

Winners of Fed's Scholarships Will View Convention

The winners in the 12th Annual California Labor Federation scholarship competition are making plans today to attend the Federation's biennial convention which opens in Long Beach on August 20.

All seven have been invited to accept an all expenses paid trip to the week-long convention.

The winners, whose examination papers were judged superior to 511 other high school seniors in California's public and private schools who competed for the \$500 scholarships, will be honored in a special ceremony at the convention on Wednesday, August 22.

The \$500 awards will be deposited at the college or university of the winner's choice, Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO Federation, explained. No restrictions are placed on the future course of study undertaken by the winners, he added.

Although union membership plays no part in the eligibility of those competing in the contest, four of the seven winners are the sons or daughters of parents who are now or have been union members.

Here are the winners:

Barbara Rhine, 17, is currently employed at the Automobile Club of Southern California and plans to attend the

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Pitts Urges GOP To Air Workers' Needs In Mapping Platform In Sacramento

In the absence of any invitation to present labor's views, Thos. L. Pitts, state AFL-CIO leader, last week appealed to the Republican Party in California to permit some consideration of organized labor's proposals in drafting the Republican Party platform in Sacramento. Pitts stated in a registered letter to State Senator Donald L. Grunsky, chairman of the GOP platform committee, that he "deeply regretted that we received no invitation to present labor's views on the vital needs of our people and state personally" and noted that the Democratic Party platform committee had afforded representatives of the state's 1,400,000 AFL-CIO union workers this opportunity.

In his letter to Grunsky, which was accompanied by a 37-page statement of suggestions, Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, declared:

"We in organized labor firmly believe that unless meaningful platforms are developed—platforms that will be ac-



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Governor Brown's Speech to Kick Off Federation's Convention In Long Beach

Governor Edmund G. Brown will address more than 2,000 delegates from throughout the state at the opening session of the California Labor Federation's biennial convention in Long Beach on Monday, August 20, 1962, according to Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the Federation of AFL-CIO unions.

Noting that 260 resolutions have already been filed for the consideration of convention delegates, Pitts said that the continuing high rate of unemployment and the inadequacy of present efforts to reduce the hard core joblessness resulting from skill obsolescence and automation assure that this convention will be the liveliest in the Federation's history.

The delegates, representing 1,400,000 AFL-CIO unionists in California, will chart labor's goals for the ensuing two years, Pitts explained.

Issues Noted

Among the issues confronting the delegates, Pitts said, will be the mounting problems of automation, administered pricing, planning for an accelerated rate

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Private Carriers Balk Bill to Reopen Vets' Insurance

Another instance of the enormous power wielded by private insurance company lobbyists occurred this week when the House of Representatives temporarily delayed a vote on legislation to reopen National Service Life Insurance to veterans of World War II and Korea because the private insurance companies opposed it.

The bill, which had the approval of the House Veterans' Committee, had been moved to the floor under a procedure that limited debate, barred arguments and required a two-thirds vote for approval. It had been expected to win passage easily.

But the private carriers put on the heat, flooded the Congressmen with telegrams opposing the bill on grounds it would put the government into further competition with private industry and the result was the action on the bill was deferred.

It will be called up later under regular House procedure which will permit the consideration of amendments favorable to the private insurance carriers.

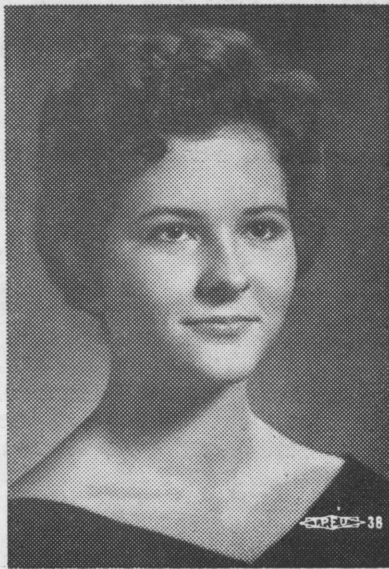
The most recent previous victory of the private insurance carriers at the expense of the general welfare of the American people was their campaign to defeat President Kennedy's plan to provide health care for the aged under Social Security, the King-Anderson Bill.

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Here Are Winners of 12th Annual Scholarship Awards



BARBARA ALICE RHINE



VIRGINIA ANN RAMSEY



JAYNE M. KNOCHE

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University of Chicago. For the past two years she has been active in a community organization known as Any Town, U.S.A., the main function of which is to promote friendship and understanding between teenagers of all racial, religious and cultural backgrounds. Her father, Henry Rhine, is currently president of his local of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union. Her paternal grandfather, Jacob Rhine, was for many years secretary-treasurer of his local of the Cigarmakers Union in New York City and her maternal grandfather, Robert M. Buck was editor of the The New Majority, the official newspaper of the Chicago Fed-

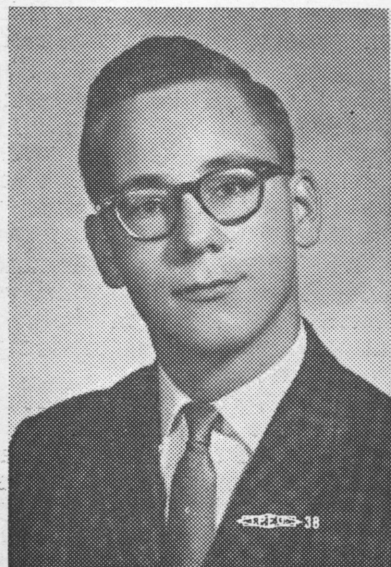
eration of Labor for a number of years prior to 1924. Mr. Buck later became the first president of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the American Newspaper Guild. Barbara is interested in swimming, tennis, drama and dancing, and while in high school was active in the California Scholarship Federation, Girls' Athletic Association, Student Council and Class Cabinet, Young Democrats, and the French Club. Miss Rhine lives at 4428 Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles 43.

Virginia Ann Ramsey, 18, won the High Scholarship medal on graduation from Junipero Memorial High School in Monterey and last year represented her

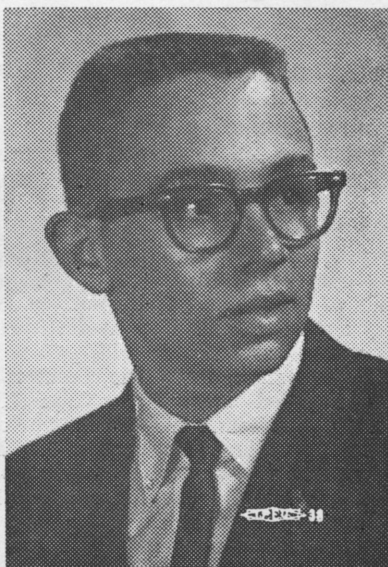
school at California Girls' State. Her father, recently retired from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, was once a member of the Hodcarrier's Union, AFL, of Columbus, Ohio. She enjoys reading, traveling, swimming, bowling and tennis, and plans to use her award to attend the University of Santa Clara. She lives at 318 Nita Avenue, Mountain View.

Jayne M. Knoche, 17, has her eyes set on a career of research in the physical sciences. Next fall she plans to enter Pomona College in Claremont, and eventually she intends to earn a Ph.D. Pomona College has already awarded her

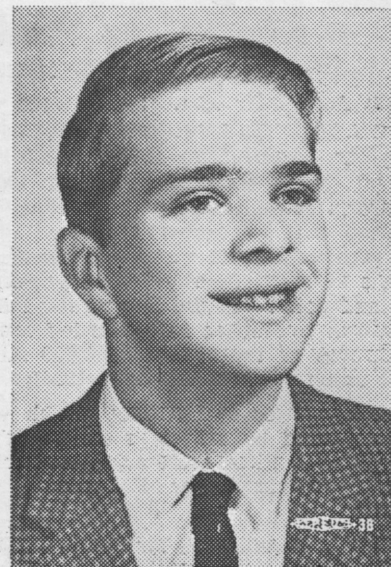
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D. BRUCE HENSCHEL



MELVIN E. PAGE



JOSEPH W. POWERS, III



MARCIA KUMP

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Honors at Entrance as well as a scholarship from the college itself. In addition, she was awarded a California State Scholarship and two local scholarships. She was also a National Merit Scholarship finalist and a member of the honors group of the Westinghouse Talent Search. As a result of qualifying for the Honor Society every semester she was in high school, she was made a life member of the California Scholarship Federation. She is interested in chess and music and active in her church. Her father is a member and past president of Local 6027 of the United Federation of Postal Clerks, AFL-CIO. Her address is 1104 River-view Drive, Fallbrook, Calif.

Marcia Kump, 18, is thinking about a career as a professional writer and intends to enroll at the University of Oregon this Fall. During her three years at Polytechnic High School in Riverside she won awards for impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking and enjoyed working as a dog trainer and handler. Her father is an engineer at Norton Air Base. She lives at 6344 Crestview Court, Riverside.

Bruce Henschel, 17, graduated fourth in his class of over 300 students at Alameda High School and received the Bank of America Achievement Award in Science and Mathematics as well as the Bausch and Lomb medal for excellence in science. He took part in the California Boys' State Convention and the National Science Foundation Student Participation Program in 1961, and was a member of his school's intramural chess team from 1960 to 1962. His father, who is now engaged in engineering, was once a member of Machinists' Local 681. Bruce is also interested in gardening and

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of economic growth, enactment of a full program of prepaid health care for the aged under the Social Security system, and demands for government action to meet other pressing public needs in education, housing and recreation.

In addition the delegates will study the 25 propositions on the November ballot and determine what stands to take on them.

The convention sessions will be presided over by President Albin J. Gruhn and will be held in the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach.

Registration will commence on Saturday, August 18, at convention headquarters at the Lafayette Hotel.

The Federation's Executive Council will meet on August 16 and 17 to develop a broad set of policy recommendations to submit to the delegates for their consideration.

In addition to Governor Brown, who will speak at 11 a.m. Monday, other speakers scheduled during the Federa-

tion's week-long deliberations include: Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson; Attorney General Stanley Mosk; Glenn S. Dumke, Chancellor of California State Colleges; A. Lee Oder, State Commander of the American Legion; Max Kossoris, Regional Director of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Stanton E. Smith, Coordinator, State and Local Central Bodies, AFL-CIO; John F. Henning, Administrator, State Employment Relations Agency; Louis Levine, Director of the U. S. Employment Service of the Department of Labor; Hale Champion, State Director of Finance; Sigmund Arywitz, State Labor Commissioner; Mrs. Tarea Hall Pittman, Regional Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Charles R. Jaymes, Industrial Training Advisor (Minorities) of the U. S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training; and Charles P. Ash, Past Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

photography, and plans to use his scholarship to enter the University of California at Berkeley this Fall to prepare himself "to take an active citizen's part in our government." He lives at 2937 Northwood Drive, Alameda.

Melvin E. Page, 18, first learned about the American Labor Movement in the course of high school debates in 1959. Melvin, whose stepfather is in the Air Force, is a bandsman and is active in his church's Youth Organization. Last year his band was champion of its class in the Far Western Band Review. He intends to use his scholarship to enroll in the American University in Washington, D.C., this Fall. He lives at 1233 West 21st Street, Merced.

Joseph William Powers III, 17, was the Bank of America finalist in social studies at Westchester High, and has won several awards for creative writing, including a first place award for fiction. Although he has not yet decided on a specific career, he will enter Claremont Men's College this Fall with the intention of majoring in government. He enjoys constructing and flying model airplanes and has participated in two national meets of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. He is also a "backyard mechanic" and is interested in the techniques of marketing, particularly automotive. His father is on the engineering staff of Aerospace Corporation. He lives at 7147 West 94th Street, Los Angeles 45.

A special feature of the Tuesday afternoon session will be the distribution to delegates of Union Label literature in kit form, an address by a major speaker on the union label and its vital importance to the labor movement, and the raffling of union label goods contributed by various international organizations to call the movement's attention to their label.

Another special feature of the convention will be the presentation of seven \$500 college scholarship awards in the afternoon session on Wednesday, August 22, to the winners of the 12th Annual High School Scholarship competition, sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Four of the seven scholarships awarded this year were made available through the direct cooperation of the following affiliates of the Federation:

The Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council, the California Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters; and the Painters' District Council No. 36 of Los Angeles. The last is to be known as the "Roderick Mackenzie Scholarship Award."

Local central labor bodies, unions and school officials throughout the state cooperated with the Federation to encourage participation in the scholarship competition.

Warning Issued On Phony Trade Paper Sales Pitch

An urgent warning to all union members to beware of any sales pitch they receive from the so-called Trade Union News has been issued by the International Labor Press Association.

The Trade Union News is a private, commercial operation that has no connection whatever with the AFL-CIO. The people who operate it are in many cases former employees of the Trade Union Courier, which was successfully prosecuted by the Federal Trade Commission for falsely posing as a labor paper as well as for misrepresentation in other respects, the ILPA reported.

Any union officer or union member who receives one of the phony "awards" sent out by this disreputable sheet should send their "awards" to the International Labor Press, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

In addition union officers and members are urged to spread the word that this paper has no connection with any legitimate labor organization and that any employer who takes an ad in it, thinking he is buying space in a labor journal, is being duped. The ILPA also suggests that if there is a Better Business Bureau in your community that you pass the word along to it.

Pitts Urges GOP To Air Workers' Needs

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rampant speculation to become the master planner of California's destiny."

Pitts said the true function of government is to prevent social and economic problems of growth by assuming the responsibility to plan for maximum economic development and utilization of our resources.

Specifically he urged the Republicans to include a plank in their platform to bring "public focus on the planning functions of the state" and to proceed "with the difficult task of evolving a master state development plan" to bring about balanced growth and the restoration of full employment in California.

The Federation's recommendation paralleled those submitted to the Democratic Party Platform Committee a week earlier.

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State Board Is in Need of Panelists

The California State Personnel Board is seeking additional names of qualified persons from a variety of minority groups to serve on qualification appraisal panels to help evaluate candidates for state government employment.

Panelists are needed from more than 50 different occupations including bakers, child welfare and public assistance specialists, cooks, electricians, engineers, grounds caretakers, landscapers, laundrymen, mechanics, plumbers, secretaries, social workers and teachers.

Representatives of minority groups are sought to serve on the panels to help evaluate the qualifications of candidates for state employment solely on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness, without regard to race, creed or color. The panelists contribute their time in the interest of good government but they generally are not called on to serve more often than once a year.

Have you any nominations?

State Board Sets Exam for Challenging FEPC Jobs

The State Personnel Board will hold a new examination for the basic Fair Employment Practices Commission's staff position of consultant (investigator and field representative) on September 8, 1962.

Principal qualifications required for this challenging FEPC post are three years of full time experience in inter-faith, inter-racial or inter-ethnic group relationships and education equivalent to graduation from college.

The same examination will be used to fill the post of Fair Employment Practice's Specialist-Consultant, a position which also required the ability to read, write and speak Mexican-Spanish fluently.

Further details may be obtained from FEPC, P.O. Box 603, San Francisco 1, California.

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Potters Spurn State With Phony Right-to-Work Law

The 16,000 member International Brotherhood of Operative Potters AFL-CIO, took a pot-shot at the sovereign state of Nevada at their convention recently by unanimously canceling their previous vote to hold the union's next International gathering in that state after discovering that the nation's divorce and gambling mecca has on its statutes a so-called right-to-work law.

In the flurry of late session votes, the delegates had chosen Las Vegas as the site for their 1963 convention.

But on the next and final day of their 1962 convention in San Francisco, on learning that Nevada had such a deceitful, anti-labor law on its books, the delegates voted unanimously to place the choice of next year's convention site in the hands of the International Executive Board with a proviso that no right-to-work area be selected.

Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation and George Johns, Secretary-Treasurer of the San Francisco Central Labor Council were among the principal speakers at the convention, which was presided over by International President E. L. Wheatley.

Governor Acts to Aid Nisei

In response to a plea made by Governor Edmund G. Brown for immediate Congressional action to halt taxation of compensation paid Japanese-Americans who were uprooted from their homes during World War II, Senator Clair Engle has introduced a bill which would not only declare such compensation non-taxable but would also spell out the means by which Japanese-Americans could get refunds for income taxes already paid.

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