

Fed Scholarship Winners Plan To View Convention

The 11 winners of the California Labor Federation's 14th Annual Scholarship competition reflect a broad variety of interests and ambitions, but most of them indicate a deep interest in political science and national affairs and one is already contemplating joining the Peace Corps.

Nine of the 11 are presently planning to be on hand for part or all of the Federation's biennial Convention which opens in San Francisco on August 17. All were invited to attend the week-long

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convention with all expenses paid but one will be unable to attend because he will be in Alaska and another is expected to be in Seattle.

The winners, who will be honored in a special ceremony at the convention on Wednesday, August 19, will receive \$500 awards to be deposited at the college or university of their choice. No restrictions are placed on their future course of study, Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, explained.

A total of 657 students competed for the scholarships.

Although union membership played

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State Building Trades Parley To Work On Drive To Defeat Realtors' Initiative

More than 600 delegates are expected to take part in the 42nd convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, AFL-CIO, which opens at San Diego Wednesday, July 22.

One of the major convention issues will involve mapping plans to defeat the special privilege initiative constitutional amendment (Proposition

Congress Passes Mass Transit Bill

A \$375 million mass transit bill (HR 3881) won congressional approval this week and was sent to the White House for President Johnson's signature.

Under the measure, the tri-county Bay Area Rapid Transit District, which includes Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco counties, could receive a maximum of 12.5 percent of the \$375 million or \$46,875,000, according to B. R. Stokes, the district's general manager.

President Johnson had included the rapid transit measure on his priority list of measures to be acted on during the current session. Initially the House bill called for \$500 million but was lopped to \$375 million to win sufficient votes for passage.



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'Medicare's Not Dead in This Session,' Pitts Says in Urging Stepped Up Drive

"Medical care for the aged through social security is not dead for this session of Congress yet by a long shot," State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts said today in urging union members and other civic groups to "bombard" their Senators and Congressmen with letters demanding enactment of the measure now.

Although the House Ways and Means Committee shelved the medicare section and then approved a \$1 billion five percent boost in social security benefits to retirees last week, Pitts said:

"There is still a good chance for the Senate to revive the medicare is-

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Housing Board Cites Need To Spur Construction

Directors of the AFL-CIO-backed National Housing Conference, alarmed by the lag in home construction, warned last month that automation and tapering defense expenditures "are contributing to unemployment and (that) this will be accentuated unless there is a simultaneous, sustained and substantial increase in housing starts."

Linking the President's war on poverty directly with the housing issue, the NHC Board adopted a policy statement calling minimally for:

1—The production of 2,500,000 houses annually through private and public enterprise.

2—A public housing program of 100,000 units annually for low income families.

3—Expansion of the private housing market by financial aid to low income families who are either ineligible for public housing or who wish to live in decent housing of their choice at rents they can pay.

4—100,000 housing starts annually, utilizing flexible interest rates, for families who wish to own homes but cannot afford present market rates.

5—An annual \$1 billion urban renewal assistance program, including rehabilitation subsidies to raise existing housing stocks to satisfactory standards with minimal displacement of families.

6—Federal financial aid for mass transit facilities to ease traffic congestion in urban areas. (See story on Page 1.)

7—An authorization to states or local governments to buy land for "well-conceived urban expansion" as well as for

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SANDRA SCHMUNK

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no part in the eligibility of those competing in the contest, which is open to high school seniors in both public and private schools, four of the winners are the sons or daughters of parents who are now or have been union members.

Eight of the 11 scholarships in this year's competition were made available in cooperation with the following affiliates of the Federation:

Los Angeles Building and Construction Trade Council (two scholarships, one of which is to be known as the "Lloyd A. Mashburn Memorial Scholarship"); the California Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the California State Council of Carpenters; the Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary, California State Council; the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel and Motel Service Employees; the Los Angeles County District Council of Painters' No.



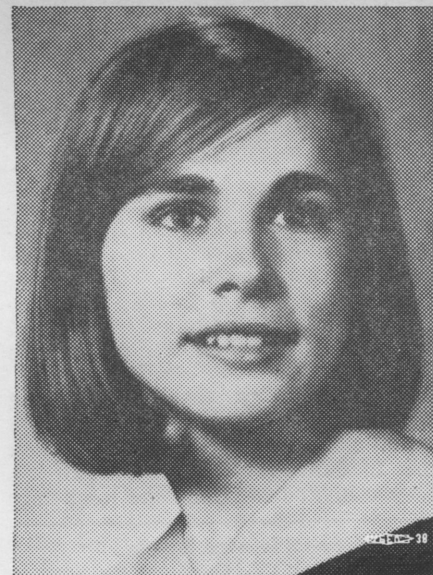
BRIAN R. LAW

36 of Los Angeles, to be known as the "Roderick Mackenzie Scholarship Award"; and the Los Angeles District Council of Carpenters.

Here are the winners:

Sandra Schmunk, 18, of 102 Tamarack, Vandenburg Air Force Base, is especially interested in working with mentally retarded children and plans to major in sociology or psychology at Westmont College in Santa Barbara to study toward that end. She enjoys sewing, reading and playing the organ and teaches a Sunday School class at the Air Base chapel where she is active in the Protestant Youth Fellowship. Although her father is in the Air Force now, he was formerly a member of the Printing Pressmen's Union and earlier had been a member of the Boilermakers Union in Portland, Oregon. Miss Schmunk graduated from the Lompoc Senior High School in Lompoc.

Brian R. Law, 17, of 121 Chestnut



DENISE MALLETTE

Street, Vacaville, a graduate of Vacaville Union High School, is working during the summer at Basic Vegetables in Vacaville but plans to attend the convention for the Wednesday ceremony. Campus life won't be quite the novelty to Mr. Law that it probably will be for the other winners since he attended summer school at the University of Washington in 1962 and at the University of California at Davis where he took Freshman English last year. He plans to enroll at Davis this fall. Although he has a life membership in the California Scholarship Federation, he is also interested in athletics and played on the Vacaville Union High School tennis and basketball teams and served as a chemistry technical assistant. He also enjoys swimming and sailing and has taken a crack at surfing.

Denise Mallette, 17, of Box 3293, Carmel, is spending the summer working in a San Francisco bank and will enroll at



JACK RAHEY



HARRIET STERNsher



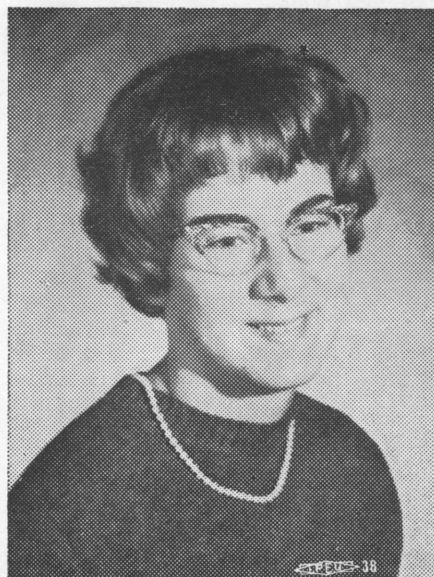
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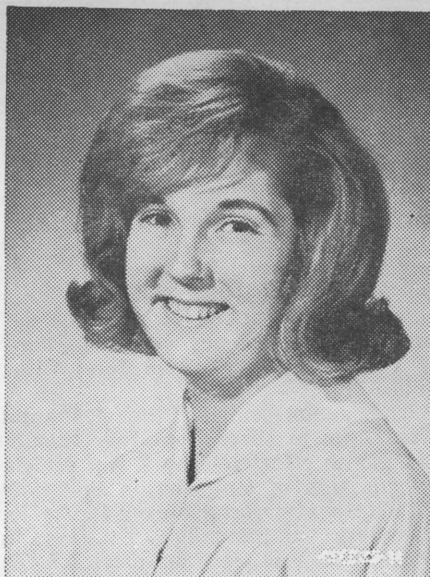
LYNNETTE PRICE

the College of San Mateo this fall, but plans to transfer to Stanford. A life member of the National Honor Society, Miss Mallette attended San Joaquin Memorial High School from 1960 to 1963 and transferred to Junipero Memorial High School in Monterey for her senior year where she edited the school literary magazine, "The Net", served on the staff of the school paper and was active in the Mission Club, a school group that sought to aid the poor. She was also active in the school band and the majorettes. She particularly enjoys snow skiing, swimming and tumbling.

Jack Radey, 17, of 3228 N. Alder, Merced, set out to work his way up to Seattle almost as soon as he graduated from Merced High School, and it is doubtful that he will return in time to attend the convention. He is principally interested in economics, history and political science and plans to attend the University of California but has not yet



ELINOR F. DAVIS

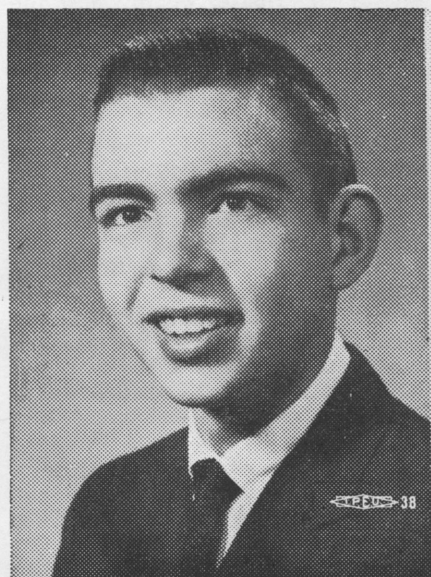


SUZANNE CRANE

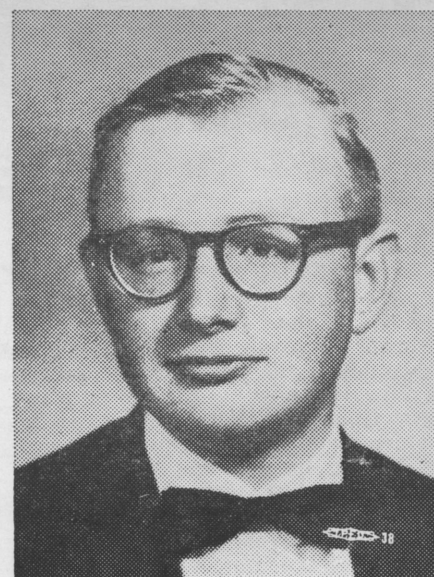
decided on which campus. He plays both the guitar and the banjo and has a deep interest in folklore as well as in classical music. His mother is a former member of a CIO union.

Harriet Sternsher, 18, of 1786 - 29th Avenue, San Francisco, expects to major in political science with a strong minor in economics at the University of California at Berkeley. She has been active in her Temple Youth Group as well as in the YMCA and a number of school organizations at Abraham Lincoln High School. During the summer she is working at a camp in Saratoga but plans to attend the convention for the awards ceremony. Her father, Nathan Sternsher, has been a member of the Teamsters Union, Local 265, since 1931.

Sheba Solomon, 17, of 418 Deodara Drive, Los Altos, writes that she is especially interested in attending the convention because she feels "that the need



RONNIE SUTTER



THOMAS W. HIGH

to combat the menace to labor, represented by the Goldwater primary victory, requires that each one of us take informed counsel with another." A graduate of Homestead High School in Sunnyvale, Miss Solomon is a California Scholarship Federation member and has been elected to the National Honor Society. She is deeply interested in national and international affairs and plans to major in Far Eastern languages at the University of California at Berkeley next fall. No contestant in the last few years has equaled Miss Solomon's solid labor heritage. Her father, Herman, is president of Boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders Local 6, AFL-CIO and a delegate to the Santa Clara Building Trades Council; her mother is a member of Office Employees Union No. 29 and a delegate to the Santa Clara Central Labor Council; and her brother, Semyon, is an apprentice member of the IBEW Local 332.

Lynnette Price, 17, of 1024-73rd Avenue, Oakland, enjoys music and modern dance and was a violinist in the Castle-mont High School orchestra. She has not yet determined which college she plans to attend but was delighted at winning the scholarship because she said it would "greatly help" her to obtain a higher education.

Suzanne Crane, 17, of 2715 Barbara Street, San Pedro, has set her sights on becoming a legal secretary. She likes all kinds of sports, drama, dancing and music and especially enjoys sewing. "I make all of my own clothes and some of my mother's," she says. She graduated from San Pedro High School.

Thomas W. High, 16, of 435 Hanover Avenue, Oakland, the youngest winner, was co-editor of the Oakland High School newspaper, The Aegis, and received an award from the National Forensic League in recognition of his capabilities as a debater. He has also won awards from the Lions Club, the Na-

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tional Conference of Christians and Jews, the American Association for the United Nations and other groups. He is the founder of the Alameda County Teenage Republicans and Regional Vice President of the California Teenage Republicans. Already the recipient of a scholarship to the University of California, Mr. High now has his eye on a law degree from Boalt Hall. Since his present summer plans place him in Alaska during August, he does not expect to be able to attend the convention.

Elinor Davis, 17, of 313 N. Hart Place, Fullerton, is currently mulling over the prospects of becoming a member of the Peace Corps. She enjoys traveling, swimming and rock collecting, and is deeply interested in art, drama and creative writing. During the summer she is working as an enumerator for the Fullerton City Directory, but this fall she plans to attend San Francisco State College to major in either sociology or anthropology. She is a graduate of Fullerton Union High School.

Ronnie Sutter, 17, of 339 Via Paraiso, Monterey, is working part-time this summer as a bookkeeper and dishwasher, but plans to attend the University of Santa Clara next fall. At Junipero Memorial High School he scored straight A's in religion, history and Latin, but when he puts away the books he makes a formidable ping-pong player.

Board Cites Need To Spur Building

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properly planned "new towns" provided with streets, schools, roads and utilities, which would subsequently be sold for private development.

"Where there is poverty, there are slums; and where there are slums, there is poverty," the board's statement pointed out.

Such a program of urban development, urban renewal and mass transit would relieve unemployment and increase buying power as a result of the increased jobs, the NHC directors asserted.

If such a program is not undertaken, "at least a fifth of the nation's people will still not be able to afford decent housing and will be relegated to slum life with all its effects on juvenile delinquency, discontent, racial strife and social disintegration," the board declared.

Boris Shiskin, secretary of the Housing Committee of the AFL-CIO, is organized labor's NHC representative.

Penn. State Labor Hikes Per Capita To Aid Vote Drive

Responding to state legislative action that slashed the jobless pay program in Pennsylvania and to strident efforts to enact a right-to-work measure, delegates to the recent Pennsylvania AFL-CIO convention unanimously approved a 75 percent boost in per capita payments to create a special fund for political education.

The action, raising the per capita from four to seven cents per member per month effective July 1, was effected by adoption of a resolution that noted that the way was paved for the jobless pay slash "at the polls . . . when the present legislature was elected." The resolution also recognizes that "the major contribution to the victory or defeat of 'right to work' in Pennsylvania will take place initially at the polls on November 3, 1964."

The new special fund will be used for "voter registration of all union members and their families and all other citizens in our communities; realistic and effective get-out-the-vote activity, and a continued campaign on the issues," the resolution said.

3-Year Extension Of Food Stamp Program OK'd

A measure to extend and expand the food stamp program initiated by the late President Kennedy on a pilot basis to aid families too poor to buy their minimum food needs won Senate passage this week.

The measure, similar to a bill already passed by the House, would boost the spending authorization for the program to \$75 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1, to \$100 million the next year, and to \$200 million for the 1966-67 fiscal year.

The program is now in operation on an experimental basis in 40 counties and three cities in 22 states, including California, at a cost of about \$50 million.

Although Humboldt County was the only county in the state to participate in the initial program, plans are currently being made to substantially expand the program in California once the measure is signed, state officials said.

The legislation was on President Johnson's priority list for enactment this year.

The House-passed measure differs slightly from the Senate version but both carry the same step-up in funding and the same length of extension. If the House balks at changes made by the Senate, the measure will be referred to a joint conference committee.

Pitts Urges New Push on Medicare Measure Now

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sue and efforts are underway to do just that. So instead of easing up, now's the time to bend the oars a little harder."

Referring to a report that delegates to the American Medical Association Convention in San Francisco cheered last week on learning that the medicare section had been shelved, Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of The California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said that "if it's true, it's appalling."

"No group is any more fully aware of the vast inadequacies of medical care available for the elderly than the medical men themselves. Those who cheered dishonored both themselves and their profession. No one can honestly say 'forgive them for they know not what they do,' because they DO know. I honestly believe that many who go along with the AMA leadership are inwardly ashamed."

The state AFL-CIO leader pointed out that the action to shelve the bill was initiated by Rep. Cecil R. King (D. Calif.) a co-author of the King-Anderson medicare bill, to avoid a vote that would spell defeat for the measure.

"We knew we didn't have the votes," Rep. King explained. If the Senate adds a hospitalization program to the measure there will not be a record of a committee rejection in the house.

The present house version of the social security bill, limited to retirement matters, would raise the maximum monthly benefit for qualifying persons 65 or older from \$127 to \$142.40. The maximum monthly benefit for qualifying disabled workers with a family or a qualifying widow with a family would rise from \$254 to \$300. The measure was expected to go to the floor of the House for a vote this week.

The Test of a Free Society

"It has been well said that 'the test of a free and responsible society is represented by its ability to put justice to work in behalf of its most inconspicuous member.' The severity of this test is apparent from the difficulty with which an individual, alone and inconspicuous, can press his claim. Associations therefore come into play both to draw attention to these claims and to mobilize power behind them. Thus the technique of collective bargaining is related—more closely in some cases than in others—to putting justice to work in the work place . . ."—Frank W. McCulloch, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.