

Composer Of 'Because' Entertains Lions Club

Frederick V. Bowers, composer of "Because," "Al-ways," "Wanting You," and literally hundreds of other songs, entertained members of the Lions club Tuesday.

Mr. Bowers' program consisted of the songs of yesterday and today, many of them his, own compositions, others made popular in their day by such favorites as Marie Dressler, George M. Cohan, Eddie Foy and many others.

He tells their stories and re-creates the by-gone days of the American Theater with all their charm and glow.

Mr. Bowers, who appeared on behalf of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, is a native of Boston, graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music; a master of the piano and a gifted singer. He entered the theater by way of vaudeville, became a comic opera star, a famous composer and popular actor.

He starred in all the Keith and Allied vaudeville theaters throughout the country. He has been an outstanding musical figure for more than 40 years.



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Torrance Coordinating Council Schedules Town Hall Meeting

Plans are underway for a city-wide "town hall" type meeting of all organiza-tions in Torrance, it was announced today by officials of the Torrance Coordinating Council.

The meeting scheduled for June 5 at a site to be announced will be for the pur-pose of determining the prob-lems, present and future, that face the citizens of Torrance. In addition, plans will be formu-lated as how to best solve them.

Council President, Dick Fitz-gerald, manager of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, stated that a speaker will deliver a brief speech on civic responsi-bility, followed by a "buzz ses-sion" designed to allow every-one to express his opinion. Major problems will then be deter-mined and the meeting will

split-off into smaller group dis-cussions on specific problems in the fields of education, youth, health, safety, and culture.

Committee chairmen for the event are Joni Vanderpool (ar-rangements), Mervin Schwab (program), Betty Seidler (inviti-lity), Dorothy Stoeckle (hostess and refreshments), Mary Potts (finance), Marilyn Scharf (telephone), Tom Potts (seating), Mary Ochiai (deco-rations) Sara Kallner (adviso-ry) and Dick Fitzgerald (pub-licity).

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EVERYONE PARTICIPATES

Pupils at Carr Elementary school all participate in the unique club program designed to arouse and enrich a student's interest in various fields. Above are primary school pupils who belong to choruses directed by Mrs. Janet Asper (at piano) and James McDonald.—Press Photo.

Clubs for Everyone At Carr Elementary

It frequently takes pupils a long time to find out where their real interests lie. Carr Elementary school, however, is using a technique now which is intended to help youngsters make up their mind.

Once a week every Wednesday the school program calls for a "club period."

At this time every pupil goes to the club of his choice—and there are many clubs to choose from: Glee club drama and public speaking, sports, science, avo-visual, future nurses, liter-ature, newspaper, photography, chess and checkers, good groom-ing, hobbies, sketching, future secretaries, or Junior Red Cross.

What is so unusual about this program is that it is both volun-tary and compulsory.

It is voluntary because

youngsters may choose at the beginning of a semester what club they would like to belong to. They have to stay with that particular club for six weeks at which time they may choose another club.

The purpose of the clubs, ac-cording to Principal Richard Welte, is to subject pupils to as many different fields of interest as possible in order to awaken their curiosity and inclination.

The unique and compulsory

feature of the program is that every youngster must belong to a club and attend it once a week.

There are no tests or re-quirements connected with the "class" and youngsters simply pursue their various interests under the guidance of a club sponsor (always a teacher).

This same program is used at some other schools as well, but is usually restricted to seventh and eighth grade students. Here youngsters fourth through eighth grades participate.

Youngsters in the primary grades (1st through third) do not join any of the above clubs but instead belong to boys' and girls' choruses under the direction of James McDonald and Mrs. Janet Asper, respectively.

The club program is designed as an enrichment program and to arouse a youngster's aware-ness of the world around him.

'Around the World' Night For Torrance

Tickets are moving at a brisk pace for the special "Torrance Night" at "Around the World in 80 Days." It was announced to-day by Office Manager Valda Wilkins of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The event will be held on Tuesday evening, May 14 at the Carthay Circle with the entire house being reserved for Torrance residents and friends. Torrance is the first city to have been saluted by the Academy Award winning extravaganza because of its "All-America City" rating.

Civic leaders and City officials will head the delegation on buses of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, chartered for the occasion by the Chamber.

Mrs. Wilkins stated that good seats are still available and can be obtained at the Chamber of-fice.

3 PLEAD GUILTY TO ROBBERY

Pleading guilty to first degree robbery, Coy Lee Hall, of Tor-rance, Mrs. Patricia Lee And-rade, 22, of 1613 W. 204th st., and Martin Andrew (Sonny) Bonina, 22, of San Pedro will come up for probation and sen-tencing May 29 in Long Beach Superior Court.

The three were tried on charges of robbing Andrew Russo, 17, of 17519 Patronella st., Tor-rance, after he left a Torrance bank with \$2000.

Only a few days prior to the hearing Hall, who was out on probation, was arrested on sus-picion of burglary at the scene of the crime in Long Beach.

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