

South High Boys Get Degree of Distinction

The Degree of Distinction, highest award obtainable in the National Forensic League, was awarded last night to Douglas Foerster and John Brooks, juniors at South High School in Torrance. The awards were made at the annual Fine Arts Banquet held in the school cafeteria.

The National Forensic League is a nation-wide organization with over 900 secondary schools in forty-three states participating. The basic purpose of N.F.L. is to uncover talent in the field of competitive speaking and de-

bating. South High entered the National Forensic League this year for the first time and finished the year with twice as many honor degrees as any other first-year school. Fifty-four degrees were earned by the local chapter during its first year as the group participated in various tournaments throughout Southern California.

The local chapter was chosen to present the annual demonstration debate held at U.C.L.A. Douglas Foerster was selected to preside as chairman over the N.F.L. Dis-

tribut Student Congress held in the Los Angeles Courthouse. At the State Qualifying Tournament at the University of Southern California South High had two finalists. At the National Qualifying Tournament South High School had a finalist in Boy's Impromptu Speaking. The debate team placed third at the Final State Qualifying Tournament at the University of Redlands.

The following students have earned the Degree of Honor (75 points), Karl Gardlid, Richard Vogl, Paula Harter, Shelley Lessin, Helen Ma-

rich, Michael Grove, John Brittenham, William Latham, Irene Hanson. Miss Marsha Caddell is the coach.

The Degree of Excellence (150 points) has been gained by Faithann Gilbert and Lavonne Lundee—Miss Madelyn Creighton, Coach.

The Degree of Distinction (250 points) has been won by Douglas Foerster and John Brooks.

Republican Club Will Show Film

South Bay Young Republican Club will show "Communism on the Map" at their May 24, meeting being held at Smith's Fish Shanty, 4020 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance. This Wednesday meeting, which begins at 8 p.m., is preceded by a social hour beginning at 7:15 p.m. Meeting is open to the public.

If actual attendance figures had been kept it would probably be found that "Communism on the Map" has been seen by more people than "Gone with the Wind." COM is a factual well documented treatment of the inroads

made by international communism throughout the world. It does not attempt to lull one into a sense of false security.

This film strip is being shown by the South Bay Young Republican Club as a public service. It is the second meeting devoted to the subject of communism. The first was a showing of "Operation Abolition." J. Edgar Hoover has said, "We are at war, and we are losing."

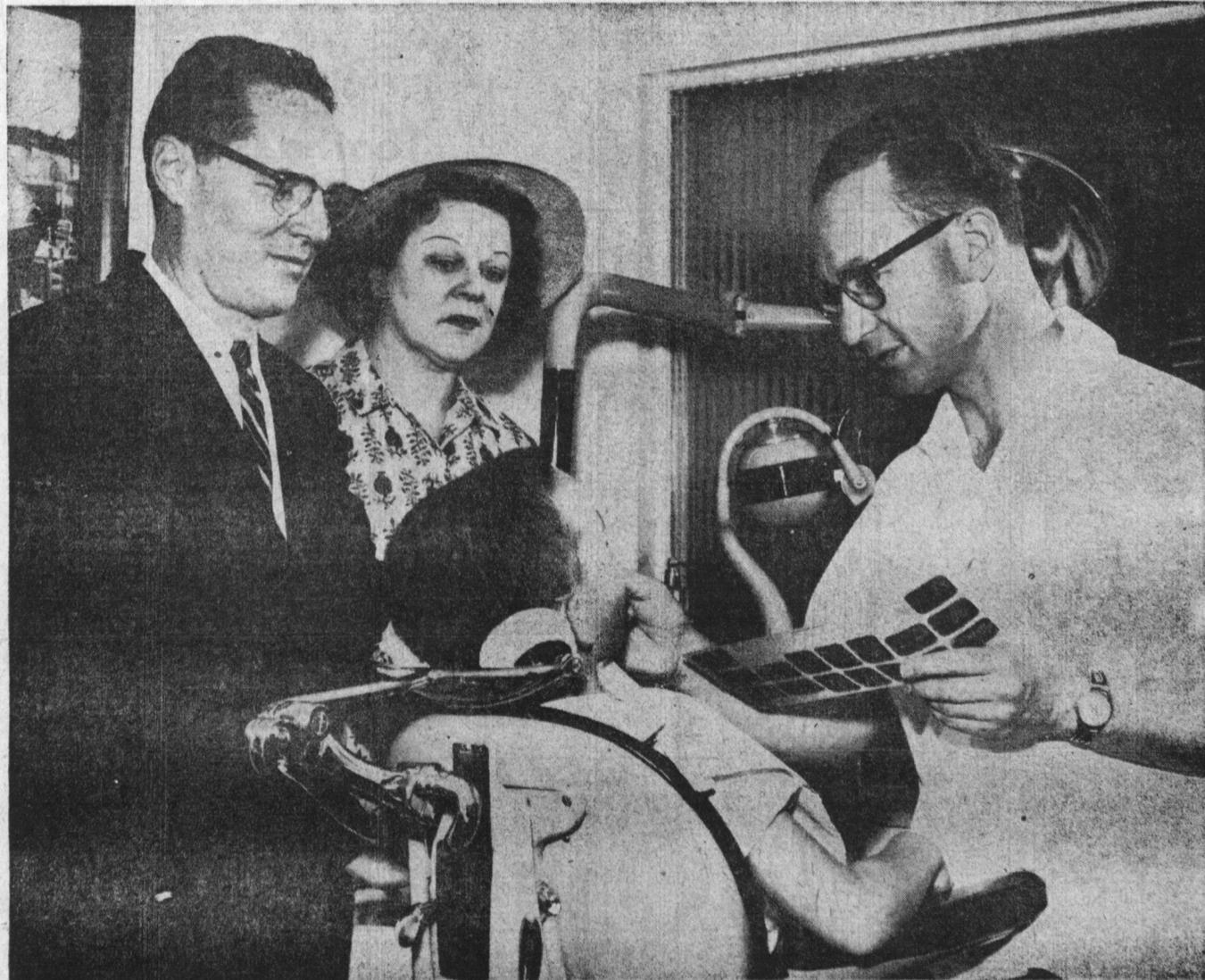
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DELEGATES—Going to the Knights of Columbus state convention at Monterey scheduled for May 19 and 20 are (left to right) Charles Butterfield, grand knight; Joe Camora, deputy grand knight; and James Neary, chancellor.



OBSERVING as Instructor Robert Neice points out features of a student art project are (left to right) Bob Tonjes, Ray Hayes, Douglas Trumbull. The El Camino College art department will present its annual show on campus from 7 to 10 p.m. May 19 and from 2 to 5 p.m. May 21.



Dr. Robert Berrett points out the necessity for regular dental care for school age children to Mrs. V. E. Topp, president of Torrance Unified District PTA, and James P. Becker, Torrance Dental Health Association president.

a local solution to a local problem

Dental care for Torrance school children who need but cannot afford such work is the goal of the Torrance Dental Health Association.

"The Dental Health Association is a local charity, for students of the Torrance Unified School District, and all monies contributed to it remain locally to help solve a local problem," says association president, James Becker.

All dental work is done in the offices of the participating dentists and moderate fees are charged for services rendered. In the past 9 years the organization has paid out more than \$24,000 which actually represents more than \$40,000 worth of dentistry having been completed.

Children through high school age having dental needs make application to the school nurse. They are screened as to eligibility by the Dental Health Committee, who considers income, need, and family circumstances. Patients accepted, where possible, make repayment through a long-term, low-payment, interest-free plan.

Says Becker, "Unfortunately, we can take care of only about 10 percent of those applying because we can commit only the money we have on deposit from contributions and repayments.

"Our greatest need is for better understanding by the community

of the aims of the Dental Health Association. Only through this can we hope to expand our organization to take care of all the Torrance children in need."

Business of the association is carried on by the Executive Board which consists of elected officers, chairmen of standing committees, and a representative of the Torrance Unified School District, the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers, and the participating dentists. There are no salaries paid. Every dollar given is used to help a child.

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