

### THS Band Tops In Contest

Friday, March 8, the Torrance High School band received the highest possible rating from all three judges at the District Music contest in El Segundo. This is the first time a Torrance band has ever won a unanimous superior rating.

Band members will advance to the Regional Finals at San Diego next month. Solo and ensemble contestants are Judy Bowlds, Bill Colby, Tom Greer, Vicki Hinshaw, George Mayer, John Mousakis, Gary Rippstein, Charles Seitz and Gary Tiernan. James W. Nichols is the band director.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton M. Mathis, of 1543 W. 203rd, announce the birth of a son, Patrick Charles, weighing 7 pounds and 13 ounces.

## Employers, Pupils, Parents Pleased with Work Program

Employers, students, and parents seemed equally happy with the Christmas employment program instituted by the Torrance Unified School district, according to results of a study made by L. R. Albro, work coordinator.

A total of 292 students from both high schools availed themselves of the employment program which permitted them to get out of school early.

Asked if the students were courteous, friendly, neat, honest, hard working, ambitious and alert, 94% of the employers answered yes. Employers indicated that 85% of the students had sufficient mastery of their particular skill.

Among exceptional qualities emphasized by employers were the following: ready at all times to assume responsibilities; catch on quickly; mechanically minded; have offered student steady work after graduation; good honest ability; good sales person, very courteous; very hard worker; used very good judgment and was very efficient and ambitious; as good as regular full-time employes.

Student comments included the following: I still like school better; I will work harder in school; it proved the necessity of good school training; I was anxious to get back to school; I now choose school over work; learning to take criticism was best for me; I learned how to talk to people;

It helped me to get along with people I didn't like; my having to be at work on time I think will help me not to be tardy at school.

Parents, too, seemed pleased. A few typical comments were:

"I believe your work experience program is excellent. Our son has felt honored to be chosen by you to participate in this program. This distinction alone encourages him to work harder in all of his classes. The work experience ties together many of the ideas learned from books and gives school a real meaning."

"We thank you for letting our daughter work. We think it's wonderful for our children to have this opportunity. 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."

### GOP HEAD RE-ELECTED

Jean W. Haley, of San Pedro, was re-elected as president of the 68th District Republican assembly, a unit of the Los Angeles County Republican assembly and the California Republican assembly, at a meeting Monday night in the Hacienda hotel, San Pedro. Mrs. Haley, who is a delegate-at-large to the California Republican assembly, served as president of the 68th unit in 1956.

Others elected to serve the 1957 term are Frode B. Kilstofte, Wilmington, vice-president; Tom Brewer, Torrance Republican candidate for the Assembly at the last election, executive vice-president, and Edna Smith Fisher, Lomita, secretary-treasurer.

The district also is represented on the California Republican assembly board of directors by Frank S. Selover, of Torrance, who is a regional director for the 17th Congressional district, and editor of the statewide publication, California Republican Assembly News. He also is editor of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly News.

### Talking About The Weather

By Mark Eubank

A fast moving weather front passed through Torrance last Saturday bringing varied amounts of rain to the area. A fast moving front is considered to be moving at approximately 720 miles a day. At my amateur weather station .07 of an inch was recorded. However the official weather station, which is located at the Torrance Fire Department, recorded .13 as compared with .18 at Walteria.

Snowfall was generally light in the local mountains with an average of 2 or 3 inches. If you think that 3 inches of snow is not enough to play in, I suggest you go to the 5500 ft. level of Mt. Rainier in Washington where a total of 1000.3 inches

of snow was officially recorded last year.

The local deserts were buffed by gale force winds. Some reports indicated winds in excess of 45 miles per hour.

The high temperature last week was an 83, and recorded a week ago today. The low was 42. The total rainfall for this month stands at .75 of an inch.

At present all indications point to partly cloudy skies today and tomorrow with a slight increase in the day time temperature.

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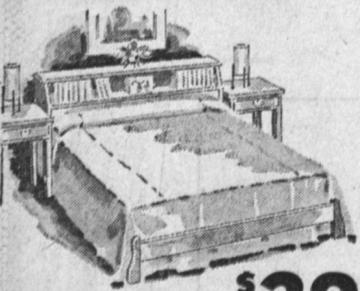
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