



WHAT'S IN IT? . . . Members of the American Prospectors Club watch as six-year-old John Cox uses a metal detector to find out what's in some of the rocks his father and other club members have found on some of their prospecting junkets. Shown are Tom Maxey, Los Angeles; Ted Cox, 958 W. 204th St.; young John; and Ed Jones, 2912 Winlock Rd., president of the prospectors. (Herald Photo)

Prospecting Fever Not Dead, Men Say

In 1848, the big cry was "There's gold in them thar hills," but in 1958, the cry is "Let's go see what's in them hills."

Prospectors didn't disappear with the end of the gold craze, and in fact, the American Prospectors Club will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the Torrance YMCA Building, 2080 Washington St., to swap tales of their experiences and plan for new ones.

The club, composed of rockhounds from all over the area, is headed by Ed Jones, 2912 Winlock Rd., and contains several Torrance residents.

Mountain Trip
Currently, the group is making plans to visit the Superstition Mountains over Memorial Day to take a look at some of the fabled old mines—the Lost Dutchman, Waggoners Lost Ledge, and Lost Soldiers' Gold. Leader of the expedition will be a Torrance resident who has prospected since he was a boy, Ted Cox, 958 W. 204th St.

The club makes a monthly field trip to some spot which has been reported as a possible source of some material. Nowadays, prospectors are interested not only in gold and silver, but in such varied items as uranium, manganese, asbestos, or other modern discoveries.

the uranium hunters' craze, the group is continuing its trips and has filed claims to property in Arizona which contains some amounts of asbestos and other minerals.

None of their claims have proved too valuable to date, but the men are still hoping. They have found some low-grade uranium ore as well as other metals.

The men go out in caravans, with station wagons full of necessary prospecting gear, ranging from gold pans to geiger counters. They camp out, sometimes in rough terrain far from civilization.

Some Close Calls
There are, of course, some close calls in tramping through the mountains. Jones and a companion, Maxey, were trapped in a landslide on a mountain recently, but fortunately escaped with only a few bruises.

In the future, the club plans to set classes in prospecting, mining, gem collecting, lapidary work, and other related fields, Jones said.

Unemployment has brought an unusually heavy demand for gold pans, Jones said, and club members are going to build dry washers and pan for color at the meetings, so they will learn how to do it.

Who said the days of the old west are dead?

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Texas 'Rose' Becomes 1st Woman Editor at El Camino

One of Texas' loveliest roses is blossoming this semester on the campus of El Camino College. And this rose is not yellow.

A climber, the rose appears in the personable person of Miss Joyce Huffman, a Dallas coed who enrolled at El Camino in September and became an early bloomer. Appearing in the office of the college newspaper, the Warwhoop, a few days before the opening classes, Miss Huffman was designated as a reporter—until publication of the second issue, when she was promoted to city editor.

First Woman!
Now in her second semester as a Warrior, the transplanted Texan is the first woman editor-in-chief in college history. "And she's one of the best bloomers I know," K. Lye O'Dell, commissioner of publications at El Camino College, attests. O'Dell sacri-

ficed male pride to appoint the comely Texan to her post.

Finding a scarcity of experienced editors on her staff when the semester opened, the flower of Texas womanhood gave way to pressure and took on dual responsibility of continuing her duties as city editor as well as overseeing the entire operation of the only eight-column junior college weekly in Southern California.

Although her healthy Texas drawl provides a classroom sensation, Miss Huffman contends that her family, at its Christmas reunion in Dallas, confronted her with the severe indictment, "Honey, y'awl is talking like a Yaaankee."

Back in pre-Yankee days, Miss Huffman launched her journalism career at N.R. Crozier Technical High School in Dallas, where she served as exchange editor for the Tech Talk. During high school

she was a member of the journalism society, and of the National Honor Society, maintaining an A average throughout her four-year high school career. She also served as a band majorette for four years during prep days.

The coed will continue on the honor circuit at El Camino, where she will be initiated into membership of Beta Phi Gamma, national junior college honor journalism society in the near future. She won honors for herself and the college recently in Fresno, when, competing with representatives of 27 colleges, she won third place honors in news writing. The Warwhoop took sweepstakes awards at the University of Redlands during the past week for make-up and general layout, for which Miss Huffman has been largely responsible during the spring and fall semesters.

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Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club will serve as ushers for the concert, under the direction of Mrs. Lee Allen. Mmes. Douglas Horland, Robert Volen, William Zappas, Rodney Buck, and Willard E. Irwin, School Superintendent J. H. Hull will offer greetings.

Conductor Slated
Still will conduct one of his recent works, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," a suite of five pieces describing one of the children who attended a rural school.

Miss Craft will play several selections. On the program is the "Peer Gynt Suite by Edvard Grieg and the Symphony in C Major by George Bizet.

Director Active
Director will be Miss Elyse Aehle, who has conducted the group since 1945. She is a former conductor of the Alton Civic Symphony and the "Spanish Orchestra," which toured the U. S. and Canada. She has toured in Europe and America as a concert violinist and was the "phantom violin" on a twice-weekly program over CBS. She has also conducted other music groups and is a member of the Los Angeles County Music Commission.

The orchestra, a member of the Symphony League of Los Angeles County, produces the three-day May Festival of the Arts annually and the annual Christmas show. They gave a recent concert for school children in addition to the regular symphony and pop concerts and other appearances.

'48 Class to Hold Reunion

A meeting to plan a class reunion for members of the Summer, 1948, graduating class of Torrance High School will be held next Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Bob Jones residence, 2030 Scannel St.

Plans will be made for a reunion in June. Members of the planning committee are Richard Barrera, John Popovich, Bob Waters, Cecelia Bidwell Hatrup, Jim O'Toole, Marie Kelton Jones, Jack Hood, Audrey Rauls Baxter, Dorothy DeWitt Fulton, Barbara Dunlap Massey.

In Richards Campaign
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