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ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS Gloria Jo Foster of WALTERIA School, who won third prize, John Brooks of Parkway School, who won second prize, and Faith Ann Gilbert of Parkway School, first place winner, proudly hold their prizes awarded them by the Torrance Elks. The three students were judged winners of the Elks Essay Contest.

First 'Missileair' Graduates

The first class of US Air Force "missileairmen," who will man the world's first intercontinental guided missile squadron, were graduated December 17 at formal military exercises conducted before military and civilian dignitaries and families of the students.
 Major General Alfred F. Kalberer, Deputy Commander of

the 15th Air Force, whose headquarters are at March Air Force Base, delivered the keynote address stressing the importance of guided missile in deterring aggression.
 The graduating class consisted of officers and airmen of the Strategic Air Command, Air Training Command and civilian employees of the Air Materiel Command.

Whitley C. Collins, Northrop president, congratulated the graduates for successfully completing their vital Snark training and for their individual contributions to the defense of the free world.
 Ceremonies for the 105 graduates were held in front of a new Air Force test facility designed for pre-launch check out of the 5000-mile USAF-Northrop Snark SM-62, the nation's first successful intercontinental guided missile, now in production at the Northrop Division of Northrop Aircraft, Inc.
 All trainees have successfully completed the instructional program supervised and conducted by Northrop technicians under the direction of Dr. J. N. McClelland.

Hahn Reports Storm Drain Work at End

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that all bond-financed flood control storm drains in this district, for which the city was responsible for preparing the plans, have been completed except for two, and both of these are under construction, with one to be completed in two weeks.

The eight projects were allocated a total of \$13,574,200 in the 1952 bond issue program. "With all of the projects completed or under construction, the bond issue program for the second district has now been completed ahead of schedule," Supervisor Hahn declared.

The second district was the first to have all of its County projects under construction.

County bond issue storm drain projects in Supervisor Hahn's district now completed and in operation include:

Project number 1—the East Compton creek drain, allocated \$4,597,000 in the bond issue.

Project number 4—Crenshaw boulevard storm drain in Inglewood, costing \$432,200.

Project number 10—Normandie avenue in Gardena, allocated \$1,048,700.

Project number 11—Rosecrans avenue storm drain—bond issue amount: \$322,200.

Of the two remaining storm drain projects, the Inglewood avenue - Century boulevard drain, project 13, is virtually completed and is already in operation—eight months ahead of schedule.

Project 12, the Manhattan Beach boulevard drain, extending nearly four miles from El Segundo and Aviation to Dominguez channel at Manhattan Beach has been under construction since last August.

The storm drain projects provide major flood control and drainage to large areas along their routes and all have proved highly successful in operation during storms, Supervisor Hahn declared.

In addition, the Arlington-Glenburn drain, with plans prepared by the City of Torrance; the Redondo Beach boulevard drain, with plans prepared by Gardena; and the Centinela Creek and Fairview-Hyde Park drains by the City of Inglewood have all been built and placed in operation.



THE TORRANCE TERRACE GARDEN CLUB took over the task of decorating the YWCA for the annual Christmas party last week. Theme of the family party was "Round the World," and featured choral groups, skits, community singing and other entertainment. Shown here working at the job of decorating are Mrs. John Ericson on the ladder, listening to the advice of Mrs. Ronald Bishop. Others who helped were Mrs. Minot Rugg, president of the Garden club, and Mmes. B. R. Bain, Victor Benstead, George Powell, W. Stevens and Ruth Lisman—Press Photo.

Hahn Urges Full-time Commission

Creation of a full-time County Crime Commission was urged this week by County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn following his review of the final report of the 1957 Grand Jury.

In support of his proposal, Supervisor Hahn cited three points:

1. It takes five months for members of the Grand Jury to understand their duties and become familiar with the operations of County government.

2. After its discharge, following one year's service, the Grand Jury can not legally follow through on its recommendations.

3. The Grand Jury should be supplemented by a permanent Crime Commission which would work with all of the police departments in the County, the Sheriff's department, the Attorney General's office, and the FBI and would combat the in-

tolerable narcotics traffic, which is now out of hand, and prevent organized crime from operation in Los Angeles County.

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Watch Your Holi-daze

Don't be trapped by the Holi-daze! That's the advice of Mrs. V. L. Geissinger, president of the Los Angeles County Coordinating Council. Mrs. Geissinger points out that the Christmas-New Year season accounts for more traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities than any other time of the year, and that home fires and home accidents are also on the increase at this time.
 "The Los Angeles County Coordinating Council wishes to lend its full support to the holiday safety program of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council and to the other programs of many official and civic agencies," said Mrs. Geissinger. "We urge everyone to drive within the stated speed limits, to not drive when they have been drinking intoxicating beverages, to be especially cautious during the hours of darkness and to be alert for pedestrians in this busy shopping season."
 "In our homes we should use only safety-approved Christmas decorations and lights, and always remember that the Christmas tree is a potential fire hazard at all times. If we are to have a safe and sane holiday season, we must all be alert to the special dangers at this time of the year. Christmas should be a season of joy and gladness, not a season of tragedy brought on by carelessness and a disregard for the rights and privileges of others."

Boys Learn Art of Cooking

Cookies and cakes; biscuits and banana cream pies are high points of interest for Torrance High school boys enrolled in the Boys' Food class. The class open to all boys above the freshman level is organized to develop and appreciation of the tasks of the homemakers, to develop skills in buying food, to develop good nutritional habits and to enjoy good cooking.
 Miss Jo Kaye Meek, Home Economics instructor and teacher of the Boys' Food class states; "The planning of breakfasts, lunches and dinners; salads and dressings, cakes, cookies and pastries helps to maintain a high degree of interest in the class." Several schools in the Southland have boys' Food classes. Some of the classes include units of sewing for boys. The boys' foods class at Torrance High school now in its second year seems slated to become a permanent part of the Home Economics Curriculum at Our High School," Miss Meek concluded.

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