

Summer in The City

Torrance YWCA

Humming with Activities

Social World

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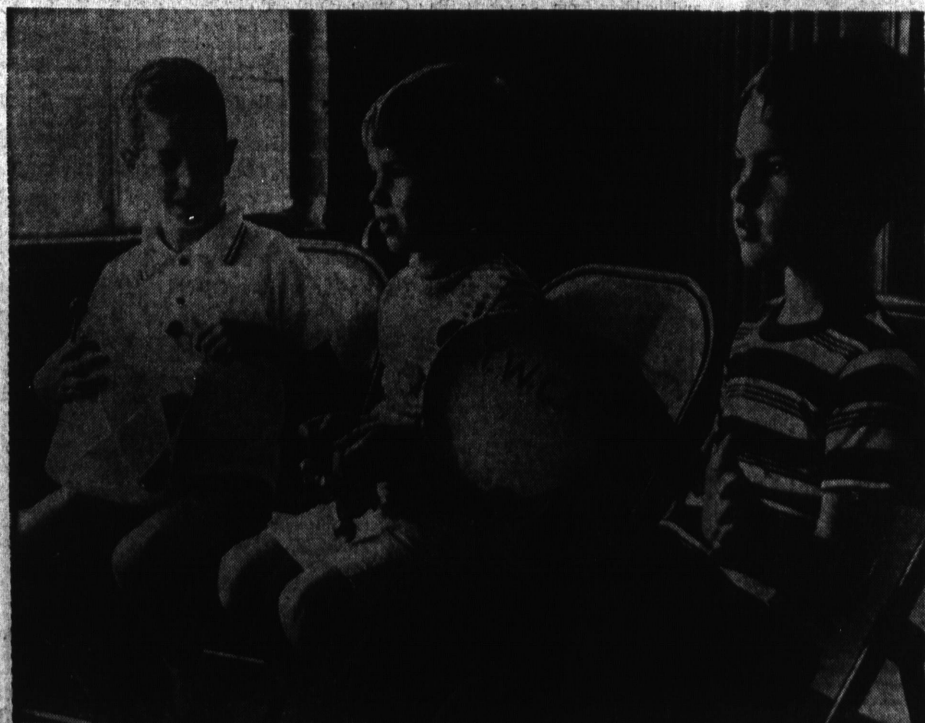
KEEPING PHYSICALLY FIT

Boys of the elementary school age are offered special classes in tumbling, karate, as well as dance and drama. Going through their paces on the grounds at the Y, Brett Detwiler, 9, and Douglas Dalton, 6, watch Mark Stephens, 6, doing a tumbling act. Two classes in tumbling have been scheduled for the two age groups every Saturday morning at the YWCA.



PURPLE PAPIER MACHE LION

Creative talents run rampant as these teenagers enjoy the popular crafts class offered at the YWCA. Their project at the moment is the purple papier mache lion on which Margee Anne Cooper 17, left, is busy painting the toe nails, while Bill Bryson 15, cuts the tail piece for the lion, and Merry Loomis works on the lion's mane.



SKILLS IN COORDINATION

Designed to teach the pre-schooler coordination, balance, and rhythm, the YWCA offers tap dance, ballet and the rhythm band. Busily engrossed in learning rhythm are these pre-schoolers, from left, Mark

Stephan 6, with the drum; Matt Gardner 4, playing the bells and Marc Gardner 5, beating out time on the tambourine.

Let's go where the action is . . . and the action is at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St.

There's action for all ages in the YWCA's "Summer in the City" program. The program is designed to fit the family's needs from the pre-schoolers to the parents.

Taking advantage of the park location, many activities are scheduled out-of-doors, including overnight weekend camps for children 6 to 10 years of age. Tuesdays have been proclaimed "playday" for girls 8 to 11. Playday hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For the pre-schooler, boys and girls from 3 to 5 years, the Y offers a program of "fun and learn." There are crafts, rhythm band, tumbling, swimming, tap dance and ballet, all designed to prepare them for school and teach skills in coordination, balance and rhythm.

For the elementary school age youngsters, activities are divided into two age groups, 6 to 9 years and 9 to 11 years. These include piano, guitar, karate for boys and girls. On Tuesday afternoon, there are movies and outdoor games from 1 to 3 p.m.

For the girls, additional activities include ballet, tap dance, and a special combination of drama and creative dance, scheduled for Saturday mornings. The Tuesday playday includes four activities in dance, music, art, and crafts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A special for boys only is two classes in tumbling every Saturday morning.

Two evenings a week at the Torrance YWCA are open especially for the teens and pre-teens. Wednesday evenings are known as "recreation nights." From 7:30 until 10 p.m. there are record hops, games and special events. Every Friday night there is a dance with a live band furnishing the music. These two activities need no registration and are open to all boys and girls of the South Bay area.

Class activities for this group include guitar, karate, piano and drama. For girls only, a new class in "Mod Crafts" emphasizes papier-mache jewelry and fun things to wear and give. To prepare girls for next year's Pep Squad activities there are classes in song leading, cheer leading and baton twirling every Tuesday evening. Other classes for girls only are ballet, modern jazz, yoga, swimming, and charm.

For the adults of the area many summer activities are in full swing and child care is provided for mothers taking classes at the Y. Daytime classes offer exercise, interpretive dance, bridge, hairstyling, yoga, guitar, papier-mache and piano. Evening classes for women include hairstyling, interpretive dance and the art of conversation.

For men and women the social dance class includes the new dances, Watasi, Twist, Jerk as well as standard dance steps. This class is held each Wednesday evening. Other classes are offered in guitar, bridge, square dance, and karate.

A brochure of the complete schedule of "Summer in the City" will be mailed to anyone interested. Additional information may be had by calling the Torrance YWCA.

Photos by Hal Fisher



FUN FOR THE SCHOOL-AGERS

Activities for the elementary school-age youngsters are divided into two age groups, 6 to 9 years and 9 to 11 years. Piano, guitar, karate, ballet, tap, and drama, a field of interest for all, has been developed by Y personnel. A preschooler, Debbie Blatt 4, left, watches Denise Dalton 8, do a tap dance and in the background, Tita Bryson 17, shows Jo Ellen Friedkin 7, some ballet steps.



ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

While their children are being kept busy during the summer, classes to interest the adults are also on the Y calendar. Exercise, dance, bridge, hairstyling, yoga, guitar, piano and art are among the activities scheduled. A scene in the art class includes Mrs. Carl Dalton, left, doing a charcoal, as Mrs. Roy Stephens looks on. At the right, in the back, Mrs. Otis B. Hatfield, art instructor, works on an oil.



PREPARE FOR PEP SQUAD

Looking forward to next year's pep squad activities, girls are being offered classes in song leading, cheer leading and baton twirling on Tuesday evenings at the Y. Here, two teenagers learn the art of cheer leading. They are left, Andrea Bozeman 17, and

Mary Loomis 16, right, leaping into the air, with Tita Bryson, instructor, in the center. Other classes for girls only are ballet, modern jazz, yoga, swimming and charm.