



**WINNING FLOAT**... Officers of the North Torrance Civic association accept a trophy for winning first place in the float division of this year's Christmas parade. Seen (l-r) are: Milton Hunter, parliamentarian; Mrs. Thelma

Chambers, float committee chairman; John Kesson, president; Sgt. D. C. Cook, parade coordinator, presenting trophy; and Mrs. Barbara Nesbitt, treasurer.—Press Photo.

### Here's How Youngsters Would Spend 'Last Hour'

(Budding young reporters at North high school went around interviewing fellow students recently asking them what they would do if they had only one more hour to live. Answers which were quite varied had one element in common—a peculiar tongue-in-cheek flavor. We thought our readers would enjoy the remarks and are herewith reprinting them with permission from the "North Wind," school publication in which the original article appeared headed "Roving Reporter: Doomed Saxons Spend Last Hour." Faculty advisor is Topper Smith.—Editor's note.)

**ANNE RUTLEDGE:**

I'd go to church and pray that I had another hour. (To pray, or get married?)

**JUDY ARNOLD:**

Go out and have a gay time, tell everyone good-bye, and take a certin boy with me. (P.C. maybe).

**LINDA WALLACE:**

Go see Johnny.

**DAVE CONSTANCE:**

Buy me a harem.

**ROSEMARY FRANCIS:**

I would go to the pike with B.W. because he has already asked me.

**ARDENE SMITH:**

Run down to Diego and get Chuck (in an hour?)

**JIM DONOVAN:**

Go to the show and take B.W. (Are you sure?)

**BRUCE STINGER:**

Get a pair of scissors, cut up my football shoes, and eat the spikes.

**COACH NUZUM:**

Have the Bee football players run laps around the cross-country course twice.

**JOHNNY SWOETIGUER:**

Have Coach Nuzum run the cross-country course twice.

**BOB WYATT:**

Say "Bye World."

**DENNIS BERRY:**

Just lie in bed and moan.

**SHARON HERBST:**

Make up with one of my old friends so I could die with a mended heart.

**BOB MARTINECK:**

Get into my dad's car and drive.

**ERNE THOMPSON:**

What wouldn't I do: (That's a good question!)

**RICHARD POWELL:**

Commit suicide.

**JIM BALD:**

Take Mr. Safety and Mrs. Wilson for a walk. (Thou shalt

**not kill!)**

**BOB J. TURNER:**

Disturb all good-looking girls. (You wouldn't hit them would you?)

**KENDALL BEIGHT:**

Go after the rich girls with cars and plenty of gas. (Who needs gas?)

**RICHARD DAVIS:**

Find a girl and have a ball.

**JIM HEINS:**

I won't tell.

**JOAN COLEMAN:**

Write letters, comb my hair, put on lipstick make up any wrongs I have done, and buy funeral clothes. (Busy, isn't she?)

**WILLIS JACKSON:**

Eat, drink and be married. (That's the quickest way to go.)

**KEN PURVIANCE:**

Get a girl and rob a bank. (What's the girl for?)

**STEVE WATKINS:**

Decide how to go.

**JOYCE FLOCKEN:**

Get all my teachers together and finish the job of frustrating them.

**IRENE BINFORD:**

Write a book on "How to Thrill a Boy in Ten Easy Lessons." (For instance.)

**GERALDINE BOLDE:**

Fog up Mr. Nichols' glasses and say "Guess who?"

**LEILA SANTOE:**

Call Mr. Elfring and tell him to hurry. (Teacher by winter, mortician by summer.)

**MISS DALTON:**

Go into a state of shock for (or was it from) my first-aid class.

**KENT McMICHAEL:**

I'd count the minutes. (Wonder if he can count that far?)

**DIANE STANLEY:**

Figure out a way to take a certain boy with me. (Could his initials be M. D.?)

### Junior High Scouts Hold Award Court

The YWCA hosted a fellow Red Feather Agency recently when junior high Girl Scout Troop 1293 held their court of awards.

During the year the girls have earned 41 badges which they received at the ceremony. Janice Jackson, troop chairman was mistress of ceremonies and opened the event with the presenting of the flags by Jocelyn Green, Patty Lewis Carla Osterlind and Karen Crist.

The scouts planned and carried out the awarding, including the display of their accomplishments. The leaders, Mesdames E. Carl Osterlind and Fred Steiner remained in the background as parents or a member of the family gave the girls the badges.

The awarders included Mrs. W. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Stroman, Miss Carol Crist, Mrs. Hugh Brady, Mrs. George Yuasa, and Mrs. Paul Brunner. Also attending were Mrs. S. Takeuchi, Mrs. H. G. Crist and Carl Osterlind.

Each member of the troop had a speaking part in the program. Participating were Kathleen Brady, Green, Kiyoko Takeuchi, Jackson, Jerry Brunner, Pauline Yuasa, Lewis, Osterlind, Crist, Judy Motoyasu and Betty Stroman.

Unable to be there were Nannette Gallo, Carla Conklin, Barbara Steiner and Linda Lewis.

### Halldale P-TA Gives Fete

Mrs. E. E. Salcido was the surprised guest of honor at a baby shower given for her recently, by Halldale P-TA officers.

Mrs. Ray M. Rhoads of 20954 Brighton ave. opened her home for the large group of women. The P-TA executive board members clubbed together on the all-important gift, a collapsible baby bed.

The hostess was assisted by Mmes. David P. Goolsby, Judson Boward and E. R. Alves in serving hot rolls and steaming coffee.

### Blackfeet Club Inducted Into National Hi-Y

In a ceremony held recently at the First Methodist church, the Blackfeet club was officially inducted into the National YMCA Jr.-Hi-Y Fellowship.

Members of the Torrance Hi-Y Club conducted the ceremony. Rev. Don Shelby of the Methodist church gave the boys their emblems.

Members of the newly inducted club are: Bob Mullen, president; Greg Radford, vice-president; John Hunter, secretary; Bob Wallace, treasurer; Clawson Fawcett, chaplain; Joe De Jaire, John Hawks, Bruce Smith, Roy Meredith, Glenn Martin, John O'Neil, Bob Lee, Doug Sincok, and Ronnie Lorenze.

### LOTS OR CARS

National Automobile club reports that 70 per cent of all families in the United States own cars.

### Carbide Co. Announces Promotions

New assignments for Ben Hannigan and Bill Cowser at Carbide's Torrance plant were announced today by T. A. Wilker, superintendent of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals company here.

Promoted to department head over chemicals and polyethylene shipping and the order and traffic divisions at the new plant was Ben Hannigan. Prior to receiving his new assignment, Hannigan served as a production supervisor in the Vinylite area.

Named assistant department head in charge of Polyethylene hot processing and blending was Bill Cowser. Before receiving his promotion Cowser was in charge of physical testing in the resins lab.

A chemical engineering graduate of Denver University, Hannigan joined Carbide in April, 1948.

A resident of LaMarque, Hannigan lives at 814 Red Oak Lane in La Marque with his

### New Indian Guide Group



BEN HANNIGAN



BILL COWSER

A new father and son Y Indian Guide tribe was started at a meeting of interested fathers held at the Madrona school cafeteria.

Lester Murdock, chief of the Cherokee tribe, was in charge of the meeting. Murdock explained the program of Y Indian Guides and displayed some of the projects the Cherokee tribe had made.

Men present at the meeting, all fathers of first and second grade boys, were: E. J. Bradford, Tom Thornton, A. Champion, Elliott Nohr, Lee Muhleck, Fred Sullivan, Bob Herber, and Harry Campbell.

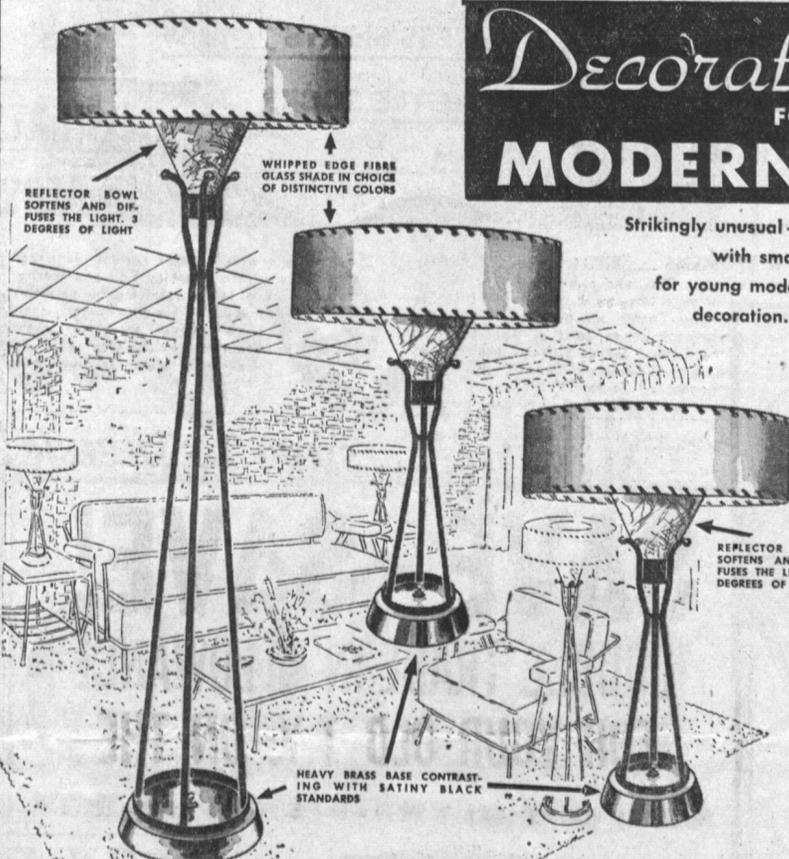
Anyone interested in Y Indian Guides may call Lester Murdock, FA. 8-0660 or the Torrance YMCA, FA. 8-1272.

Marque with their three children Kathleen, S. Elizabeth, 3, and Bill Bruce, Jr. 1.

A World War II veteran Cowser is a Texas A and M technician in the Navy.

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### Saxon... High... Lights

By BONNIE WILLIAMS  
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The mighty class of '57 received its senior rings last week. The rings are just beautiful. The white gold background lends a distinctive touch of color.

**Saxons Appear on TV**  
North high was featured on the Gene Norman TV show December 13. The results of the show will appear in next week's column.

North high was represented in the Junior Rose Bowl when a few of the North high band members marched with the El Camino band in the bowl.

**Activities Coming Up**  
Coming up in the near future is the North high school variety show, completely acted, produced, and directed by the students. It's slated for January 14 at Torrance high.

We hope to see all of you loyal Saxons supporting this show as it is one of the most important activities of the year. There will be a winter formal sponsored by the girls league. It will be held January 21 and will be called "Stardust and Snowflakes."

**First Varsity Victory**  
The Saxon varsity basketball team came home with its first victory when the hoopsters beat Artesia 40-39. Scores for each team were as follows:

Varsity	40	39
J. V.	40	47
	38	48
	17	14

**Snoopin' Around**

Have seen many new steadies this week, among them: Joan McKinnon and Bill Sumpter, Marilyn Brier and Ed McKiernan, Sharon Andrews and Larry Dorsey, Dinah Jones and Jerry Haskett.

Also making it official are Phyllis Dolans and Larry Anderson.

### WARNS OF HEATER HAZARDS

Prediction of an unusually cold winter by the Farmer's Almanac should prompt readers of the venerable old publication to give serious attention to their heating equipment said Dr. B. A. Kogan, Torrance and Bay Cities District Health Officer. Extremely cold weather, tightly closed houses and unvented open flame heaters can mean serious trouble cautions Dr. Kogan.

He points out that the best long-term solution is to replace unvented heaters with heating equipment that is connected to a vent pipe that carries the products of combustion out of the house.

In the meantime, he warns users of unvented heaters to:

1. Keep the room well ventilated. Leave a window open at least one and a half inches, top and bottom, when the heater is in use. Never sleep in a room with an unvented space heater burning.
2. Locate heaters out of the foot traffic patterns of the room and away from drapes, chairs, and other combustible materials. Every year people are burned, usually women and children, when clothes accidentally catch fire from open-flame heaters. Never stand in front of heaters while dressing.
3. Use a metal connector to attach the heater to the gas piping. Flexible cloth-covered rubber hose deteriorate and are the cause of fires.
4. Have the heater checked periodically by the gas company or a competent service agency to be certain that it is in proper working order.

**HOOR BELL**

The hour bell of Big Ben, on the clock tower of the houses of parliament in London, was first cast on August 6, 1856. It was recast in 1858, due to crack-

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