

Graduating Seniors Win \$55,000 in Scholarships

Graduating seniors at Torrance and North High Schools walked off with more than \$55,000 worth of scholarships this year, according to school officials. South High, the city's third high school, had no graduating seniors.

Fifty-one students at the schools won 95 scholarships and awards for outstanding achievements during their high school careers.

At Torrance High, Diane Hinshaw was honored as the school's valedictorian, while three students—Marylyn Brier, Julie Henderson, and Gerald Hickman—were feted as "honor students", ranking at the top of their North High School class.

Winners of four-year-scholarships at North High included

Clarence Fuzak, chosen for the Navy's student trainee program; Richard Bybee, winner of athletic and academic scholarships to Brigham Young University; Julie Henderson, North American Aviation Scholarship winner; James Wilson, winner of Northrop, Inc., National Merit Scholarship; Howard Borer, Pacific Smelting Co. Scholarship winner; and Ger-

ald Reynolds, chosen for an Eldridge A. Stuart-Carnation Co. Scholarship.

AT TORRANCE High, Carla Osterlind and Sharon Clark won grants to the University of Southern California, while John Bentwood copped a four-year scholarship to Stanford University. Judith Woodford, NHS, and Manfred Mainer and

Charlotte Percy, both of THIS, were named as winners of scholarships to Whittier College.

Torrance Education Scholarships, for students who plan to enter teaching, were given to Kiyoka Takeuchi, THIS, and Sonja Pesola, NHS.

Linda Jordan, NHS, won the Las Vecinas Woman's Club Scholarship, while Pat Travis,

THIS, won a scholarship to Pepperdine College.

THE NORTH Torrance Lions presented a scholarship to Sonja Pesola, while Kiyoka Takeuchi and John Bentwood received similar grants from the Torrance Lions Club. THIS students Mike Mullen and Diane Hinshaw received the Elks Club and Rotary Club

Scholarships, respectively.

Ruby Reis, NHS, and Charlotte Percy, THIS, were given Torrance Council, Parent-Teacher Assn., Scholarship. Mary Margaret Blount, THIS, was given the Torrance Elementary PTA Scholarship.

National Supply Co. grants were given to Mike Mullen, THIS, and Rosalie Murray, NHS.

At North High, Ruby Reis and Sharon Boge won scholarships of the NHS Girls' Athletic Assn. and Rosemary Sieh was given the NHS Girls' League award.

SALLY MASON and Donald Fisher, Torrance High, won Robert Mason Scholarships.

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670 TO GET DIPLOMAS TONIGHT

A Penny for your Thoughts

With the City currently in budget sessions of the City Council, your HERALD photographer, roaming the Torrance streets, singled out five citizens and asked them "Do you think the pay for firemen and police officers should be increased?" Here are their answers.

Harry Libby, 9962 Besse Avenue, El Monte.
"I think that their pay should be equal to the pay that other working people receive, after all, they do protect our life and our property."

Mrs. Lillian Lewis, 1533 W. 204th Street, Torrance.
"Their pay should be equal to the pay of other officers and people who protect the public interests. I don't know too much about their pay, but I know that they could be paid higher."

H. H. Ludolph, 1818 256th Street, Lomita.
"Yes, they have a rough job to do and it is a very dangerous occupation. The officers and firemen deserve more pay for the job they perform for the public."

Eugene Gather, 1806 Torrance.
"Definitely it should be increased. They have so much to do and if we didn't have them what would we do with all the crimes that are committed every day?"

Ronald Beauchamp, 1611 Cambillo, Torrance.
"Yes, policemen and firemen have to be ready to sacrifice their lives in the performance of their assigned duties. You can hardly set a price on life."

Shell Chemist Given Decorate At Akron
Ralph Milkovich, rubber chemist for the Shell Chemical Co. here, received one of the five doctor of philosophy degrees granted Monday evening by the University of Akron in Ohio. The granting of the doctorates marks the first time the Ohio university has conferred such honors. Milkovich lives in Lakewood.

City Tax Hike Being Studied

A recommendation that the council consider raising the tax rate to the legal maximum of \$1 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and adding a 10-cent a \$100 tax to support the city's recreation and park program, was made this week by City Manager George W. Stevens as he continued to hammer away at a budget that is too big for the estimated income of the city.

"We were nearly \$800,000 over last week," Stevens said. "We've gone through this budget on the basis that we would be permitted to employ 25 persons, and have eliminated the frills, cut the requests to the bone. We still can't balance it," he said.

Three alternatives seem to be available, he said. The city could not add the employees and curtail services; it could

add the employees but not consider any salary changes for the year; or it can add the 25 new employees, make the recommended salary adjustments, and raise more money to pay for it.

RAISING more funds was his recommendation to the councilmen, although he is running into opposition on that point. Stevens says a tax hike to the legal maximum of \$1 would (Continued on Page 46)



"VALIANT" APPEARS . . . Looking over the '59 edition of the school yearbook, which came out this week at North High, are, left to right: Jeannette Babajian, Bob McIntosh, Delores Moan, and Jell Patterson.

2 Programs Set for City

Graduation ceremonies this evening slated for Murdock Stadium at El Camino College and at the Torrance High School stadium will climax high school life for 670 of the city's seniors.

Scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the El Camino stadium is the North High graduation ceremony, in which some 465 students will receive their diplomas from Clinton Cooke and Walter Garrabrant, members of the board of education. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools for the city, is scheduled to take part in the program along with student speakers Robert Halliwell and JoAnn Hoffheimer. The Rev. William Schatz and the Rev. Milton Sippel will also participate in the program.

AT TORRANCE High, 208 graduates will receive their diplomas in ceremonies at the school's stadium scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Grace Wright, member of the board of education since its formation here 12 years ago, and Joseph G. Arnold, board member, will hand out diplomas. Student speakers will include Sharon Clark, Mardell Clayton, Naomi Johnson and Victor Ramirez.

Dr. Hull plans to rush from the North High graduation rites to participate in the Torrance High ceremonies as well. South High school will have no graduating class this year. As a new school, its first senior class will be graduated in 1960.

WHILE NEARLY 700 seniors are leaving at the top end of the local school system, administrators are bracing themselves to welcome 2900 kindergartners to Torrance schools next year—a gain of 2200 or so.

And prior to the fall enrollments, nearly a third of the city's 23,000 students have indicated they will return June 22 for the six-week summer school sessions.

LATEST enrollment figures indicate that 6900 elementary students and 1900 high school students have signed up for (Continued on Page 46)

WATER RATES UPPED

A water rate increase of an average 10 cents a month will be paid by the average Torrance homeowner following approval by the City Council Tuesday night of a rate hike slated to bring the city an extra \$47,500 in revenue.

Affected by the water-rate increase are nearly 18,000 consumers in Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, it was revealed by Supt. Angus McVicar, who claimed that even with the boost in the cost of water, local residents are still paying less than those supplied by other water companies in the area.

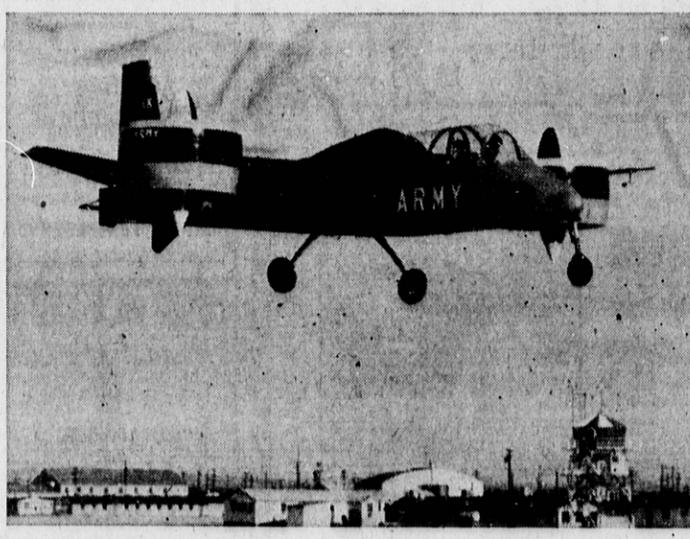
The water superintendent told councilmen that the city needed the increase to offset a 25 per cent rise in the cost of water during the past three years.

Under the new schedule, the present rate of 25 cents per 100 cubic feet of water for the first 1200 cubic feet consumed in a two-month period will be retained. For every 100 cubic feet over that amount, water users will pay one cent more than they have been paying.

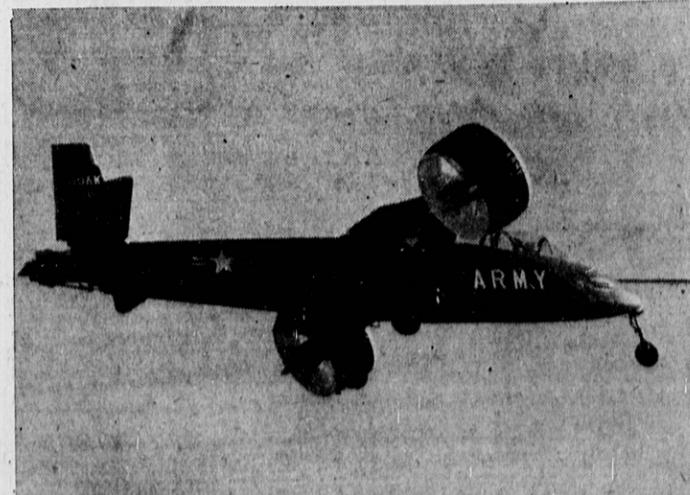
Work to Begin 204th St. Road

Work on improvement of 204th St. from Kenwood Ave. to New Hampshire Ave. in the Torrance-Dominguez area will get under way this week, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced.

Radical Plane Built Here Makes Successful Flights



UP, UP, UP . . . Doak Aircraft Co. this week announced successful testing of its revolutionary new vertical take-off and landing plane (VTOL), developed here and given static tests at Torrance Municipal Airport.



AND AWA-A-Y . . . Once airborne, the new Doak 16 VTOL begins to move forward when the ducted props are swiveled from the horizontal to the vertical position. The props can be turned back for landing.

A new kind of plane which can take off and land vertically like a helicopter and fly at convention high speeds was successfully completed for the U.S. Army this week, according to Doak Aircraft Co., Inc., 22309 Western Ave., developers of the craft.

Propelled by ducted fans mounted on the wing tips, the new airplane—called the Doak 16—Army VZ-4A VTOL—needs no runway. Built in Torrance, the plane had its first test at Torrance Municipal Airport.

Test flights at Edwards Air Force Base proved the vertical-to-horizontal conversion can be made at pressure altitudes of 3000 to 6000 feet.

THE ARMY plans to utilize the Doak 16 for observation and liaison flights. Other possibilities envisioned by Edmond R. Doak, president and general manager of Doak Aircraft, are as a transport craft, both com- (Continued on Page 46)



SEAMAN TOMMY COOK . . . Hailed as Hero

Tommy Cook Hailed for Lifesaving

A Torrance Coast Guardsman who was graduated from Torrance High School in 1956 was honored Saturday night in recognition of his heroic efforts in saving a drowning sailor last April.

Tommy Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin R. Cook, of 2822 Gramercy Ave., was guest of honor at a dinner at the Officers Club in San Diego where he received the heroism award and commendation medal for saving the life of Fireman Apprentice Mose Wright at Fleet Sonar School Piers.

Seaman Apprentice Cook was on guard duty at the pier on April 2 when he heard faint cries coming from the vicinity of the piers. Checking, he saw a man struggling in the water about 15 feet out from the pier. Shedding his coat, Cook plunged into the water and brought the limp body of the sailor ashore.

The sailor was given artificial respiration at the scene and then rushed to the Navy hospital where he later recovered.

"I thought he was done for," Cook told his superiors later. Cook, former HERALD carrier and pilot of the HERALD-sponsored Soap Box Derby entry at one time, entered the service in October, 1958.

Construction Improvement Set for City

An agreement for additional construction improvements in the vicinity of Torrance was announced yesterday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

As recommended by Chace, the Board instructed its chairman to sign a betterment agreement, already signed by the City of Torrance, for permanent improvement of the Dominguez Channel between Gramercy Pl. and Redondo Beach Blvd. The contract also calls for construction of additional traffic and related facilities at Redondo Beach Blvd., Cherry Ave., Crenshaw Blvd., and Arlington Ave.

According to provisions of the agreement, the City of Torrance will deposit \$48,000 with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District towards construction.

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