

senting the Quaker Oats Co., climaxed his talk on "teen-agers' struggle against being tabbed juvenile delinquents" with a reading of "Man Without a Country."

Scholarship Society has accepted 105 members for the spring semester. President of the organization is Jim Warne-muende and Richard Venturini is advisor.

First baseball game of the season is a practice game with Wilson High in Long Beach next Tuesday. The first home game is with Huntington Beach the following day. Everyone should be out there cheering for the Saxon nine.

The Hungarian Relief Drive has started at North High. Last week, members of the student body committee sold popcorn for the cause, and during the next few weeks Saxons will support the drive through button sales, exhibits and more popcorn.

Co-chairmen of the drive are Christa Volkman, Austrian exchange student, and Sharyn Rich. The committee consists of 25 members of the student body.

North High was visited by 80 students from nearby Evelyn Carr Elementary last Wednesday. Representatives of next year's freshman class, they viewed campus life and learned about what they would do as the class of '61.

Longren Will Open Mexico Facility Soon

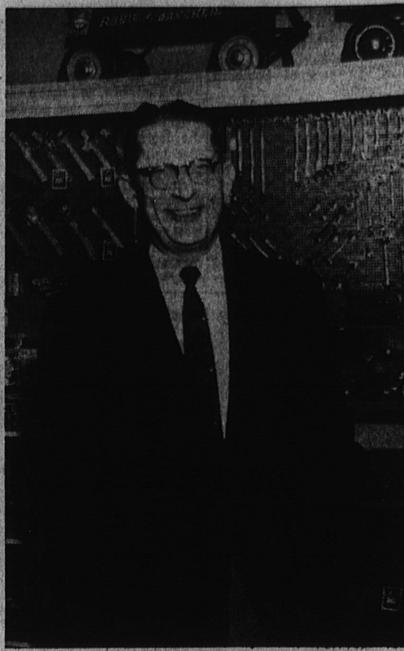
Longren Aircraft Corp. has announced the appointment of W. R. Miller as vice president in charge of their Mexican Corporation - Longren de Mexico.

This appointment puts into motion Longren's previously announced plans for the production of L-13 aircraft in Mexico City and is another step in Longren's rapid expansion. Initially, Miller's responsibilities will encompass preliminary planning of the new facility as well as preparing Longren's radically changed version of the L-13 to meet the growing market in this country and Latin America.

Miller has been vice president of manufacturing for Longren and prior to that time has had a long background of executive positions in aircraft and airline companies.

NAVAL UNITS

The U. S. maintains about 125 destroyers in the fleet of the Pacific compared with only 54 in 1941.



D. D. "DUD" COOK ... Takes Over Western Auto Store

'Dud' Cook Announces Purchase On Local Western Auto Store

D. D. "Dud" Cook, a veteran of 22 years with Western Auto Stores, has purchased the Torrance store at 1269 Sartori Ave., and will operate it as an associate store, he announced this week.

Cook, who took over the store after serving in this area and Orange County as district sales manager for the past two years, has retained Larry Van Liew, former store manager, in the operation, he said. Mrs. Cook will assume the book-keeping and office management duties.

The new Torrance businessman, whose popular downtown store is located between the Bank of America and the J. J. Newberry store, first joined Western Auto in Lincoln, Nebr., as service man, handling tires and batteries. He moved on to become store manager at Independence, Mo., then at Kansas City, Kansas. He also held similar posts at Greenville, N. C., and Jacksonville, Florida before coming to the Los Angeles area.

Likes Torrance

"I have had a wide choice of places to settle down," Cook said yesterday. "But of them all, I've chosen Torrance." Cook has been active in civic affairs wherever he went with his company for 22 years—he was chairman of the retail

merchants at Independence, and has been an active member of the Optimist Club.

Now residents of the Lennox area, the Cooks are planning to move to Torrance in the near future.

"There's one hitch, however," Cook pointed out. "My daughter is a junior at Morning-side High School, and is in line to be considered for a scholarship from the school." He indicated that she might be reluctant to change schools before completing her senior year with her friends.

The Cooks also have a son in his second year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Cook has pledged himself to continue the policies established by Western Auto—high quality merchandise at a fair price. He will continue to carry the customer accounts and budget terms.

Cook attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast this week where he began meeting his business associates. One face in Torrance that is not unfamiliar to him, however, is his assistant, Van Liew, the former manager here. In addition to calling on the local store in his previous capacity and meeting Van Liew—the two of them worked together in the Lincoln, Nebr., store 20 years ago.

Yule Work Plan Wins Approval

Letting high school students off to work at Christmas time made nearly everybody happy, according to a report prepared for the Torrance Board of Education by L. R. Albro, coordinator of the district's work experience program. Employers queried were about 86 per cent satisfied with the students, Albro said, while parents and students were overwhelmingly in favor of letting youngsters off a week early to work in some business.

33 Per Cent Here

Of the 292 students who took part in the work program, 130 or 47 per cent worked in the Crenshaw shopping area, while 98 or 33 per cent worked in Torrance. The other 20 per cent worked in Los Angeles or other cities. The average wage of the students was about \$1, although pay ranged from 75 cents to \$2.34.

Employers reported that about 86 per cent of the students had enough academic background to do their jobs well; 94 per cent had personal qualities—courtesy, honesty, ambition, and alertness to perform their jobs well; and 89 per cent said they would be willing to hire the student again.

Attitudes Change

Two-thirds of the students said that the jobs had not changed their attitudes toward school, while one-third felt that the training helped them to understand the need for some subjects in school.

In this order, students reported that these subjects helped them most:

Math, salesmanship, social studies and English, typing, speech, machine shop, woodshop, bookkeeping, drafting, and homemaking.

Comments on the work ranged from "It showed me how beneficial my education was" to "I needed the money to fix my car."

Parents also approved of the arrangement. Comments included:

"The work experience ties together many of the ideas learned from books and gives schooling a real meaning."

"It not only inspired him as to what he might want to do, but gave him added confidence."

"Two-thirds of all trouble regarding teen-agers is that they lack something to do, and the money to do it with."

"It helped her with her math and self-confidence and she says she feels like studying more, because she realizes now how important a good education is to obtain better jobs and a better community."

Under the program, 292 students from both North and Torrance High School were released a week early to take Christmas jobs at various places. Both schools offered special salesmanship courses beforehand for students who wanted to take them.

Riviera Bike Club Needs Parent Help

The newly-organized Riviera Bike Club, "The Road Hawks," sponsored by the Riviera PTA, may have to limit its activities or disband entirely, it was announced at the board meeting held Thursday at the home of Mrs. George T. Savage.

"The reason is not lack of interest on the part of the children, some 75 have attended meetings and registered their bikes, but rather the lack of interest on the part of the parents."

Forrest G. Sedgwick needs fathers to help the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Riviera School.

"With the combined factors of lots of traffic, no sidewalks, and lots of children on bicycles in the Riviera, the safety portion of the club program alone makes it a worthwhile organization, not to mention the pleasure derived by the children," said Mrs. Gene Voorhees, president.

Anthony Baratta, the new part-time vice principal at Riviera School, was introduced at the board meeting.

A report was made on the last parent education course which dealt with the methods of teaching spelling in our present school system.

JIM DANDY OFFERING DICTIONARY

A 2400-page Webster's Unabridged Dictionary will be available at Jim Dandy's Markets in Torrance and Lomita starting today, according to store officials.

The 388,000-word volume, 11 inches high and four inches thick, will be sold in 15 sections. Section one, available today, will be sold for 25 cents with a \$2.50 purchase. The remaining sections will be available during the following weeks for 89 cents with a purchase. During the final two weeks, an embossed, permanent, two-part binder will be sold to hold all the sections.

The good-will offer contains 2765 illustrations and features latest additions to the English language in natural and social science. Weighing 12 pounds, it has many quotations, synonyms, comparatives, and etymologies.

The Shrine Club plans a dinner and social hour is planned tonight at the El Toga Shrine Club meeting at the Western Club, 15516 S. Western Ave., Gardena, according to President Bill Schroeder.

Shrine Club Plans Dinner

The social hour will start at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Several vaudeville acts will comprise the entertainment for the program.

All shriners in the South Bay area may attend with Masonic friends and guests, Schroeder said. Reservations may be made at Pleasant 1-0011.

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BAY SHRINE STAG PARTY IS-TONIGHT

The first South Bay Shrine Club stag party of 1957 will be held tonight at the Palos Verdes Country Club, 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates, according to President Richard Conroy.

There will be a social hour, beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30, and entertainment thereafter.

Reservations should be made by telephoning President Conroy at FR 5-2417, or Secretary Robert Lee Pearson, at FR 6-4989 or FR 5-0558. All shriners in the area, whether or not they are locally affiliated, are welcome.

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